



Flywheel

"Service
Above
Self"

A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

Program for Friday February 18, 2005

"The Russians R Here, The Russians R Here"

The 2005 Russian Dentist Exchange Program, organized by the Center for Citizen Initiatives (CCI) as part of their Productivity Enhancement Program with Russia. The Exchange is sponsored by the Richmond, El Cerrito and San Pablo Rotary Clubs in conjunction with the Contra Costa Dental Association.

Door Duty: Ralph Hill and Jon Lawlis

Program for Friday February 25, 2005

Come Celebrate Rotary's 100th Birthday Ron Sekkel – District Governor 5170



Ron is a member of the Rotary Club of Scotts Valley. He first became aware of Rotary when he was a college student and his father asked him to be the program at his Rotary Club meeting. Several years later Ron joined the Rotary Club of Cambria Pines and has been an active, enthusiastic Rotarian since 1977. Ron has been a member of five Rotary Clubs: Cambria Pines, 1977-1979; Santa Cruz, 1981-1982; Cambrian Park (San Jose Willow Glen), Charter Member, 1982-1985; San Lorenzo Valley, Charter Member, 1985-1999; and Scotts Valley, 1999-Present.

He has been the Community Service Chair for District 5170 from 2000-2003, was the Assistant District Governor for Area 7 in 1999-2000, and since 1999 has been actively involved with Project Share life, which is the District's Bone Matrow

Last Week

With the enthusiasm of a proud school superintendent, **Prez Herb Cole** opened Richmond Rotary's Valentine Edition. Former Prez **Stoney** led us in a prayer for peace. Following the pledge of allegiance, **John Nicol** asked, "If *pro* is the opposite of *con*, what is the opposite of progress? Congress." – a quote found in a men's restroom in Washington D.C. but it's unclear if it was John who found it..

Visiting Rotarians

None today

Rotarians with Guests



Richmond Rotary was fortunate to have **Monique leCongo**, Richmond's new Richmond Public Library Director as a visitor today. **Prez Herb** introduced his lovely valentine, Norma. **Howard Cohen** was introduced as WCCC School District's Regional Superintendent of Secondary Schools, but he is probably best known as the longtime cantor at Richmond's Temple Beth Hillel. And **Sid Chauvin** introduced his lovely (and brainy) valentine, Zelpha. Welcome to all!

Sunshine Report

David K. reports that former Rotarian Bill Reid has not yet had heart surgery as reported in error by the Flywheel (the media twists everything). We wish Bill the best in renewal and recovery. **Charlie Wong** isn't feeling well, but we trust it is only temporary. Prez Herb reports that **Gina** and **Omar**, our kind and gracious hosts/helpers at the Mira Vista Club for the last 23 years have come upon difficult times. Omar

Registry Project. He was President of the Rotary Club of San Lorenzo Valley in 1986-1987, and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Ron was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1959 at the age of 13. He graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1969 with a BA in Anthropology and a commission as a Supply Corps Officer in the u.s. Naval Reserve. He served as a Supply Officer on the USS Camden (AOE-2), which replenished most of the ships in the Tonkin Gulf. A returning Viet Nam veteran, he attended California State University at Long Beach and earned a Master's of Science in Industrial Psychology. Through his educational career he was admitted to three honor societies. While at Cal State Long Beach, Ron met Cindy Taylor in a Motivation and Emotion class. After first meeting with the question, "Would you like to study together for mid-terms?" they married six months later. Cindy and Ron have been a team since 1973; Cindy joined Ron in his business in 1989. She is also a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Ron started his tax preparation business in 1979 and in 1986 became an Enrolled Agent and was able to represent clients before the Internal Revenue Service. He served two terms as President of the Felton Business Association, 1984 and 1985. In 1990 he became a Fellow of the National Tax Practice Institute.

Ron has been involved in many volunteer activities including Rotary, his professional associations and community groups where he and Cindy live.

Door Duty: Joni Hiramoto and Don Lau

Program of Friday February 11, 2005

"St. Valentine's Day & ...all that Jazz"



Featured solo artists (from left to right): Corey Sher (trumpet), Colin Toombs (trumpet), Kari Tanaka (alto sax), Malachi Whitson (drums), Andrew Horton (tenor sax), and Danny Mertens (piano). Bandleader Keith Johnson is at far right.

was the good Samaritan who stopped to assist another motorist on I80. A hit run driver has left Omar in critical condition in the hospital at the same time that his wife, Gina, is in the hospital for back surgery. Prez Herb passed the basket in their behalf and the Rotary Board will add to it.



Happy/Sad \$\$\$

Fisherman **David Kuchenthal** had mixed reviews on the outcome of his Super Bowl Sturgeon Derby, but at least everyone caught a fish. **Leslie Levy** is happy indeed as she announces most appropriately on this Valentine Friday her engagement to Steve Greenfield. Congratulations Leslie and Steve! **Sid Chauvin** is happy that his wife's MRI confirmed that she has a brain. That Zelpha was also his valentine guest, means Sid is a lucky man. The happy **David Browns** are off to Puerta Vallarta for a week to enjoy some time with the **Erle Browns**. **Jim Young** admires the El Sobrante Rotary club's 100th Anniversary signs posted along the freeway.

Raffle

Hank Covell wins a FREE lunch following a negotiation for winnings that didn't materialize..

Time Flies Wheel (from Don H's archives): **Twenty years ago this week . . .** *Rabbi Judy Shanks from Richmond's Temple Beth Hillel gave her first valentine program to Rotary on the Song of Solomon which, by popular demand, was repeated 5 years later.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jan B. Nimble





Where to Make Up

San Rafael	Mon	12:15	Seafood Peddler
Albany	Tue	12:30	Solano Grill
El Sobrante	Tue	12:15	Joe's of El Sobrante
Berkeley	Wed	12:15	His Lordships
Hercules	Wed	7:15 am	Hercules Sen. CTR
San Pablo	Wed	12:15	La Strada
El Cerrito	Thu	12:15	Mira Vista G&CC
Pinole	Thu	12:30	Outback Steak House
Vallejo	Thu	12:15	World Holiday Inn

Upcoming Programs

- 02/25/05 Rotary's 100th Birthday. Ron Sekkel, District Governor 5170
- 03/04/05 "Chicago, Chicago, ittzah one-er-full TOWNNN!"
- 03/11/05 "Boats, Trains, Cars & ???",

Important Dates

- 02/17/05 Board Meeting – 12 noon at the Country Club
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- 04/30/05 District Conference – Yin Ranch

Door Duty Reminder

02/25/05	Hiramoto Joni	Lau Don
03/04/05	Hodgen Paul	Kuchenthal David K
03/11/05	Howe Mark	King Dick
03/18/05	Johnston Gloria	Kelman Joe
03/25/05	Jones Pam	Kelman Henry
04/01/05	Kafka Judy	Sid Chauvin
04/08/05	Abreu Ted	Young James
04/15/05	Alexander Richard	Wong Charlie
04/22/05	Allen Paul	Winter Mike
04/29/05	Alvarez George	Washington Paul

Superintendent **Gloria Johnston** introduced the part of her job that has to be one of the most rewarding ... motivated students working together...and making GREAT music. Richmond Rotary was treated to the kind of talent normally reserved for Yoshi's (Oakland's jazz cabaret for big name talent) that had Richmond Rotarians applauding and Elof dancing in his chair. That these young people do not yet have the benefit of aged experience was not audible. Led by Keith Johnson (ECHS class of 2002 and a trumpeter himself), the band consisted of 17 talented musicians from Portola Middle School. The featured solo artists were: Corey Sher (trumpet), Colin Toombs (trumpet), Kari Tanaka (alto sax), Malachi Whitson (drums), Andrew Horton (tenor sax), and Danny Mertens (piano). Bandleader Johnson announced that the group had recently played at Yoshi's, El Cerrito High School, and the State Festival where they received the honor of the highest markings by its judges. The jazz band will be performing March 24 at the CCC Performing Arts Theater. AND best of all, they are available for gigs! Keep them in mind.

Prez Herb will be sending these young people their promised McDonald's certificates and a contribution to the band.

Thank you Portola Middle School Jazz Band, the School District, and the parents who made this Valentine lunch full of good vibes.

