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A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

Program for Friday February 25, 2005

"100 Years of Rotary 02/23/1905-2005"



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 Marrow 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

Last Week

After disproving the theory that pictures of Paris Hilton were in the room, Prez Herb rang the meeting to order. **Past Prez Stoney** led a silent prayer for freedom and peace on earth. Electronic columnist **Tom Butt** led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Thought for the Day was orated by **Ted Abreu**: "I think there is only one quality worse than hardness of heart and that is softness of head- Theodore Roosevelt.

Visiting Rotarians

Visiting Rotarians were Doreen Covell of Pinole, Jules Meyer of Berkeley and Don Joseph of El Cerrito.

Rotarians with Guests

Guests of Rotarians were Don Joseph's guests: Ben Maya and Jazzy Singh. And of course we had 14 visiting Russian Dentists under the wing of **Dan Tanita**.

Sunshine Report

John Nicol reported that **Michael Winter** is recovering. We're all hoping you can at least get around on your yacht Mike.

Announcements

Prez Herb has proposed John Rocha and Howard Cohen for membership. **Judy Kafka** proposes Margaret Morkowski for membership. Any objection to these nominees should be forwarded to Secretary Ercolini on or before 3/7/05

Happy/Sad \$\$\$

Prez Herb had a sad \$5 for vacationing **David Brown** David sent an email lamenting the loss of his wallet and credit cards (hopefully he was in a position to enjoy Erle Brown's booze by that time). **Josh Genser** was predictably pleased that the Stanford women beat Cal, but also because he is headed back to New York next week to visit family. **Secretary Dan Ercolini** had cash for the box because he is glad to be attending meetings again, and greatly appreciated John Nicol's efforts to organize the recent Reno trip despite the obstacles. **Hank Covell** reflected that it has been 52 years since his first date with the lovely lady that was sitting beside him, Doreen. **Jim Young** donated lots

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 for Friday March 4, 2005

"Chicago, Chicago, ittzah one-er-full TOWNNN!"

Our own Joe (Westside Joey Baggs) Bagley talks about his Chicago and pointers for the Rotary Convention & 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Door Duty: Paul Hodgen and David K.

Program of Friday February 18, 2005

"The Russians R Here, The Russians R Here"

Doctor **Dan** introduced the group of visiting dentists. Dan observed that this is the third group of Russian dentists that Richmond Rotary has hosted (assisted by other local clubs). Dan has organized these visits,

of happy dollars in honor of the visiting Russian dentists – in 1989 Jim and Linda were in the reverse position, as U.S. visitors to Russia as part of an exchange delegation. **Judy Morgan** was just happy to be at the meeting after she was robbed outside Kaiser Hospital. Judy had good things to say about our Richmond Police force.

Raffle

The lucky ticket belonged to **Ralph Hill**. Ralph announced that, should he win the orange ball, he would donate the proceeds to our Russian guests for a vodka party. Alas, our visitors didn't drink Ralph's vodka that night.

Semper Paratus

Rogue's Gallery



Click this link to see Sid Chauvin's Reno Bus Trip pictures

<http://www.richmondcarotary.org/reno2005/sid>



Where to Make Up

San Rafael	Mon	12:15	Seafood Peddler
Albany	Tue	12:30	Solano Grill
El Sobrante	Tue	12:15	Elks Club
Berkeley	Wed	12:15	His Lordships
Hercules	Wed	7:15 am	Hercules Senior Center
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

with great help from Stoney, and uses the opportunity to enlighten the visitors about Rotary and the Four Way Test. For the primary purpose of the visit, Dan arranges professional and business sessions for the visitors at local offices and colleges to acquaint them with U.S. dentistry practices.

A number of Russian speakers told about their experiences and their home cities. All of the speakers praised Dan and the value of the program. Repeated comments were made about the advances of market economies in Russia, and the opportunities that those advances bring to Russian citizens.

Dan was presented with souvenirs from Russia including a hand painted plate from a local village, post cards of Russian cities that can be passed on to the students at Peres, and of course babushkas. Thanks were extended to Stoney, who once again provided transportation services, and to their driver Jim. Thank you also to the Rotarians who generously hosted our visitors in their homes.

But the best present was a hearty and rousing song the visitors performed. They were on key, harmonized a bit, knew all the words, and as far as this writer could tell, did it all without vodka. Globalization is a wonder.

Help Richmond Rotary celebrate Rotary's 100th Birthday. Please make plans to attend next week's meeting. Bring your spouse, significant other and/or any guest you may wish to invite.

Upcoming Programs

03/11/05 "Boats, Trains, Cars & ???",
 03/18/05 "Tsunami Relief to Community Outreach, Today's Salvation Army"
 04/29/05 "School Lunch & Tour (don't forget your lunch money)", our own Gloria Johnston & friends hosts the club for an authentic school lunch and tour of the Lavonya DeJean Middle School. Meet at the school library at Noon. More details to follow.

Important Dates

03/17/05 Board Meeting – 12 noon at the Country Club
 04/30/05 District Conference – Yin Ranch

Door Duty Reminder

03/11/05	Howe Mark	
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

