

# Flywheel

"Service  
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Self"

A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

## Program for Friday March 4, 2005

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

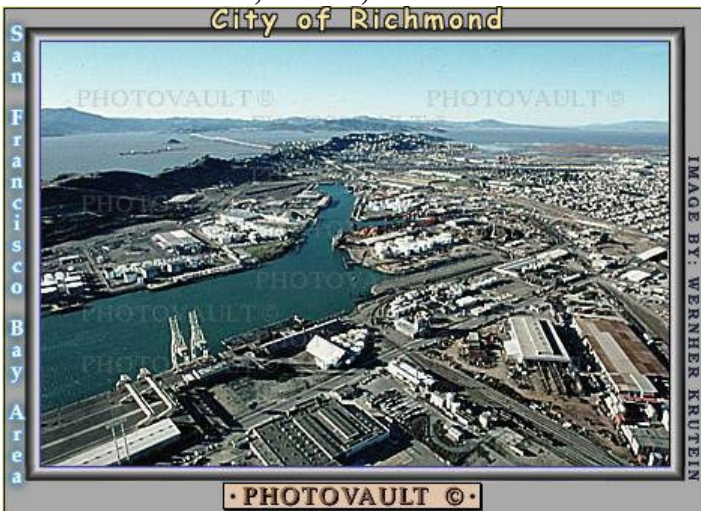


Our own Joe (Westside Joey Baggs) Bagley talks about his Chicago and pointers for the Rotary Convention & 100th Anniversary Celebration.

**Door Duty:** Paul Hodgen and David K.

## Program for Friday March 11, 2005

"Boats, Trains, Cars & ???"  
City of Richmond



Jim Matzorkis, Executive Director of the Port of Richmond talks about what's next.

**Door Duty:** Mark Howe and

### Last Week

**Prez Herb Cole** rings in Richmond Rotary's last meeting for the shortest month of the year. **Stoney** led us in a silent prayer for world peace and freedom, **Don Hardison** led us in the pledge of allegiance, and **Prez Herb** concluded formalities with the assuring wisdom of Ella Fitzgerald: "Don't give up. Keep Trying. When there is love and inspiration - I don't think you can go wrong."

### Visiting Rotarians

With a big turnout, Richmond Rotary's distinguished guests included Rotary's District 5170 Governor **Ron Sekkel** and wife, **Cindy**; Rotary's District 5160 Governor Nominee **Candy Pierce**; Past Director of Rotary International, **Mike Katsuris**. **Marvin Collins** from El Cerrito Rotary also joined us today.

### Rotarians with Guests

On special lunch dates today, were **Prez Herb** with **Norma**; **Elof Granberg** with **Betty**, **Sid Chauvin** with **Zelpha**, and **Charlie Wong** with **Jean**. Our own Past District Governor **Werner Schwarz** and wife **Lea**. Other Rotarians with guests were: **Don Lau** with **Margaret Hanion-Gradie**, **Judy Kafka** with **Margaret Markowski**, and **Jon Lawlis** with **Cory Lawrence**.

### Sunshine Report

No sunshine report today.

### Announcements

**Werner Schwartz** introduced our latest red badge new member, **John Wilson**, who has already practiced the 4 way test as a member of Richmond and several other Rotary clubs in years gone by. John has also served as Past President for one of those clubs, so we suspect his red badge is turning blue as we speak. Welcome back to Richmond Rotary John! Speaking of blue, out of the blue several missing Past-President pins were found by Werner Schwartz and handed out to their rightful owners, Elof Granberg and John Wilson. **Judy Kafka** announced the *Read Across America Day* (more fondly remembered by some of us as *Dr. Seuss Day*). Please let her know if you can support this fun experience at Peres School this Wednesday, March 2 from 1-2.

**Program of Friday February 25, 2005**

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



Introduced by our own Past District Governor, Werner Schwartz, this week's speaker was the distinguished District Governor of District 5170, **Ron Sekkel**. His toast to Richmond Rotary and our own accomplishments was a reminder that Rotary's Centennial Event is a time for all of us to celebrate this June 18 in Chicago. Like a kid at a birthday party, Ron pulled out one party trick after another, but the bottom line to his message, was to enjoy the Rotary story and spread its contagious message.

Most of us know of Paul Harris if only for the philanthropic foundation that bears his name. Ron told us the things we weren't likely to know, like the fact that Paul Harris' first (and he felt most important) accomplishment was successfully installing public toilets in Chicago against strong opposition by the saloons and department stores who enjoyed the pay-toilet monopoly. Other interesting little-known facts were that Rotary's first official gathering included a lawyer, a coal merchant, a tailor, and a mining engineer. Alas, the tailor and engineer opted out after just two weeks. But Paul Harris and Sylvester Sheely were soon joined by many other Chicago professionals eager to participate. The idea spread informally to San Francisco (thanks to Manuel Munoz, a traveling salesman who was Paul Harris's roommate at the time). Oakland and the East Bay were next and the rest is a history that spans the globe and we have all participated in.

**Happy/Sad \$\$\$**

Joe Bagley (collecting good stuff no doubt for this coming Friday's Chicago feature) surprised his Mom for her 84<sup>th</sup> birthday with a trip home to the windy city. **Rich Brandes** announced that the Red Oak's move to a new berth was delayed by a day (hard to count on volunteer tug boat help, you know). **Sid Chauvin** is grateful his wife has been given a clean bill of health. **David Brown** had a sad tale about the cost of napping on a balmy day in Puerto Vallarta.

**Raffle**

David Brown won a well-deserved FREE lunch and we'll all meet again next Friday where the raffle pot is \$485 and growing.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan B. Nimble

**Thanks!**

A special thanks to those who went out of their way to make Rotary's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the Country Club a great event. **Werner** for getting the speaker, **Lea Schwarz** for arranging with **David Ninomiya** for the flowers, **Joey Baggs** for the name tents, **Elof Granberg** for the tasty wine and **Jim Young** for the fabulous cake!



So raid your child's (or grandkid's) stash of party favors and pack them away for a trip to Chicago this June!

Thank you Ron Sekkel for visiting our club and giving us pause to celebrate Rotary.



**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

**Upcoming Programs**

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

