

Flywheel

"Service
Above
Self"

A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

Program for Friday March 18, 2005

"Tsunami Relief to Community Outreach"

Let me introduce to you Major George M. Rocheleau. His parents immigrated from Canada to escape the cold in the early 50's, and they became U.S. citizens. George was born in 1956 in much warmer Southern California.

George's parents were Salvation Army Officer's and retired after 38 years of active service in 4 western states. His family has been involved with The Salvation Army for 4 generations.

George and his wife Dawn have 3 boys, ages 16, 22, & 23. They have been officers for almost 20 years serving in Modesto, Hayward, Stockton and San Francisco. In July 2003 they assigned to Alameda County from San Jose where he was the Santa Clara County coordinator for The Salvation Army for 8 years.

While in Santa Clara County George was responsible for over \$3 Million in remodeling and construction of Salvation Army properties and was also instrumental in developing an endowment of over \$7 million for The Salvation Army there (by the way, he had to leave the \$7million when he got transferred to Oakland!)

George plays trumpet and guitar and he enjoys photography and remodeling projects. He already has plans for 11 projects here in Alameda County for The Salvation Army.

He was a member of the infamous DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB of San Jose for 8 years and is now a member of OAKLAND #3 ROTARY.

Door Duty: Gloria Johnston and Joe Kelman

Last Week

Prez-Elect-Elect Dan Ercolini substituting for Prez Herb Cole rings in a beautiful spring like day by reminding us all to enjoy the gorgeous view from the Mira Vista Country Club. **Former Prez Stoney** led us in a silent prayer for world peace and freedom, **Rich Brandes** led us in the pledge of allegiance, and **Dan Ercolini** finds wisdom in a quote from Mr. Lowenstein, the question is "Is it worth trying to do? Not can it be done?"

Visiting Rotarians

Monique was visiting again from the Benicia Club.

Rotarians with Guests

Sunshine Report

David K reports there is no report. It should be noted that **David K.** made this report while he was in the other dining room with a group of real estate professionals having some sort of celebration, which he can describe during his next report and no doubt pay the appropriate fine.

Announcements

George Egan reminds us all to purchase our raffle tickets for the Family Fun Day. Always generous **Dave Calfee** sent the club an unsolicited \$250.00 donation.

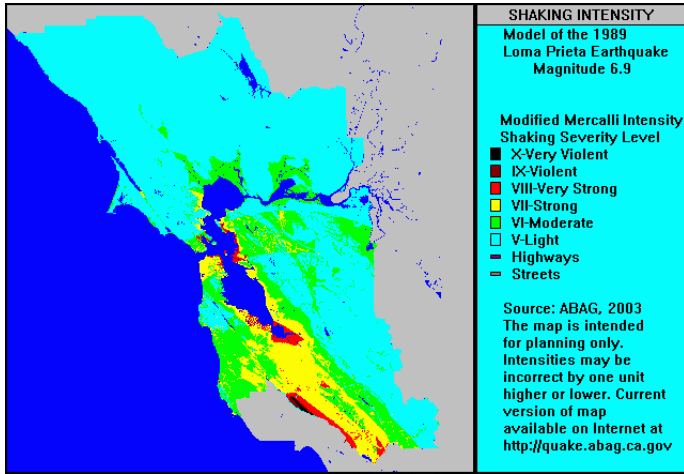
Happy/Sad \$\$\$

David Brown had happy dollars that Jonathon Lawlis was at PETS and sad dollars that we will all be flooded with e-mails from Jon with his new found exuberance following the conference. **Hank Covell** was happy to receive an email joke from former member **Father Chris.** **Ted Abreu** was happy that his contractors had finished destroying 1 bathroom and his kitchen in an effort to renovate his house. Lucky for Ted the microwave still works in the garage. **Josh Genser** was happy to offer raffle tickets for a chance to win an iPod at the Purim carnival. **Jim Young** was happy about Joe Bagley's Program last week on Chicago and also that the local school district API scoring has improved. **Prez-Elect-Elect Dan** was happy about starting his 23rd season with his softball team.

Program for Friday March 25, 2005

**Earthquake Safety
Homeowner Options Beyond Insurance**

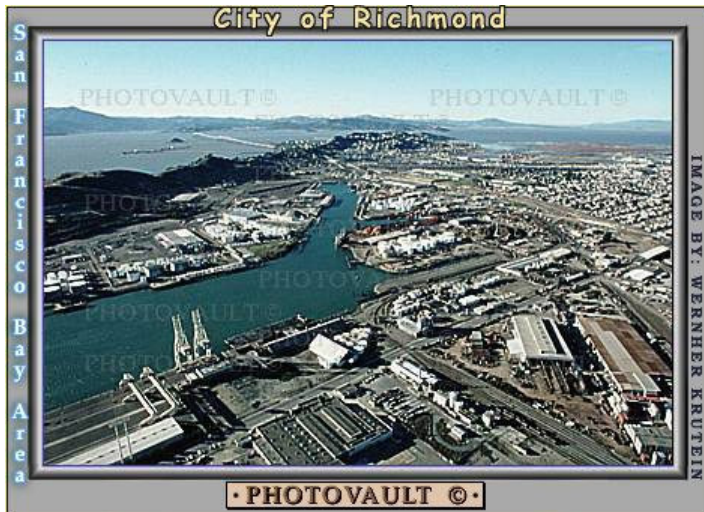
Greg Prinsze, President of Earthquake Safety Inc. will speak to us



Door Duty: Pam Jones and Henry Kelman

Program of Friday March 11, 2005

"Boats, Trains, Cars & ???"



Jim Young introduced Jim Matzorkis, Executive Director, Port of Richmond, who provided us with an update on the business at the Port. Mr. Matzorkis gave us a brief recent history of the Port and indicated that business is increasing. It is well positioned to grow and he expects that in the next 12-18 months there will be new opportunities with an increase in trade from China and India. The Port currently handles liquid and dry bulk, non-container items and automobiles. There is a new contract with Hyundai and Kia; a 5 year lease with a potential for a 20 year deal. The Port

Raffle

The program ran so smoothly there had to be a catch when Dan Ercolini discovered that there were actually two (2) orange balls in the bag and one of the white balls had a big dent in the side. Ever vigilant, John Nicol jumped up and found a white ball to replace the orange or was it the other white one. Where upon an argument ensued over whether there was \$53.00 or \$55.00 in the pot. When all the commotion died down, David Brown pulled one of those white balls and he'll be back next week with lunch paid for by the club.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam B. Quick, substituting for Jan B. Nimble



[Richmond Rotary meets every Friday 12:30 at the beautiful Mira Vista Golf and Country Club](#)
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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

04/01/05 Richmond City Manager Bill Lindsay
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 Family Fun Day - Fund Raiser at the Yin Ranch in Vacaville
06/18/05 – 06/ 22/05- Rotary Centennial International Convention in Chicago

handled 110,000 - 120,000 cars this past year. Shipyard 3 has been re-built (The Red Oak Victory has moved to that location) and the Port is working toward re-structuring debt and being self-sustaining. The Port is well positioned to take on more volume in the next 10 - 20 years.

Door Duty Reminder

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

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