



# Flywheel

"Service  
Above  
Self"

**A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California**

**Program for Friday April 8, 2005**

**"Last Impressions"**



Chief Charles Bennett, RPD retired, tells us what he thinks of Richmond and the public safety & service organization we call the Richmond Police Department.

**Door Duty:** Ted Abreu and Jim Young

**Program for Friday April 15, 2005**

**John Anderson**

**"The Bay Area Rescue Mission, Richmond to Regional"**

**Door Duty:** Richard Alexander and Charlie Wong

**Program of Friday April 1, 2005**

**"First Impressions"**



**Speaker: Bill Lindsay, Manager, City of Richmond**

**Last Week**

**Prez Herb Cole** welcomed a full room of guests and Rotarians to a beautiful day at Richmond Rotary. **Former Prez Stoney** led us in a silent prayer for world peace and **Erle Brown** led us in the pledge to the Flag. **George Egan** had a tax-time related thought-for-the-day that escaped the taxed mind and pencil of the scribe.

**Visiting Rotarians**

Richmond Rotary had the pleasure of three visiting Rotarians from Orinda, here to see Richmond's City Manager and former Orinda Rotarian Bill Lindsay.

**Rotarians with Guests**

**Jim Young** brought his wife, **Linda**, and **Jan Brown** brought web designer, **Nick Despota**.

**Sunshine Report**

None

**Announcements**

April 30<sup>th</sup> is the District Fund Raiser, Centennial Foundation Family Fun Day at Yin Ranch in Vacaville. Each coupon booklet is worth \$100. Contact George Egan for more information. Checks should be written to Rotary Foundation and will apply to a Paul Harris of your choice. **Gloria Johnston** confirmed the School District's intent to name the new computer lab at Peres Elementary School after Dan Ercolini.

**David Brown** received the following letter from the son of our departed friend and past president, **Hans Shaper:**

*Dear Mr. Brown,  
Enclosed is a gift of \$25,000 from my father, Hans Shaper, to the Rotary Foundation per his last wishes. As you know Dad was very active in the Richmond Rotary for many years, believed strongly in the club's service orientation, and enjoyed being a member of the Rotary community. Please forward this check to the Rotary Foundation on his behalf. Thank you.—  
Andrew Shaper, Trustee, Harold H. Shaper Living Trust*

Bill Lindsay gave one of his last 'new kid on the block' speeches as Richmond's new City Manager takes on the challenges of the job. With Orinda Rotarians from his former club in attendance, Bill recalled Orinda's successful 'can do' spirit of volunteerism and the forging of community partnerships that helped propel the 4 P's: Public Safety, Public Works, Planning, and Parks and Recreation. Richmond has been through tough financial times, and his first impressions are that Richmond hit bottom about a year ago. Evidence of change (introduced by interim City Manager, Phil Batchelor) in the City's staff attitude and financial structure are already beginning to show. A strong believer in sound financial discipline and leading by example, Bill Lindsey sees Richmond as an entrepreneurial city with enormous potential. He believes the City should never accept the mindset of "back to normal." Deferred maintenance and other issues require reinvestment back into the community and financial stability will be achieved gradually based on a succession of things happening rather than a traditional time line. If you were in attendance last week, you left feeling hopeful. Thank you City Manager, Bill Lindsey.

**After-meeting Assembly**

Richmond Rotary held a Club assembly to discuss support of the Ercolini's children. The opinion was expressed that we should do something from the Rotary Club of Richmond without touching the Carl Rehffuss Fund. Treasurer David Brown suggested that up to \$5,000 from the Club Treasury be set aside to match donations made by club members through May 31. It was decided to discuss this further with Jon Lawlis to ascertain status of Harbor Plastic's support for the Ercolini's children. The decision will be made by the Board at the next meeting followed by approval of Club membership.



**Recognitions**

**Dr. Dan Sanders** joined Richmond Rotary a whopping 30 years ago, while **Joe Nusbaum** celebrates a whopping 30 plus one year. **Joe Bagley** reached 15-year veteran status with the Club last February. And **Gloria Johnston** celebrates her 6<sup>th</sup> year in our midst plus a birthday too. Thank you Dan, Joe N., Joey B. and Gloria for your years of service and contributions and happy belated birthday Gloria.

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

**Joe Bagley** shared a thought about Dan Ercolini.

**Raffle**

**Jim Young** won a free lunch as Prez Herb Cole tried to explain to Richmond's City Manager the Rotary model for gambling with a bag of ping pong balls.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**

04/22/05 "Publishing, Up Close & Personal, from Main St. to the Nation" Deborah Stevens, Contra Costa Marketplace.

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.

05/06/05 "Dot-Com to Dot-Bomb--Is the Resurgence in High-Tech here?"

05/20/05 "It's Not Our Fault?"

**Richmond Rotary Board of Directors  
2004-2005**

**Officers**

<b>President</b>	<b>President Elect</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
Herb Cole	Jonathon Lawlis	Joe Nusbaum
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	<b>Past President</b>
David Brown	John Nicol	Stoney Stonework

**Directors**

Jim Young	Gloria Johnston	Paul Hodgen
Jim Cannon	Judy Kafka	

**Rotary International President**

Glenn Estes Sr.

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Mike Garver



**Important Dates**

- 04/21/05 Board Mtg – Noon, Mira Vista Golf & CC
- 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

**Door Duty Reminder**

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
05/06/05	Bagley Joe	Wallace Bart
05/13/05	Bates Jim	Troughton John
05/20/05	Beaver Jim	Teaderman Stan
05/27/05	Bell Donna	Tanita Dan
06/03/05	Blum JoAnne	Straughn Loren
06/10/05	Brandes Rich	Stonework Stoney
06/17/05	Brown David	Smith Ted
06/24/05	Brown Erle	

