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*Richmond Rotary
meets every Friday
12:30 at the
beautiful Mira
Vista Golf and
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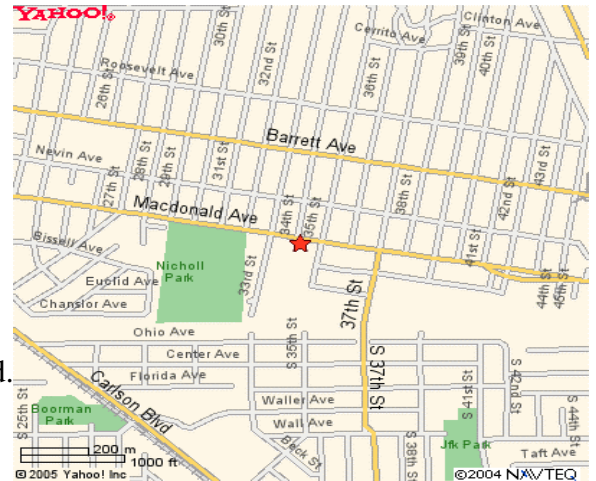
Program for Friday April 29, 2005

**School Lunch & Tour of
Lavonya DeJean Middle School**

3400 MacDonald Ave, Richmond, Ca

(don't forget your lunch money)" Our own Gloria Johnston & friends hosts the club for an authentic school lunch and tour of the school. Trust us. You don't want to be late unless you crave standing out in a crowd.

Meet at the school library at Noon. Sharp!



Door Duty: George Alvarez and Paul Washington



Program for Friday May 06, 2005

"Dot-Com to Dot-Bomb"

--Is the Resurgence in High-Tech here?"

Dr. Tapan Munroe,

Chief Economist for PG&E, retired

Door Duty: Joe Bagley and Bart Wallace

Meeting of April 22, 2005

Prez Herb Cole warmly greeted Richmond Rotarians. **Ted Abreu** led us in a silent prayer for world peace and **Josh Genser** led us in the pledge to the Flag. **Daniel Sanders** gave us the wisdom of Theodore Roosevelt: "I think there is only one quality worse than hardness of heart and that is softness of head."

Visiting Rotarians

None Today

Rotarians with Guests

Richard Alexander introduced his guest, Brian Stern of Point Richmond. **David Brown** introduced the latest member of his law firm, Adriana Quintero (and judging from the sighs in the room, the firm's gain is Richmond's loss.)

Door Duty

04/29
Alvarez George
Washington Paul

05/06
Bagley Joe
Wallace Bart

05/13
Bates Jim
Troughton John

05/20
Beaver Jim
Teaderman Stan

05/27
Bell Donna
Tanita Dan

06/03
Blum JoAnne
Straughn Loren

06/10
Brandes Rich
Stonework Stoney

06/17
Brown David
Smith Ted

06/24
Brown Erle

Where to Make Up

Mon 12:15 Seafood
Peddler, San Rafael

Tue 12:30 Solano Grill
Albany

Tue 12:15 Elks Club
El Sobrante

Wed 12:15 His Lordships
Berkeley

Wed 7:15am Hercules
Senior Center, Hercules

Wed 12:15 La Strada
San Pablo

Thu 12:15 Mira Vista
G&CC, El Cerrito

Thu 12:30 Outback Steak
House, Pinole

Thu 12:15 World Holiday
Inn, Vallejo



Announcements

President **Herb Cole** announced that **Pam Jones** will be on the Board (Thank you **Judy Kafka** for your service as you leave the Board!) and that **George Egan** is our new President-Elect. Congratulations George.

Happy/Sad \$\$\$

Prez Herb happily marveled that he had money left over at the end of the last Board luncheon. This was especially impressive since Jim Young cut out early, thus reducing the likely suspects for generous overpayment. **Hank Covell**, back from a grandson's birthday in Scottsdale Arizona, gleefully admits that only a doting grandfather would become a Pine Wood Derby groupie. He leaves for Scottsdale again this weekend. **Jim Young** sheepishly paid up for his part of the Board lunch and threw in happy dollars to honor his daughter's completion of her master thesis.

Program of Friday April 22, 2005

**Speaker: Cheryl Maier, Executive Director,
Opportunity West**



Faced with a last minute speaker cancellation due to illness, a grateful Herb Cole found a willing substitute in Cheryl Maier, Executive Director of Opportunity West. Bob Dabney proudly introduced his wife, even though he aired the dirty laundry that results from women executives not having time to do the laundry. By the time Cheryl spoke, Richmond Rotarians knew their recent grant to Opportunity West was in good hands. Cheryl thanked Rotarians Rhonda Harris and Herb Cole for their assistance in obtaining the District Grant. She also credited early supporters like Don Lau and Chairman of the Board, Ed Downer for the 15-year history of the organization, which was originally funded by the United Way Campaign.

Opportunity West mobilizes community talent and resources that impact the quality of West County. Recently it has been involved with issues that trigger negative actions, but concerns



Upcoming Programs

May 6 "Dot-Com to Dot-Bomb--Is the Resurgence in High-Tech here?" Dr. Tappen Munroe, Chief Economist for PG&E, retired

May 13 Contra Costa Community Culinary College, lunch & tour at the San Pablo campus

May 20 Dean O'Hair External Affairs Manager for ChevronTexaco

May 27 Meeting is being held on the Red Oak Victory Ship

June 3 "The East Bay Regional Parks Foundation" Rosemary Cameron, ED

June 17 IVV Eye Hospital, Zambia, Africa, Chuck Graham, Clayton Valley Rotary

June 24
Demotion!!!
Herb's been waiting for this day all year!

July 1 "Heroes of '76", a patriotic presentation of the origin of the Star Spangled Banner"



Please Help Support the Ercolini Family

Individual Rotarians can make a contribution to: "The Ercolini Children's Fund"

Redwood Credit Union
209 3rd St., San Rafael, CA 94912.

Please note "Richmond Rotary" in the memo section of your check.

Important Dates

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

04/30/05 District Family Fun Day - Fund Raiser at the Yin Ranch, Vacaville

06/18/05 – 06/ 22/05-

Rotary Centennial International Convention

itself with the young people who, through no fault of their own, find themselves removed from their family and in a group home. Its current focus is on improving education for those who fall out of the main stream, and on job placement to help young adults find their niche and a legitimately earned income. Cheryl brought hopes of a renewed Nevin Community Center (Opportunity West's new home) and a continued commitment to bring opportunity to where it is needed. Richmond Rotary's grant supports the work of a professional artist who works 3 days a week, 2 hours a day with group home children. Rotarians can view the bright results as a mural in Richmond Kaiser Permanente's stairwell. Thank you Cheryl Maier for your work in this community and thank you Bob for accepting the fact that you have to share her.

Where Your Rotary Dollars Went!

Thank you very much for you donation to our class. The money was used to buy items to set-up portfolios for each of the children and a documentation box to house examples of class and community activities.

DiAnn Smith, Pre-K Teacher, Peres Elementary School

Raffle

Rhonda Harris pulled a free lunch with a raffle that grows upwards from \$400



Jasmine is a very low key 4 year old that loves art activities!

Respectfully submitted, Jan B. Nimble