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*Richmond Rotary  
meets every Friday  
12:30 at the  
beautiful Mira  
Vista Golf and  
Country Club*

**Program for Friday May 6, 2005**

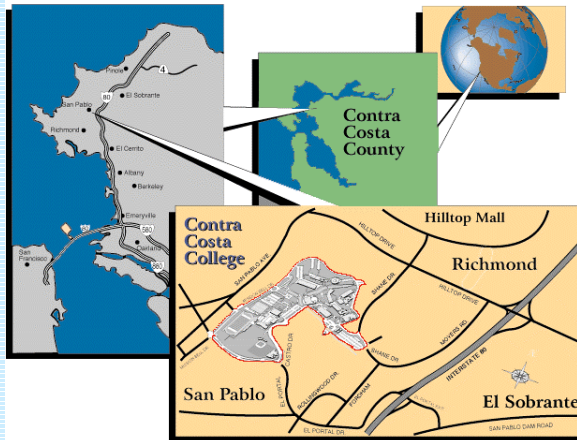
**“Dot-Com to Dot-Bomb”**

Is the Resurgence in High-Tech here?"

**Dr. Tapan Munroe,**

Chief Economist for PG&E, retired

**Door Duty:** Joe Bagley and Bart Wallace



**Program for Friday May 13, 2005**

**Road Trip!!!**

Contra Costa Community Culinary College  
Lunch & tour at the San Pablo campus

**Door Duty:** Jim Bates and John Troughton

**Meeting of April 29, 2005**

With many of our usual suspects in attendance, Rotary on this day was anything but usual. **Prez** (and former Superintendent) **Herb Cole** looked particularly at home and in his element in the Lovonya DeJean Middle School library, bringing us To order as we ate our box lunches. With traditional protocols skipped, we think there was one visitor among us, **Ron Swearingen**. Clearly we had lots of former junior high students among us (that's what they used to have instead of middle schools) and you could tell that who we were then and who we are now likely hasn't changed much. **Tom Butt**, **Mark Howe**, and **Barry Gordon** were probably late and locked out back then too. Fortunate Rotarians who attended this week's tour of Lovonya DeJean Middle School were treated to an inside view of a state-of-the-art middle school graced with current and former administrators



## Door Duty

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



(and a teacher) committed to public education in our midst. The lunch and tour were hosted by our own **Gloria Johnston**, Superintendent. Greeting us at the door was **Vince Kilmartin**, Associate Superintendent. Mr. Kilmartin also briefed us on an



extensive rehab and construction schedule that is District-wide. **Heidy Camorongan**, Director of Food Services, guided us through the lunch line, and Principal **Antoinette Henry-Evans** (former Principal of Peres) spoke positively of the school and the district's focus on demanding standards befitting a college-prep culture. As Gloria Johnston explained, the nonacademic vocational classes as we remember them are gone. Instead, the emphasis is on Career classes, because to work with one's hands requires being smart. Principal Henry-Evans reflected on the inspiration and hope for change modeled by the school's namesake, Lavonya DeJean. Our own **Ted Abreu**, former principal of Kennedy High, was mentored by Ms. DeJean, and fondly recalled her leadership (and her ability to shop like no one else!)



Among the interesting facts that we learned before our tour: The school is a copy of one in the City of Redlands; the open and inviting configuration is deceptively secure by just one central campus entrance; a centralized state-of-the-art kitchen (off campus) prepares and distributes meals to all District schools (the nutritious choices and fresh



## Upcoming Programs

**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"

**July 8** The Nigerian Medical Mission

**July 15** Meet the Leaders. Richmond Rotary Board 2005 - 2006



**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**

**04/30/05** District Family Fun Day - Fund Raiser at the Yin Ranch, Vacaville  
**06/18/05 - 06/ 22/05-** Rotary Centennial International Convention

food got high marks from Rotarians); 70% of elementary students and 50% of secondary students receive free or



reduced lunches (with the difference in the figures being attributed to the stigma older children associate with subsidies); the biggest issues facing our community's school-age children are: English as a second language and poverty.

And then our hosts took us on a memorable and impressive tour through the campus. Our final stop was a classroom filled with computers, exhibits, and students at work who were trying hard not to stare at the parade of junior high dinosaurs walking through.

As a final note of interest: the 2005 Golf Classic (a District fund-raiser) at the Richmond Country Club is Monday June 27. Thank you Gloria Johnston, Antoinette Henry-Evans, and Vince Kilmartin for giving each of us the VIP treatment and an insight into the changes being made in public education in our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
JanBNimble, dinosaur editor of the *Portola Vista*

**Raffle**

None this week

