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*Richmond Rotary
meets every Friday
12:30 at the
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Vista Golf and
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Program for Friday May 13, 2005

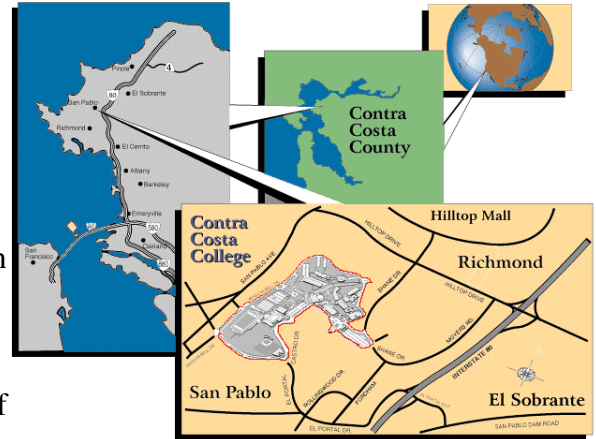
Road Trip!!!

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

Door Duty: Jim Bates and John Troughton

Directions – (Courtesy of Bob Dabney)

From I-80 either north or South, take the Hilltop exit. Ignore the College signs off of 80. As you exit at Hilltop, proceed west on Hilltop. At the second stop light, turn left on Shane Drive. Shane Drive will take you down a hill for about 1/2 mile to a stop sign across from a large church, Sojourner Truth Presbyterian. At that stop sign turn right into the college and use the parking lot on your left. Walking out of the parking lot, turn left and you will see the Admin. Bld. The 3 Seasons Restaurant is located on the second floor and there is an elevator to take you there. Some members may use other entrances or go up the hill after entering from Shane drive. This is a bad idea because parking spaces are full or very limited. If you don't find a space, drive all the way around the campus to the south lot and the walking distance is doubled.



Program for Friday May 20, 2005

Dean O'Hair

External Affairs Manager for
ChevronTexaco

Door Duty: Jim Beaver and Stan Teaderman

Meeting of May 6, 2005

Stoney Stonework opened the meeting by asking for a moment of silence for peace on earth and Don Lau led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Happy & Sad Dollars:

Jim Young had some terrible news announce: he had just returned from Sacramento where he had to instruct medical officials to terminate life support for his brother – Sad dollars indeed folks. On a happier note Leslie Levi donated happy dollars to celebrate a presentation she attended in the city where a German embassy official

Door Duty

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



articulated what she felt was a very compassionate apology for the holocaust atrocities. Jon Lawlis celebrated, with happy dollars, a second place Rotary District recognition award for Richmond Rotary. Good job Jon L.

Recognitions:

Henry Kelman's 28-year anniversary as a member of the club was recognized. Henry, ever the non conformist, reminded us that Bob McDonald was president that year, which made the year more interesting than usual.

Guests:

Monique Le Conge, Richmond's new library director, she took Joe Greens place, was visiting us for lunch. She was a member of a Rotary club at her last job and intends to become active in ours as well. Margaret Markowski was also visiting the club for the last time – next week she will become a formal member.

Announcements:

- This weeks meeting is at the Contra Costa College Culinary Arts program restaurant on the Contra Costa Campus on El Portal behind the Kelly Moore paint store. We need everybody to show up. The club needs 35 people attending just to break even. Invite your wives I have invited mine and she will be coming.
- The Point Richmond Stroll is May 19 @ 5:00 – come on over and have a good'ol time. I will have a booth in front of the Bank Building and I will save a glass of wine for you.

Program May 6: “Just Cause”, Jean Reynolds

Jean Reynolds spoke today on a moments notice to replace Tapan Monroe our scheduled speaker who could not make it.

Jean an attractive gentle women from Point Richmond, came to the podium with a colorful scarf around her neck and explained how the controversial “Vision 2000” campaign to pass the “Just Cause Eviction” ordinance in Richmond works. She, like many people in Richmond, a town whose renter population is much greater than average, feels that letting the invisible hand of the marketplace control rents leads to excessive rent rate hikes. “Just cause” is a rent control ordinance that makes: landlords register their units, only allows annual rent increases that equal that years CPI increase except in cases where large improvements have been made to the rental

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

unit, and establishes a Rent Control Board to adjudicate disputes between landlords and tenants. The board is made up of three renters and three landlords and an appointee of the Mayor for a total of seven members.

Passions run high, especially for Richmond Rotary members, where many members have been greatly rewarded by the invisible hand of the marketplace and the control of capital. I believe Karl Marx called this class of citizens Capitalists.

Naturally the members reaction to Just Cause was negative. They cited that costs of owning a rental unit often exceed the CPI and therefore the restriction of rent increases would discourage investment in new badly need housing and maintenance of the existing rental stock.

Word on the street is that there are enough votes to defeat this measure that will appear on the City Council agenda May 17. However, this movement is not expected to go away, Vision 2000 is planning to place this ordinance on the ballot by initiative and it is expected to become the platform issue of Gail McLaughlin in her expected Mayoral attempt. Remember folks she was a dark horse candidate last election for council and won a seat on the council with the highest vote count of any candidate. Vision 2000 is serious.

Rent control exists in Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco and is a good issue to support if you are a group intent of acquiring political power in that it attracts the popular support of many people, even though it may be unjust.

Rotating Editor,
Mark Howe

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None this week

