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

Program for Friday May 27, 2005

Red Oak Victory Ship

We will have a great speaker for the 27 May luncheon onboard the ROV. **Howard Levitt** is the Acting Superintendent of the Rosie the Riveter World War II Homefront National Historical Park. He will talk about park development within the Port of Richmond and where the SS Red Oak Victory will fit in.



Come have lunch on board!

Click this link for directions <http://www.ssredoakvictory.org/contact.htm>

Door Duty: Donna Bell and Dan Tanita

Program for Friday June 3, 2005

Peres Elementary School

Spirit of Excellence Program

Teachers Maxine Harris and Heidi Scharffenberg

will bring 4 students from the program.

Door Duty: JoAnne Blum and Loren Straughn



Meeting of May 20, 2005

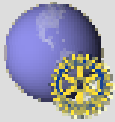
Herb Cole opened today's meeting. **Sid Chauvin** led us in the pledge and **Stoney** led us in the invocation by "praying for peace on earth and goodwill toward men". Our thought for the day was by **George Egan**. "Everybody lives under the same sky but we all see different horizons."

Recognitions:

- **Charlie Wong** was celebrating his 45 year anniversary of joining Richmond Rotary.

Door Duty

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



- **Pam Jones** celebrates her 10 year Rotary anniversary.
- And **Mark Howe** was recognized for his 17th marriage anniversary and his 40-something birthday. First clue it is closer to 50 than 40.
- **David Brown** also was recognized for the 25th year of his union with Cheryl Black. Do you guys think Cheryl is better looking than Dave?

Happy and Sad Dollars:

- **Dr. Dan** donated a happy 5 spot to soothe his guilt over missing too many meetings. Don't worry Dan we have all done it at one time or another.
- **Hank Covell** donated five bucks to celebrate his 25th consecutive running/walking of the Bay to Breakers race. He later admitted to starting the race with a two-mile head start – whatever it takes to get the exercise in I say!
- **Captain Alexander** our active duty Naval Intelligence officer contributed \$5.25 to the club because he was happy to be back in town after many months away on duty. “There is a war going” on he often reminds me.
- **Rich Brandes**, another Rotarian with a sea going pedigree, donated some coin to recognize his friend and today's speaker Dean O'hair. His son also got accepted at UC Santa Cruz, which is a lot cheaper than Brown University where Leslie son wants to attend school.

Visitors:

- **Jim Young** brought Chris Evans to the club who is a media consultant of some sort – like we all need more to read or watch. Welcome Chris.
- **George Egan** brought Preston Smith a friend of his that is the Paychex payroll representative in this area.

Announcements:

Earl Brown announced the Rotary Foundation Paul Harris recipient's awards:



Upcoming Programs

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

June 3 The Spirit of Excellence Program at Peres Elementary School.

June 10 “LAFCO, but who's laughing?” Martin McNair talks about the Local Agency Formation Commission

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



Important Dates

06/16/05

Rotary Board Meeting
12 noon At the Country
Club

06/18/05 – 06/ 22/05

Rotary Centennial
International Convention
in Chicago

09/15/05

Dinner - Theatre at the
Masquers.

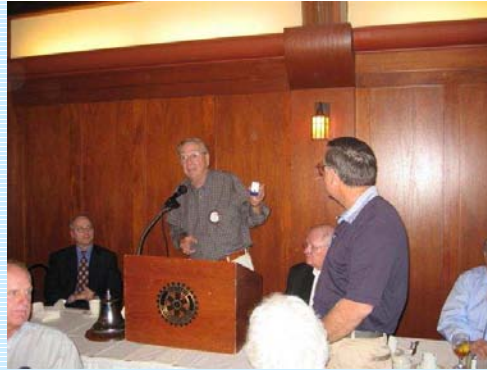
10/21- 10/22/05

District Conference in
Concord

Rotary Facts

There are approximately
1.2 million Rotarians
working in some 31,000
Rotary clubs in 167
countries and 35
geographical regions
worldwide.

First admitted in 1987,
women are the fastest-
growing segment of
Rotary's membership.
There
are nearly 2,000 women
club presidents and
women are rapidly
assuming regional
leadership
roles.



Rich Brandes was awarded a one stone sapphire Paul Harris pin signifying \$2,000 in contributions.



George Egan earned a two- stone sapphire pin for his \$3,000 in contributions to the foundation.

And finally Earl awarded, with an anecdote that “some of the Hill Lumber money is starting to flow into the foundation's coffers” a four stone sapphire pin to



Ralph Hill for his generous \$5,000 in donations to the foundation. The crowd was greatly amused by this comment, as was Ralph a naturally funny person.

New Members

Werner Schwarz came to the podium and awarded red badges and big kisses to: Monique La Conge and Margaret Morkowski. (**Don't tell Lea!**)



Raffle

No one was more surprised when Speaker O'Hair's name was pulled from the pot, than Dean himself!. It seems his pal Jim Bates had displayed a random act of Kindness. With gobs of \$\$ in the pot, Dean did the right thing and pulled the white ball earning a free lunch for his next visit.



Program of May 20, 2005



The Industry We Love to hate

Rarely does the rational side one's brain become engaged when the subject of Chevron and the Richmond refinery is the topic of the day. But this was not your typical City Council crowd; it was Richmond Rotary where Chevron has many friends and business associates.

Dean O'Hair, the refinery's relatively new and controversial public relations spokesperson talked about Chevron's Richmond's facility. He said. This very large and powerful corporation recently devoured Texaco, and just beat out China Petroleum in a battle to acquire California based Unocal. The corporation does business in 180 countries some 10 less than does Rotary and is the only integrated major to be based in California – San Ramon to be exact. Interestingly of the 27,000 retail Chevron outlets only 15%-20% are internally owned and only 15% of the oil they remove from the ground is used by their refineries – it is often traded for oil that is more suitable to their production plants or geographically closer. The refinery predates the city, which grew up around it and produces 250,000 barrels per day of refined products. The refinery supplies all of the airports in the area by pipeline that run along railroad right of ways and under streets. If you see a “Kinder Morgan” sign it means there is a petroleum pipeline nearby. East Bay Mud found out the hard way what that sign really means, last year, in a fiery Walnut Creek construction accident. Despite the spectacular nature of that event, it was determined long ago, that pipelines are the safest way to transport this dangerous fuel. This explains the architecture of regional terminal based petroleum distribution we see today. The refinery itself has one such terminal and the Port of Richmond has four more.

Dean is most interesting for what he did not say. He feels that the refinery is “dammed if they do and dammed if they don't”. Therefore he has recently pursued a controversial isolationist policy with respect to the City of Richmond. Although the refinery pays roughly \$30M in taxes annually to the city, equivalent to 30% of its general fund budget, the city and the school district continue to craft tax measures that are aimed at the refinery and initiate actions that threaten the refinery. A classic example of this conflict occurred last year when the city council decided to sell Point Molate to Harrahs/Upstream Development despite heated objections from the refinery and an attractive \$75M counteroffer. And so the cold war continues between the city and the refinery.

Mark Howe,
Rotating Editor