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

Program for Friday June 10, 2005

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Local Agency Formation Commission

Door Duty: Rich Brandes and Stoney Stonework

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“IVV Eye Hospital, Zambia, Africa

Chuck Graham, Clayton Valley Rotary

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Meeting of June 3, 2005

Jonathon Lawlis opened the meeting today at the Mira Vista Country Club and invited Stoney Stonework to provide the invocation. **Stoney** asked the membership to say a silent prayer for “Peace on Earth.” Secretary Joe Nusbaum led us in the pledge. **Jonathon** then provided the thought for the day and a Rotary Moment stated by Rotary International President Glenn Estes: “When I consider the possibilities of Rotary’s second century, I have the audacity to believe that Rotary and its Foundation can help make it possible for peoples everywhere to have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits. That is why, first and foremost, we celebrate Rotary this year by putting Service above Self and showing the world what Rotary can do to uplift millions of people who remain trapped in poverty.”

Rotarians With Guests

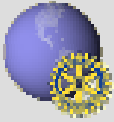
Paul Washington brought with him two distinguished guests: Heidi Scharffenberg and Maxine Harris, both of whom are teachers at Peres Elementary. Jean Hansen, Vice Principal also represented Peres.

Door Duty

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



Joanne Blum brought her husband Art to the meeting and also John Lovato of Project SEED. **Gloria Johnston** introduced: Mar'dala Mims, Paris Rauls, Susan Vilaphone, Rosa Gomez, Sinclaire Adams and Nai Saechao, all grade school students in West County Schools.



Recognitions

Jonathan recognized **Dave Calfee** for his 52 year anniversary with Richmond Rotary by making a small donation to the Foundation in Dave's name. You da Man Dave! David K, taking Jonathon up on his amnesty program, coughed up some dough to recognize his anniversary. Way to go Janet!

Happy & Sad Dollars

Barry Gordon gave happy dollars in honor of his brother who recently graduated from the Coast Guard Academy, Magna Cum Laude. **Leslie Levy** contributed happy dollars in honor of her recent wedding that 'went off without a hitch.' Congratulations Leslie! **Richard Alexander** gave sad dollars because his son recently passed his driver's test. Good luck Richard! **Joanne Blum** gave \$100 happy dollars in recognition of her 46 years of marriage and many years of service to the Rotary Club.

Upcoming Programs

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

July 22 "100 years of banking Mechanics" Steve Buster, CEO Mechanics Bank, speaking on his favorite subject





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

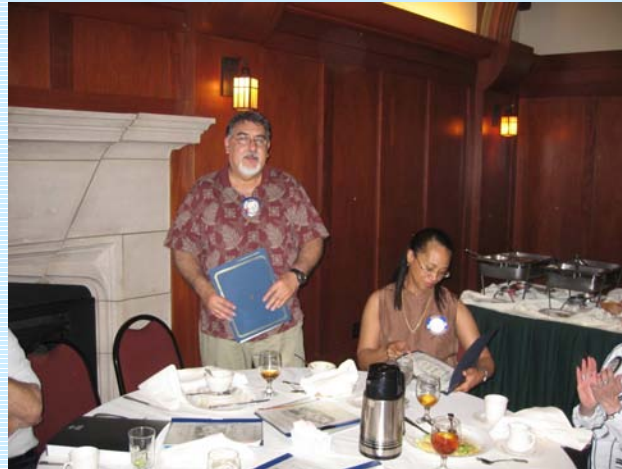
District Conference in
Concord

Rotary Facts

Rotary began on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois. Paul P. Harris had invited three friends to explore his idea that had been developing for several years. The idea - a club of business and professional men who could and should be friends. Harris was a lawyer, his friends were a coal dealer, mining engineer, and merchant tailor. The aim of the first Rotary Club was the encouragement of friendship, fellowship and mutual assistance. It is significant that each of the members of the first Rotary Club was a comparative stranger from a small town who had come to that great metropolis of Chicago to go into business.

Award of Rotary Scholarships

Ted Abreu introduced this year’s scholarship recipients, Jessica Cervano Soto and Belinda Owens of Richmond High School; and Chelsey Poole of Kennedy High School. Each student was awarded a \$500 scholarship for their outstanding academic achievement and leadership in high school.



New Members

Werner Schwarz inducted three new members into the Richmond Rotary Club: **Don Joseph, Jaspinderr Singh** and **Lance Jackson**. Welcome gentlemen to the Club!



Program for the Day

Project SEED – Joanne Blum introduced John Lovato of Project SEED. Project SEED is engaged in a pilot educational program for grade school students in West Contra Costa County. Project Seed’s math specialist, all of whom hold a bachelor’s or advance degree in math, science or engineering, use highly interactive, questioning strategies that make algebra, geometry and calculus accessible for educational “at risk” elementary and middle school students in school nationwide.

Mr. Lovato brought with him six students from the

Raffle

The lovely, talented and LUCKY Margaret Morkowski split \$584 in this week’s raffle drawing by selecting the orange ball. Margaret graciously donated her share to the Rotary Foundation in exchange for Paul Harris credits. Way to go Margaret!





program to demonstrate their mastery of algebra taught to them by SEED instructors. Mar' dala Mims, Paris Rauls, Susan Vilaphone, Rosa Gomez, Sinclaire Adams and Nai Saechao all answered impromptu algebra questions and solved very difficult math equations with ease.

Project SEED is definitely a worthwhile program and Richmond Rotary members are encouraged to contribute towards the project.

Peres Elementary Spirit of Excellence – Paul Washington then introduced Maxine Harris and Heidi Scharffenberg to the membership. Mrs. Harris and Scharffenberg teach 6th grade and kindergarten at Peres Elementary School, respectively. They also run the Spirit of Excellence Program. The Spirit of Excellence Program is a Richmond Rotary core project that encourages students to maintain excellent grades, participate in community service, demonstrate leadership and identify their desired profession, by rewarding such students with an all-expense paid trip to Walker Creek Science Camp and a \$50 gift certificate to Toys-R-Us. This year, over 38 students participated and qualified for the reward!

The Club was treated to a short speech by three of this year's Spirit of Excellence participants: Sinclair Adams, Nai Saechao and Mar' dala Mims. Each of the students did a terrific job of explaining what the program meant to them and how they learned lessons of leadership, vision, academic excellence and community service. The students seemed appreciative of the opportunity to attend Science Camp and were thrilled that the Rotary Club has taken an interest in their school and their achievements.

Paul Washington then reiterated that this year's participation in the Spirit of Excellence program was unprecedented and was proud of the Club for their continued support of Peres Elementary School.

Adjourn

Jonathan then adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm.

Paul Washington,
Rotating Editor