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

Program for Friday June 17, 2005

**International Vision Volunteers
and Rotary in Zambia Africa**

Chuck Graham, Photographer and PR Director of the International Vision Volunteers.

Chuck is a second generation Rotarian, the son of a Pittsburg Rotary Club Past President. He joined the Rotary Club of Antioch in 1971 and became President there in 1976-77. In the mid 1970's Chuck met Dr. James "Bud" Tysinger, a new Rotarian Ophthalmologist in Antioch and they became friends. Chuck knew that Dr. Bud went to Africa and did some eye care but the Dr. never really talked about it much just quietly going and coming and doing what he did the best, eye care. It was many years later the Chuck realized not only was the Dr. going every year but he was going three times a year and few people knew about. He told Dr. Bud he needed some photos and a public relations person to tell the story. The Dr. said "why don't you come and do that?"

Chuck went in February 2004 and 2005 and he is bringing us the story of the IVV Hospital and Rotary's aid to the people of Zimba, Zambia.

Door Duty: David Brown and Ted Smith



Say it Ain't So!

Program for Friday June 24, 2005

Demotion!!!

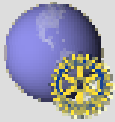
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Door Duty: Erle Brown and

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06/24
Brown Erle
7/1
Jan Brown
Dan Sanders
7/8
Tom Butt
Nick Reina
7/15
Thomas Cameron
Troy Pewitt
7/22
Jim Cannon

7/29
Sid Chauvin
Markku Pelanne
8/5
Hreb Cole
Joe Nusbaum
8/12
Hank Covell
David Ninomiya



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



Meeting of June 10, 2005

Herb Cole opened the meeting at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club and invited **Stoney Stonework** to provide the invocation. **Stoney** asked the membership to say a silent prayer for "Freedom and Peace on Earth." **George Egan** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Sid Chauvin** then provided the thought for the day.

Rotarians With Guests

Jim Young brought his son Zion Young as a guest to the meeting. **John Troughton** brought his colleague Cory Lawrence and **Herb Cole** brought his father-in-law as guests to the meeting.

Sunshine Report

David K asked the membership to keep **Mike Winters** in their thoughts as he has had a recent hip replacement.

Announcements

David Brown announced that the club contributed over \$8,300 towards the Spirit of Excellence Program at Peres Elementary. The Club then applauded its own efforts in helping those underprivileged kids that participated in the Spirit of Excellence Program.

Apparently overwhelmed by the emotion of the moment, **Werner Schwarz** then began singing the old Negro Spiritual "We Shall Overcome." The rest of the Club joined in and **Stoney Stonework** wept loudly. (Just kidding, but wouldn't that have been funny!)

Recognitions

The Club celebrated **Joe Nusbaum's** birthday and honored his 42nd anniversary with the Rotary Club. Joe then made a donation to the Carl Rehffuss Fund.

Happy & Sad Dollars

Jan Brown gave happy dollars in recognition of her son's acceptance to an MBA program on full scholarship. Way to go Jan! Your retirement plan will become fully vested once your son graduates and starts making the big bucks.

Jonathon Lawlis contributed \$20 in recognition of his son's graduation from Santa Cruz. Lawlis' son was also given a job offer by a family friend. Seems like Jonathon's retirement plan is half-vested.

Elof Granberg then contributed happy dollars in honor of the 61st anniversary of the D-Day landing of his Regina Rifle Regiment. It was a great reminder that freedom is

Upcoming Programs

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

June 24

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

July 8 The Nigerian Medical Mission
George Brown,
Clayton Valley Rotary

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

July 29 "RotoVision in Nepal" Tracy Giles of the El Cerrito Club tells us of her 2003 trip, partially supported by Richmond Rotary



Important Dates

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

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

not free and brave soldiers like Elof have put their life on the line to protect the liberties that we take for granted today.

Don Lau contributed happy dollars in honor of our speaker, Martin McNair, who was instrumental in LAFCO's provision of the land used to build the Hilltop YMCA.

Herb Cole contributed \$100 in honor of his son Reyes, who was awarded a Bronze Star for his service in Iraq. That is quite an honor...congratulations Herb for raising a brave son!



Program for the Day

Bob Dabney introduced **Martin McNair**, the public member of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), our featured speaker.

LAFCO came about in response to the post-World War II population and housing boom in California and the city annexation wars that proliferated limited purpose special districts. In 1963 the California legislature created LAFCO with a directive to encourage orderly boundaries and to discourage urban sprawl. LAFCO is also designed to help the State conserve agriculture and open space while promoting efficient public services, regional housing and adequate water supply. LAFCO is independent and is not part of any county, but is a quasi-legislative body and watch dog for governmental efficiency.

LAFCO is governed by seven commissioners: 2 county supervisors; 2 city officials; 2 special district officials; and 1 public member. One alternate person in each category serves as an alternate member. The commissioners of LAFCO are to represent the interest of the entire public.

LAFCO is funded equally by the county, cities and independent special districts. Certain processing fees charged by LAFCO also help offset expenses. The commissioners of LAFCO appoints an executive officer to conduct the day-to-day business and make recommendations on proposals. LAFCO is also represented by its own legal counsel.

Raffle

Joe Nusbaum's ticket was drawn by Martin McNair and Joe won a free lunch!



As a planning agency, LAFCO develops and routinely updates 'spheres of influence' for cities and districts. LAFCO also prepares Municipal Service Reviews and other studies of local governments.

As a regulatory agency, LAFCO regulates boundary changes, modification of existing agencies and the creation of new ones. LAFCO also regulates extensions of public services without annexations. LAFCO cannot, however, directly regulate how land is to be used.

LAFCO is also an environmental qualification agency. LAFCO approves projects under environmental laws.

LAFCO has no jurisdiction over redevelopment agencies, Mello-Roos districts, school districts, county boundary changes, municipal advisory councils or area planning commissions.

Adjourn

Herb Cole then adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm

Paul Washington,
Rotating Editor