



Flywheel

"Service Above Self"

A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

Program for Friday August 6, 2004

Dr. Don Allari, Rotaplast specialist

Door Duty: Jim Bates and John Troughton

Program for Friday August 13, 2004

Danna Fabella – CCC Child Welfare

Door Duty: Jim Beaver and Stan Teaderman

Program of Friday July 30, 2004

Steve Duran



Steve Duran, Jan Johnson and Ellen Gailing

Don Lau introduced our speaker, **Steve Duran**, the City of Richmond's Economic and Community Development Director whose local roots can be

Last Week

Prez Herb Cole rings in his 5th official Richmond Rotary gathering. Former Prez. **Stoney** asks for a silent prayer for peace and **Tom Butt** leads us in a pledge. **Sid Chauvin** finds wisdom in a quote about 'troubles impending seem worse than troubles surmounted'. And the last Richmond Rotary gathering of July '04 is underway.

Visiting Rotarians

Rotarians with Guests

Jim Cannon introduced his guest (and boss) **Gary Levin** CEO of Levin-Richmond Terminal

Sunshine Report

Prez Herb (in **David K's** absence) reports that **Charlie Wong** is home again and will be back at Rotary next week

Recognitions

56 years ago this week, **Ralph Hill** joined Richmond Rotary. He fondly recalls that his dad, **Al Hill**, sponsored him and that **Don Hardison** was a member back then too. 18 years later in 1963, Ralph was President of Richmond Rotary, the same year that **Werner S.** joined. Ralph notes that the club hasn't been the same since. In honor of his membership anniversary, Ralph generously contributed to the Club, claiming a well-deserved senior citizen discount

Announcements.

Hank Covell announces Richmond Rotary's annual tradition: Dinner followed by Theater at Pont Richmond's charming Mac Hotel and Masquers Theatre on Thursday, September 16. \$40 buys both dinner and a ticket to Raven's Broth (a unique mystery) now playing at the Masquers. It will be a fun evening celebrating three of Richmond's finest old time establishments...the Mac Hotel, the Masquers, and Rotary. The theater holds 99 people. Let's make it a sell out. Bring your friends and family. Call Hank at 222-9454 to

traced back to Pinole Valley High School. Mr. Duran brought his capable staff, **Jan Johnson**, and **Ellen Gailing** (pictured) and treated us to a PowerPoint presentation of the major Redevelopment Projects currently underway that will soon change the look of many of Richmond's streets and vistas. Focused on housing where market activity is currently strong and construction financing is independent from the City, Mr. Duran reviewed several examples of major projects including the MacDonald Avenue revitalization (both east and west ends), Terminal One condominiums, the Metro Walk (Transit Village), the North and West Shores of Marina Bay, and a variety of affordable housing projects. Thank you, Steve, for a preview of what is about to leap off the drawing boards.

Upcoming Programs

- 08/20/04 Erick Woodford Asst. Director State Dept. of Corrections
- 08/27/04 Dr .Helen Carr President CC College
- 09/18/04 Steve Weir, County Clerk
- 09/24/04 LCDR Ross Sargent, USCG, SF Vessel Traffic Service
- 10/15/04 California Attorney General Bill Lockyer

Where to Make Up

- San Rafael Mon 12:15 Seafood Peddler
- Albany Tue 12:30 Solano Grill
- El Sobrante Tue 12:15 Joe's of El Sobrante
- Berkeley Wed 12:15 His Lordships
- Hercules Wed 7:15 am Hercules Sen. CTR
- San Pablo Wed 12:15 La Strada
- El Cerrito Thu 12:15 Mira Vista G&CC
- Pinole Thu 12:30 Outback Steak House
- Vallejo Thu 12:15 World Holiday Inn

Important Dates

- 07/15/04 Board Mtg. 12 Noon Mira Vista G&CC
- 08/13/04 Club Meets at La Strada **NOT** Mira Vista
- 08/19/04 Board Mtg. 12 Noon Mira Vista G&CC
- 09/10/04 Club Meets at La Strada **NOT** Mira Vista
- 09/16/04 Masquers Dinner Theater 1
- 12/02/04 Holiday Party at Mira Vista G&CC

reserve your spot or for questions. And on August 14, remember the One Day Rotary Conference in Vacaville. The day includes plenty of activities for all the family from 9 to 5. Call Jon Lawlis for more information.

Happy/Sad \$\$\$

Leslie Levy found hope and optimism in the spirited Democratic Convention...**Ted Abreu** went to Kansas, and like Dorothy, is glad to be back...**Hank Covell** shared a very funny email from former Richmond Rotarian **Father Chris**...**Werner Schwarz** is on his way to Europe with wife Lea ... and not to be out done, **Sid Chauvin** and wife Zelpha are on their way to Las Vegas. ...**Tom Butt** reports that the Richmond City Council is on recess for the month of August, so we are all safe for at least that long.

Raffle

With a pot swollen to \$1000 plus (thanks to raffle optimists like Dave B. and Herb C.), Prez **Herb Cole** wins a free lunch and guarantees next week's lucky ticket drawer a very big win indeed. Rotarians have another opportunity to make Raffle History next week.

Time Flies Wheel (from Don H's archives): **And on this day in Richmond Rotary just fifteen years ago...** *Hank Covell announced only eight seats left to see a "Lion in Winter" for the Dinner at the Hotel Mac and Masquers Theatre and Judith Trice, Assistant City Attorney (who served as consultant on the City's cable franchise negotiations) discusses the "New Look of Cable TV in Richmond."*

Respectfully submitted,

Jan B. Nimble

Door Duty Reminder

- 08/20/04 Bell Donna Tanita Dan
- 08/27/04 Blum JoAnne Straughn Loren
- 09/03/04 Brandes Rich Stonework Stoney
- 09/10/04 Brown David Smith Ted
- 09/17/04 Brown Erle Shaper Hans
- 09/24/04 Brown Jan Schwarz Werner

Excerpts From DG Mike Garver's email

Good Morning District 5160 Leaders:

We are 12 days away from holding our first-ever One-Day District Conference.

We have changed the entire format of what a Rotary District Conference looks like and accomplishes.

1. You told us that Rotary District Conferences are too long. **WE MADE THIS A ONE -DAY EVENT.**
2. You told us District Conferences are getting too expensive. **WE LOWERED THE PRICE TO A MAXIMUM OF \$25 PER FAMILY.**
3. You told us District Conferences were boring. **WE HAVE BROUGHT IN (3)WORLD CLASS SPEAKERS AND MADE THIS AN INTERACTIVE EVENT.**
4. You told us that Rotary Conferences compete with other family needs. **WE CLEARLY MADE THIS A FAMILY EVENT.**

As of Monday morning August 2, 2004 we have 324 paid attendees. 92 of those paid attendees are children (nearly one-third). We also have 54 Intereact kids (non-paid) who will be helping us with all the family activities.

This has turned out to be a major Interact event ! Combined, we have 384 coming to our 1-day (family oriented) Rotary District Conference and we still have 12 days with more signing up each day.

Presidents...please make this a focus of your meetings this week. You have until August 7th to get your reservations and money in.

Tickets will not be sold at the Yin Ranch.

Also, please announce to those who are attending that parking passes, etc were mailed Thursday and Friday last week and a handful will be mailed this morning (Monday). The next comment is very important. Please announce that any person who has signed-up and not received a registration packet (parking ticket etc) needs to email Nancy Garver at this email address.

<mailto:msgarver@castles.com>

At 12:45 pm (Aug 14) we are going to take a giant "Family of Rotary" photograph with every person attending the conference in the photo for submission to RI. We want you to be part of this D5160 photograph that makes the front page of the "Rotarian" magazine.

Please plan to attend this year's one day District Conference on August 14 at the Yin Ranch in Vacaville if you can. Follow this link for the day's agenda and registration form.

<http://www.richmondcarotary.org/5160conf.pdf>

Tickets will not be sold at the door!