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"Service
Above
Self"

A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

Program for Friday August 20, 2004

Erick Woodford

Asst. Director State Dept. of Corrections

Mr. Woodford's career in corrections began in 1981 as a Correctional Officer at the California State Prison at San Quentin. In 1985, he was promoted to Sergeant. He transferred to the prison facility at Solano in 1986.

Later in 1986, Mr. Woodford transferred to the Parole Division. His first assignment in Parole was as a Parole Agent in the Richmond, Vallejo and Concord areas. As a Parole Agent, he supervised parolees, testified at hearings, coordinated gang and drug units and conducted surveillance and parole searches.

From 1997 until 2000, Mr. Woodford served as a Supervisor in the Richmond Parole Unit, and in 2001, worked as a Supervisor in the Concord office. As a supervisor, Mr. Woodford oversaw parole services and a staff of nine parole agents. He worked with the WESTNET (West Contra Costa Narcotics Enforcement Team) and the Richmond Police Department Parole Unit.

In 2001, Mr. Woodford was promoted to the Region II Headquarters office in Oakland where he has served as an acting Deputy Regional Administrator. Mr. Woodford's current assignment is as Employee Relations Officer and Litigation Coordinator.

Eric Woodford has a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He has also completed numerous other professional development courses, including the POST (Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training) Homicide Investigations course.

Mr. Woodford participated in surveillance activities related to both the Larry Singleton and Charles Rothenberg investigations.

Door Duty: Donna Bell and Dan Tanita

Last Week

Prez-Elect **Jon Lawlis** takes charge at La Strada in Prez Herb's absence. Following a silent prayer for peace and freedom on earth led by **Past President Stoney, Judy Morgan** led us in the pledge. And our optimistic VP Jon borrowed Sir Winston Churchill's dictionary for the thought for the day: "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

Visiting Rotarians

No Visiting Rotarians Today

Rotarians with Guests

John Troughton introduced Cory Lawrence from Cushman-Wakefield and **Bob Dabney** also brought a guest.

Sunshine Report

David K reports that **Charlie Wong** continues to improve. And **Elof Granberg** gave us the news that **Hanns Shaper** is home from the rehab center, but not yet up to visitors. Phone calls are welcome. Our thoughts and prayers stay with both Charlie and Hanns in their recoveries. At the community level, **Joe Nusbaum** noted with great sadness the loss of yet another Richmond youth to senseless violence this week and expressed the desire we all share in finding ways to bring our youth to hope and opportunity.

Recognitions

Bob Dabney thinks it's his 12th anniversary. Fortunately, his wife thinks so too. They think it was last Thursday. Happy Anniversary Bob and Cheryl. A great day 10 years ago in Richmond Rotary history, Former Prez **Horace Stonework** joined our club. In Stoney's honor, PE Jon is contributing to the Malaria Fund. **Stoney** also informed us that he and Mary Anna were married 40 years ago this coming weekend. Amazingly, Stoney was only ten at the time. Congratulations Mary Anna and Stoney!

Also Speaking

Leah Klass Rotary World Peace Scholar

Leah Klass is a native of Falls Church, Virginia. She studied at Falls Church High School and received her B.A. in Anthropology and Latin American Studies from the University of Virginia. She has participated in year-long study abroad programs, both in high school and college, in Israel and Brazil.

She has continued her education by taking mediation and conflict resolution classes through the Northern Virginia Mediation Services in Fairfax.

Her diverse work experience includes marketing and research roles for small start-ups and negotiation for global corporations in Latin America. She now uses those skills while working with the international community from her communications post at the Fairfax County Department of Family Services.

Her passion for people and exchanging knowledge, and for networking has been an influence as she has volunteered locally with teens, for the Red Cross, and Partners of the Americas. She currently uses her mediation skills as a volunteer with the Washington area bilingual conflict resolution group, REMEDE.

Ms. Klass is overjoyed to have been selected as a Rotary World Peace Scholar. She says that she will use the skills and experience gained from the program to "help people change their perspectives so that they are able to learn about differences instead of fearing them."

Program for Friday August 27, 2004

Dr. Helen Carr - President CC College

Door Duty: Joanne Blum and Loren Straughn

Program of Friday August 13, 2004

Danna Fabella



Rotary Foundation Awards

Backed by Richmond Rotary's matching contribution policy for Paul Harris first-timers, **Erle Brown** awarded **Jan Brown** (no relation) with her first Paul Harris Award. Erle also awarded a Paul Harris Second Stone Award (for \$2000 in contributions to Rotary International) to **Tom Butt** and **Ted Abreu**. Congratulations Jan, Tom and Ted.



Jan Brown becomes a Paul Harris Fellow



Tom Butt and Ted Abreu add a Sapphire to their Paul Harris pins

Badge Change

John Troughton shed his red badge for the honor of wearing a blue one today. Congratulations on your full membership in Richmond Rotary John!

Bob Dabney introduced our speaker, **Danna Fabella**, Director of the Children and Family Services Bureau of the Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services Department. Ms. Fabella has been in the field for 25 years and has taught public policy for children and families at UC Berkeley. Her years of experience provided an insightful backdrop to the complexities of providing positive intervention in the lives of children and families. This year, the County has lost 24 staff positions to State budget cuts. Working with just 230 social workers, the County knocks on the doors of some 9,000 reported households each year. 2,000 children/households actually enter the system for some form of service. There is a huge need for foster families especially of African American families in the Richmond community, since a child is best served from within his/her own school and community. Often children must be placed many miles away for lack of available foster families. Child Welfare Redesign is a new State program structured to provide more options to the social worker in resolving family crisis situations. Ms. Fabella is optimistic that partnering with other community services will assist both the social worker and the families they serve to get the help that is needed and to stay together as a family. Thank you Ms. Fabella for an enlightening perspective into a growing and critical need.

Upcoming Programs

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

Important Dates

09/10/04 Club Meets at La Strada **NOT** Mira Vista
 09/16/04 Masquers Dinner Theater
 12/02/04 Holiday Party at Mira Vista G&CC
 12/10/04 Annual Holiday Auction and Elections

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

Announcements.

See Hank Covell to get your tickets for the exciting dinner at the Mac Hotel and Ravenscroft performance at the Masquers Theater in Point Richmond. Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 16. Just \$40 per person includes dinner and the show.

Happy/Sad \$\$\$

Flanked by Russ Schultz, Ralph Hill, and John Nichol, **Hank Covell** loves sitting at a table full of Richmond High Graduates. **David Kuchenthal** is back from Montana a happy man with more big fish stories. **Rich Brandes** notes that Mark Howe deserves special recognition for his recent sailing prowess and Coast Guard altercations. And humble **Mark Howe**, sporting new facial hair and skirting the Coast Guard reference, described his remarkable fourth place Division C finish in a 12 1/2 day trip to Hawaii whose small crew included a 15 year old. And those who know the value of a good secretary can sympathize with **Leslie Levy** who is losing her really really good secretary.

Raffle

John Nichol got his 50/50 chance, to pull an orange ball and make Rotary history with one of the biggest wins in the limited memory of this writer. Instead, John graciously won a free lunch ...and the summer's raffle drama stretches to one more week.

Time Flies Wheel (from Don H's archives):

Rotary's speakers face the tough issues... just fifteen years ago this week... *Richmond Librarian, Douglas Holtzman stressed the importance of preserving our rights of free speech, noting that if everyone could have books which they feel to be offensive removed from our public libraries, then few books would remain on the shelves. And ten short years ago...Judge Peter Berger talked about the new three strikes law and its potential effects on the cost of housing more prisoners and the constitutionality of getting life in prison for stealing a bottle of shampoo.*

Respectfully submitted, **Jan B. Nimble**

Door Duty Reminder

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
10/01/04	Butt Tom	Schulze Russel
10/08/04	Cameron Tom	Schneider Tom
10/15/04	Cannon Jim	Sanders Dan