

# Flywheel

"Service  
Above  
Self"

**A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California**

**Program for Friday August 27, 2004**

**Dr. Helen Carr  
President Contra Costa College**



Dr. Helen Benjamin Carr has been president of Contra Costa College in San Pablo since 1998. She came to the Contra Costa Community College District from Texas in 1990 as Dean of Language Arts and Humanistic Studies and Related Occupations at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg. She subsequently served as vice chancellor for Educational Programs and Services at the district-level and as interim president at Los Medanos prior to assuming leadership at Contra Costa College.

Dr. Carr has a BS degree in English and Spanish from Bishop College where she graduated magna cum laude and earned her masters and doctoral degrees from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. She taught and served as department and division chair at Bishop College and Cedar Valley College in Dallas before coming to California. Dr. Carr continues to see herself as a teacher in her role as college president.

**Door Duty:** Joanne Blum and Loren Straughn

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**Last Week**

Prez-Elect **Jon Lawlis** rings the bell like a pro as Prez **Herb Cole** awaits a grandchild's arrival in Manassas, Virginia. **Don Lau** led us in the pledge. PE Jon shared 3 thoughts for the day, the best by Mary Rose of the Covenant House: There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone's life. " Followed by these pearls of cowboy wisdom. Never squat while wearing spurs and never kick a cow pie on a hot day!

**Visiting Rotarians**

Sam Holtan and Roger Osborne of the Vallejo chapter are welcomed.

**Rotarians with Guests**

**David Brown** introduced a whole table of guests whose names this scribe provides phonetically at best: Rhea Moss, a grad student at Stanford, Kato Myers of El Salvador, Monica Sardena of Czechoslovakia, Laurie Ritter, commander of Richmond Police response desk and Leah Klass, Rotary World Peace Scholar. **Richard Alexander** introduced his daughter, Lauren.

**Sunshine Report**

**David K** reported that **Charlie Wong** is home from the rehab center and welcomes phone calls. **Lauren Straughn**, while not able to attend our club at this time, is remembered for his anniversary this week (congratulations Lauren and Carole on 48 years!). And with great sadness David K. reported that **Hanns Shaper** passed away this morning. More information will follow.

**A moment of silence**

Past Pres. **Stoney** led us in a moment of silence for **Hanns Shaper** followed by a silent prayer for peace in the world.

**Recognitions**

PE **Jon Lawlis** reported that **Prez Herb** eagerly awaits the birth of his grandchild, and his son's coordinated leave from Iraq timed for the

## Program for Friday September 3, 2004

### **Candidates for Richmond City Council**

During the upcoming weeks, 15 candidates for City council will be given 10 minutes each to explain why they should be elected in November.

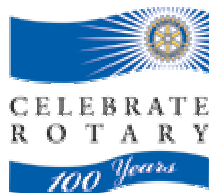
**Door Duty:** Rich Brandes and Stoney Stonework

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## Program of Friday August 20, 2004



**Jim Young** introduced **Leah Klass**, (a Virginia native) who just happened to meet our Prez Herb at Rotary in Manassas Virginia two weeks ago where she was honored. That coincidence led to Ms. Klass attending Richmond Rotary to share her eager anticipation of being a Rotary World Peace Scholar. She will be leaving for Argentina in January to learn how to affect positive change in the world, one person at a time. Thank you Ms. Klass for spreading your contagious enthusiasm both here and abroad.



milestone event. Speaking of babes and youth, **Elof Granberg** just celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup>. And **Dan Sanders** shares the same birth date, with a few years difference. Happy birthday Elof and Dan! **Judy Kafka** celebrated her anniversary to Vince in Vacationland, the great state of Maine. **Richard Alexander's** Rotary Anniversary prompted PE Jon to contribute to the Malaria fund.

### **Announcements.**

Rhonda Harris says it's time again to sign up as a Peres classroom sponsor. Sign-up Sheets will be circulated at the next meeting.

**Don't forget**, September 10 – Rotary meets at La Strada NOT Mira Vista

September 16 – The Mac Hotel & Masquerers Theater: Ravenscroft (see Hank Covell)

December 2 – Richmond Rotary Holiday Party

December 10 – Rotary Auction and Election

### **Happy/Sad \$\$\$**

**Erle Brown** reported another successful Contractors Lunch at Little Angies attended by lucky Rotary Auction bidders **Ralph Hill** and **Jim Young**. **Jim Young** learned (among other things) that the shipping container industry started right here in Richmond, and **Ralph Hill** is glad he is still alive and ready to bid again next year. **Jon Lawlis** quelled all questions about a designated driver for the event...**Richard Alexander** is happy that daughter Lauren starts school soon... Visiting Rotarian **Sam Holtan** (whose business is next door to **Stoney's** Vallejo MacDonald's) commends Richmond Rotary's meeting place for its fabulous view and welcomes Richmond Rotarians to come visit their 4 walls any time... and **Elof Granberg** expresses a heavy heart over the loss of **Hanns Shaper** as we all share another moment of silence for a departed friend...PE **Jon Lawlis** wondered where Richmond Rotarians were at the District Conference in Vacaville, but there were 800 others who enjoyed the day. Jon came away convinced of the importance to finish the drive to eradicate polio with only a nagging but persistent 2% remaining. 10 cents and 2 drops will guarantee a person's immunity to polio for life.

### **Raffle**

It's finally over...and the winner is **David Brown** who won the rights to much of his own green paper thanks to the orange ball being the only one left in the bag. Richmond Rotary's raffle drama returns to norm as summer wraps up.

**Time Flies Wheel** (from Don H's archives-soon to



**David Brown** introduced our second speaker, **Erick Woodford**, Assistant Director of State Department of Corrections, whose seasoned career in Corrections and working with parolees gave insight into the parole agent's work. With a caseload ranging from 40 (at risk) to 90 parolees to 1 parole agent, it is the Parole program's purpose to protect the public and reintegrate the parolee back into society. State law dictates specifically the geographic region a parolee must be located. One of the greatest needs is for more local housing and employment programs. The Richmond Rescue Mission, Rubicon, East Bay Works, and Discovery House are among local programs that provide limited housing or employment opportunity. While Oakland and Concord have literacy programs, there is no literacy program in Richmond. Mr. Woodford welcomed ideas from business leaders in setting up programs suited to their business, and judging from the crowd surrounding him after his talk, ideas and questions are in abundance. Thank you Mr. Woodford for giving Richmond Rotary the benefit of your experience and understanding.

**Upcoming Programs**

- 09/10/04 Richmond City Council Candidates
- 09/17/04 Steve Weir, County Clerk
- 09/24/04 LCDR Ross Sargent, USCG, SF Vessel Traffic Service
- 10/15/04 California Attorney General Bill Lockyer

stretch to 20 years): **Fifteen years ago this week...** *Ren Partridge and Don Miller won the raffle... Elof Granberg promised a slideshow on the history of Richmond Rotary... and Joe Nusbaum was fined for crediting Don Hardison as the architect for the Richmond Civic Center (actually the work of famed San Francisco architect Phlueger)* **And ten short years ago...** *John (Happy-Dollars) Nicol's son was on TV receiving a Teacher of the Year award..*

Respectfully submitted, **Jan B. Nimble**

**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

**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 Russell
10/08/04	Cameron Tom	Schneider Tom
10/15/04	Cannon Jim	Sanders Dan
10/22/04	Chauvin Sid	Reina Father Nick
10/29/04	Lawlis Jon	Reid Bill

**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