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A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

Program for Friday November 26, 2004

No Meeting

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**



Program for Friday December 3, 2004

Cliff Dochterman

Past President, Rotary International



Come hear Cliff Dochterman speak to us about Rotary. We will be joined by the El Cerrito club for today's grand event..

Door Duty: Dan Ercolini and Joe Nusbaum

Last Week

Crowds thronged to the Mira Vista Country Club where Prez Elect **Jonathon Lawlis** took over and **Mark Howe** prepared to tell us all the adventures of White Fang. Former Prez Horace **Stoney** Stonework kept us true to a traditional silent prayer for freedom and peace on earth, **Tom Butt** led us in the pledge to the flag and **John Nicol** gave us the brilliant wit of Doctor Seuss: "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

Visiting Rotarians

Welcome to **Blaine Davis**, visiting from El Cerrito Rotary.

Sunshine Report

Jim Bates had back surgery last week but Rich Brandes reports his recovery will remarkably coincide with a trip to Mexico next week. We wish you the best, Jim.

Dan Ercolini's father was in a serious auto accident over the weekend. Our prayers are with your dad and family, Dan.

Recognitions

We all celebrate **Elof Granberg's** 43rd anniversary with Richmond Rotary. **Judy Morgan**, Executive Director of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, presented a certificate of gratitude to Richmond Rotary for having been a member of the Chamber for 51 of its 80 years. **Charlie Fender** fessed up to a birthday coming up this week. Happy birthday Charlie, and congratulations Elof.



Announcements.

Rhonda Harris reported that volunteer readers for Peres School last week were in abundance (thanks to 1 Rotarians and San Ramon High School's student body per **Dan E's** report). Richmond Rotary delivered

Program of Friday November 19, 2004

Mark Howe The Trans Pac Race



Richmond Rotary's own **Mark Howe** gave a fascinating slide show and description of the adventure he and his crew experienced last summer. Sailing from Point Richmond on June 29, Mark and his experienced crew sailed White Fang to Hawaii in the West Marine Pacific Cup. The White Fang finished a respectable fourth place out of 8 other boats in the same class after 12.5 days at sea.



Mark described the joys (like catching a whopping 30 lb fish), the trials (like progressing 1 mile in 14 hours at the Farrallon Islands) and keeping good humor in close quarters for 12 days. Of particular interest is the Global Positioning System (GPS) that is now commonplace for all navigation. Mark proudly notes the popularity of Point Richmond among accomplished international sailors. Mark's own sailing prowess gives us all bragging rights by association. Thank you Mark for sharing your experience with us.

blankets and 2 new Dell computers with printers that were greatly appreciated. One computer was awarded to a lucky Peres Raffle winner at the reading night and a Peres Spirit of Excellence student will receive the other one. **Prez – Elect Jon** also announced that **Rhonda Harris** has agreed to pull together 35 (or so) baskets for teen age mother's at our local high schools. She has come up with the idea and will make it a reality with preparation and delivery. Rotary's Board has agreed to match funds up to \$1000 for contributions towards the basket contents. See Rhonda to make a contribution. Rotary's Board also announces its support of Verde School's Holiday party celebration with \$400. Rotarians can also contribute by bringing unwrapped new toys (suitable for preschool through 6th grade) or gently used warm clothing (like coats) to Rotary's Holiday party . . . and speaking of The Holiday Party : it is December 2nd at the Mira Vista Country Club from 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm. \$75 each or \$150 per couple. An elegant evening with a chorus and jazz ensemble from Pinole High School (well worth the cost of admission!) the semi-formal attire evening is a return to fine traditions of Holidays past. Don't miss it. Meanwhile, **Jim Beaver** proved to be alive and well and ready (with **Don Lau**) for Rotary's biggest fundraiser of the year, the Annual Auction on December 10. **Rich Brandes** gave us a taste of just one outstanding donation from the Frequent Flying Brandes family: How does a 5 day stay in Tipperary, Ireland at a lakeside vacation cottage (including round trip air transportation for 2) sound? The period of stay at the cottage is Saturday 9 April through Thursday 14 April. . . There will be NO meeting next week for Thanksgiving... then El Cerrito Rotary will combine with Richmond on December 3 to hear Past Rotary International President and popular speaker Cliff Dochterman.

Happy/Sad \$\$\$

Elof Granberg mentioned a tantrum ... **Stoney** happily announces that the Malaria Fund has a new sponsor through a high school teacher in San Luis Obispo... **David K** misses fishing ... **Jim Beaver** has been traveling, but there's no place like home ... Old Blue **Charlie Fender** cheers for Cal and the weekend's Big Game... **Jim Young, David Brown,** and Dr. Seuss are among many who admire the likes of Elof Granberg ... **Rhonda Harris** builds foundations just for starters with 3 new homes passing inspection!... **Erle Go Bears Brown** is quietly being loudly superstitious about Big Game... and **Jonathon Lawlis** will happily be on his way to Mexico around kick off time.

Important Dates

12/02/04 Holiday Party at Mira Vista G&CC
12/03/04 Past President of RI – Cliff Dochterman
12/10/04 Annual Holiday Auction and Elections
12/16/04 Board Meeting – 12 noon Mira Vista G&CC
01/23/05 – 01/24/05 Annual Reno Train Trip
See John Nicol for info

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

Raffle

George Egan picks the lucky free lunch.

Respectfully submitted, Jan B. Nimble

Door Duty Reminder

11/26/04 **No Meeting**
12/03/04 Ercolini Dan Nusbaum Joe
12/10/04 Fender Charlie Ninomiya Dave
12/17/04 Fenley Michael Nicol John
12/24/04 **No Meeting**
12/31/04 **No Meeting**

Upcoming Programs

11/26/04 No Meeting
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