



# Flywheel

"Service  
Above  
Self"

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

### Program for Friday July 16, 2004

#### Mike Kutsuris

Mike, a 44 year member of Rotary, will speak of some unusual and humorous experiences he has had as a Rotarian

**Door Duty:** Paul Allen and Mike Winter

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### Program for Friday July 23, 2004

#### Michael Fenley

Our own Michael Fenley will talk to us about the goings on at Hilltop Mall

**Door Duty** George Alvarez and Paul Washington

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### Program of Friday Junly 9, 2004

#### Transforming Our High Schools Initiative



#### Last Week

**Prez Herb Cole's** reign continues with the clarity of a bell and a silent prayer for freedom and peace on earth led by former **Prez Stoney**. A pledge of allegiance to the flag was followed by **Sid Chauvin's** sobering quote attributed to Clarence Darrow: "I've never killed a man but I've read many obituaries I've enjoyed. "

#### Visiting Rotarians

**Neil Wells** with El Cerrito Rotary was a welcomed guest in his own town

#### Rotarians with Guests

**Sid Chauvin** introduced his guest and wife, Zelpha

#### Sunshine Report

**David Kuchenthal** is back to deliver his Sunshine Report, where the warmth of the sun is needed this week. That would be with the Wong and King families. **Charlie Wong** suffered a sever stroke but is in rehab and making good progress. Rotarian Scouts Jon Lawlis and Werner Schwarz report that Charlie is Charlie. We pray for his quick recovery. With great sadness, David K reported the passing of Rotarian **Dick King** last Tuesday after a long illness. A wake and celebration of his life are scheduled for this next Tuesday. Contact Jon Lawlis for details.

#### Recognitions

Congratulations to the lovebirds: **Werner Schwarz** is a lucky man to have a wife like Lea. They celebrated yet another anniversary and Werner reports something to the effect that it seems like only 2 1/2 years. **Josh Genser** and Allaina also celebrated an anniversary but somehow it's their son who is in France, the country of romance.

#### Announcements.

**Jonathan Lawlis** reminds us to save the date and come to the Rotary Conference in Vacaville on

**Bill Dabney** introduced a deep subject on High School Reform and today's double-bill speakers. **Tammy Dowley-Blackman** is a consultant who is guiding our community through the first stages of an initiative known as the Transforming Our High Schools Initiative. It is a window of opportunity granted (belatedly when another district faltered) to the West Contra Costa County School District through a grant from the Gates Foundation and matched by the State. It challenges us to come together as five communities under one educational system...and develop a united vision for our schools and our children. Mission impossible? Not if you ask **Josh Genser**, also our speaker and Chair of the Blue Ribbon Committee that was established to gather community input to find the common ground from which a five-year plan can unfold. The Richmond Chamber is serving as the business partner in this community endeavor. Now is the time to voice your views and perhaps, more importantly, to listen to the views of others. Community meetings will be advertised in the West County Times soon. For more information, go to <http://www.highschoolreform.org/>.

### Upcoming Programs

#### 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    |

#### Door Duty Reminder

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| 07/30/04 | Bagley Joe   | Wallace Bart     |
| 08/06/04 | Bates Jim    | Troughton John   |
| 08/13/04 | Beaver Jim   | Teaderman Stan   |
| 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   |

August 14. From 8 to 5 there's LOTS to do at this impressive ranch. Jon will get his Power Point working soon to show us. **Prez Herb** reports that the elegant Holiday Party (revived by Stoney) will return in grand style on December 2. Put it on your calendar.

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

**Dan Ercollini** and his wife just returned from an Alaska cruise with all smiles. **Sid Chauvin** is happy his wife Zelpha has two healthy happy feet (and proudly brought her as his guest)...**Josh Genser** reminded everyone about the Point Richmond Music Festival...**Dan Tanita** proudly reports that the Peres/Nystrom Dental Clinic served 300 children with free dental work. Soon they will double their service capacity with the addition of a second dental chair. ... And good news for Peres and for Richmond Rotary: **Rhonda Harris** has agreed to be our new Peres School Project Coordinator... **Prez Cole** reminds us that there is also a Major Cole serving in Iraq by sharing his son's latest War Notes email that reflects the human side of what we don't read in the papers.

#### Raffle

The club won the raffle pull and then a free lunch. How so? Because an ingenious Rotarian figured that a club ticket should go into the pot each week.

#### Time Flies Wheel

(from Don H's archives): *And on this day in Richmond Rotary just ten short years ago... according to bad editor Don 'the cleaver' Lau under the reign of Prez Doug Straus ...Tom Butt announced that he will be hosting a Bar-B-Q at his home for the parents of our high school exchange student...lumber tycoon Ralph Hill was nabbed for selling a piece of property for a mere \$3 mill... and Leslie Levy gave a bib to Dave Kuchenthal who also contributed for his messy eating habits.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan B. Nimble

#### 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