



# Flywheel

"Service Above Self"

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

### Program for Friday October 1, 2004

#### Richmond City Council Candidates

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**Door Duty:** Tom Butt and Russ Schulze

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**No Meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>  
Club will meet at His Lordships jointly with  
Berkeley on October 6<sup>th</sup> for DG Mike Garver's  
Visit**

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**Door Duty:** Tom Cameron and Tom Schneider

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### Program of Friday September 24, 2004

**LCDR Ross Sargent**



Former Aggies **David Brown** and **Rich Brandes** fought for

#### Last Week

With Captain **Herb Cole** at the helm, past Captain **Stoney** offered a silent prayer for World Peace. **George Egan** led the pledge and veteran ship secretary **Joe Nusbaum** offered this timely political thought for the day (by Andrew Lang): "He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp posts . . . for support rather than illumination."

#### Visiting Rotarians

There were no visiting Rotarians.

#### Rotarians with Guests

**Joe Nusbaum** was joined by his lovely wife Ann. **Dan Ercolini** introduced his new friend George Harris with the West Contra Costa County School Board. **Bob Dabney** introduced his friend David Brown (not to be confused with our own Past Pres.), and a candidate for School Board. **Gloria Johnston** brought Lance Jackson once again as her guest. Welcome to all.

#### Sunshine Report

**David K**, reports sunshine.

#### Recognitions

#### Announcements.

Pres. Herb announced that our Club will be meeting in Berkeley on October 6 in place of our usual meeting on October 8. Sign up by next week so that the Berkeley Club will know the head count. Lunch is \$15.

Richmond Rotary has agreed to assist a new weekend getaway club called ESCAPE. It is organized by Adams Junior High teachers to help students getaway on weekend field trips. **Bud Martin** was the lucky bidder for an Escape tee shirt. Rotary funding will pay for the gasoline of Escape's well-planned outings.

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

**Bob Dabney**, just back from a glorious vacation with family, is grateful for his dear mother-in-law who made the trip possible, but sad at her having landed in the hospital before the trip's completion. . . . The Calfees must be pretty darn good Bridge Players. How else can you explain **Judy Kafka's** triumphant glow

the rights to introduce our speaker, **Ross Sargent**, a former Aggie himself, a member of the Bar, and currently a Lt. Commander of the Coast Guard. He is one of those overseeing the Vessel Traffic Service (VTS), headquartered on Angel Island. Mr. Sargent gave us a fascinating history and accounting of how a mix of recreation and industry vessels manage to avoid each other in one of the most popular waterways in the world. A tragic accident in 1971 under the Golden Gate prompted the regulations and the present Ports and Waterway Safety Act. The Bay has 1500 to 1800 marine events each year. The VTS is responsible for enforcing the safety protocols for every ship. A communications buoy located 10 miles out in the Pacific is the first control point for incoming traffic. And for our Rotary's weekend skippers, Mr. Sargent had one friendly reminder: RULE 9...the one that says small vessels may NOT impede the passage of a large one (that takes a mile to stop) in a channel. Sheepish grins were evident among our more seasoned sailors.

Thank you Ross Sargent for an impressive presentation.

### We Done Good Department



Last year while George Egan was International Director, we were instrumental in raising funds for a trade school at the St. Frances Orphanage in Deva,

and happy dollars? ...**Dan Ercolini**, still reeling from the loss of his mother last week, is sad to report yet another family loss with the passing of his father's twin sister last week. (Once again, Dan, our condolences.) ...And **Josh Genser** is glad that his mom is getting a pacemaker so she won't miss a beat. He's also hopeful that Stanford beats USC....And for once, **Erle GoBears Brown** is in agreement with the man in red. Now that everyone else is back from vacation, **Gloria Johnston** finally gets to take one as she cruises the Mexican Riviera with friends. **Stoney** is happy to be going sailing with Mark Howe this weekend and invites all to join him for a couple hours on the bay with our much heralded skipper. And in an unusual political plea in behalf of small businesses like his, **Stoney** urges a no vote on prop 72 in November.

### Special Recognition

Erle Brown presented **Charlie Fender** with his Paul Harris 3 pin with 2 gorgeous stones for having contributed over \$3000 to the Foundation Fund. Congratulations Charlie and thank you for your generosity!

### Raffle

With a pot of \$239, **Josh Genser** was the lucky winner who is in the black for having picked the orange ball. Congratulations Josh.

Time Flies Wheel (from Don H's archives): **Fifteen years ago this week...** *Terry Clark issued an invitation to Richmond Rotarians to come to El Cerrito High on 10-13-89 to view all of the changes being implemented by School Superintendent Dr Marks' District Wide Plan. And, coincidentally, Chairman of the Day Dan Tanita, introduced Sara Hoffman, Solid Waste Manager of Contra Costa County, who*

Respectfully submitted, Jan B. Nimble



Romania. Follow this link for more pictures.

<http://devaschool.homestead.com>



**Door Duty Reminder**

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

**Upcoming Programs**

10/15/04 California Attorney General Bill Lockyer  
 10/22/04 Council Candidates Soto, Osborn and Mclaulin  
 10/29/04 Council Candidates Marquez, Casendorf and Bell  
 11/05/04 Louis Reynaud Asst Coach for Cal Basketball

**Important Dates**

10/06/04 10/08 Meeting at His Lordships in Berkeley  
 10/08/04 No meeting  
 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
3 Vallejo	Thu	12:15	World Holiday Inn

