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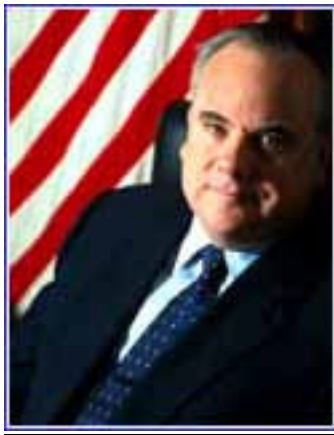
Program for Friday October 6, 2004

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

Door Duty:

Program for Friday October 15, 2004

California Attorney General Bill Lockyer



Door Duty: Jim Cannon and Dan Sanders

Program for Friday October 22, 2004

Richmond City Council Candidates

During the upcoming weeks, 15 candidates for City council will be given 10 minutes each to explain why they should be elected in November. Today Council Candidates Soto, Osborne and McLaulin speak to us.

Door Duty: Tom Cameron and Tom Schneider

Last Week

On another beautiful day, Prez **Herb Cole** opens Richmond Rotary's first meeting in October. Former Prez **Stoney** offers a silent prayer for World Peace, and Jim Young invites us all to pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. **John Nicol's** thought for the day is a history lesson: 96 years ago today the first Model T rolled off Henry Ford's assembly line

Visiting Rotarians

There were no visiting Rotarians.

Rotarians with Guests

Sunshine Report

No David K. report, but plenty of sunshine is forecast.

Recognitions

Announcements.

Richmond Rotary's own **Richard Alexander** leads us in a very real pledge of allegiance, as his service with the Navy is reactivated. Stationed in Chicago, Richard's work is in intelligence. And around this time 7 years ago, **Judy Kafka** became a Richmond Rotarian. We applaud you Richard and congratulations Judy.

Happy/Sad \$\$\$

Henry Kelman reports that after 32 years in the business, last month was his largest sales month ever! This makes both Henry and the IRS happy. **Judy Kafka** reports that Richmond Rotary's former nominee for Rotary's Youth Achievement Scholarship recently received an Award for Excellence in Business at the University of Nevada in Reno. Thirty years ago on October 7, **Horace 'Stoney' Stonework** joined the MacDonalds enterprise (and it's never been the same since). Twenty years ago, **Dr. Dan Tanita** recalls that he joined Richmond Rotary. A fit 55, he's pleased to report that the dreaded medical test is behind him. **Rich Brandes** applauds Chevron for its generosity in its offer to the City of Richmond for the purchase of Point Molate. And in true auctioneer style (with thanks to the generosity of Club members), **David Brown** 1 magically turned an impressive 21 \$100 Peres School Classroom Adoptions into a complete 31.

Program of Friday October 1, 2004

Candidates for Richmond City Council Program

Editor's Note:

We were fortunate to be able to hear from Council Candidate Kathy "Storm" Scharff. Candidate Black and incumbent candidate Council member Tom Butt were also scheduled to speak. Butt was unable to speak because he was called away on special city business (You've probably heard that ChevronTexaco has increased its offer for Pt. Malote to \$80 million). We do not know why Candidate Black did not show up.

Prez Heb introduced Ace Candidate Speaker Organizer (and cat herder) Bob Dabney who then introduced today's only candidate speaker, Kathy "Storm" Scharff.

Candidate Scharff immediately demonstrated her pluck and sense of humor with a quick semi-political reference to Dan Tanita's most recent medical examination, which we are not going to quote in its entirety because of our concern that it might be unfairly used against Ms Scharff. (*Members are reminded that you need to "be here" if you want to hear the good stuff.*)

"Storm" is a current resident of East Richmond Height and comes to our local government through the Neighborhood Council system and her deep concern over the budget driven reduction in the city's public safety staff (and has been endorsed by the Richmond police Officers Assoc.). She says she was "lucky" to be able to retire early which allows the time to consider the city's issues and opportunities in some detail. Storm's written literature cites the following qualifications:

- "25 years Deputy City Manager, Fresno CA.
- 5 years Lauderdale Hospital Administrator.
- 4 years volunteer service, Fresno County deputy sheriff Police Reserve Officer
- Vice President East Richmond Neighborhood Council."

Candidate Scharff's literature cites the following "answers" for Richmond issues:

- Recruit nationally for a qualified City Manager to clean up the mess in City Hall. *Opposed to 'hire Richmond first' promise made by many candidates.*

Raffle

Elof Granberg is the lucky winner of a free lunch.

Time Flies Wheel (from Don H's archives): **Ten years ago this week... Judy Morgan** was chairperson of the day and as a member of the delegation to Richmond's new sister city of Zhoushan, Sehjiang, China, shared her own experiences along with other delegates including Irma Anderson, **Jim Cannon**, Tom Bates, and Linda Harris. A MacDonald's tee shirt from China became the day's big auction item.

Respectfully submitted, Jan B. Nimble and Jim Young

Door Duty Reminder

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
Vallejo	Thu	12:15 World Holiday Inn



- Place on the ballot a City Charter Amendment mandating a thorough annual independent audit of all City accounts.
- Restore public access to the City records, budgets, contracts, etc., which the citizens are legally entitled to view.
- Pledges to use 30 years of public & hospital administration experience to help restore City services to the citizenry.
- Pledges to practice honest, prudent, conservative fiscal responsibility for all Richmond taxpayers.

During her presentation to the club, Storm made these additional points:

She is a taxpayer advocate.

- The City can not afford the “Rolls Royce” benefits system currently provided to the city’s employees.
- Given the afore mentioned un-affordability, she would, “...cut costs, not jobs.”
- She noted that recent city management has bragged that Richmond has the highest paid staff in the Bay Area, and, the city is a major user of outside, expensive consultants. Storm said you can’t have it both ways. If you have the highest paid staff, they should have the highest experience and expertise, making high paid ‘expert consultants’ unnecessary.
- The city should operate its budget, “pay-as-you-go”.

Because there were no other candidates and the consequential time constraint on speaking, Prez Herb opened the floor for questions. Storm answered those questions with the same pluck she introduced herself:

Q = What other council candidates do you support in the election?

A = I haven endorsed any other candidate. Not sure who else I’d support, but, “I’m a team builder”.

Q = What’s your position on casinos and Pt. Molate?

A = Want to get the most bang for the buck with Pt. Molate development in a rapidly changing set of proposals.

Q = What’s your position on the 10% utility tax?

A = It should be user friendly. *Note, this answer is incomplete, but it’s all I captured. Storm’s comments in the aggregate suggested at lease a sensitivity to the problems this tax and other city policies created for the business community.*

Q + Do you know Robert’s Rules of Order (*believed to be a reference to the general chaos associated with the typical city council meeting*)?

A = I’m not an expert at Robert’s Rules but I do know how to organize and run a public meeting including working cooperatively with other council members to get things done.

Q = How will you respond to al the vested interest and issues that is the grist of daily Richmond politics?

A = I have no vested interests or commitments. I think the character of council members and city leaders is the prime issue in dealing with public verses vested interests.

Council Candidate Kathy “Storm” Scharff concluded her presentation noting she is a “bottom line person”.

Speaking metaphorically she said, “Righting the ship is the problem. We need to solve our economic problems”. Storm asked the members for their support in November.

