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Above  
Self"

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

**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 Marquez, Casendorf and Bell speak to us.

**Door Duty:** Jon Lawlis and Bill Reid

**Program for Friday November 5, 2004**

**Louis Reynaud Asst Coach for Cal Basketball**

**Door Duty:** Hank Covell and Troy Pewitt

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**Richmond City Council Candidates**

This program is the next to last in the series of Richmond City Council candidates and we can thank Bob Dabney for the effort he put into organizing the effort. Bob introduced the two speakers noting it is unusual to have native sons and contemporaries vying for the honor of serving the public who are also new to the local political process, and with that he introduced Eddrick Osborn.

**As an editors note, quotes (“...”)** will only be used when I’m pretty damn certain the candidate said the quoted statement or if a written statement has been provided by the candidate. Paraphrasing will be written as narrative text. If possible, candidate points will be summarized in bullet points. If editorial comment is used at all it will be in italics. Corky Booze, the Linden La Rouche of Richmond politics was invited to speak but was a no-show. Phone Phlix of the two candidates are provided and apologies for their poor quality are given here under the banner, “Ain’t technology wonderful, when it works”. Speaking of technology, recording problems will preclude massive quotes, but both these gentleman have extensive websites. Members are invited to visit them for more and probably ore accurate information;

Eddrick Osborne – <http://www.osborneforcouncil.org/>  
Andres Soto – <http://www.andressoto.net/>

**Last Week**

**Prez Herb** began the meeting of the politically aware, thoughtful and courteous Richmond Rotary Club by not asking past **Pres Stony** for the invocation, as he was absent. But we had a Silent Prayer for Freedom and Peace anyway (God knows we need it). Pres Herb then asked **Mike Winter**, to lead the members in the Pledge of Alliance. **Gorgeous George Egan** (the udder delight of Olema, in another life) provided today’s words of wisdom, again inspired by the presence of our guest candidates for Richmond City Council, “If you have integrity nothing else matters. If you don’t have integrity, nothing else matters”.

**Visiting Rotarians**

None today

**Rotarians with Guests**

**John Nicol** introduced his son the middle school teacher, Scott, who said he came today to hear his old school chum and Richmond City Council candidate “Andy” Soto.**Bob Dabney** introduced his guest Roberto Reyes who works with homeless youth providing transitional housing and shelter

**Recognitions**

Prez Herb then asked **Bud (Warren) Martin** what happened 41 years ago? Bud said he joined the Richmond Rotary followed closely by his good friend John Nicol. *Given all of Bud’s consequential good works and survival of many train trips to Reno, and, having not yet graduated from high school, the writer was suitably impressed*

**Sunshine Report**

As previously reported, David K. is fishing. And while there was plenty of sunshine, there was no Sunshine Report. Prez Herb did observe (again) that it was real good to see Charlie Wong.

**Announcements.**

**Prez Herb** announced that the Board of Directors had approved a \$2,000 addition to the Peres School Project Fund as requested by Project Leader **Rhonda Harris**.

*As a side-bar issue the writer notes that he has learned, in the most unexpectedly diplomatic manner, that not all members were delighted with the Candidates Forum Series. That now almost behind us, all members are invited to nominate individuals and topics for speaker consideration. Introductions to topical, interesting, controversial, or as Paris Hilton would say, "hot" speaker candidates, would be especially appreciated.*

**Eddrick Osborne** began by sighting his local credentials"

- Raised in Parchester Village.
- Graduate of Richmond High School in 1985
- Past member of the Parchester Village Neighborhood Council.
- Long time, based on his 35 years, employee of the Kaiser Optical Laboratory, a venerable institution he characterized as the, "...makers of Class 1 medical devices with a hint of fashion".
- Husband, father and Richmond homeowner.

Sighting his most significant accomplishments to date Osborne described major contributions he has made at Kaiser that have also benefited the City of Richmond:

- A major participant in the Kaiser decision to move the optical laboratory from Berkeley to Richmond. Since that decision's success, two other Kaiser facilities have moved to the Marina Park area bringing 400 jobs to Richmond.
- Working on the Kaiser labor-management negotiating teams developed the Issues Resolution Plan and the current Employee Incentive Plan. These plans have become industry wide models in healthcare. Osborne noted that he has actually lectured on these plans to graduate management students at MIT.

Asking the rhetorical question, "why run and why me?", Osborne said he likes to jump into problems. Eddrick feels his labor negotiation back with Kaiser will help him promote civil discourse about the city's many real issues. Eddrick then shared the insight that, "Change (in Richmond) will only come through civil discourse." He said if everyone agrees there will be no change, and, suggested that if the Council's historic contentiousness continues there will also be no change.

Noting that he is optimistic about Richmond's future as well as committed to bringing people together. Osborne listed the following primary issues facing the City:

- The Budget Crisis.
- Public Education, and,
- Political coalition building.

Eddrick concluded his presentation with reference to Rotary's Four Way Test (the second candidate to do so). Cut short by the clock, He said that a Representative Office must be committed to the Truth. Eddrick clearly knew his audience.

Prez Herb went on to say that he has never seen anyone as involved and committed as Rhonda was the other night, passing our the Rotary checks to the teachers at Peres.

PREZ Herb asked Rhonda to tell the members about all the fun she had passing out those checks. Rhonda said it felt "real good" passing out all those "fat envelopes". Rhonda noted that she'd been to Peres to get the lists of all the material and equipment the teachers need. "The Club's contribution won't get all the big things, but it will make a real contribution to the many small but essential supplies". Rhonda also asked for volunteers to read at the Story Time Reading Night November 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Rhonda at <mailto:rred7@msn.com> for more information and to volunteer.

Past Prez and Current Teasz **David Brown** reminded the members that there were four \$100 pledges for Peres classrooms made a couple of weeks ago, but three \$100 checks have NOT passed through his hands on their way to the Peres Designated Fund. The Donors were asked to jog their memories and otherwise step forward, checks in hand payable to Richmond Rotary, memo line "Peres Classroom Sponsorship"

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

**Josh G.** had Happy Dollars because he just had the golfing day of his life at the Presidio in the Judges and Lawyers Tournaments. He won the tournament AND won two of the "Closest to the Hole" competitions.

**Hank C.** had \$5 Happy Dollars for being able to participate in the Salesian High School Silent Auction. Hank said that beside having a delightful evening, he was able to watch the Salesians raise \$19,000.

**PREZ Herb** congratulated **Father Nick** on the great gate and Father Nick said that he had Happy Dollars for the success of the raffle and auction. But, Sad Dollars too because he learned this week that he had endorsed a Candidate for Richmond City Council that he did not know about. *One wonders if this might be evidence of divine intervention...Richmond City Council?... probably not!* Gorgeous **George Egan** was happy to hear Bud Martin's anniversary story Dollars, as it made him remember 1963, the year he flunked draft dodger school and was off to Vietnam. **Prez Herb** (*who the writer will confirm, based on certain e-mails, may be one of the greatest sentimentalists of all time*) also had Happy reminiscent Dollars about 1963, being a teacher and single and in Texas and not necessarily in that order.

### **Raffle**

The gods and goddesses of chance smiled upon Rhonda Harris when her name was drawn for the raffle. But alas, the smile turned to a simper when the orange ball turned white and then, into a free lunch.

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Your Acting Editor,  
Jim Young

The writer again notes that

<http://www.osborneforcouncil.org/> is a good website with far more information about Osborne’s platform than will fit here.

**Bob Dabney then introduced City Council Candidate Andres Soto.**

Andres is a second generation resident of Richmond. His grand father is an immigrant from Mexico and came to Richmond via Chicago where he did not like the corrupt political atmosphere. Soto graduated from Richmond HS in 1973 and was, “...a band kid.”, crediting the school’s music program with motivating him to successfully complete high school. Soto then pursued a career in music. After several years he concluded it was a great way to live but an unpredictable living. He then attended Cal graduating in Political Science in 1982.

Speaking of his accomplishments and experience in Richmond, Soto sighted his work in 1986 with the Youth Violence Prevention Council and their effort to identify 38 federally licensed gun dealers who were selling guns out of their homes illegally in West County. Soto reminded the members that there were 55 murders in Richmond in 1986 compared to 30 this year. Stating that the current murder rate is bad (and on the rise) it is much improved over the ‘80s and a good example how public action and law, “...removing the instruments of death...”, can improve community safety. Describing other accomplishments in and around Richmond Soto mentioned:

- His role as leader of the “first ever” Cinco de Mayo Concert at Cal when he was a student.
- Working as a Job Developer for the City of Richmond through 1991, and;
- Working for the Trauma Foundation (in violence and gun control issues), “...taking down the power of the right wing extremist organizations like the NRA (National Rifle Association)”.

Soto asked the rhetorical question, “Why am I running (for City Council)” and answered:

- Because of my 25 years in the community.
- For the schools.
- For new blood.
- For a fresh start in the Richmond Progressive Alliance, policies and politics.
- To sponsor Full City Charter Review.
- To make the City more efficient and accountable, and;
- Because the people want significant change.

Andres Soto asked the members for their support November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*The members are again advised to visit Soto’s extensive website <http://www.andressoto.net/> for more, possibly more accurate, information about his platform, opinions and proposals*

**Door Duty Reminder**

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| 10/29/04 | Lawlis Jon        | Reid Bill      |
| 11/05/04 | Covell Hank       | Pewitt Troy    |
| 11/12/04 | Dabney Bob        | Pelanne Markuu |
| 11/19/04 | Egan George       | Partridge Ren  |
| 11/26/04 | <b>No Meeting</b> |                |
| 12/03/04 | Ercolini Dan      | Nusbaum Joe    |
| 12/10/04 | Fender Charlie    | Ninomiya Dave  |
| 12/17/04 | Fenley Michael    | Nicol John     |
| 12/24/04 | <b>No Meeting</b> |                |
| 12/31/04 | <b>No Meeting</b> |                |

**Upcoming Programs**

- 10/29/04 Council Candidates Marquez, Casendorf and Bell
- 11/05/04 Louis Reynaud Asst Coach for Cal Basketball
- 12/03/04 Past President of RI – Cliff Doctorman

**Important Dates**

- 11/18/04 Board Meeting – 12 noon Mira Vista G&CC
  - 12/02/04 Holiday Party at Mira Vista G&CC
  - 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**

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|-------------|-----|---------|----------------------|
| 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    |

