



Flywheel



SERVICE Above Self

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A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

Program for Friday January 6, 2006

Tom Waller



Tom Waller talks about his service on, and the non-classified technical aspects of Boomers, strategic nuclear missile submarines.

Program for Friday January 13, 2006

“Boy Scouts of America in the 21st Century”



Former Richmond Rotarian Tom Schneider talks about scouting in general and West County scouting opportunities in particular.



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*Richmond Rotary
meets every Friday
12:30 at the
beautiful Mira
Vista Golf and
Country Club*

Door Duty

1/6
Stoney Stonework
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1/13
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1/20
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1/27
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2/3
Bart Wallace
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2/10
George Alvarez

2/17
John Wilson
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2/24
Mike Winter
Rich Alexander

Where to Make Up

Mon 12:15 Seafood
Peddler, San Rafael

Tue 12:30 Solano Grill
Albany

Tue 12:15 Elks Club
El Sobrante

Wed 12:15 His Lordships
Berkeley

Wed 7:15am Hercules
Senior Center, Hercules

Wed 12:15 La Strada
San Pablo

Thu 12:15 Mira Vista
G&CC, El Cerrito

Thu 12:30 Outback Steak
House, Pinole

Thu 12:15 World Holiday
Inn, Vallejo

Boy, we accomplished a lot during the first 6 months of this Rotary year. Here is a chronology of events.

July

The Nigerian Medical Mission received \$172.50 thanks to the generous donation of Elof's raffle winnings to the club.

August

August saw Richmond Rotary return to the community in a hands on way. Community Service Director Joe Bags organized a very successful Chicago Style Hot Dog Stand for the City's Centennial Festival. The Richmond Rotary Banner was held high during the Centennial Parade. New member Nick Despota designed a fabulous insert for the Richmond Chamber's newsletter to help raise awareness of Rotary in our community. We also participated in a multi-club special insert into the Leshar newspapers for Contra cost and Alameda Counties.

Tracy Giles from the El Cerrito Rotary Club was presented a \$1000 check to support RotoVision and \$500 went to help the kids in the Portola Middle School Music Program

September

Hurricane Katrina Strikes the Gulf Coast!
In just one week Richmond Rotarians responded to the call for help by raising \$12615 for hurricane relief! While may also gave individually to large worthy organizations like the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, the Board tried spend the funds in ways we could hope to make a direct impact as a club. \$5000 was given to help several relocated families for food, lodging and necessities. The Lavonya DeJean Middle School Special Education Program was given \$500 to assemble backpacks for kids in the Gulf region. \$1000 went to the Baldwin County Alabama School District to help families in need. This amount was matched by Lisa Brandes' foundation. \$1000 went to our neighboring Pinole Rotary Club to help a family relocated to Hercules and \$950 went to Shelterbox USA to supply one Shelterbox that would temporarily house up to ten people. Last but not least was a donation to Rotary International's Donor Advised Funds to be distributed to local clubs in the Gulf States for individual projects that there will be many of.

We also had some fun in September. Hank Covell put together the annual Masquers Dinner Theatre event. We had a big turn out for dinner at the Mac and the play "Enchanted April" at the theater. We had so much fun that next year should be a sell out!²

Upcoming Programs

Jan 13

"Boy Scouts of America in the 21st Century"
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Raffle

While there were many lucky free lunch winners in the first 6 months, these guys took the dough!

7/8 Elof Granberg
7/29 John Nicol
9/3 Don Hardisson
11/11 Ted Abreu



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Important Dates

1/19/2006

Board Meeting at
Richmond CC 12 noon

1/22 & 1/23

The 64th Annual Reno
Train Trip**

4/01

90th District 5160
Birthday Bash!

** Richmond Rotary did
#63 by bus.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Sid Chauvin continued Big Dan Ercolini's picnic tradition at the Richmond Country Club. Thanks to an anonymous Rotarian, we did not want for hamburgers!!
The club donated \$151 to The East Bay Center for the Performing Arts thanks to Don Hardisson's raffle win.

October

A \$1000 donation got Prez Jon in the door for the christening of the Law Academy at Richmond High School.

Our Club was well represented at the ribbon cutting for the newly remodeled Peres Elementary School. 28 \$100 checks, made out to each teacher, were presented to Principal Scott. With many family members in the audience, The Dan Ercolini Memorial Computer Lab was formally named.

In what we hope is an increasing trend, Richmond Rotary was well represented at this year's District Conference in Concord. With the combined efforts of the Albany, El Cerrito, El Sobrante and Pinole Clubs we hosted a Hospitality Suite that rumor has it as being the best one of the Conference! Pam Jones and Margaret Morkowski were responsible for seeing that our suite had the best wine and food on the 10th floor of the hotel. Three plants were installed in the memory of Dick King, Dan Ercolini and Hanns Shaper at the Markham Arboretum in Concord

The club endorsed the Adams Middle School Escape Club to the tune of \$750 to assist in transportation for the kids. \$1200 was sent to Rotaplast for their upcoming trip to Colombia. Richmond's donation will fund two surgeries that will change the lives many. \$500 went to a joint effort of the YMCA and the Richmond Police Department to provide a Merry Christmas for needy kids. We also helped with \$120 to build this years Rotary Float for the Rose Bowl Parade.

November

With the invaluable help of Harbor Plastics we sent 7 incubators on their way to the Metropolitan Hospital in Monterrey, Mexico. Richmond Rotary applied for and received a District Simplified Grant to pay for the majority of the transportation costs.

George Egan and Jon Lawlis were present at the installment dinner of the district's Paul Harris Society

Rotarians Jim Cannon, Tom Butt and Mark Howe were the driving forces to locate the Whirley Crane in the Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park



Birthdays

- 1/01** Pam Jones
- 1/06** Jim Beaver
- 1/06** Loren Straughn
- 1/21** David Brown
- 1/22** George Egan
- 1/24** John Nicol

Anniversaries

- 1/07** Jazzy and Sappinder Singh

Club Anniversaries

- 1/14** Troy Grove
34 Years
- 1/25** Don Hardisson
60 Years!!!!!!
- 1/31** Joe Kelman
14 Years

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**Get To Know Our
New Members!**

Monique Le Conge
Classification
Libraries

Margaret Morkowski
Classification
Waste Management

**Margaret Hanlon-
Gradie**
Classification
Consulting-Political

Lance Jackson
Classification
Engineering- Electrical

Don Joseph
Classification
Banking-Branch
Management

Jazzy Singh
Classification
Banking – Account
Executive

Nick Despota
Classification
Graphics-Web Design

EJ Shalaby
Classification
Wastewater
Management

Glenn Daggs
Classification
Security Management

Gary Bell
Classification
Finances-Mortgages

Cory Lawrence
Classification
Real Estate-Commercial

Margaret Morkowski, Charlie Fender, Gary Bell and Nick Despota were at the Peres School Bed Time Story Hour to read to the kids. A brand new computer, compliments of Richmond Rotary and Harbor Plastics, was given to the lucky raffle winner!

December

Wow!!! What an auction. In what was the best attended meeting of the year, Rotarians and guests certainly showed up with giving in their hearts! Nearly \$20,000 was raised by Auctioneers supreme Jim Beaver and Don Lau. The first annual EggNogOff was also held that day. Glenn Daggs and Sid Chauvin showed up with the best Egnog ever made. In the excitement of the auction, we forgot to vote on a winner. I guess that will have to be determined next year at the 2nd Annual EggNogOff. Later that evening at The Richmond Country Club, the combined Richmond and El Cerrito Clubs had a great time of food, fellowship and yes, Dancing! I know many of us are looking forward to next year's party with El Cerrito.

The community was also a winner as the Board started to spend the auction proceeds. \$400 went to Verde School for their Holiday Program. Supervisor John Gioia presented the Club with a Certificate of Appreciation. Channel 5 evening News did a several minute clip of the Verde party and Richmond Rotary was mentioned one of the main donors that made it possible. Rhonda Harris again put together baskets filled with necessities for teen moms Many worthy programs in Richmond were awarded funds from the club. \$1000 each went to the Salvation Army, Bay Area Rescue Mission and G.R.I.P. The Richmond Food Pantry received \$500 and Nystrom Elementary school got \$500 for new backpacks for the kids.

The Richmond Club received matching grant recognition from Rotary International and the Wheelchair Foundation

WHEW!!!!
Did I Forget Anything?

Thanks to all of you for the wonderful work you have done to make our community and our world a better place. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as your President.

Jonathon

Rotary Milestones

1905 First Rotary club organized in Chicago, Illinois,
1908 Second club formed in San Francisco, California
1910 First Rotary convention held in Chicago
1912 The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, becomes the first club outside the United States to be officially chartered. (The club was formed in 1910.)
1917 Endowment fund, forerunner of The Rotary Foundation, established
1932 4-Way Test formulated by Chicago Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor
1945 Forty-nine Rotarians help draft United Nations Charter in San Francisco
1947 Rotary founder Paul Harris dies; first 18 Rotary Foundation scholarships granted
1962 First Interact club formed in Melbourne, Florida, USA
1965 Rotary Foundation launches Matching Grants and GSE Program
1978 RI's largest convention, with 39,834 registrants, held in Tokyo
1985 Rotary announces PolioPlus program to immunize all the children of the world against polio
1989 Council on Legislation opens Rotary membership to women worldwide; Rotary clubs chartered in Budapest, Hungary, and Warsaw, Poland, for first time in almost 50 years
1990 Rotary Club of Moscow chartered first club in Soviet Union
1990-91 Preserve Planet Earth program inspires some 2,000 Rotary-sponsored environmental projects
1994 Western Hemisphere declared polio-free
1999 Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution established
2000 Western Pacific declared polio-free
2001 30,000th Rotary club chartered
2002 Europe declared polio-free; first class of 70 Rotary Peace Scholars begin study
2003 Rotarians raise more than US\$118 million to support the final stages of polio eradication