



# Flywheel



**SERVICE Above Self**

*February 3, 2006*

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## Program for Friday February 3, 2006

### Literacy Opportunities



**John Bernardin**  
Literacy Chair, District 5160

**Door Duty:** Bart Wallace and Joe Bagley

## Program for Friday February 10, 2006

### Polio Eradication



**Davis Rotarian Bill Hollingshead has accepted the position of District 5160 2005-2006 Polio Eradication Chairman, making him a member of Team Duke District 5160. He is also currently Polio Chairman for the club in Davis, CA.**

**Door Duty:** George Alvarez and



**Richmond Rotary  
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2005-2006**

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*Richmond Rotary  
meets every Friday  
12:15 at the  
beautiful Mira  
Vista Golf and  
Country Club*

## Door Duty

2/3  
Bart Wallace  
Joe Bagley

2/10  
George Alvarez

2/17  
John Wilson  
Paul Allen

2/24  
Mike Winter  
Rich Alexander

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## 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

## Meeting of January 20, 2006

**Prez Jonathon Lawlis** welcomed another full house of Richmond Rotarians. **Stoney** lead a silent prayer for world peace and justice. **Russ Schulze** led us in the pledge, **George Egan** gave us the thought that "a love affair with knowledge will never end in heartbreak".

**Visiting Rotarians: John Bernardin**, District Literacy Chair from El Sobrante honored us with his presence today.

### Rotarians With Guests

**Pam Jones** introduced **Barbara Medwadowski**, of Draper and Esquin, a Point Richmond winemaker, while **Werner Schwarz** introduced his guest, **Luz Gomez**, of Contra Costa County. **Leslie Levy** introduced **Catharine Hay** of Greater Bay Funding. **Frank Desplanke**, of the Salvation Army, was the guest of **Charlie Wong**. **Bill Wahbeh** was the guest of ...Bill Wahbeh. Welcome to all!

### Sunshine Report

**David K.** let **Pam Jones** tell her own story of a twisted ankle, sadly acquired just 45 minutes into the famous Reno train ride. A smile on her face countered the sad crutch and corresponding hobble.

### Announcements

Saint **Sid Chauvin** was at door duty again this week, because some of us aren't paying attention to our Rotary duty. He and Prez Jonathon are ready to fine from here forward, so head's up ...The Rotary District birthday bash is April 2 at Treasure Island. (\$75/per person).≥

### New Members

**Barbara Medwadowski** (sponsored by **Pam Jones**) and **Luz Gomez** (sponsored by **Werner Schwarz**) are Richmond Rotary's newest red badge members!



With questionable technique, PDG Schwarz inducted Barbara and Luz into the club, filling the classification categories of Winemaking and County Administration,

## Upcoming Programs

**Feb 10**  
**"Polio Eradication"**  
Bill Hollingshead, a native of Woodland and member of the Davis Rotary and the District 5160 Polio Eradication Chair will describe the current status and District activities with Polio Plus.

**Feb 17**  
**"Our Wind Powered Future in California"**  
David Hawkins Cal-ISO staff member and recognized expert on wind powered electricity generation will discuss the current technology and the expected addition of 6,000 MW of wind power in Calif. in the next 10 years.

### Raffle

HJ Kelman was the lucky lunch winner, as \$185 remains for the next round.



## Important Dates

**02/16**

Board Meeting. Noon at the Richmond CC

**03/16**

Board Meeting. Noon at the Richmond CC

**4/02**

90<sup>th</sup> District 5160 Birthday Bash at Treasure Island. See Prez Jon for Details

**4/08**

90<sup>th</sup> District 5160 Birthday Bash Northern edition on the train starting in McCloud.

See Prez Jon for Details

**6/11-6/14**

Rotary International Convention in Malmo/Copenhagen

### 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.

respectively. Welcome Barbara and Luz! Our club is lucky to have you both.

### Recognitions

**Don Lau** recognized **George Egan** whose birthday was celebrated with fellow Rotarians on the Reno trip and **John Nicol** whose birthday was celebrated in the wee hours in what should have been the day after the trip. John's description of the train 'fiasco' was worth the price of admission to Rotary lunch...Christmas Eve lovebirds **Russ Schulze** and wife, **Fimi**, celebrated 53 years and sound good to go for another 53! Happy birthday George and John and congratulations Fimi and Russ!

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

The Reno trip was the favorite all-happy dollar topic. **Bart Wallace** just returned from 8 months in LA and happy to be back with a new job at PG&E...**Judy Kafka** extolled the virtues of **John Nicol** (as did EVERYONE who went on the train trip) and was glad to learn to play poker...**Margaret Markowski** chimed in with equal excitement (empowered by **Ted's** teaching) over poker. The Ladies of Point Richmond are sharpening their skills for next year's train ride...**Hank Covell**, would mention the train ride, but instead is glad to see **Bill Wahbeh** back amongst us...**Glenn Doggs** enjoyed his first time (the train ride)...**Past Prez Herb** is flying to Washington DC to celebrate his son's birthday; he also offered lessons learned from the train ride: don't play poker when the red and black cards look alike... **Joe Bagley** praised the trip and was glad to jam on guitar with **Jim Beaver's** son, Chris ...**George Egan** added his praise for the Reno trip too ... **Josh Genser** noted that poker makes the evenings longer...**David Brown** offered to help the ladies of Point Richmond with their poker skills. His credibility took a swift plunge when Prez Lawlis held up physical evidence that our club treasurer didn't sign a check he wrote to Rotary...**Prez Jonathon** noted that 21 of our club found themselves on the same train to Reno - and 17 of them were in attendance today...and **Jan Brown's** daughter was home to celebrate the quarter century birthday milestone last weekend.

### Program

**Jim Young** introduced today's speaker, **Kevin Hufferd**, senior planner/project manager with UC Berkeley and principal planner for the University's 100 plus acre Richmond Field Station, now home to various UC research projects as well as the California Clapper Rail, native grasslands, the wintering Monarch Butterflies, nesting raptors, hawks and other shoreline species. In



### Birthdays

**2/11** Rich Brandes

**2/23** Erle Brown

### Anniversaries

**2/03** Rich and Lisa Brandes

**2/07** George and Liz Alvarez

**2/14** John and Debra Troughton

**2/18** Don and Shelley Lau

### Club Anniversaries

John Troughton **2years**

Judy Morgan **17 years**

Norm Foley **38 Years**

Bart Wallace **20 Years**

George Alvarez **4 years**

Joe Bagley **15 Year**

Joanne Blum **4 Years**

Jan Brown **4 Years**

Josh Genser **4 Years**

Mark Howe **4 Years**

Bob Dabney **2 Years**

Dan Tanita **22 Years**

Don Lau **22 Years**

John Wilson **1 Year**

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## Get To Know Our New Members!

### Gary Bell



Classification  
Finances-Mortgages

### Cory Lawrence



Classification  
Real Estate-Commercial

### Luz Gomez



Classification  
County Administration

### Barbara Medwadowski



Classification  
Winemaking  
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addition the University rents space to the US Environmental Protection Agency lab. Mr. Hufferd gave Richmond Rotarians a good look at the site's history, potential, and challenges.



Once home to the California Cap Company within the unincorporated town of Stege, the site was sold to the University in 1950 to expand research and testing facilities for the College of Engineering. Seismic testing (i.e. a shake table), a fog tunnel (for airplane landings) and automated vehicle guidance testing are among many explored technologies. The site is along a prime piece of real estate on Richmond's south shoreline bordering the Marina Bay trail and the Campus Bay Business Park (the former Zeneca and Stauffer Chemical site). The legacy of blasting cap production and residual chemicals from former neighbors has cost \$15 million in cleanup costs to date, expected to double before the work is done. Plans for future use of the site to meet environmental and university needs and take full advantage of the location potential are currently being weighed. Many of the site's historical buildings still remain, but are in various stages of disrepair and seismic risk. Because of the environmental cleanup costs, Mr. Hufferd anticipates a development plan will take shape that mixes University and private sector research. For more information about the site visit their web site: <http://rfs.berkeley.edu/about.html>

Thank you Kevin Hufferd for reminding us of the University campus in our own backyard.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan B. Nimble

### New Member Proposal

**Bill Wabeh** would like to return to the club. Please let Secretary Joe know of any objections by 2/3/06

Leslie Levy has proposed Catharine Hay with the classification of Mortgage-Lender. Please let Secretary Joe know of any objections by 2/10/06

## Rotary Programs

### Polio Plus

Rotarians have mobilized by the hundreds of thousands to insure that children are immunized against this crippling disease and that surveillance is strong, despite the poor infrastructure, extreme poverty and civil strife of many countries. Since the PolioPlus program's inception in 19985, more than 2 billion children have received oral polio vaccine. To date 210 countries, territories and areas around the world are polio-free. As of June 2005, Rotary has committed more than \$581 to global polio eradication.

### Matching Grants

provide funds for international service projects of Rotary clubs and districts. Since 1965, 22000 Matching Grant projects in 166 countries have been funded at a cost of more than \$ 224 million.

### Ambassadorial Scholars

The Foundation sponsors one of the largest international scholarship programs in the world. Scholars study in a country other than their own where they serve as unofficial ambassadors of goodwill. Since 1947 more than 37000 scholars from some 110 countries