



Flywheel



SERVICE Above Self

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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

Program for Friday February 17, 2006

“Our Wind Powered Future in California”



David Hawkins is the Lead Industry Relations Representative in the External Affairs Division at the California ISO. He focuses on industry issues at NERC and WECC, proposed changes in reliability standards, and the CAISO’s compliance with industry standards. He is a national Electric Industry expert and knowledgeable in all aspects of the industry and serves as a technical expert on operational issues. This includes analysis of the operational impact on intermittent resources such as wind generation. He has been responsible for assessment of new technologies and their potential application for solving operating issues. He has served on many professional and industry committees and is currently the Chair of the WECC Performance Work Group. He is a Member of the IEEE, a graduate from the University of Michigan in Electrical Engineering and a graduate of Kalamazoo College with a degree in Physics.

Door Duty: John Wilson and Paul Allen



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

Door Duty

2/10
George Alvarez

2/17
John Wilson
Paul Allen

2/24
Mike Winter
Rich Alexander

3/3
Charlie Wong
Ted Abreu

3/10
Jim Young

3/17
Erle Brown
Russ Shultze

3/24
Jan Brown
Dan Sanders

3/31
Tom Butt
Nick Reina

4/7
Thomas Cameron
Troy Pewitt

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 February 3, 2006

On a funky, foggy, Friday; our Big Kahuna **Prez Jonathan Lawlis** brought a little sunshine into our lives by welcoming all to the friendly Richmond Rotary Club. **Past Prez Stoney** gave our invocation for peace and justice. **Bud Martin** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Past Prez Herb Cole** gave us the thought for the day which he heard at a recent Retired Teachers meeting "Life is like a roll of toilet paper...the closer you get to the end ... the faster it goes" which was attributed to Andy Rooney.

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

Rotarians With Guests

Charlie Wong had as his guest once again Capt. Frank Desplanke of the Salvation Army. **Glenn Daggs** had as his guest Mark Icanberry.

Sunshine Report

David K reports that all is sunny with the club.

Announcements

Prez Jon once again announced the 90th Birthday Bash scheduled for April 2nd at Treasure Island. Cost is \$75 per person and \$150 for couples.

New Member

PDG Werner Schwarz, with lips not so puckered, re-introduced to the club our newest "returning" member Nabil "Bill" Wahbeh. Referring to Bill's return as having the feel of "used underwear" (comfortable and familiar), Bill a past Board member of the club will have to still do a "Who Am I," attend a Board meeting, and sign up for a committee. Welcome back Bill....we have missed you!

Recognitions

There were none.

Happy/Sad \$\$\$

Prez Jon did the honors calling on **David Brown** who has happy to report that he had seen former member Bill Reid who is in good health and spending half his time living here in California and the other half in Paris. Master-baiter **David K** was sad to report that he would not be a part of the Super Bowl Sturgeon Derby for only the 2nd time in the last 18 years. World traveler **Herb Cole** was sad to report that he had to cancel his trip to see his grandchildren in Washington DC because Normie was not

Upcoming Programs

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.

Feb 24

"From Dot.com Bust to House.com Bust, is that possible?"

Dr. Tapan Munroe, Chief Economist PG&E, ret., consultant & author, talks about boom, bust and redemption in Silicon Valley

Mar 3

Chris Magnus – New Richmond Chief of Police

Raffle

Bob Dabney being the good sport he is picked the white ball!



Important Dates

02/16

Board Meeting. Noon at the Richmond CC

03/16

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4/02

90th District 5160 Birthday Bash at Treasure Island. See Prez Jon for Details

4/08

90th 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.

feeling well. **Prez Jon** had some happy dollars for the Crab Feed held at **Hank Covell's** home. And finally, Richmond Rotary's "First Mother" **Leslie Levy** was happy to report that her son Ethan had returned to Brown after his holiday visit. Mom has so happy that she has such a great relationship with her son that upon his return to college he phoned her for advise on "screwing!"

New Member Proposal

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

Charlie Wong has proposed Captain Frank Desplanke of the Salvation Army with the classification of Religion-Social Services for membership. Please let Secretary Joe know of any objections by 2/17/06.

Program

Prez Jon introduced our speaker for the day, John Bernardin, Literacy Chair for District 5160. John is a member of the El Sobrante Club and has had a number of professional experiences including being a jeweler and a researcher. John has a PhD in Physical Chemistry from the University of Oregon. John's topic was "Literacy Opportunities" with a particular emphasis on English learners in our public schools.



John pointed out that whether you are a researcher or a truck driver....everyone needs to know how to read. The school district is faced with a rising number of students who English learner because their first language in not English. There were a number of statistics presented to back up John's point. There are over 50 languages other than English that our spoken in the West County schools. John informed us that the El Sobrante Rotary Club has purchased the "Academy of Reading" program for the El Sobrante Boys and Girls Club to help develop literacy with the youth they serve. John informed us that Richmond High School is very interested in having the "Academy of Reading" program at their site since they have a vacant classroom. It was also pointed out that 54% of the students at Peres Elementary School are English



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**

Archived versions of the Flywheel can be seen at <http://www.richmondccarotary.org/newletter/archive>

Our New Members!

Gary Bell



Classification
Finances-Mortgages

Cory Lawrence



Classification
Real Estate-Commercial

Luz Gomez



Classification
County Government

Barbara Medwadowski



Classification
Winemaker

Nabil "Bill" Wahbeh



Classification
Industrial Waste
Management

learners there were a number of questions regarding the program and how our Club might get involved. If you want to check out the program you can go to www.autoskill.com.

Your Loyal Menehune,
Don Lau

Choice Reno Train Pics



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 have received scholarships at a cost of more than \$462 million