

# Flywheel



**SERVICE Above Self**

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## Program for Friday March 10, 2006

### School District Strategic Planning Update

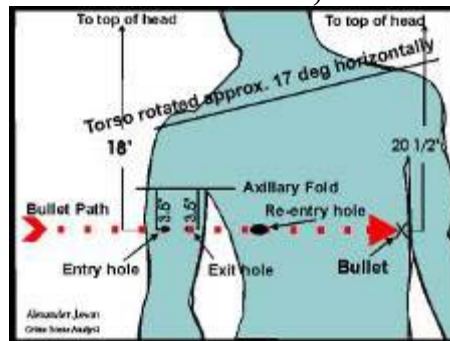


**Tom Waller, showing us again that you can't keep a sub-mariner down, brings an update to strategic planning in the WCCUSD**

**Door Duty:** Jim Young and

## Program for Friday March 17, 2006

### Alexander Jason, SCSA



The focus of his professional work is as an expert witness in crime scene analysis, officer involved shootings, blood spatter interpretation, shooting incident reconstruction, and forensic ballistics. His primary interest is in the reconstruction of shooting incidents, the human and mechanical dynamics of shooting and the science of wound ballistics which relates to the use of firearms against humans and specifically to the interaction of projectiles and the human body.

Alexander specializes in the creation and production of forensic computer animation used as demonstrative exhibits. He is a board certified forensic photographer specializing in crime scene, evidence, and wound photography, digital imaging -- and image analysis.

**Door Duty:** Erle Brown and Russ Schulze



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##### **Governor**

Brian D. Thiessen

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

## Door Duty

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

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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 March 3, 2006

**President Jon** opened the meeting and conducted the invocation himself today. **Secretary Joe Nusbaum** led us in the pledge and **Past Prez Herb** quoted an old Burma Shave sign. In honor of our sturgeon fisherman extraordinaire, **Prez Jon** delivered the following thought. "Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day!"

### Visiting Rotarians

None Today

### Rotarians With Guests

None Today

### Sunshine Report

**David K** reports that all Rotarians are in relative good health despite some creaky bones and unexplained pains here and there.

### Announcements

**Secretary Joe** is tired of hanging on to this year's membership cards. Please get yours from him!  
**Prez John** reminded the members of the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for District 5160 to be held on Treasure Island April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Recognitions

Since there were no obvious recognitions this week, **Prez Jon** gave **Finemaster Don Lau** the day off.

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

- **David K.** donated some sad dollars to bring recognition to the issue that Fish and Game may increase the "keeper size" of Sturgeon, that means less fish and more beer for you non-fisherman.
- **Jim Young** celebrated **Werner's** spelling skills with a happy dollar donation.
- **Don Hardison** donated some happy dollars to celebrate the removal of a cataract from his eye and all "see"ms to be doing well.
- **Barbara Medwadowski** of "Draper and Esquine" fame celebrated the fact that Costco has accepted their "Pinot Noir" into their East Bay stores – and it is one fine wine that I can attest to. Pick up a bottle today!
- **Ren Partridge** and **Josh Genser** both read to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade kids at Perez elementary school and come away with opposite impressions. Josh thought the kids were

## Upcoming Programs

**Mar 17**

"The Real CSI, Facts Photos, Evidence & No Beautiful People"

### Raffle



Judy Morgan pulled the orange ball to win today's raffle. The amount will be determined when traveling barrister Brown returns from NYC!

### Rotary News

1 February 2006  
The Global Polio Eradication Initiative announced today that Egypt and Niger are no longer polio endemic since the indigenous form of the virus that causes the disease has not circulated in either country for over 12 months.

This is the first time in three years that the number of polio-endemic countries has fallen, leaving Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan as the only countries that have never stopped indigenous polio transmission.

## Important Dates

**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.

appreciative of his time and Ren thought they were trying to figure out ways to get the old man (i.e. Ren) out of the room ASAP. There were five Rotarians that read to the Perez kids.

## Program

## nonviolent peaceforce



**Jim Young** introduced **Gilda Bettencourt**, a lovely petite young lady, from a non governmental organization, that calls itself the "Nonviolent Peaceforce" As one would expect, Gilda was very passionate and committed to the mission of her organization which she explained to us.

To make it easier to understand she says the mission of the peace force is simply to intervene in conflicts in a non-violent manner only when both parties to the conflict invite them in to mediate the conflict. The peace force does not take sides in any issue so as not to arouse the distrust of either party. The goal of the intervention is to reduce violence and bloodshed -- and it works.

She used as an example the work they have done in Sri Lanka with the Tamel Tigers. During this conflict a cease-fire agreement was reached where the Tigers agreed to stop the despicable practice of kidnapping and training children to be soldiers, but the Tigers reneged on the deal and took 26 children from a local village thinking that their violation would not be noticed. The children's mothers naturally distraught asked the peace force to accompany them to talk with the Tigers about releasing their children. The peace force did accompany the mothers and they were successful in having all the children released.

The peaceforce was started at The Hague by 93 member organizations. They sell \$10 peace bonds to finance their efforts which is where most of their funding comes from.



## Birthdays

- 3/10** Donna Bell
- 3/19** Judy Morgan
- 3/22** Paul Hodgen
- 3/23** Don Hardison
- 3/23** Tom Butt

## Anniversaries

- 3/16** Henry and Kathleen Kelman
- 3/17** Richard and Katherine Alexander
- 3/20** Thomas and Eldoris Cameron
- 3/24** EJ and Jeanine Shalabyd Shelley Lau

## Club Anniversaries

- 3/11** George Egan  
**8 years**
- 3/14** Troy Pewitt  
**3 Years**
- 3/15** Joe Nusbaum  
**32 Years**
- 3/16** David Brown  
**12 Years**
- 3/24** Ren Partridge  
**22 Years**
- 3/28** Dan Sanders  
**31 Years**
- 3/29** Norm Lundberg  
**32 Years**
- 3/31** Ted Smith  
**28 Years**

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<http://www.richmondrotary.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

Training to become an active member of the peace force is extensive. There is a two year commitment required for people wanting to become member of the group and there is formal training that is mandatory before a member can participate in a mission. Today the group has a permanent staff of 50 people. They have 400 trained members today and their goal is to have 5,000 members by the year 2010.

Rotating Flywheel Editor,  
Mark Howe



Herb and Norma Representing Richmond Rotary Well!

## Our New Members!

### Catharine Hay



Classification  
Mortgage-Lending

### Frank Desplancke

Classification  
Religion-Social Services

## 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.