

# Flywheel



**SERVICE Above Self**

March 17, 2006

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



**Richmond Rotary  
Board of Directors  
2005-2006**

**Officers**

**President**

Jonathon Lawlis

**President Elect**

George Egan

**Treasurer**

David Brown

**Secretary**

Joe Nusbaum

**Past President**

Herb Cole

**Sergeant-at-Arms**

John Nicol

**Directors**

Jim Young

Josh Genser

Rhonda Harris

Joe Bagley

Pam Jones

Ren Partridge

**Rotary**

**International**

**President**

Carl-Wilhelm

Stenhammer

**District 5160**

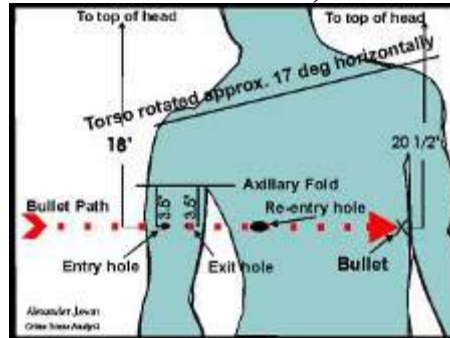
**Governor**

Brian D. Thiessen

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

**Program for Friday March 17, 2006**

**Alexander Jason, SCSA**



The focus of Alex's 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

**Program for Friday March 24, 2006**



**Glenn Daggs**

OSS International, Inc. provides a broad range of protective services and investigations to the world's leading corporations, law firms, non-profit institutions, and high net worth individuals. From executives and celebrities to government agencies and Fortune 500 corporations, OSS International, Inc. has discretely deterred violent behavior and provided training and support to ensure smooth and productive operations. We provide immediate response to threats against executive, employees and their families. Our Protection Specialists are selected from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies

**Door Duty:** Jan Brown and Dan Sanders

## Door Duty

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 March 3, 2006

**Jon Lawlis** opened today's meeting. **Markku** led us in the pledge and led us in the invocation by "praying for peace on earth and goodwill toward men". Our thought for the day was by **George Egan** he said: "for some people success is destiny for others it is determination".

## Visiting Rotarians

None Today

## Rotarians With Guests

**Joanne Blum** brought her husband **Art. George Egan** brought his friend from Paychex payroll service: "**Scott White**" Welcome Scott!

## Sunshine Report

Filling in for **David K, Hank Covell** let us know that **David Calfee** had broken his femur and is on the mend – this sounds painful – you can bet on that – we all wish him a speedy recovery. A member who has been the foundation of this club for decades "**Joe Nusbaum**" had his prostate biopsied – we hope all went well – doesn't sound to fun either – but we will all get our turn letting the medical community experiment on us – good luck Joe.

## Announcements

**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>. **See Prez Jon for sign-up sheet**

**HELP US CELEBRATE!**  
**RI DISTRICT 5160's 90TH BIRTHDAY BASH!**  
AND ROTARY FOUNDATION DAYS

**OFFICERS' CLUB**  
TREASURE ISLAND IN  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON  
APRIL 2, 2-7PM

The Treasure Island Officers Club in the middle of San Francisco Bay looks directly out on a spectacular view.

...from Angel Island and Marin, the Golden Gate Bridge, all of San Francisco, the Bay Bridge and south!

**WHAT ALL IS HAPPENING AND WHY SHOULD YOU BE THERE?**

- Attend the Paul Harris Society Founder's Reception (\$1,000 per year) — 2:30pm
- Watch the amazing finalists in the Four-Way Test Speech Contest — 3:30pm
- Attend the 90th Birthday Bash Reception and meet the Group Study Exchange Team from Mexico — 5:00pm
- Enjoy a gourmet Gala Dinner at the Officers' Club — 6:00

*It's an affair you will long remember!*  
**Black Tie optional \$75 per person**

**Joey Bags** celebrated the rebirth of an old tradition: Christmas in April, except this year the group will get together to repair the NIAD building not someone's house. Sound fishy to me, but it is a good cause so I'll be there on **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please sign up.

## Raffle



Guest Speaker Tom pulled Rich Brandes's name from the bucket and Rich pulled the white Ball from the bag.

## 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.

## Who Am I

**Luz Gomez** delivered her obligatory Rotary "Who am I" today, which I found quite interesting. Luz, a magnetic, passionate, young woman shed some "light" on her life today by telling us that she was born and raised in Columbia.



Her childhood memories are of vivid rainforests, enchanting jungles, fascinating wildlife and world of natural charms. Now that she is an adult she can see how that image conflicts with the adult view of Columbia a country overrun with narcotraficantes, paramilitary groups, and general societal mayhem. A more relevant childhood memory though was of the awful and pervasive POVERTY that she saw growing up. This is the memory that guides here conscience and career today.

Her father was an engineer who brought the family to the U.S. in 1980. She graduated from UC Davis with a degree in nutrition, which she used to enter the field of hunger relief. Today she is the public health coordinator for Supervisor John Goia where she is working on anemia issues, which have something to do with the color of your blood cells – don't they all seem red to you?

## Recognitions

**George Egan** celebrated his eighth anniversary with Richmond Rotary allegedly for the second time! He also donated to the club.

## Happy/Sad \$\$\$

**Earl Brown**, to assuage his guilt over drinking cold beers on the hot sands of Puerto Vallarta beaches, surrounded by bikini clad youngsters, without his Rotary friends along who where stuck in CCCCCOOOLLLL San Fran, donated a grateful \$100 to the club. Earl also donated \$10 trying to convince all of us he was happy to be back in cccooollldddd San Fran!!! – but nobody believed him.

**Joanne Blum** donated \$10 celebrating her return to the club. **Glenn Daggs** had \$10 happy dollars because his daughter started piano lessons and donated \$10 sad dollars because his daughter started piano lessons – everyone laughed!



## 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 Shalaby

## 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**

Archived versions of the Flywheel can be seen at <http://www.richmondcarotary.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

## Program

### School District Strategic Planning Update

**Tom Waller** of Tom Waller fame spoke to us today about the strategic planning process that the district has



embarked upon. He says that no matter if one has school age kids, one's kids go to a private institution, or you are just a taxpayer in the district, you can be assured that school district politics is often leads to a passionate discussion.

The district plan is to create a 5-year plan, which requires the input of all stakeholders, which is the reason he is talking to us today. **HE WANTS OUR INPUT!**

Some basic facts about the district are: 60 schools, 4,000 employees, declining enrollment, and a \$250 Million dollar budget.

They have initially created a strategic model which articulates a system of priorities: Student achievement it the top goal of the district. Underlying that is accountability for all, then equity and safety and finally community engagement.

The goal is to complete the plan by the end of the year and Tom had some handouts that can be used to give input to the committee.

Rotating Flywheel Editor,  
Mark Howe

## 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.