



# Flywheel



SERVICE Above Self

March 31, 2006

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

## Program for Friday March 31, 2006

**Captain Frank Desplancke**



**Door Duty:** Tom Butt and Catharine Hay

## Program for Friday April 7, 2006

**RPD Chief of Police, Chris Magnus**



**Door Duty:** Thomas Cameron and Troy Pewitt

## Meeting of March 24, 2006

**Jon Lawlis** opened today's meeting by calling on **Past Prez Stonework** to deliver a silent prayer for peace and freedom on earth. **Past Prez Erle Brown** then led us in the Pledge. Our thought for the day was again delivered by **George Egan**, followed by President Jon's (just right for Richmond Rotary) quip – "When the chips are down, the buffalo's empty!"



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

## Door Duty

3/31  
Tom Butt  
Catharine Hay

4/7  
Thomas Cameron  
Troy Pewitt

4/14  
Jim Cannon

4/21  
Sid Chauvin  
Joe Kelman

4/28  
Herb Cole  
Markku Pelanne

5/5  
Hank Covell  
Joe Nusbaum

5/12  
Bob Dabney  
David Ninomiya

5/19  
George Egan  
John Nicol

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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

## Visiting Rotarians

**Barney Simonson** from Klamath Falls, Oregon club was with **Werner** today and **Don Hardison's** brother **Bill** from the Santa Paula, Ca club was also present.

## Rotarians With Guests

**Stoney** introduce his better half, **Mary Anna**

## Sunshine Report

**David K** was back at work today and had reports on **Ralph Hill** and **Elof** "all with such minor ailments that he was certain a bottle of scotch would cure all"

## Announcements

**Prez Jon** 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>. You can sign up through March 31<sup>st</sup>. **Joey Bags** again tried to drum up support for his Christmas in April work day that will paint, repair the metal awnings of the NIAD building and whatever else breaks between now a then. **Stoney** will provide the hamburgers and the club will provide the enthusiasm. Come and join Bags in his crusade to help NIAD. Recent actions by **Peres School** will eliminate any suspicion that Peres school does not appreciate Richmond Rotary. Peres has installed two bronze plaques on school ground to recognize the past efforts of Dick King and Dan Ercolini to improve the school. They also sent a letter from a teacher saying how much they appreciated the cash donations that we made and explained how they **now meet all state education testing standards!!!!**

**Prez Jon** reminded us about the Rotary leadership conference to be held on April 29. All club members are invited to attend. The District will bill us \$60 whether one or one hundred of us show up. It will be held at Heald College in Concord from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.



## Rotary Theme Year 2006-2007

## Recognitions

I for one had a tough time believing it but **Don Hardison** had actually turned 90 – to me he does not look a day over – let say 65 or 70. He was overjoyed to tell a story about

## Raffle



**Richie Brandes** almost missed his chance to pull the white ball !!!

## 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.

Carolyn Jones made history in 2005 when she became the first female trustee of [The Rotary Foundation](#). And as proud as she is of her appointment, she'd be the first to admit it wasn't a goal she set out to achieve. She simply worked hard at what she believes in and someone noticed. That someone happened to be then-RI President-elect [Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar](#).

## 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

**04/20**

Board Meeting. Noon at the Richmond CC

**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.

going to the Baltic last week with his family: Betty, Jan, Bill (his brother was a guest today), Byron) where even Stoney turned up with Mary Anna. While there, a 7-piece band came in to play and found out that it was his B day and played happy birthday. He donated to the Carl Rhexuss fund.



**Don** was presented with a Presidential Citation commemorating his **90<sup>th</sup> birthday** and **60 years of Service Above Self**

Well we should all know by now that when it is one architects birthday it is also the other architects birthday – Yes none other the **Tom Butt!** He donated \$100 to the club. The club then sang happy birthday to both Don and Tom.

## Happy/Sad \$\$\$

**Gary Bell** was happy that Wichita State was in the Sweet Sixteen! **David K** is not happy with the tree huggers these days – they have changed the Sturgeon catch rules so that only fish less than 56" can be kept. The big ones need to be thrown back to grow some more little ones. **David Brown** was happy to see an article in the NY Times about Polio that actually gave some credit to Rotary International for our hand in it!. **Stoney** was proud to announce that daughter Lisa was one of the newest McDonalds Operators. Way to keep it in the family. **Jan Brown** donated \$90 to celebrate her father's milestone birthday. **Jim Young** was happy for family celebrations and also VERY HAPPY for closing the biggest deal of his career!!!! **Prez Jon** donated some happy dollars to recognize the fact that his son has finally gotten a temporary job installing hardware at Wells Fargo branches in Minnesota and California. Prior to Nick's red eye flight,



## 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**

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## 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

they will enjoy a special father-son bonding ceremony at the World of Whiskies Exposition in SF.

## Program

### Kaiser Permanente 60<sup>th</sup> Celebrations

Gayla DiMaggio the Public Affairs spokesperson came to Rotary today to talk about, the world renowned, locally founded HMO, thriving institution, we call Kaiser. To be specific Kaiser was founded by Dr. Sydney Garfield while working at the Grand Coulee dam for Kaiser construction. He made a deal with the workers whereby they contributed a set amount each month and the clinic would treat them for any ailment regardless of cost. This is the first know case of the prepaid health care -- a model that still exists today in its many forms. When the shipyards opened the same model was used in Oakland and Richmond.

After the war ended and all activity stopped, the unions played a pivotal; role in insuring that the Kaiser system survived by demanding that health care be included in other labor contracts.

It is not an overstatement to say that Kaiser fundamentally changed the health care and work world of today. This can best be seen in Kaiser's values. Kaiser was accepting of what were considered minorities at the time by race and gender: blacks and women. Women made of 27% of the shipyard workforce and a large percentage were blacks – groups that prior to this did not get much attention. Kaiser acting in its own self-interest enforced safety procedures in the work place to reduce injuries. Preventative medicine again helped Kaiser reduce losses by keeping people healthy. Yearly pap smears for women considered commonplace today was a Kaiser idea that has significantly reduced cervical cancer. Prevention and workplace safety simply make good business sense.

Trailblazing the technology jungle is another area that Kaiser has tackled in modern times. All patient records are online and available to doctors at any Kaiser hospital or can be faxed in summary if the patient is at a non-Kaiser hospital.

The modern Kaiser style HMO is clearly the health model that has taken root in the U.S. and some form it will be the health care system that this country eventually ends with – probably with the government paying the premiums, paid for with a payroll tax so that all citizens can experience low or no cost quality health care like all other western countries provide their citizens.

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.