



Flywheel



SERVICE Above Self

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Program for Friday April 21, 2006



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



Vernon Whitmore, Publisher

Door Duty: Sid Chauvin and Joe Kelman

Program for Friday April 28, 2006

"The Army and the 1906 Earthquake"



National Park Service Ranger Will Elder

Door Duty: Herb Cole and Markku Pelanne

Door Duty

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

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 April 14, 2006

On this Good Friday with the sun shining, **Prez Jon** welcomed all to the friendly Richmond Rotary Club. **Past President Stoney** offered a silent prayer for Freedom, Peace and Justice in the world. **Nick Despota** led us with the Pledge. The ever thoughtful **George Egan** offered the following thought: "We can do no great thing—only small things with great love." Mother Theresa

Visiting Rotarians

None today

Rotarians With Guests

Rhonda Harris had as her guest Cynthia Harris, Principal at Nystrom Elementary School, and Diane the school secretary. **Gary Bell** had as his guest Michele Itagaki from the Richmond Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Sunshine Report

David K reported, with **Werner** sitting right next to him, that Werner reportedly "passed out" at Costco, but he was obviously feeling better since he was at the club. He must have seen the bottom line of his bill!

Announcements

Pam Jones reminded people about the "Burbon Bash" at Hotel Mac event to support an international project involving a Madagascar clean water project. It was also announced that **Josh Genser** and his wife would be hosting a new member get together at their lovely home. Thanks **Josh** and Elaina!



Rotary Theme Year 2006-2007

Upcoming Programs

4/21 Vernon Whitmore
Publisher of the Globe
Newspapers

4/28 The 1906 SF
Earthquake. Ranger
Will Elder

5/5 Liliane Koziol –
Consul General of
Madagascar.

5/12 DG Brian
Thiessen – Silver and
Gold Recognitions
(tentative)

Raffle



Your Scribe got the chance to pick....and being the community spirited person that I am I grabbed a white ball and took one for the Club!

Rotary News

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

4/08

90th 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.

Recognitions

Prez Jon substituted for **The Beav** who was subbing for your scribe called on our own **Ralph Hill** who on 4/7 celebrated 31 years of wedded bliss with Audrey. When asked how he spent his anniversary...Ralph indicated that at his age he went to bed at 8pm. So the questions obviously is....When did you get to sleep, Ralph?? **Glenn Daggs** being a man ahead of his time fessed up that he would be celebrating his birthday on 4/16, but "unfortunately" he was going to be in Hawaii to celebrate. Glenn made a \$1000 contribution toward his Paul Harris! Way to Go Glenn!

Happy/Sad \$\$\$

David K did not have a fish story this time, but happy \$\$ for his Rotary Anniversary ('84). **Werner Schwarz** parted with \$20 happy ones for just making it to the Club another week instead of being in the frozen food section at Costco. **George Egan** had 2 happy \$10's one for the close of tax season and the other for his anticipated trip to Paris. **Herb Cole** offered \$20 for his mother who told him after a visit from his son and grandkids "God I'm getting old Herbie!" **Prez Jon** had some happy \$\$ because he has been doing the college tour with his daughter and for spotting a RoterAct club on one of the university campuses. He also posed the trivia question of the day..." How many miles does one walk if they are at Disneyland from 8am to midnight?" 9 miles especially since there is no alcohol there!

Program

Bob Dabney introduced our speaker the Honorable Irma Anderson, Mayor of the City of Richmond. Mayor Anderson was happy to be at Rotary and to give us an update on the "State of the City." She reported that the City was healthy both in terms of its fiscal health and with the addition of new city staff. In particular, Mayor Anderson reported that there are 17 new City department heads and was especially pleased with the new City Manager Bill Lindsey and the new Chief of Police Charles Magnus (who was our speaker the previous week). Mayor Anderson indicated that public safety was a high priority with the council and with the staff. As Chief Magnus indicated last week, Community Policing with a regional focus will be starting in May. Police captains will be responsible for knowing the neighborhoods they serve. The city will also be taking a public health strategy in addressing the



Birthdays

- 4/2 Herb Cole
- 4/7 Father Nick
- 4/13 Jim Bates
- 4/14 Dan Tanita
- 4/16 Glenn Daggs
- 4/29 Nick Despota
- 4/30 George Alvarez

Anniversaries

- 4/7 Ralph and Audrey Hill
- 4/8 Barry and Traci Gordon
- 4/23 Jim and Sandra Bates
- 4/23 Don and Crystal Joseph

Club Anniversaries

- 4/6 **Hank Covell**
36 Years
- 4/9 Russ Schulze
3 Years
- 4/13 Jim Bates
4 Years
- 4/16 Elof Granbergom
45 Years
- 4/27 Sid Chauvin
2 Years

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<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

issue of violence in the community. Taking the recommendations of a Crime Prevention Conference held a few months ago, the city will be hiring an Anti Violence Coordinator who will work under the direction of the City Manager.



Mayor Anderson indicated that Richmond is one of the only cities not facing budget cuts based on a structural deficit. She was happy to report that the City has "down sized to the right size!" She called all Rotarians with a business to commit to providing \$1000 to support employment of a youth from the community.

Your Rotating Editor
The Menehune

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.