



Flywheel



SERVICE Above Self

May 12, 2006

A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

Program for Friday May 12, 2006

5160 DG Brian Thiessen



DG Brian will honor the Gold and Silver Circle Members of our Club

Can you believe that this will be Brian's third visit to our club this Rotary year? Let's give him a big welcome and show him that we appreciate the District's interest in Richmond Rotary.

Door Duty: Bob Dabney and David Ninomiya

Program for Friday May 19, 2006

An Introduction to Mt. Diablo



Ron Brown has been a resident of Central Contra Costa since 1974 and lives in the shadow of Shell Ridge Open Space with his wife, Sharon. Ron brings over thirty years of professional non-profit organization management and fundraising experience to **Save Mount Diablo**. He holds a Masters Degree in Management, specializing in Non-Profit Organizations, from the University of Redlands and a Bachelors degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies from San Francisco State University.

Door Duty: George Egan and John Nicol



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

Door Duty

5/19
George Egan
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5/26
Charlie Fender
Margaret Morkowski

6/2
Judy Morgan

6/9
Josh Genser
Bud Martin

6/16
Barry Gordon
Norm Lundberg

6/23
Elof Granberg
Leslie Levy

6/30
Monique Le Conge

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 May 5th, 2006

On a glorious Cinco De Mayo, **Prez Jonathon** called Richmond Rotary to order. **Elof Granberg** led us in a pledge of allegiance. And after a moment of silence for something positive, **Prez Jonathon** offered astronomer Carl Sagan's words of wisdom: "Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known."

Visiting Rotarians

None

Rotarians with Guests

Sponsors **Pam Jones** and **Prez Jonathon** introduced their guests: **Liliane Koziol** (today's speaker), and **Tom Waller**.

Sunshine Report

David K reports via **Russ Schultz** that **Norm Foley** is out of intensive care and into rehab where we hope he makes good progress in his recovery. **Ralph Hill** reports the passing of former Rotarian, Dan Yee. A luncheon next Thursday at La Strada will be held in his honor. Contact Ralph for more information.

New Members

Two new 'red badgers' join the ranks of Richmond Rotary today. **Liliane Koziol**, in Diplomatic Service and **Tom Waller** in Business Consultation. Prez Jonathon reminded them of the steps to the blue badge: joining a committee, visiting another Rotary Club, visiting a Richmond Rotary Board meeting, and giving a 'Who am I?'. Welcome Liliane and Tom!

Announcements

By the time you read this, the first Richmond Cinco De Mayo parade will have had a Richmond Rotary presence with special thanks to **Prez Jon**, **Nick Despota**, **Bob Dabney** and wife **Cheryl**.



Upcoming Programs

5/26 Edmond Delmon of Makers Mark will educate us about whiskey!

6/2 Lawlis gets the boot!

6/23 Road trip to the Red Oak Victory Ship Raffle



Jan Brown's favorite color is orange, but she couldn't find it this round. The Raffle stands at \$593.

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](#).

Rotary Programs

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.

Important Dates

5/17

16th Annual Pinole Rotary Golf Tourney. Diablo Creek Golf Course. Cost -\$125 per player – call 510-724-4450 for more info

5/18

Board Meeting. Noon at the Richmond CC

5/20

Bowl-a-Thon for Rotovision. Albany Bowl

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.

The parade route was noted to be 1.4 miles or margaritas long, but Sid was quick to point out that there's no such thing as a .4 margarita. **Prez Jonathon** is calling all bowlers to Albany bowl in a combined local Rotary Clubs benefit for RotoVision on May 20th. If you like to bowl, this is your chance. Talk to Jonathon.

Recognitions

Jim Beaver recognized **David Kuchenthal** who is celebrating with wife, **Janet**, their 23rd anniversary by heading for Yosemite. Congratulations David and Janet!

Happy/Sad \$\$\$

Josh Genser asked: "What do you give someone who has everything but tact for their 50th birthday?" His answer: "a \$50 donation to Rotary." Thanks Josh. We eagerly await **Mark Howe's** response. **David Brown** announces that he once again is putting out his shingle as a sole practitioner. He'll be sharing a roof with other notable juris doctorates such as Leslie Levy, Hank Covell, and Pam Jones. **Don Hardison**, picking up on a connection with today's speaker from the International House, fondly recalls when he served salads there during the depression years to pay for his student board. **Ted Abreu**, just back from visiting family in Milwaukee is proud that his ten year old grandson (who obviously takes after grandpa) will be Prince Charming in an upcoming play! **Jim Young** had happy dollars for happy Rotary things, (like enjoying his Levy/Beaver auction brunch). **Prez Jon** enjoyed the Soroptomist Club's Culinary Caper - and they enjoyed his generosity. And **Jim Beaver** is looking forward to the Sunday Brunch that he and Leslie are hosting. Anyone who needs a list of winning auction bidders for their hosted activity, talk to Jim!

Program

Jim Young introduced our speaker and newest Richmond Rotarian, **Liliane Koziol**, who is Director of Programs at the International House at UC Berkeley and the Deputy Honorary Consul of Madagascar. Liliane shared with us a picture of her native land that is rich in history, plant and animal life, and cultural diversity and is just about the size of the state of Texas. Just 250 miles from Africa and 400 miles from Indonesia, it's population reflects the influx of indigenous seafarers who once crossed the Indian Ocean. Early British rule followed by the French brought early Protestant/Catholic influences. Madagascar's government was initially a matriarchy (queens and kings instead of the other way around), and is now an independent democracy. The country's rich abundance of natural resources have been tragically exploited in past generations. Environmental rejuvenation to stop the bleeding of the



Birthdays

- 5/10 Mark Howe
- 5/20 Bill Wabeh
- 5/24 Troy Grove
- 5/25 Ralph Hill
- 5/28 Catharine Hay

Anniversaries

- 5/2 John and Felicia Nicoll
- 5/7 David and Janet Kutchenth
- 5/17 Mark and Susan Howe
- 5/18 David and Cheryl Brown
- 5/19 David and Janet Ninomiya
- 5/21 Nick and Nel Despota
- 5/22 Leslie and Stephen
- 5/30 Herb and Norma Cole

Club Anniversaries

- 5/3 David K
22 Years
- 5/3 Stan Teaderman
38 Years
- 5/6 Henry Kelman
29 Years
- 5/18 Pam Jones
11 Years
- 5/20 Charlie Wong
46 Years
- 5/20 Margaret Morkowski
1 Year
- 5/20 Monique le Conge
1 Year
- 5/22 Markku Pleanne
25 Years

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

rich earth into the seas is now underway and new sources of sustainable economic opportunities are being sought (i.e. oil exploration, textile production and tourism). Cal Berkeley students are among those who are being trained to assist in field work that will replant and rebuild the habitat that has long suffered from slash and burn deforestation.

Among Madagascar's popular existing exports are textiles and spices. (Dreyer's Madagascar Vanilla flavored ice cream is good for a reason!). And Malagasy is the official language, which Liliane is happy to demonstrate. There is much to learn about this country of exotic and remote mystic. Thank you Liliane Koziol for bringing it closer to home. We are fortunate to have you as a new member!

Your Rotating Editor
Jan B. Nimble

Your Rotary Dollars at Work



Thailand Eye Clinic Signing

This shows the U. S. Clinic Project Team. Left to right: seated - Rotary International Coordinator Werner Schwarz, Clinic Project Director/Major Donor Henry (Hank) Simonsen and Clinic Medical Advisor Dr. Stuart Seiff; standing - Club Secretary and Clinic Project Engineer Jim Larsen.

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

Our New Members!

Catharine Hay



Classification
Mortgage-Lending

Frank Desplancke



Classification
Religion-Social Services

Liliane C. Koziol



Classification
Diplomatic Service

Tom Waller



Classification
Consultant-Business