

Flywheel

May 12, 2006

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 Gense 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 How e'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.

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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