



# Flywheel



**SERVICE Above Self**

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*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  
John Nicol

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

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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

## 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**

16<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

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<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