



Flywheel



SERVICE Above Self

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A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

Program for Friday May 19, 2006

An Introduction to Mt. Diablo



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



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.

Ron is currently the Chairperson of the Bay Area Open Space Council, a member of the Board of Directors of the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce, and treasurer of the Center for Community Benefit Organizations of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Door Duty: George Egan and John Nicol

Program for Friday May 26, 2006



EDMOND S. DELMON

Northern California Regional Manager for Maker's Mark Bourbon

There is an unsubstiated rumor that there may be free samples!

Door Duty: Charles Fender and Margaret Morkowski

Door Duty

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 12th, 2006

With a large turnout of Rotarians for the Governor's visit, **Prez Jon** rang the bell. **Stoney** led a moment of silence for Peace, Justice and Freedom on Earth. **Joe Bagley** led the Pledge. Prez-Elect **George Egan** provided the immortal words "When I have a toothache I remember that not having one is a wonderful thing". A good thing about being Prez next year George – you'll be able to delegate Thought-for-the-Day duties.

Visiting Rotarians

There was one visiting Rotarian – **Mark Burchill** from Santa Rosa.

Rotarians with Guests

Don Hardison brought Betty as his guest. Don commented that Betty was a Rotary Ann during their early marriage, and then was converted to a Rotarian's wife after the 1967 Club changes.

Binnacle List.

David K reported that all members are safe and sound. He welcomed back **Joe B.** from his trip back east to tend to difficult family matters.

Announcements

Announcements. **Hank Covell** announced the Pinole Festival of the Arts to be held on June 3rd. Please participate if you can – Hank intends to raise \$35K for the event. **Margaret Morkowski** recognized the Point Richmond Stroll to be held this Thursday. There will be lots to see, do, hear and tell stories about later, and 3 ½ bands playing during the event. Drop by the SS Red Oak Victory Table while you are there. **Erle Brown** announced postponement of the Contractor's Lunch event until his bank account is ready to sustain it. **Prez Jon** described the Bowl-a-thon for Rotavision, sponsored by the I-80 Rotary Clubs. The event is 20 May from 5-7:30 PM – if you can bowl you are needed, and all can support with contributions. And there will be a Board meeting this Thursday at the Richmond Country Club.

Recognitions

The indefatigable **Don Lau** collected a \$1 from those us not clever enough to wear our pins. **Dan Tanita** was recognized for an April 14th birthday, and responded with a Paul Harris contribution for his youngest daughter. **John Nicol** celebrated a 53rd wedding anniversary with Felicia and contributed to the Paul Harris for his son-in-law, or was that his daughter's husband? **Henry Kelman**

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



. The lucky **Charlie Wong** pulled the Orange Ball and won half of the \$679 in the pot. One reason Charlie was lucky – it took several handwriting experts to confirm it was his name handwritten on the ticket.

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

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.

was recognized for 29 years of outspoken service as a member of the Club. **Dave Ninomiya** offered up an upcoming anniversary when he may not be able to attend, and contributed to Polio Plus.

Happy/Sad \$\$\$

George Egan had some happy dollars recognizing a great trip to France, and surviving the '68 and '85 accidents. **David Brown** has an anniversary next week, officially his 26th, but he is counting it as 28 to claim full credit for time served. **Markku Pelane** enjoyed a recent road trip with Mary to Newport Beach (your scribe didn't catch whether that was California, Rhode Island or the beach in front of Newport, Oregon), but they had a great time. **Dr Dan T.** had some dollars for his daughters' progress and achievements in college. **Hank Covell** reminisced that in '82 16 Rotarians from the Club participated in the Bay to Breakers, and completed all 9 miles – the bars must have been closed. **Joe Bagley** was appreciative of the cards and thoughts for his Dad, and told of the Irish Wake and burial with full military honors. **John Wilson**, still a bit queasy from his recent sea voyage, suggested that a senior owner square away the Hawaii McDonalds restaurants, which **Stoney** agreed to do next visit. Your scribe related that **Erle Brown** was actually observed buying the drinks at the Baltic the other night. As was **Judy Kafka** for that matter.

Program

Prez Jon introduced this year's **District Governor Brian Thiessen**, for his third visit to the Club this year!



I am not sure that **Past DG Werner** ever broke that record. DG Brian was onhand to honor the Gold and Silver Circle Members of the Club.

First up was **Markku**, who has been a member for over 25 years. Then **Erle Brown** at 29,



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

an absent **Norm Lundberg** at 29, and **Henry Kelman** also at 29.



Henry commented that he joined because he recognized that Richmond Rotary was the premier business organization and continues to enjoy the fellow-ship.

Hank Covell was recognized for 36 years of membership,



Mike Winter for 38, and **David Ninomiya** for 41. **Don Hardison** was then recognized for 60 years.



Don commented on his early work at the Richmond Shipyard and the notable members he respected. He continues to enjoy being a member because he "keeps being pushed by Rotarians". Most of the speakers agreed that the biggest change in Rotary over the years was the admission of women. DG Brian then recognized our own Past DG, **Werner** as a Rotary Force, a recognition well-deserved. Finally, DG Brian recognized our **Prez Jon** as a "Star of the District" for his continuing high level of work for the Club and the District. Congratulations All!

Your Rotating Editor
Semper Paratus

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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