

# Flywheel



**SERVICE Above Self**

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## Program for Friday May 26, 2006



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#### **President**

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#### **Governor**

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



## **EDMOND S. DELMON**

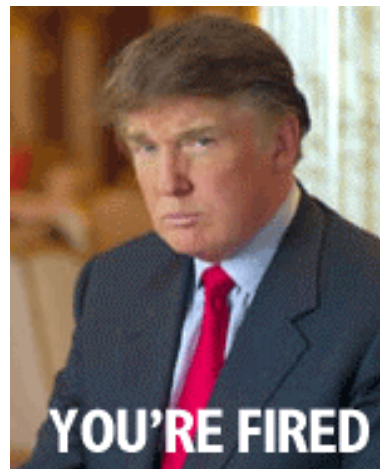
**Northern California Regional Manager for Makers Mark Bourbon**

**There is an unsubstantiated rumor that there may be free samples!**

**Door Duty:** Charles Fender and Margaret Morkowski

## Program for Friday June 2, 2006

## **Lawlis**



**At long last – The Day You’ve All Been Waiting For!!!**

**Door Duty:** Judy Morgan and Tom Waller

## Door Duty

6/9  
 Josh Genser  
 Bud Martin  
 6/16  
 Barry Gordon  
 Norm Lundberg  
 6/23  
 Elof Granberg  
 Leslie Levy  
 6/30  
 Monique Le Conge  
 7/7  
 Abreu Ted  
 Young James  
 7/14  
 Adkins Donna  
 Wong Charlie  
 7/21  
 Alexander Richard  
 Winter Mike  
 7/28  
 Allen Paul  
 Wilson John  
 8/4  
 Alvarez George  
 Waller Tom  
 8/11  
 Bagley Joe  
 Wallace Bart  
 8/18  
 Bates Jim  
 Wabeh Bill

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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 19th, 2006

Showing fine form in the homestretch of a presidential year, **Prez Jon** opened the meeting at 12:30 on the dot, catching your scribe filling a plate with spaghetti. With another large turnout, we late arrivals had a challenge finding a place at a table at least that came with a chair. A growing Club is a good thing! **Past President Stoney** opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence for Peace, Freedom and Justice on Earth. **Josh Genser** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Notably missing was **Prez-Elect George** who usually delivers the thought for the day. Reminding **Prez Elect-Elect Pam** that it's always prudent to have some back-up, soon to be Past Prez Jon came through with a quote from Mahatma Ghandi - "We must be the change we wish to see in the world.."

### Visiting Rotarians

Visiting Rotarians were **Fletcher Tyler** of Walnut Creek, and **Don Dorkes** of Orinda

### Rotarians with Guests

**John Troughton** brought his son Chance.

### Binnacle List.

**David K** was reporting good health and well-being for the week. Glad to hear that **Norm Foley** is up to doing the crosswords with Bonnie.

### Special Recognitions

**Prez Jon** completed the District Governor's work of last week and recognized long term Club members **Tom Butt**, 25 years, **Norm Lundberg** 32 years and **Ren Partridge** over 40 years of Rotary service with Silver Circle pin backs . Ren allegedly knew Paul Harris personally, which makes me wonder if Paul Harris rode a Harley too.

### Paul Harris Award

Foundation Chair **Erle Brown** asked **John Troughton** to step forward, and presented him with a Paul Harris award. John has contributed over \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Thanks John

### Scholarship

**Ted Abreu** introduced an esteemed group of students and educators.



## Upcoming Programs

6/23 Road trip to the Red Oak Victory Ship

### DG Thiessen Salutes Long Time Rotarians

Gold Circle	Years
Don Hardison	60
Ralph Hill	57
Dave Calfee	52
Nick Petsas	50

### Silver Circle Years

Charlie Wong	45
Elof Granberg	44
Warren Martin	42
Werner Schwarz	42
John Nicol	41
David Ninomiya	41
Ren Partridge	40
Charles Fender	38
Mike Winter	38
Norm Foley	37
Loren Straughn	37
Stan Teaderman	37
Henry Covell	35
Troy Grove	33
Joe Nusbaum	31
Norm Lundberg	31
Dan Sanders	30
Erle Brown	29
Henry Kelman	28
John Wilson	27
Ted Smith	27
Tom Butt	25
Markku Pelanne	25

### Raffle



With a small pot of \$76 at stake, **Tom Butt** was given a chance with the bag. But alas – it came to only a free lunch.

## Important Dates

6/11-6/14

Rotary International  
Convention in  
Malmo/Copenhagen

6/22

Board Meeting  
12 noon – Richmond  
Country Club

## 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 following students have been awarded **Dan Ercolini Memorial Scholarships** of \$500 each: **Raul Romo** of Richmond H.S.; **Porsche Chesharek** of Salesian H.S.; **Daniel Huynh** of Kennedy H.S.; and **Ana Orozco** of Richmond H.S. These are smart, articulate kids headed for great colleges and were accompanied by **Tim Chambers** (Salesian H.S. Principal) and **Jenifer Crowell** (Kennedy H.S. Counselor). I asked Ted later who participated on the selection committee, and then realized it was a silly question. Ted is Man for this program, and has been supporting scholarship and camp programs for our Richmond students for many years.

## Announcements.

**Hank Covell** passed out an email from past member **Father Chris** of Salesian H.S. Chris is now working at the Salesians Vocation Office in Rosemeade, CA. If you didn't get a chance to read his email at the meeting you missed a good joke. Of course it was about a priest, a Pentecostal preacher and a rabbi – what else? Hank also started the donation of an executive box for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> A's game – this will go to Don's YMCA to be filled with deserving kids.

## Board Actions

Your board helped fund the essay awards at the English Learners Support Services program. 700 students have been reclassified from English Learners to fluent English speakers. Wow! The Board also endorsed the Literacy project started by John Bernardin of the El Sobrante Rotary Club. This program will be launched at the El Sobrante Boys and Girls Club, The Coronado YMCA and Opportunity West. If fully realized it will be available to every student in District 5160!

## Recognitions

Once again it didn't pay to forget your pin on this day. **Skipper Mark Howe** was recognized for both a birthday (40 was mentioned but that only passes the 3 way test), and 18 years of marriage to his lovely bride Susan. But he seemed most enthusiastic about a weekend cruise to Angel Island with the Yacht Club. **Bill Wabeh** was recognized for turning a young 65 – great to have you back with the Club Bill. **Prez Almost Elect Pam Jones** achieved 11 years with the Club and used her litigation skills to get Don to agree to pay her contribution. Always young **Charlie Wong** was recognized for 46 years in the Club.

## Happy/Sad \$\$\$

**Stoney** had money for the box recognizing his niece's graduation from Stanford Law School. **Charlie Wong** was either happy or sad that **David Brown** overpaid him for his lottery winnings, and then wanted it back. **Ren Partridge** is leaving for Auburn to drink beer, camp with motorcyclists and tell lies into the night. **Rhonda Harris** has an interesting life – she's delighted her daughter is moving out, but not quite so happy her grand daughter is moving in. **Ted Abreu** was happy to be hosting his group of stellar students from the Richmond high schools. And Hawaii **Don** closed with a great story about meeting a Rotarian when he was a high school student, who



## 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

later met him as he arrived in Chicago to start college at Valparaiso, and mentored him for many years.

**Program**

**Ron Brown** provided a presentation he called "Introduction to Mt Diablo". Ron has been a resident of Contra Costa since 1974 and is currently the Chairperson of the Bay Area Open Space Council and a member of the Board of "Save Mount Diablo". Ron lives near the Shell Ridge Open Space on the slopes of Mt Diablo.

**Save Mount Diablo** has a staff of 5 members. The organization is 34 years old and is focused on preserving the open land on and around the mountain.



This is accomplished through the purchase of land and transfer of title to the East Bay Parks District. The intent is to preserve open space for aesthetics, habitat protection, recreation, education and maintaining the cultural history of the area. When the organization was founded in 1971, 8,000 acres of the mountain were protected. By 2005, 30 new parks have been added and 90,000 acres have now been preserved. Ron provided a great slideshow of public activities on the mountain.

**Jim Young** provided the segue question for Ron at the end of the presentation – how to contribute. The organization is supported by private donations, and supporters range from hikers and students to commercial developers.

For more information see

<http://savemountdiablo.org/>

Your Rotating Editor  
Semper Paratus

**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