



# Flywheel



**SERVICE Above Self**

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## Program for Friday June 30, 2006



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



**Ms. Gisella Hernandez, public relations officer for WCCHD discusses the current condition of the District**

**Door Duty:** Monique le Conge and

## Program for Friday July 7, 2006

### **Jim Goins**



**“Finance Director & Treasurer, City of Richmond”**

**Door Duty:** Ted Abreu and Jim Young

## Door Duty

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 Zio  
Fraedo's Restaurant

## Meeting of June 23rd, 2006

A great day for meeting on the S.S. Red Oak Victory!  
**Prez Jonathon** looked right at home at the helm. **John Nicol** led us in the Pledge with the SS Red Oak Old Glory proudly displayed and Prez-elect **George Egan** gave a thought that reverberated unintelligibly across the ship's hold.

### Visiting Rotarians

Joining us today was **Jane Del Simone** from ElCerrito Rotary, and **David Dixon** from La Mirada Sunrise

### Rotarians with Guests

**Rhonda Harris** introduced Mr. Clement, from the City of Richmond. **Judy Morgan** brought what has to be a record number of guests representing the Chamber of Commerce ambassadors and staff: Doris Grant, Dorothy Brown, Ronna Ishida, Pam Speka, Nancy Cuneo, Michele Bauer, Julie Pledger, Shel Tejamo, Yvette Hunter, Kenene Williams, Chris Phipps, Michelle Itigaki, and Jane Del Simone. **Markku Pelanne** introduced his guest Tim Eitzen from Chevron and his lovely wife Mary who needed no introduction. And **Don Lau** proudly introduced his son Jordan, **Rich Brandes** introduced Richmond Museum President, and our host and cook extraordinaire, Lois Boyle. Welcome to all!

### Sunshine Report

**David K** hopes that **Norm Foley** is recovering in good form. Stay tuned for a report.

### Announcements.

Vice Pres-elect **Pam Jones** sent around a reminder of the tequila tasting dinner on June 27<sup>th</sup> (benefiting Rotary's plans for aid to Madagascar) and the Poker Party on Friday, August 4 to benefit the Kennedy/King School Funds. **Prez Jonathon** also reminds us of the *Outfit a Kid for School* program sponsored by the Salvation Army (**Captain Frank Desplancke**). Red Oak Victory provides an excellent fireworks observation platform from a unique patriotic setting, food and drink. You probably know more of the details than I do. The Grand Opening of the new GRIP Permanent Shelter for Homeless Families opens at the site of the Souper Center June 30, with an 11 AM ceremony and tour for all that want to see the only homeless shelter in West County. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, the SS Red Oak Victory hosts its annual BarBQ and Fireworks Viewing for a \$20 donation.

## Upcoming Programs

7/07

"Finance Director & Treasurer, City of Richmond"

### 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



No raffle today.

## Important Dates

7/20

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.

## Recognitions

**EJ Shalaby** is getting on a plane for a great vacation getaway for his birthday. **Jan** (and **Byron**) **Brown** celebrate everything at once: a birthday and their 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Josh and Elaina** celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> with a trip to the Danube next week; And let's not forget the guy in the wild shirt, **Richard Alexander**, who will celebrate a birthday next week. Mazel Tov, Cheers and Congratulations to all!

### Happy/Sad \$\$\$

**Richard Alexander** gleefully announced that his son, **Nathan**, (aka weedwacker) has graduated from High School. **David Kutchenthal** came up with a more traditional fish story this time: a 17lb Halibut! **Josh Genser's** son, Joseph, also graduated from High School and received a scholarship from the Friends of the Public Library. **Jane DeSimone** admired **Richard Alexander's** Polynesian-style Rotary shirt and **Joe Nusbaum** is overcoming elderosity while inventing new words.

## Program

**Rich Brandes** (President, Red Oak Victory Exec Committee) gave us an overview of volunteer efforts and recent procurements (i.e. the whirly crane and the new Museum exhibit) and enthusiastically reported that the Red Oak is just weeks away from real flush toilets and some new paint.



Introduced as the 'man in charge' at the Richmond Museum, speaker, **Donald Bastin**, then led us on an entertaining (and sobering) true story that connects the wrong turn of a driver (Archduke Francis Ferdinand's chauffeur) in Europe in 1914 to Richmond's place in history today.



## Birthdays

- 6/7 Joe Nusbaum
- 6/10 Markku Pelanne
- 6/13 Judy Kafka
- 6/18 Jan Brown
- 6/24 EJ Shalaby
- 6/26 Richard Alexander
- 6/28 Norm Foley

## Anniversaries

- 6/5 Donna & Stan Adkins
- 6/5 Troy & Kimberly Pewitt
- 6/6 Paul & Chris Allen
- 6/7 Glenn & Melanie Daggs
- 6/14 Joanne & Arthur Blum
- 6/14 Don & Betty Hardison
- 6/15 Stan & Patricia Teaderman
- 6/19 Charlie & Jean Wong
- 6/27 Jan & Byron Brown

## Club Anniversaries

- 6/3 Lance Jackson  
Jazzy Singh  
Don Joseph  
**1 Year**
- 6/5 Dave Calfee  
**53 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



Donald recounted how the little town of Richmond seemed to have dreams that were always bigger than reality. Richmond envisioned itself to be THE port and THE center of the West. But the big dreams never materialized in quite the way that was expected. WWII and Henry Kaiser managed to change that and the designation of Richmond as the only Home Front National Historical Park in the country continues to raise Richmond's hope of being recognized and enjoyed for its contributions to history and the future.

The story of the launch is what Donald calls the Story within the Story and is the topic of a new public exhibit just installed on the ship.

Thank you Donald for an entertaining insight into Richmond history. And thank you to the MANY Rotarians who have selflessly dedicated so many hours and services to this floating record of Richmond's past and future hopes. BRAVO!!



Your Rotating Editor,  
**Jan B. Nimble**

**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

**Cynthia Harris**



Classification  
Education-Primary