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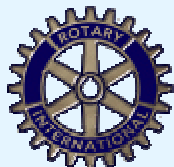
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SERVICE Above Self

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Program for Friday July 7, 2006



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

Jim Goins



“Finance Director & Treasurer, City of Richmond”

Door Duty: Ted Abreu and Jim Young

Program for Friday July 14, 2006



Surprise!

Door Duty: Donna (Bell) Adkins and Charlie Wong

Door Duty

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

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 30rd, 2006

This is the day **Prez Jonathon** has been waiting for. Past President Stoney had a silent prayer for peace, justice and freedom on Earth **Russ Schulze** led us in the Pledge and the last thought for the day from **Prez-elect George Egan** is the observation that "fat chance and slim chance mean the same thing!"

Visiting Rotarians

Gisella Hernandez, our speaker, is a visiting Rotarian from Pinole. Welcome Gisella!

Rotarians with Guests

Monique le Conge introduced us to her son and recent high school grad, **Josh**. Congratulations and welcome Josh!

Sunshine Report

Russ Schulze brings us the good news that **Norm Foley** is on the mend. **Jonathon** reports that **Werner Schwarz** had issues with medication, but is back in the swing. **Past Prez Herb Cole** did his own personal investigation into the Finnish healthcare system and is back in good form.

Club Business

In one of the club's more entertaining presentations, **Erle Brown** and **Prez Jonathon** admitted a screw-up that wasn't one, and thus their efforts to present **Vice-Pres elect Pam** with a duplicate Paul Harris was thwarted. Prez Jon also noted that 52 folks had lunch on the Red Oak for last week's fundraiser event, but receipts were far short of the \$20 donation. **Leslie Levy** and **Mike Winter** made contributions to cover part of the shortfall. If you had lunch or guests last week after the cashier had to leave, Jonathon would like to hear from you.

Announcements.

Captain Frank Desplancke needs volunteers to walk with a child through Mervyn's in a back-to-school shopping spree for children. Please sign up for 1 hour beginning at 6:45 AM on August 5. What better way to start your Saturday? **Pam Jones** averted reporting on the Tequila Dinner at the Mac, but did announce that Richmond Rotary's Poker night at La Strada's is on Friday, August 5 at 7PM. Make your own reservation for dinner, then find the poker tables downstairs. Details are still being worked out, and **Hank Covell** (in poker face perfection) encourages all those who don't know how to play to come!

Recognitions

Outgoing **Prez Jonathon**, in his usual gracious style thanked his board and helpers over the past year. His Flywheel scribes were **Jim Young, Don Lau, Rich Brandes, Mark Howe** and **Jan Brown**. His Recognitions and Auction team was the dynamic duo **Don Lau** and **Jim Beaver**. Demotion team members **Ho Chi Hoosier** and **Gonzo La Sorda**. **Margaret Morkowski** took over the Peres Project. **Don Hardison** as recognitions chair. The ever friendly **Erle Brown** put up with

Upcoming Programs

7/21 Dr. Sundari Mase will discuss The resurgence of tuberculosis and its drug resistant variants now affecting the US healthcare system.

Welcome Our New District Governor



Candy Pierce

Raffle



Prez George conducted the cherished Raffle as his first order of business. **Dan Sanders** pulled a free lunch. And with that, Richmond Rotary was dismissed to enjoy the upcoming Fourth of July weekend.

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;

MTHIRD 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.

Evanston as our Foundation Chair and long time club photographer **Charlie Wong**. Board members were honored with recognition for their service. In attendance were **Jim Young, Herb Cole, Pam Jones, Rhonda Harris, David Brown, Joe Nusbaum, George Egan, and John Nicol.** Missing Board Members were **Josh Genser, Joe Bags and Ren Partridge**. As a final gesture of his Presidency, he made a donation in all of their names to The Rotary Foundation. Each will receive Paul Harris credits in their accounts.

Former dance instructor, **Charlie Wong** and wife **Jean** still trip the light fantastic as they celebrate their 57th anniversary. Congratulations Charlie and Jean!

Happy/Sad \$\$\$

Past Prez Herb Cole was happy to have survived Finland, and told a story about the Summer Solstice that we all wish Markku had heard (instead). **Monique le Conge** reports that New Orleans wants visitors again as she returns from a Library Conference - the first convention there since Katrina!

Margaret Morkowski announces a Save-the-Plunge night at the Masquers and Dinner at the Mac at 6 pm on Thursday July 6th. And Pt. Richmond continues to bring attention to Richmond with a walk through documentary expected to be on TV soon. Secretary **Joe Nusbaum** is happy to hand over his secretary's pen to incoming Secretary **Jonathon Lawlis**. The tragic death of a 17 year-old neighbor who made a bad decision behind the wheel, had **Prez Jonathon** reflecting on the happy/sad in raising and loving kids. **Russ Schulze** is sad that Fimi lost a brother and happy that good friend Norm Foley is getting better.

Program

Jim Young introduced today's speaker, **Gisella Hernandez**, representing West Contra Costa Healthcare District (WCCHD) and Doctors Medical Center. Ms Hernandez gave us an overview of the Center's financial health. With front end support from Proposition D, the Pinole and San Pablo campuses are operated by the WCCHD. Since transitioning from Tenet ownership, the facilities have gradually made progress from what was once a staggering \$30 mil/year losing venture. It is now completing a state-of-the-art information technology center as it prepares to transition all patient records from Tenet-owned equipment.



Gisella's enthusiasm for this development indicates progress towards eliminating costly rental fees while also providing improved service for patients. Sadly, some



Birthdays

7/5 Monique le Conge
7/11 Ted Abreu
7/13 Henry Kelman
7/20 Frank Desplancke
7/21 Tom Waller
7/25 Ted Smith

Anniversaries

7/5 Josh and Elaina Genser
7/10 Werner and Lea Schwarz
7/31 Judy and Vince Kafka

Club Anniversaries

7/1 Nick Despota
1 year
7/2 Bob Nicholls
13 years
7/10 Herb Cole
14 Years
7/15 EJ Shalaby
1 Year
7/30 Ralph Hill
58 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

features of the former center have been closed (i.e. the burn center), but other key areas of care in ER, Cancer, Cardiology, Maternity, Orthopedics, and a Chemical Dependency program continue to bolster services available to patients. The challenge continues to be balancing high demand for non-revenue or partial-revenue services (10% of all patients are uninsured, 20% are Medicare, and 5% are County) with revenue-generated services. This can come from referrals by other doctors and from local residents who choose Doctor's Medical Center for their care.

And this would be the crux of the message. Doctor's needs more patients to make this rejuvenated healthcare system viable. Thank you Gisella (and in absentia, our own Jim Beaver) for working hard to keep this community asset healthy.

Grand Finale

Past Prez Herb Cole graciously presented **Prez Jonathon Lawlis** the traditional framed gavel in honor of his year of service as Rotary President.



Outgoing Prez Jonathon handed over the real gavel to Incoming **Prez George Egan**, thus marking yet another 'changing of the guard' in Richmond Rotary history

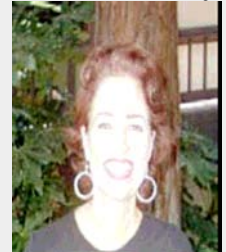


Your Rotating Editor,
Jan B. Nimble

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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

Cynthia Harris



Classification
Education-Primary