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*Richmond Rotary  
meets every Friday  
12:30 at the  
beautiful Mira  
Vista Golf and  
Country Club*

**Program for Friday July 8, 2005**

**The Nigerian Medical Mission**

After graduating from the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, George served twenty years in the Coast Guard, retiring in June 1983. He served in various assignments including Viet Nam, Washington, DC and San Francisco. Since retiring he has done a variety of things, most notable being his considerable participation in ministry at the California Medical Facility Vacaville State Prison. Because of his ministry he has developed a close and personal relationship with the Catholic Chaplain, Fr. Innocent Emechete, a Nigerian priest. This relationship has led to the formation of the Nigerian Medical Mission, Inc, a non-profit foundation, and has resulted in two trips to Nigeria. In his presentation, George will share what he has found on his trips and what the Nigerian Medical Mission is doing about these findings. He will also share why the assumptions based on our capabilities are invalid and just how basic the services are at the medical facilities in rural Western Africa.



**George Brown  
Clayton Valley Rotary**

**Door Duty:** Tom Butt and Nick Reina

**Program for Friday July 15, 2005**

Meet the Leaders of Richmond Rotary



**Door Duty:** Thomas Cameron and Troy Pewitt

## Door Duty

7/8  
Tom Butt  
Nick Reina

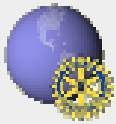
7/15  
Thomas Cameron  
Troy Pewitt

7/22  
Jim Cannon

7/29  
Sid Chauvin  
Markku Pelanne

8/5  
Hreb Cole  
Joe Nusbaum

8/12  
Hank Covell  
David Ninomiya



## 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 July 1, 2005

With a commanding ring of the bell, **Jon Lawlis** began his official year as President of Richmond Rotary. The Grand Poobah's ensemble included a sporty Hawaiian shirt, in which he welcomed a good turnout of members despite the holiday weekend. **John Wilson** led the Pledge. **George Egan** had the quote for the day: "Don't worry about the money you me. Why not? There's no need for both of us to worry" – Milton Berle.

### Rotarians With Guests

Rotarians with Guests included **Prez Jon** with son Nick; **Judy Morgan** with Keith Alm; and **Jan Brown** with Nick Despota.

### Sunshine Report



**David K.** "Gone Fishin"

### Announcements

The Club Committee Sign-up List is in circulation. Members are encouraged, make that required, to sign-up for one or more committees. This is where the real work of Rotary is accomplished. The Masquers Dinner Theatre will be held this September 15<sup>th</sup> (also the day of the Council of Industries Shoreline Cruise). The next Board of Directors meeting will be July 21<sup>st</sup>, noon, at the Richmond Country Club.

### Recognitions

Past Prez and raconteur **Don Lau** reinstated Recognitions. **Jan Brown** was recognized for her recent anniversary, number 34, that she and Byron romantically spent test driving a new car for Dad. Pressed for details on how she met Byron, Jan told the story of her folk singing career at CAL and meeting Byron in a nightclub near People's Park. When Byron got tear gassed shortly thereafter and needed a shower...well, it was a great tale. **Richard Alexander** lamented that his birthday was missed last week, which like most years, falls during

## Upcoming Programs

**July 8** The Nigerian Medical Mission  
George Brown,  
Clayton Valley Rotary

**July 15** Meet the Leaders. Richmond Rotary Board 2005 - 2006

**July 22** "100 years of banking Mechanics"  
Steve Buster, CEO  
Mechanics Bank,  
speaking on his favorite subject

**July 29** "RotoVision in Nepal"  
Tracy Giles of the El Cerrito Club tells us of her 2003 trip, partially supported by Richmond Rotary

**Aug 5** "Hot & Cold, Steam & Snow, Gas, Grids & Gigawatts"  
Cal ISO management of electricity

## Raffle

**George Egan** won the chance to pull a ball, but alas it was not exceptional.





### Important Dates

7/21/05 Board Meeting at Richmond Country Club

09/15/05

Dinner - Theatre at the Masquers.

10/21- 10/22/05

District Conference in Concord

### 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.

Demotion Week. **Tom Butt** fessed up to missing door duty with a contribution to the kitty.



### Happy & Sad Dollars

Happy Dollars. **Rhonda Harris** was happy about almost completing her real estate development project. **Judy Morgan** had a happy \$10 to honor the new rack card the Chamber has developed, with great help from **Jan. Past Prez Herb** was happy that **Jon** is at the podium and he is not. **Erle Brown** seconded the thought. **Prez Jon** was happy about his recent Las Vegas trip and upcoming trip to Disneyland with the kids.



### New Member

With the help of **Jan Brown, Past District Governor Werner** administered the induction of new member **Nick Despota**. Jan listed several of Nick's community activities – we are honored to have you as a new member Nick. Welcome!

### A Day for Who Am I's

Who Am I #1. **John Wilson**, who probably holds the record for most Rotary Clubs joined in the Bay Area, reminisced on his good friends and past years with Rotary. Richmond Rotary was his first club, back in the days of Walter Helms and Carl Rehfuss. John even remembers when **Werner** was THE District Governor. John's father-in-law was a member of the club for 12 years. John later left to give the Rodeo Club a boost – a slippery slope since other clubs followed, finally leading back to Richmond. John is a retired mechanical design engineer and a regular on the Reno Train Trip. Welcome back to the Club John.



### Rotary Milestones

- 1905 First Rotary club organized in Chicago, Illinois, USA
- 1908 Second club formed in San Francisco, California, USA
- 1910 First Rotary convention held in Chicago
- 1912 The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, becomes the first club outside the United States to be officially chartered. (The club was formed in 1910.)
- 1917 Endowment fund, forerunner of The Rotary Foundation, established
- 1932 4-Way Test formulated by Chicago Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor
- 1945 Forty-nine Rotarians help draft United Nations Charter in San Francisco
- 1947 Rotary founder Paul Harris dies; first 18 Rotary Foundation scholarships granted
- 1962 First Interact club formed in Melbourne, Florida, USA

- 1965 Rotary Foundation launches Matching Grants and Group Study Exchange program
- 1978 RI's largest convention, with 39,834 registrants, held in Tokyo
- 1985 Rotary announces PolioPlus program to immunize all the children of the world against polio

## Get To Know Our New Members!

**Monique Le Conge**  
Classification  
Libraries

**Margaret Morkowski**  
Classification  
Waste Management

**Margaret Hanlon-Gradie**  
Classification  
Consulting-Political

**Lance Jackson**  
Classification  
Engineering- Electrical

**Don Joseph**  
Classification  
Banking-Branch  
Management

**Jazzy Singh**  
Classification  
Banking – Account  
Executive

**Nick Despota**  
Classification  
Graphics-Web Design



### Birthdays

**7/5** Monique Le Conge  
**7/11** Ted Abreu  
**7/13** Henry Kelman  
**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

**7/10** Herb Cole  
13 Years

**7/30** Ralph Hill  
57 Years!!!

Who Am I #2. Despite a distaste for podiums, **Margaret Morkowski** gave an entertaining and warm Who Am I. She told of being raised in San Diego and the difficult economic circumstances during her childhood. She attended Catholic Schools, and learned to take care of herself at an early age. Though she at one time thought she wanted 11 kids – that was 9 boys and 2 girls – she later came to her senses. Margaret retired in 2001 from federal service. She was a government accountant and worked at Naval Air Stations San Diego and Alameda, MSC Alameda, Department of HEW, the Social Security Administration, and retired from the Environmental Protection Agency in San Francisco. During her career she worked in Guam and spent a two year stint in Saipan. Margaret visited Micronesia and brought a Palauan story board to the meeting. She is very active in Richmond and is now serving as President of the Women’s Westside Improvement Club. Welcome to Richmond Rotary Margaret!

Semper Paratus

**1989** Council on Legislation opens Rotary membership to women worldwide; Rotary clubs chartered in Budapest, Hungary, and Warsaw, Poland, for first time in almost 50 years  
**1990** Rotary Club of Moscow chartered first club in Soviet Union  
**1990-91** Preserve Planet Earth program inspires some 2,000 Rotary-sponsored environmental projects  
**1994** Western Hemisphere declared polio-free  
**1999** Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution established  
**2000** Western Pacific declared polio-free  
**2001** 30,000th Rotary club chartered  
**2002** Europe declared polio-free; first class of 70 Rotary Peace Scholars begin study  
**2003** Rotarians raise more than US\$118 million to support the final stages of polio eradication