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

Program for Friday July 15, 2005

Meet the Leaders of Richmond Rotary

Come find out what your board has planned for the current Rotary year.

Door Duty: Thomas Cameron and Troy Pewitt



Program for Friday July 22, 2005



**“100 years of banking Mechanics”
Steven K. Buster, CEO, Mechanic’s Bank**

Steve Buster succeeded Bill Reid as President and Chief Executive Officer on July 1, 2004. After working many years in major institutions, Buster is now focused on community banking. "As the banking industry frenzy for national franchise consolidation continues, the customer suffers from impersonal formula delivery of financial services. Community banks have a strategic advantage of high touch, high service that distinguishes them from the field of national providers. I am dedicated to client service and I am deeply excited to join The Mechanics Bank where customer focus is embedded in their DNA," said Buster.

Door Duty: Jim Cannon and

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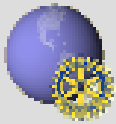
7/15
Thomas Cameron
Troy Pewitt

7/22
Jim Cannon

7/29
Sid Chauvin
Markku Pelanne

8/5
Herb 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 8, 2005

With a packed room of Visiting Rotarians, guests and our own Blue and Red badgers, **Prez Jonathon** brought the meeting to order. **Markku Pelanne** provided a thoughtful prayer. **Lance Jackson** led the Pledge and **John Troughton** gave the Thought for the Day (which your distracted scribe missed).

Visiting Rotarians

Visiting Rotarians were introduced: Chuck Graham and our speaker George Brown of the Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise Club – Chuck was a recent speaker himself and is this year's District Public Relations Chairman.

Rotarians With Guests

Rotarians with Guests were **Josh Genser** with soon to be member E. J. Shalaby and **John Troughton** brought his associate Cory Lawrence as well as his charge Chance and two summer interns Koy and Alex.

Sunshine Report

David K reported that all is well. Except he couldn't open the last Flywheel and missed the great fish photo. **Prez Jonathon** presented him with his personal printed copy.

Announcements

Rotary Foundation Scholar Julia Rist and her sister Caroline will be visiting our area 8/2 & 8/3 from Berlin and are looking for a place to stay. Anyone interested in hosting them should contact Werner Schwarz at 415-472-3385.

The Masquers Dinner Theatre will be held this September 15th (also the day of the Council of Industries Shoreline Cruise). The cost is \$40 per person and the play is "Enchanted April" A romantic comedy about two repressed London housewives and two other eccentric female housemates who rent a villa in the Italian countryside. They then have to deal not only with the magic spell cast upon them by being in Italy, but also with the men they thought they left behind. Written by Matthew Barber, from Elizabeth von Arnim's 1922 novel. Director: Arthur Atlas.

Please sign up with Hank Covell.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be July 21st, noon, at the Richmond Country Club.

Recognitions

John Wilson was recognized for once again earning his Blue Badge. Arriving in the nick of time, **Don Lau** recognized **Monique le Conge** for her recent 105th

Upcoming Programs

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

Elof Granberg won the right to draw a sphere from the bag, and got Orange! He generously donated his ½ of the winnings to the Nigerian Medical Mission. Good Oh Elof!





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.

birthday – Monique contributed a funny story about non-bookish librarians and made a generous donation to the Rotary Foundation. **Ted Abreu** will celebrate #70 next week and is headed for Ashland. Ted contributed to his daughter's Paul Harris. **Josh Genser** had an anniversary July 5th that he and Elaina celebrated in Paris. PDG **Werner Schwarz** celebrated a recent anniversary with Lea – he was going to take her out but ran out of **Stoney's** coupons. Past Prez **Herb Cole** joined the Club on July 10th 13 years ago and made a generous donation to his son's Paul Harris. **Judy Kafka** fessed up to a birthday back in June but seems to have no memory of where she was or who she was with (I hear this from my kids all the time).



Happy & Sad Dollars

Judy Kafka was happy her ill step daughter will be moving to the Bay Area very soon. **Hank Covell** is headed for a palace in Puerto Vallarta with 9 family members on August 1st. PP **Herb** was delighted that his son Reyes, an Iraq veteran, will soon be returning from Afghanistan. **Jan Brown** was pleased that **Nick Despota** is now a member and no longer her guest. **Werner** was happy to have Chuck Graham with us, who has been President of two Rotary Clubs. And Prez **Jonathan** contributed a happy \$10 for the great fishing trip in the Delta, even if a traveling **Jim Young** missed it.

Who Am I

Monique le Conge grew up in the Bay Area and spent her early years in Redding. Who would guess that the now Richmond Librarian was a great reader in her youth. She earned a Design Degree at UC Davis and later a Masters in Library Science at CAL. She began as a volunteer at the Benica Public Library, and was later hired and promoted to Benicia City Librarian. Monique has been in her current position in Richmond for 9 months. She also heads the Recreation and Public Arts programs. Monique is raising 3 children, participates in a women's slow pitch softball league, and loves to travel. As a 5 year member of Benicia Rotary, she reports that Richmond Rotarians are a lot more fun. Welcome to the Club Monique.



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

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!!!

Program

Retired Coast Guard Commander George Brown received a warm and thoughtful introduction from one of his past subordinates. George is the organizer and promoter of the Nigerian Medical Mission. This effort is committed to providing medical equipment and supplies in a 200 square mile rural area in southeast Nigeria. This area is about 1/3 the size of Contra Costa County, has a population of 500,000 people, and a 50% unemployment rate. There are 8 operating hospitals in the area which are badly in need of the most basic types of equipment and supplies. The most critical needs are for generators - for a constant source of electrical power, laboratory and diagnostic equipment, and basic ward supplies such as beds, mattresses, lines and pillows.

George has made two trips to the region, one of them with Chuck Graham, and is actively involved in fund raising. The Mission is seeking cash donations and donations of medical equipment such as microscopes, hospital beds, 220v 50 cycle refrigerators and bed linens. George summed up his remarks with the comment

Why Are We Doing This?
Because We Can!

George provided a moving presentation and was rewarded with a number of cash donations from Club members after the meeting.

Semper Paratus



Discount for Early Registration ends July 31st.

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
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

Clayton Valley Concord Sunrise Rotary is sponsoring "Charting A Successful Future 2005" Friday July 29th, 11am to 5:30pm. For registration call 925-944-8975 Seating is Limited