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**SERVICE Above Self**

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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**

**“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

**Program for Friday July 29, 2005**

**“RotaVision in Nepal”**

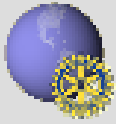


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**Door Duty:** Sid Chauvin and Markku Pelanne

## Door Duty

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 15, 2005

Waiting for **Joe Kelman** to enter the room, **Prez Jonathon** delayed the start of the meeting. When Joe – a past director of the Club and all around good guy – didn't appear, the Prez rang the bell and asked Past President Emeritus **Don Hardison** to lead the pledge. **Sid Chauvin** gave the Thought for the Day – it was poignant and short but I missed it anyway.

### Rotarians With Guests

The only Rotarian with a guest was President Elect **George Egan**. George brought Glenn Dags, President of OSS International.

### Sunshine Report

**David K** reported that all was sunshine this past week, including the fishing.

### Announcements

- Committee signups are ongoing. Please sign the list, or send Prez Jonathan an email if you aren't on a committee yet.
- Masquers Dinner Theatre is scheduled for 15 September. This is a great evening and benefits both the Club and the Theatre. Sign up with **Hank Covell**.
- The next Board Meeting is 21 July at the Richmond Country Club.
- The District Conference be held in Concord 21-22 October. Early registration ends 31 July.

### Recognitions

After **Tomas Cameron** was reunited with his Blue Badge, **Don Lau** held court on the subject of Recognitions. **Henry Kelman** acknowledged that he was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July and made a donation to the Rotary Foundation. .



### Happy & Sad Dollars

**David K** offered happy dollars to commemorate the two extremely large halibut he landed this week. Renaissance man **David Brown** announced his first paid gig as a musician at 19 Broadway in Fairfax next weekend.

## Upcoming Programs

**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

With \$56 at stake, lucky **David K** won the draw. Had he won, he would have contributed his share to the Peres Program. Who said there's no such thing as a free lunch





### 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.

Impressive David, and a great venue. **Prez Jonathon** celebrated his son's 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday with some dollars, but will be even happier when his son lands a job



New member **EJ Shalaby**, classification waste water management, was presented his Red Badge. EJ's sponsor is **Josh Genser**. Welcome aboard EJ.

### Program

**Prez Jonathon** introduced this year's Directors and Committee Chairpersons who then gave presentations on their plans for the year. Treasurer/musician **David Brown** promised to keep the books balanced and intends to implement some high end financial software. **George Egan** will chair the Membership Committee and urged new and old members to keep thinking about potential Rotarians. **Joe Nusbaum** will continue doing his exemplary job as Club Secretary.

Past Prez **Herb Cole** is International Director this year, and currently on a Rotary project in Mexico. He has plans to support Rotoplast, Rotovision and the Wheelchair Foundation this year. Current international projects will be continued, such as moving 7 incubators from John Muir Hospital to a hospital in Mexico. A project for mobile eye clinics in Thailand will be supported.

**John Nicol** will continue as Sargent-at-Arms and microphone monitor. Foundation Chairman **Erle Brown** once again asks that members contribute at least \$100 to either the Rotary Foundation or the Carl Rehfuss Fund to meet the District goal. The club will continue to match the donations of new members to those funds. **Jim Young** will continue his excellent work as Programs Chair and challenging questions manager.

**Rhonda Harris** is Community/Vocational Director this year. She will continue the Mom's Basket Giveaway Program and expand it to Kennedy High School. She wants to see more Rotary involvement in the Richmond schools and intends to bring Nystrom into one of our



### 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

**EJ Shalaby**  
Classification  
Wastewater  
Management

### 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!!!

programs. She will continue the activities at Peres School. **Josh Genser** will run Vocational Programs. He intends to continue the programs at Peres, and wants to reinstitute a job shadow program. An Interact Club is also being considered. **Joe Bagley** will be responsible for Community programs. He is organizing Club participation in the Aug 6 Festival By the Bay – running a state of the art hot dog stand. He plans to participate in the Salvation Army Back-to-School kids shopping spree and a hands-on project for the National Institute of the Arts and Disabilities.

**Pam Jones** is in charge of parties this year. She is considering a barbeque at Angel Island, will organize the Christmas Auction, a holiday party and help **John Nicol** coordinate the Reno Train trip. **Paul Washington** is chairing the Peres School adoption project this year. We will continue to support the Spirit of Excellence Program (we sent 30 kids to camp last year!), expand the tutoring program, support the Reading Night and Back to School Night, and the class sponsorship program that provides discretionary funding for teachers.

It is clear we have well-organized Rotary programs for the coming year and committed, enthusiastic Directors and Chairs.

Semper Paratus



**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 29<sup>th</sup>, 11am to 5:30pm. For registration call 925-944-8975 Seating is Limited