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

Program for Friday July 29, 2005

“RotaVision in Nepal”



Tracy Giles of the El Cerrito Club tells us of her 2003 trip, partially supported by Richmond Rotary

Door Duty: Sid Chauvin and Markku Pelanne

Program for Friday August 5, 2005

Hot & Cold, Steam & Snow, Gas, Grids & Gigawatts”

Megan Thompson, Operations Analyst for the California Independent Systems Operator explains current power management, Power Alerts, and what Cal ISO is doing about them.

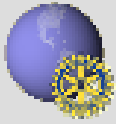
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Meeting of July 22, 2005

With a room full of guests, **President Jonathon** started the meeting on a beautiful East Bay afternoon. **Mark Howe** led the pledge. Prez Elect **George Egan** gave the Thought for the Day: “Television is a medium because well done is rare” – Fred

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



Allen.

Visiting Rotarians

Visiting Rotarians were Bill Slawson of Walnut Grove, Nancy McCarthy from El Cerrito and Werner's guest, PDG Herb Trumpold of Yorba Linda Sunrise.

Rotarians With Guests

Guests of Rotarians were Cornell Clarke and Jane Rutledge Slawson with **Prez Jonathon**. Glenn Daggs was the guest of **George Egan**. And **Jim Young** brought his youngest son Zion.

Sunshine Report

With a last minute input from your scribe, **David K** presented the Sunshine Report. **Erle Brown** had his gall bladder removed last Tuesday, and is back home and doing fine. Get well soon Erle!

Announcements

Margaret Morkowski announced the upcoming Richmond Festival on August 6th. We need volunteers to man our hot dog stand as well as marchers in the parade on August 7th! Please see Margaret to sign up.

Monique le Conge and **Margaret Morkowski** were presented with their blue badges

Who Am I

Who Am I's? were given by new members **Jaspinder Singh** and **Don Joseph**. I apologize for walking in the door as they were completed and cannot provide the usual witty summary of their remarks. Which will be greatly appreciated by all I am sure?

Recognitions

With no recognitions to feed the kitty, Prez Jon fined those Rotarians without pins a buck a piece.



Tom Butt provided a description of the community project to relocate the antique Whirley Crane from Levin-Richmond Terminal to the Graving Dock adjacent to the SS RED OAK VICTORY. This crane was originally built by Kaiser Industries to complete the Grand Cooley Dam.

Upcoming Programs

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

Aug 19 Rosemary Cameron, GM Public Affairs & ED, EBRP Foundation

Sep 02
Joke Day
All members not gone for the Labor Day holiday must have a Joke to tell, appropriate for Rotary (whatever that means) or risk being fined by the President

Sep 09
Dr. David Pearson, Dean of the School of Education (Tolman Hall), UC Berkeley, discusses current research in teaching/learning reading skills and the implications for reading curriculums.

Raffle

Lucky **John Nicol** won the chance to pull a ball. With \$123 at stake, John had to settle for a free lunch next week.





Important Dates

8/18/05 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.

It was relocated to Richmond and served in Shipyard #1 during the WWII homefront shipbuilding effort. It is being relocated on the initiative of the National Park Service and Rosie the Riveter Trust, and will help form an interpretive area within the Port for the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park. Community donations will support the relocation - donations from Manson Construction, Chevron, Mechanics Bank, Plant Reclamation and Rotarians **Mark Howe** and **Tom Butt** have been received. An additional \$7K is needed for the project.

Happy & Sad Dollars

Treasurer **David Brown** was happy to collect annual dues. **Charlie Wong** had \$5 to recognize the presence of long time member **Ren Partridge**. Ren was happy to match the thought. Past Prez **Herb Cole** was happy to be back from a Rotary Wheelchair Foundation project in 3 cities in Mexico. Herb had 3 Rotary flags and a very large T shirt to document his trip – 450 wheelchairs were shipped and assembled by Herb and the team. **Jim Young** is back from his extended travels to the Rotary Convention in Chicago and the U.K.- he brought a Rotary flag from Edinburgh and some scotch and music for the Holiday Auction. **Margaret Morkowski** was happy to have heard **Tom Butt** on the radio. **Don Hardison** lamented the loss of his Cal friend and long-time partner S. Richard Komatsu – together they had a significant impact on the architecture and development of our community over their long careers. **Leslie Levy** was happy she finally decided on a vacation spot for the year – it is to be Cape Cod.

Program

Jim Young introduced his personal banker, **Barry Gordon**, to do the introduction. In turn, Barry did a nice job of introducing his boss, and as you'd expect, said some very nice things.



Steven Buster was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Mechanics bank one year ago³ Steve commented that he



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!!!

attended his first Rotary meeting 40 years ago in Germany – subsequently he has found he enjoys Rotary meetings even more when he can understand the language. Mechanics Bank was founded in 1905 and is celebrating, along with the City of Richmond, their first 100 years. Was the bank named after mechanics? Yes – the bank's early business was focused on servicing mechanics, railroads, shipyards and even young oil companies. The bank currently has 600 employees.

Steve gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the steady growth of the bank, especially during the **Bill Reid** years. Steve talked at length about the recent survey the bank conducted on the business climate in the Bay Area. Bottom line – in the face of economic adversity, business owners and managers show great optimism. Most small business owners expect their businesses to grow and be more profitable over the next years, even recognizing that Northern California is a harder place to do business than the rest of the country.

Mechanics Bank has been a part of the Richmond community for 100 years, and is looking forward to another 100 years. And the bank is finally opening that Branch in Pittsburg so Barry will have a shorter commute.

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