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

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.

Door Duty: Herb Cole and Joe Nusbaum

Program for Friday August 12, 2005



Playland-Not-at-the-Beach is a family fun center and interactive community museum. Its mission is to celebrate the magic and history of bygone amusements, providing interactive family fun experiences that help people of all ages rediscover the joy of being a kid.

Playland-Not-at-the-Beach began in 1999 as a “fun project” that occupied the back of Richard Tuck’s business location. Richard Tuck’s enthusiasm for bygone amusements and his ability to create and believe in magic became a magnet for a host of creative volunteers and amusement enthusiasts who joined him in his quest to offer fun to everyone. With the help of volunteers, Playland-Not-at-the-Beach became a magical and fun place that is shared with friends and the disadvantaged, particularly those who may not receive many social invitations.

In 2004, Playland-Not-at-the-Beach became a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. As the attractions, exhibits, art and educational activities continue to grow, Playland-Not-at-the-Beach has continued its tradition of creative collaboration with friends, volunteers, and community partners. Currently under renovation, our facility is expected to open by the end of 2005.

Door Duty: Hank Covell and David Ninomiya

Door Duty

8/5
Herb Cole
Joe Nusbaum

8/12
Hank Covell
David Ninomiya

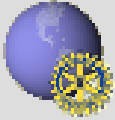
8/19
John Nicol
Bob Dabney

8/26
George Egan
Margaret Morkowski

9/2
Charlie Fender
Judy Morgan

9/9
Bud Martin

9/16
Josh Genser
Norm Lundberg



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 29, 2005

X-Prez Herb, filing in for mountain climbing **Prez Jon** and disappeared **VP Gorgeous George Egan** rang the meeting to order on a beautiful summer day. **Past Prez Stoney** ask for a silent prayer for peace and freedom. **Mark Howe** lead the Pledge of Allegiance. X-Prez Herb asked, “that ol’ Coonass **Sid Chauvin** to provide the thought for the day”. Which Sid did, repeating advice from the Buddha to the effect of, “If you knew how hungry the world is you’d always share your lunch.”

Editor’s Note: This same adjective, “coonass”, was used during the meeting a couple of weeks ago and sent my son and I scurrying for the Internet Dictionary of the Obscure and Profane to find out that in the swamper parts of Texas and Louisiana it is used as sometimes complimentary, sometimes derisive reference to Cajuns. The writer suggests that those using the phrase take the advice of The Virginian and, “When you call me that, smile”.

<http://www.cajunculture.com/Other/coonass.htm>

Visiting Rotarians

Blain Davis of the El Cerrito club introduced himself and was recognized by Judy Morgan as the leader of the Richmond Chamber Breakfast Program.

Tracy Giles our speaker is also a visiting Rotarian from the El Cerrito Club.

Rotarians With Guests

Rhonda H. introduced Fred Clement the Director of Buildings and Inspections for the City of Richmond. **Sid Chauvin**, assuming we are all clairvoyant, introduced his daughter (again) but did not mention her name. Publisher’s note: I had the pleasure of meeting **Amber** in Reno.

Sunshine Report

David K. was “Gone fishin’” in Montana. **Erle Brown** was back, as he said he would be, after unexpected gall bladder surgery last week, and everything else seems OK.

Foundation Business

Erle Brown asked **Charlie Wong** to come up to the podium to receive the Paul Harris award for Charlie’s daughter Bobbi. Charlie and Erle have tried for months to get Bobbi up from the Southland for months, unsuccessfully, so they decided to make the award to Charlie for personal delivery to Bobbi. Erle reminded the members that in the days of the Central Market, Bobbi was the one behind the cash register taking care of business and Charlie was no where to be seen. Charlie said he would deliver the Paul Harris to Bobbi just as soon

Upcoming Programs

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

Prez Herb asked Tracy to select a ticket and raffle winner. The winner was John Nicol (again). John continued his commitment to funding his son-in-law’s Paul Harris and since he drew the orange ball that Paul Harris can be expected to be awarded sooner.





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

12/14 /05
Annual Holiday Party

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.

as he is able. The members, realizing that Erle's off color comments about Charlie's whereabouts were bunk, gave Charlie a round of applause for another contribution to Rotary.

The Erle then asked John Wilson to step forward. Erle noted that John had one of the really old "363" member numbers and was a member of Richmond Rotary when he joined, but that he then disappeared for many years. John noted that in spite of what Erle suggests, he did not leave the club just because Erle joined, but had spent the past 27 years in the Diablo Valley Evening club until it folded its tent and out of Rotary only four years. Erle checked out John's Paul Harris status and confirmed John's story that he had been active. So active that the club, after a small additional contribution, completed John's first Paul Harris, which Erle then presented to member applause.

Erle reminded all the members that the club will match any amount of money donated to your first Paul Harris, so take advantage of it and make the club 100% Paul Harris Fellows.

Announcements

Joey Bags reminded the club that next Saturday, August 6th is the Festival at the Bay and the club is going to run a "Chicago style" hot dog stand. Volunteers and fun loving helpers are needed. The Bagster is taking care of the details but requested help securing 5 or 6 large coolers (*I think he means ice chests*), 6 large cutting boards and knives, a meat thermometer, a washing station, large amounts of large Tupperware, a new Maserati Quattroporte & etc. The preparation fun begins at 8 AM with food service starting at 11 AM and going until 6 PM or when we run out of hot dogs.

Judy Morgan segwayed nicely into reminding the club about the fireworks, Pete Escobedo, the parade on Sunday the 8th at Pt. Richmond (starting at 11 AM and gathering beforehand at Washington School), and, PARTY, PARTY, PARTY, Sunday evening at the Richmond Auditorium. To check out the whole celebration go to <http://www.richmondcelebration.com>.

X-Prez and current Treas. David Brown reminded members that annual dues are due & payable and he still accepts personal checks.

Recognitions

In a momentary interlude of organization, lovely **X-Prez Leslie** recognized Ralph Hill, Ted Abreu and the Erle of Brown.



Birthdays

- 8/3** Josh Genser
- 8/5** Bud Martin
- 8/13** David Smith
- 8/17** Dan Sanders
Elof Granberg
- 8/19** Bob Niccolls
- 8/28** Stoney
Stonework
- 8/30** Joanne Blum
Jonathon Lawlis

Anniversaries

- 8/7** Mike and Cindy
Winter
- 8/14** Bob Dabney and
Cheryl Maier
- 8/15** Stoney and Mary
Anna Stonework
- 8/18** Jim and Jane
Beaver
- 8/18** Loren and Carole
Straughn
- 8/29** Erle and Phyllis
Brown
- 8/30** Paul and Mary Jo
Hodgen

Club Anniversaries

- 8/5** Stoney Stonework
11 Years
- 8/16** Rich Alexander
10 Years
- 8/25** Jim Young
3 Years

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

Ralph Hill received rousing, raucous, remembrances and well wishes as he celebrates his 57th anniversary as a Richmond Rotarian. Part of the cacophony was the produce of Ralph using the occasion to prove he is “72” years old, which caused great concern for his surviving math skills. Ralph’s math was forgiven as he made a donation to the Rotary Foundation and a strong testimonial to Rotary.

Ted Abreu was recognized in the “Napa Register” and for something not involving the police. Ted’s “lemon fritters” (?) were recognized as he was taking a cooking class. This prompted X-Prez Leslie to immediately impress Ted into service as part of her annual Holiday Auction Cooking Project Extravaganza.

Erle reaffirmed that he did have something removed, or possibly added, and that it did happen at a hospital. But since he appeared to still be suffering from the side affects of the anesthetic, the writer suggests you ask Erle what might have been added. X-Prez Leslie thanked Erle for sharing.



Happy & Sad Dollars

John Wilson had \$5 happy dollars because his daughter had enrolled in the international peace studies program at Trinity College in Dublin Ireland. He noted that the next day the IRA said it was renouncing violence and would become a political party. Things are looking up!

Josh Genser had happy dollars for the good time that he, **Jim Beaver** and Jack Hill had helping The Beav use up the Holiday Auction Victory he had last December when he got the Genser “roughing it, back country tour”. Fish were caught, guns were shot and two bottles of Scotch gave their all to support the successful venture, but not necessarily in that order.

Joe Bagley, who apparently was also involved in the aforementioned backcountry adventure, had a happy \$10 because Josh was such a good cook. No mention was made of the cooking relative to the Scotch.

Rhonda Harris had sad dollars because her grand daughter lost her grandmother on her father’s side and she was only 50 and passed because of cancer. It is a sad time for Rhonda’s four year old grand daughter. Rhonda also extended an invitation to the members to attend an Open House for the properties she has developed

New Member Proposal

George Egan has proposed Glenn Daggs for membership. Glenn is the Executive Director of OSS International, Inc. His responsibilities include management of corporate/industrial security consulting, protective security and maritime operations in the public and private sector. His proposed classification is Security Management.

Any member who has an objection to this should get in touch with Secretary Joe Nusbaum before August 15th.



on S. 3rd and Florida. The Open House is Aug. 3rd.

Josh Genser's memory was jogged by Rhonda's Open House so he told the members that the Richmond Chamber mixer is Thursday, Aug 11th at his building at 210 S. Garrard Blvd. 5 –7 PM.

Sid Chauvin, still responding positively to his Cajun reference, had happy and sad dollars for his daughter's visit. Happy because she's here and they are still getting along in the same house and sad because she is about to leave for Hawaii.

Jim Young had a happy fiver for Joe Bagley and X-Prez Herb for the good time and food they all had in Greek Town Chicago and at the old Firehouse luncheon, recommending that all the member get to a Rotary Convention sometime.

Charley Fender had happy dollars for a new Great Grand Son, Ka-lao.

X-Prez Herb had sad dollars for Prez Jon being absent today, but those dollars turned happy as Herb recognized Nick Lawlis, Jon's son, who got the projector for the presentation up and operational. Thanks Nick!

Program

Jim Young introduced **Tracy Giles** from the El Cerrito club who was partially sponsored on her RotoVision mission to Nepal by our club.



Tracy thanked the Richmond Rotary and X-Prez Stoney for the support of her trip and asked the members to think about all the happy faces on the kids in her initial images of Nepal. Nepal, although dangerous because of its Maoist insurgency, is a very beautiful and spiritual country. It is also very poor and a place that welcomes the RotoVision eye doctors who treat “lazy eye” cataracts and other difficult vision problems. Tracy noted that as a child she had also suffered lazy eye and at the time there were very few doctors who would treat it. This trip was partly her effort to help others move beyond the disfiguring and debilitating condition.

The trip took the RotoVision program to Katmandu and the Tilgaya Eye Clinic, which is a national center for the treatment of vision problems. Dr. Fred Hollows from Australia started the clinic, which has been very creative in developing local initiatives to expand local vision improvement. This includes training local doctors in new techniques for treating vision problems, developing a local laboratory to create prosthetic lenses for cataract surgery and developing a cornea bank for cornea transplants. An example of this success is the clinic's ability to reduce the cost of prosthetic lenses from \$150 to \$7, making treatment of blindness from cataracts affordable for large numbers of Nepalese, and making lens production a revenue source for the clinic.

At the conclusion of Tracy's Q&A Treas David Brown, on behalf of the Richmond Rotary, presented Tracy a check for \$1,000 in support of the good works of RotoVision and her next trip to Ecuador. Tracy with a special thank you to Stoney for his support, presented him with a Nepalese backpack.

Your Acting Editor,
Jim Young