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

Program for Friday August 19, 2005

Rosemary Cameron,

Regional Park Foundation

The Regional Parks Foundation was established in 1969 to encourage private contributions in support of the East Bay Regional Park District. Besides directly supporting District programs, the Foundation holds and invests funds for future use by the District. Over the past 35 years, the Regional Parks Foundation has received donations, land, and in kind services valued at more than \$35 million.

Door Duty: John Nicol and Bob Dabney

Program for Friday August 26, 2005

Jordan Simmons



East Bay Center for the Performing Arts

Since 1968, the mission of the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts (EBCPA) has been: 1) to ensure that opportunities for a quality education in the arts should be available to all persons, regardless of background, age, physical disability, previous experience or ability to pay standard fees and 2) to engage the arts, which speak to our common humanity, as a vehicle for social reconciliation and social change. Informed and enriched by the art forms of the new majorities and immigrant populations that make up our diverse community, the Center's programming seeks to create opportunities for personal growth, open communication, and artistic excellence.

Door Duty: George Egan and Margaret Morkowski

Meeting of August 12, 2005

With his usual charm, **Prez Jonathon Lawlis** rang in another summer gathering of Richmond Rotary. **Stoney** led us in a prayer for peace. **Nick Despota** led the pledge of allegiance, and **George Egan** recalled that Albert Einstein once said: We can't solve

Door Duty

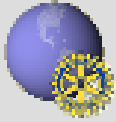
8/19
John Nicol
Bob Dabney

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



problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."

Visiting Rotarians

Cathy Durphy (banking colleague of Jim Young's) visited from the Walnut Creek Rotary.

Rotarians With Guests

Leslie Levy introduced her guest, **Michele Rogers**. **George Egan** introduced his guest, **Glenn Daggs**. Welcome to all

Sunshine Report

David K. reports full sun in matters of health.

Announcements

Hank Covell reminds us of one of Rotary's more entertaining evenings planned for Thursday, September 15. The benefit Dinner and Theater at the Masquers is a fun night for Rotarians and their guests. \$40 ea. buys a great dinner at the Hotel Mac, tickets to a romantic comedy and the opportunity to share it with a full house of Rotarian friends. Contact Hank Covell to purchase tickets. If you signed up last week - please sign up again or turn in the sign up sheet that somehow walked away!

... And you know summer is almost over when you hear that the Rotary Auction and the Holiday Party are scheduled for Friday, December 2! Prez Jonathan tells us that the auction will be held at noon at the Mira Vista and this year's party will be combined with El Cerrito and Albany at the Richmond County Club. Details are still forthcoming - because thankfully, it's still summer!

Recognitions

Leslie Levy took charge of honoring Rotarian milestones. **Mike Winter** celebrated 45 happy years with Cindy by going to the Grand Canyon. **Bud Martin** celebrated a birthday. **Stoney** marked his 11th year anniversary with our club. **Bob Dabney** and Cheryl are about to celebrate their many years together. **David Ninomiya** and Janet are still celebrating their anniversary from last May. Happy anniversary to Mike and Cindy, Bob and Cheryl, and David and Janet! Happy Birthday Bud! Congratulations Rotary and Stoney! Thank you all for your generosity to Rotary.



Upcoming Programs

Aug 26

Jordan Simmons
East Bay Center for the Performing Arts

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.

Sep 30

"The Truth About Olive Oil & other slippery, flavorful subjects"

Raffle

And a lucky **Monique le Conge** wins a FREE lunch.!



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

12/02/05

Annual Holiday Party

12/02/05

Holiday Party with El Cerrito Rotary

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

Happy & Sad Dollars

Lots of happy folks in Rotary on this day to build the community fund coffers. **George Egan** is a happy guy as he takes off to Alaska and leaves Jonathan to take over his duties. Richmond Rotarians were well represented at last weekend's centennial events: (*Editor's Note - Richmond Rotarians on the City's Centennial Committee deserve a standing ovation for their efforts. They are: **Judy Morgan**, co-chair; **Margaret Markowski**, **Rhonda Harris**, and **Ted Smith**. In charge of the Rotary Hot Dog Stand for the festival at Marina Bay was **Joe Bagley**. All deserve a huge 'thank you' for their leadership along with the work of many other volunteers.*) **Margaret Markowski** is happy at the enormous success of the Centennial celebrations. She thanked the many Parade participants. They included **Joe Bagley** and **Jonathan Lawlis** who held the Rotary Banner, and **Tom Butt** who held the leads of the most-talked-about stars of the parade - 5 goats from the Butt household farm. **Erle Brown** is happy to be heading to Russia and the Siberian Railroad for an extended trip that will require Rotary's other Cal Bear fans to root in his place. **Dan Sanders** is glad to be back to Rotary again after a trip to Scotland and Ireland. **Joe Nusbaum** relayed the magical ninth inning of the A's vs. Angels game he attended in storybook fashion that charmed us all. **Jan Brown** praised Joe Bagley for his Chicago-style hot dogs; and she was intrigued with recent controversies like the KNBR uproar, finding Times columnist Gary Peterson's article insightful. **David Kuchenthal**, our local fisherman and overseer of good health, marvels at **Erle Brown's** quick recovery from gall bladder surgery in time for a trip to Russia. **Jim Young** is excited about the Rotary programs ahead and compliments **Bob Dabney** for bringing us George Miller - at a date to be announced. **Leslie Levy** and Steve just returned from Anchor Bay and Gualala where she attended a welcoming Rotary club. With special praise for **Joey Bags**, Past Prez **Herb Cole** and Prez **Jonathan Lawlis** made much ado about Rotary's first highly successful Hot Dog concession on the Marina Boardwalk. Graphics Depot's colorful banners and barker **David Brown** drew much attention. Herb modeled his apron and looked ready to serve again. In classic Herb style, he connected the Centennial Parade to Sid Chauvin's back yard, but you had to be there. Finally, **Prez Jonathan** brought the proud reminiscing to a close with a gracious \$100 and a 'thank you' to a long list of Rotarians whose presence and participation in the weekend activities was appreciated. **Lance Jackson** is proud of the completion of Peres Elementary School construction and urges Rotarians to visit the school and see how great it looks.



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

Program



Jim Young introduced our speaker, **Richard Tuck**, who treated us to a preview of a developing local treasure and enterprise. A slide show took us back in time to the days of the Sutro Baths, the Cliff House, and Playland-at-the-Beach. Playland-NOT-at-the-Beach is the product of a successful hobby started in a converted warehouse behind his San Pablo Avenue executive search business, Landers International.



Richard Tuck finds he is not alone in his fondness for the penny arcades and simple amusements of a bygone era, and his desire to include all in its development has resulted in a not-for-profit organization that is receiving widespread attention. The facility is undergoing a complete remodel and will be open - by appointment - to any group or person who calls ahead. Besides its unusual goal of combining museum-quality interactive fun and education, it is also dedicated to providing meaningful work to a growing volunteer base of artists and interested helpers - many of whom have been unemployed or labeled as disabled. As it turns out, *fun* and *being needed* are a productive combination.

Thank you Mr. Tuck and those dedicated individuals behind the scenes at Playland-NOT-at-the-Beach who give our community one more asset to celebrate. For more information, send an email to info@playland-not-at-the-beach.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan B. Nimble

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Highlights of the District Meeting:

Friday, October 21, 2005
8:00 - Golf – Diablo Creek
8:00 - Hike Mt Diablo
1:00 - Community Project – Markham Regional Arboretum, Concord
5:00 - No Host Reception – Banquet Room Area - Concord Hilton
7:00 - Dinner
8:00 – Rain Man – Kim Peek
9:00 - Club Entertainment – Fun, Food, Beverages – Suite Rooms – Concord Hilton

Saturday, October 22, 2005

8:30 – Breakfast
9:00 - Opening Ceremony
9:30 - Cliff Dochterman, Past RI President
10:30 - Special Session – Getting to know Rotary
12:00 – Lunch.
1:00 – RI President’s Representative
2:00 – Special Session – Getting to know Rotary
5:00 - No Host Reception – Banquet Room Area - Concord Hilton
6:30 - Dinner
7:30 – Cave Man – Al Mathis
8:30 - Conclusion of District Meeting
9:00 – Club Entertainment – Fun, Food