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

Program for Friday September 9, 2005

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

Door Duty: Bud Martin and

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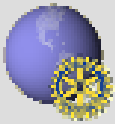
9/9
Bud Martin

9/16
Josh Genser
Norm Lundberg

9/23
Barry Gordon
Leslie Levy

9/30
Elof Granberg
Monique le Conge

10/7
Margaret Hanlon-Gradie
Don Lau



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 September 2, 2005

Prez Jonathon Lawlis opened our meeting in silent prayer for those trapped in the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina. The pledge was followed by George Egan's thought for the day: 'One man with courage IS a majority' (Andrew Jackson).

In response to an appeal for immediate funding assistance to help the victims of this country's unfolding crisis and single greatest natural disaster, Richmond Rotarians opened their checkbooks for Hurricane Relief. The enormity of need is still sinking in for most of us, as fellow Rotarians with friends, family, and co-workers in New Orleans and neighboring areas bring the reality of the tragedy close to Richmond. Thank you Rhonda Harris, Lance Jackson, and Paul Hodgen for sharing your touching stories with us

Sunshine Report

Except for the rumor of a few aches and pains, David K reports Richmond Rotarians are in good health.

Announcements

Hank Covell has 44 sign ups and is looking for more for this year's annual Masquers night out on September 15. Tickets for this popular evening buys dinner at the Mac Hotel and live entertainment at the Masquers. Contact **Hank** for more information (dhcovell@pacbell.net).

Jonathon Lawlis reminded us of the District Conference at the Concord Hilton on October 21 and 22. Rotary Picnic planning is in the works. Save the date on September 24 and let **Sid Chauvin** know you'll be there.

Recognitions

Sid Chauvin led the recognitions as **John Nicol** was honored for having joined the club (along with **David Ninomiya**) on this day 41 years ago. Missing the birthday of our own **Prez Jonathon**, a few fines corrected the oversight. Our thanks to **John** for his many years of service in our club, and happy belated birthday **Jonathon!** **Prez Jonathon** brought our attention to the handsome Rotary flyer (thank you **Nick Despota**) in this month's Richmond Chamber of Commerce newsletter.

Happy & Sad Dollars

Happy/sad dollars not only contribute to the community fund, but the stories shared make us family. Today's generous contributors are: **Markku Pelanne, Jim Young, Rhonda Harris, David Brown, Josh Genser, Paul Hodgen, Lance Jackson, John Wilson** and **Mark Howe**. Thank you!

Upcoming Programs

Sep 16

Tony Thurmond newly appointed City Council Member comments on his defeat, appointment and vision for the City of Richmond.

Sep 23

Dr. Randy Schekman and his wife Nancy Walls update the club on the hopes, dreams and reality of stem cell research and politics

Sep 30

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

Joint Meeting with Soroptomists!

Oct 7

Tom Lynden, CPA and host of the West County Forum discusses the WCCUSD \$400,000,000 parcel tax, Measure "J" on the November ballot. 510-758-6800.

Raffle

John Wilson wins a FREE lunch. And to correct last week's raffle



Don Hardison donates his winnings to the EBCPA!!

Important Dates

9/15/05 Board Meeting at Richmond Country Club

09/15/05

Dinner - Theatre at the Masquers.

09/24/05

Picnic at Richmond Country Club

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 united in the ideal of service.

Who Am I? Presentations

Nick Despota (Lumina Media Production; Category: Media-Web Design; Sponsor: Jan Brown)

Through a clever interactive game of History, Biology and Shop, Rotarians were treated to the stories that make Nick tick. Shop 1 was firewood, a story of his adeptness at making his own furniture and then burning it. Biology 2 was retinas, a story of his visual design training that led to an interest in photography, production and writing. By presentation's end, we knew this child of the 60's once worked for PG&E's Diablo Canyon, created a popular video of a snowstorm in Chicago, produces corporate videos, came from a dysfunctional family but the dad of his friend, Donnie, made a lasting impression, and most significant of all, the lady hitchhiker he picked up 33 years ago has been cruising with him ever since. (Nel, we hope that's you.).

E.J. Shalaby (West County Wastewater District; Category: Wastewater Management; Sponsor: Josh Genser)

An immigrant from Beirut, EJ grew up with his family in Glendale, California before settling in Northern California where his career in wastewater management has grown. E.J. can proudly stand up to anyone who tells him, "You don't know s--- !", because in fact, he does. With a degree in business management, a sales background in sewer flow equipment and 20 years with the City of Richmond managing its wastewater facility, E.J. obviously brings valuable experience to his position as District Manager of Contra Costa County Wastewater. E.J. met his wife at the 'Bitter End' bar, whose name has more relevance than it did those many years ago. EJ's wife, Jeannine, is also a career public servant (in Moraga) and together they share memories of Tom Petty concerts and the desire to visit all 50 states before turning 50.

Thank you Nick and E.J. for sharing your great "Who am I?"s. Richmond Rotary is proud and honored to have you both on board.

Program

Today was joke day as **Jim Young** took pause from his flywheel duty to pass out Snickers and other appropriately named rewards. In true Rotary fashion, jokes ranged from good to bad and funny to raunchy - and many thought those were funny too. But you had to be there, because expressions, timing and gestures can't be separated from the punch lines. Today's jokers were: **Monique Leconge, Margaret Markowski, David Kuchenthal, Sid Chauvin, Hank Covell, Werner Schwarz, Don Miller, Josh Genser, John Wilson, Markku Pelanne, Jonathon**



Birthdays

9/6 Lance Jackson
9/9 Bob Dabney
9/11 David K
9/20 Jim Young
9/22 Hank Covell, Jazzy Singh & Bart Wallace
9/23 Dave Calfee
9/25 Margaret Morkowski
9/30 Barry Gordon and Stan Teaderman

Anniversaries

9/12 Jim and Linda Young
9/13 Markku and Mary Pelanne
9/16 Bob and Lavonne Nicchols
9/26 Charlie and Clavel Fender
9/27 Joe and Rita Bagley

Club Anniversaries

09/02 John Nicol and David Ninomiya 41 Years!!
9/05 Father Nick Reina 2 Years
09/08 Joni Hiramoto 7 Years
9/22 Leslie Levy and Judy Kafka - 18 Years
9/26 Thomas Cameron and Paul Washington 2 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

Glenn Daggs
Classification
Security Management

Lawlis, Nick Despota, Joe Bagley, and no doubt others. But alas, the scribe's memory is only as good as the notes she takes. And with copyright apologies to Michael Maslin, here's one last joke:



Respectfully submitted,

Jan B. Nimble

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Save the date...
October 21-22, 2005
Concord Hilton - Concord, California
District 5160 Meeting
2005-2006
With special guests...
Rain Man Cave Man
Date 10-21-05
SERVICE Above Self
Brian D. Thlossen
District Governor
"Embrace our differences...the family of Rotary"

**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