



Flywheel



SERVICE Above Self

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A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

Program for Friday November 4, 2005

District Governor Brian Thiessen



Let's have a big turn out for Governor Brian's official visit.

Brian will be delivering his take on District matters as well as inducting a new member or two and presenting a few Paul Harris Awards.

Door Duty: Ralph Hill and Joe Kelman

Program for Friday November 11, 2005

Veterans' Day Recollections



Honoring Rotary Vets. Each Veteran member gets 5 minutes to tell their most important memory/experience/insight from their military service.

Door Duty: Joni Hiramoto and Henry Kelman



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

Door Duty

11/4
Ralph Hill
Joe Kelman

11/11
Joni Hiramoto
Henry Kelman

11/18
Paul Hodgen
Judy Kafka

11/25
No Meeting

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 October 28, 2005

Jon Lawlis opened the meeting today. Stoney announced the invocation, David Brown led us in the pledge and George had the thought of the day that had something to do with a gift to himself, an old but fast 1967 Chevy Camaro and his kids paying for their own **Visiting Rotarians AG Don Farquharson** from El Cerrito visited us today.

Rotarians with Guests (another big full house today): **George Egan** brought Matt Dobbins from Lincoln Annuities. **Jon Lawlis** brought Laura St. Claire from the California Autism Foundation. The foundation owns Hooper's and San Francisco Chocolate Companies and she was armed with samples. **Past President Leslie** brought Katherine Kay from Bay Funding **Cory Lawrence** graced us for the last time as a guest. School Board member Karen Fenton was also present.

Sunshine Report

David K reports that all Rotarians are in relative good health despite some creaky bones and unexplained pains here and there.

Announcements

The Reno Train Trip is back on. The date is 1/22 & 1/23. The money paid is not refundable, but John assures us that there will be a train this year and it will possibly be the last train trip because AMTRAK loses money on this run and in planning to discontinue it. Money is due by 12/15/05. Get your reservation to John Nicol.

The club raised **\$13,500** for the hurricane relief effort and it was spent roughly as follows: \$5000. to assist 2 families (15 people) relocated to San Francisco from New Orleans. \$1000 to Pinole Rotary to assist a relocated family in Hercules. \$500 to the special Ed. Dept of LaVonnya DeJean Middle School to make up back packs to send to kids in the gulf area. \$1000 to Baldwin Albama School District to help kids who lost everything. \$5115 to the Katrina Relief Fund. A Rotary DAF Program that will get the monies directly to local Rotary Clubs for their relief efforts.

Recognitions

The ever popular, Don Lau announced the recognitions today. **Charley Wong** celebrated his 80th birthday today and the club sang him happy birthday. **Bart Wallace** also celebrated a birthday but did not disclose his age.

Upcoming Programs

Nov 11

Honoring Rotary Vets, each veteran member gets 5 minutes to tell their most important memory/experience/insight from their military service.

Nov 18

"Obstacle Removal Marketing: Tom Waller talks about how to communicate effectively in order to get the important message

Nov 25

No Meeting
Happy Thanksgiving

Dec 2

Holiday Auction and Club Elections

Dec 9

"GRIP, the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program & Close-up, Richmond HS"

Dec 16

"ACUA, you can't live without it" Bette Boatman and Katie Foulkes describe the Assoc. of Calif. Water Utilities Plan for water protections and delivery in the 21st Century.

Raffle

Alas, Visitor Karen Fenton, wild with anticipation pulled the white ball. Alas! Who said there's no such thing as a free lunch?



Important Dates

11/17/05 Board Meeting
at Richmond Country
Club

12/02/05
Annual Holiday Party

12/02/05
Holiday Party with El
Cerrito Rotary

1/22 & 1/23
The 64th Annual Reno
Train Trip**

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.

** Richmond Rotary did #63 by bus.

Happy/Sad \$\$\$\$

Stoney contributed some happy dollars to recognize the contribution McDonalds made to the hurricane relief effort. They contributed \$5,000,000 and another \$100,000 to Jesse Jackson for non-profit activities. **Dan** had \$10 to recognize the Chicago White Sox World Series victory.

Nick Despota also was pleased to announce that the Library foundation raised \$11,000 from the business community to explore the possibility of a new library.

Jim Young said, "truth is the engine of the justice system" whatever that means?

Program

AN ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE J:

Mike Mahoney from the bond oversight committee and Aquacena Lopez a financial advisor to the CCUSD spoke in support of Measure J.

Mike started by getting the negative out of the way:

- There is no senior exemption because it is not allowed by law.
- This will not be the last bond. We should expect to see a request for another \$500 million to finish the entire district.
- The district decided that although portables are cheaper bricks and mortar construction should be pursued because it has a longer life expectancy.

On the positive side he said the new construction costs are roughly \$250 to \$300 per square foot, which are consistent with other types of public works costs. More importantly unitized construction components make the repairs of various parts less easier because all the parts are the same throughout the district. For example if a window is broken a new one can brought out and just snapped into place, the same goes for doors heaters and other components that need regular maintenance.

Measure J is a School bond which will voted upon this November 8. The district is asking for \$400 Million and must achieve 55% support to pass. There have been 4 district bonds before this that have all received good support (i.e. in the 70% range).

The assessed tax base, which now stands at 22 billion, has been recently growing at rates of over 10% per year. When the tax base grows it decreases costs that property owners must pay to support the bonds. The district expects these bonds to cost \$52 per \$100,000 in assessed valuation, but if the tax base continues to grow the actual costs will be less.



Birthdays

10/3 Joe Bagley
10/11 Jim Cannon
10/13 Tom Cameron
10/13 Ren Partridge
10/21 Troy Pewitt
10/23 Charlie Wong

Anniversaries

10/1 Dave and Betty Calfee
10/7 Margaret and Thomas Hanlon-Gradie
10/12 David and Mary Ruth Smith
10/22 Bart and Norma Wallace
10/24 Bud and Alice Martin
10/24 Ted and Carolyn Smith
10/30 Troy and Annell Grove

Club Anniversaries

10/6 Barry Gordon 7 yrs
10/7 Donna Bell 12 yrs
10/10 Rich Brandes 12 yrs
10/10 Tom Butt 25 yrs!!
10/16 Jim Beaver 16 yrs
10/20 Ted Abreu 10 yrs
10/25 Paul Allen 4 yrs

**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

New schools do contribute to the upgrading of a neighborhood and there is no doubt that new facilities make learning easier. Our speakers urge you to vote for Measure J this November 8.

Although an impromptu slide show of Peres school construction eclipsed the question and answer period, Ms Lopez confirmed that unlike most public debt issues, Measure J bonds have no interest rate cap acting as a circuit breaker should future bond interest rates reach a level deemed too expensive for tax paying property owners. Consequently if Measure J bonds are passed there will be no future restriction on bond sales during the proposed seven year authorization period.

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Mark Howe

Acting City Desk Editor
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Rotary Milestones

- 1905** First Rotary club organized in Chicago, Illinois,
- 1908** Second club formed in San Francisco, California
- 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 GSE Program
- 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