



Flywheel



SERVICE Above Self

November 11, 2005

A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

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

Program for Friday November 18, 2005

"Obstacle Removal Marketing"

Tom Waller talks about how to communicate effectively in order to get the important message

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Meeting of November 4, 2005

Jon Lawlis opened the meeting today. Stoney did the invocation and **Jim Young** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **George** had the thought of the day that could have been the old Spanish proverb, "An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest."

Visiting Rotarians

Our guests today were **District Governor Brian Thiessen** and his wife **Carolyn** both from Alamo Rotary and **Darrell Kelly**, President of the El Sobrante Club.

Rotarians with Guests

John Troughton brought his son Chance. **Charlie Wong** introduced Captain Frank Desplancke from the Salvation Army. And **Prez Jon's** special guest was Mickey Ercolini.

Sunshine Report

David K reports that all Rotarians are in relative good health and there is otherwise plenty of sunshine today.



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

Door Duty

11/11
Joni Hiramoto
Henry Kelman

11/18
Paul Hodgen
Judy Kafka

11/25
No Meeting

12/2
Mark Howe
Don Joseph

12/9
Lance Jackson
Pam Jones

12/16
Werner Schwarz

12/23
No Meeting

12/30
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

Announcements

The Reno train trip is back on. The date is 1/22 & 1/23. The money, \$270, 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 11/25/05. Remember this might be, "The Last Train to Clarksville", I mean Reno, and it may be the last chance to hear the story about what the Superintendent of Schools did when a bunch of the members went to the Mustang Ranch, purely as a research project. Let **John Nicol** know if you want to go. **The Beav and Dandy Don Lau** will be in touch with everyone regarding contributions for the Holiday Auction December 2nd. Help make their job easier by responding to the e-mail that they have sent to all the members. Please sign up with **Pam Jones** for the Holiday Party with El Cerrito Rotary on 12/02 at the Richmond Country Club. Cost is \$60 per person. **Margaret** announced her willingness to lead Richmond Rotary in supporting the Rotaplast Quilt Project. Help send a new quilt to a child recovering from surgery. See Margaret for details.

New Members

The club basked in light of the presence of DG Brian who



with great ceremony presented **Cory Lawrence** and **Gary Bell** their Red Badges as new club members. DG Brian also recognized their sponsors, **John Troughton** and **Stoney Stonework** with special pins



Recognitions

After owning up that he left his recognition list in the car by fining himself,

Happy/Sad \$\$\$\$

Jim "The Beav" Beaver then launched into H&S \$\$\$\$. While it

Upcoming Programs

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

Dorothy Herzberg presents "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

DG Brian pulled CA Sid's ticket from the bucket. (You always gotta wonder when the guy who has been sitting at the sign-in table's ticket gets drawn.) Way to find a white ball Sid!

The raffle will go way over \$900 next week!!



Important Dates

11/17/05 Past President's 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**

** Richmond Rotary did #63 by bus.

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.

is clear that the **Beav** then fined **Joey Baggs** for something and then felt guilty and fined himself for something relating to the White Sox, technical difficulties precluded any other H&S dollar recordings, except that it was good to see **Judy Kafka** and she said it was good to be there.

Technical difficulties took the form of today's scribe being absent in order to get his crane whirled and the back-up scribe having far too much fun at the back table and not bringing into conscience, so to speak, the fact that the acting scribe was absent.

Recognitions Part II



In a very special presentation, **DG Brian** awarded **Mickey Ercolini** her own Paul Harris award on behalf of the club and recognizing **Dan Ercolini's** strong commitment to Rotary and Richmond. Accepting the medal and the pin Mickey recounted how Dan for the longest time was not a joiner.



But he really did join the Richmond Rotary and was completely committed to the Peres School Project and very much looking forward to his year as Vice president. Mickey asked the club to continue Dan's strong commitment to Richmond and service, and received another standing ovation from the members.

DG Brian then continued a recognition effort that he began at District 5160's Annual Meeting in Concord, recognizing Silver (25 years +) and Gold (50 years +) Rotary member anniversaries. Silver Rotary pin rings were awarded to **Charlie Fender, Elof Granberg, John Nicol, Joe Nusbaum and John Wilson**. A gold 50 year anniversary ring was given to Ralph Hill. All these Rotary stalwarts received a standing ovation from the members.



Birthdays

11/3 Werner Schwarz
11/8 Don Lau
11/10 John Troughton
11/23 Charlie Fender
11/26 Leslie Levy

Anniversaries

11/6 Norm and Bonnie Foley
11/11 Belur and Tara Kumar
11/11 Lance and Bielka Jackson
11/17 Ren and Jeannie Partridge
11/26 Tom and Shirley Butt

Club Anniversaries

11/1 Rhonda Harris
2 Years
11/3 Charlie Fender
38 Years!!!
11/5 Erle Brown
29 Years!
11/6 David Smith
19 Years
11/23 Paul Hodgen
6 Years
11/24 Mike Winter
38 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

Gary Bell
Classification
Finances-Mortgages

Cory Lawrence
Classification
Real Estate-Commercial

DG Brian was on a role, acknowledging the past and current contribution Richmond has made to the Rotary Foundation. DG Brian then awarded Paul Harris Fellow



pins. **David K** got a 2 sapphire pin representing \$3000 in contributions to the Foundation and **George Egan** received three sapphires for over \$4000 in contributions.

Program

Prez Jon then asked **DG Brian** to continue with his already impressive Rotary presentations.



DG Brian gave up the podium and stepped over to his flip chart to describe the new Rotary International back to basics theme for 2005-06, **Service Above Self**. Brian encouraged participation in the in the 5160 Paul Harris Society Founders Dinner Nov. 11th via a \$1,000 contribution to Rotary International. Brian noted that the current \$100 annual commitment started in the 1950s and this is an effort to put the 50s value back in the contribution. The new RI president Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer's main goals are Health (Polio Plus) Literacy and Education and Water Management and Human Concerns. Brian encouraged us to attend the 2006 International Convention in Malmo and Copenhagen. Actually much of DG Brian's presentation can be found in his newsletter at the hyperlink in Prez Jon's e-mail of 11/06.

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Acting Flywheel Reporter in Whirley Crane Abstentia
Mark Howe

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Jim Young

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