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SERVICE Above Self

November 11, 2005

A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California

Program for Friday November 18, 2005

November 18th Meeting Will Be Held At La Strada's

Tom Waller



"School District Strategic Planning Update"

Door Duty: Paul Hodgen and Judy Kafka

Program for Friday November 25, 2005

No Meeting



Happy Turkey Day !!!

Meeting of November 11, 2005

Nearing the halfway point in his regal reign, **President Jonathan** convened the Veteran's Day meeting. **Stoney** provided an Invocation for Freedom, Peace and Justice on Earth. **Lucky Ted Abreu** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visiting Rotarians

There were no Visiting Rotarians



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

Door Duty

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

Rotarians with Guests

John Troughton introduced his son Chance.

Sunshine Report

None today

Mark Howe Recognized

The Prez asked **Mark Howe** to describe last Friday's relocation of the Whirley Crane to Terminal 3, adjacent to the SS RED OAK VICTORY. This was a National Park Service project that was funded and made possible by a small group Richmond citizens, most of them Rotarians. Mark funded the costs and managed the rehabilitation of the wharf and rails to support the historical crane, first built by Kaiser Industries for the Grand Cooley Dam project and later moved to the Kaiser Permanente Shipyard Number 1 in Richmond. The RED OAK VICTORY was built in Shipyard 1, and it is possible – there is some statistical risk here - that the crane was used during the RED OAK construction. Other Rotarians involved in the crane relocation included Council Member **Tom Butt**, who championed the project and organized fund raising; **Jim Cannon** – his company donated the crane; **Don Hardison** – a force behind the restoration of the RED OAK VICTORY which created the nexus for NPS development at Terminal 3; and **Erle Brown**, ship's painter extraordinaire, Executive Board Member, and Board Member of the Richmond Museum Association. Well Done All!

Announcements

(1) Next Meeting. At La Strada in San Pablo. Don't forget!

(2) There will be no meeting 11/25 during Thanksgiving Week.

(3) Holiday Auction. Will be held Friday 2 December at the Mira Vista CC. **Hank Covell** related that he paid \$10 for the infamous bottle of Gallo Muscatel 29 years ago and to date, that bottle has raised over \$8,000 during the auctions. The current holder of the bottle is **Vice Prez George Egan** – if he hasn't consumed it by mistake, it will once again be on the auction block.

(4) Holiday Party. **Margaret Morkowski** provided a reminder that the Party is the same day as the auction, but at the Richmond Country Club. Contact Margaret for reservations.

(5) Reno Train. Scheduled for 22-23 January.

See **John Nicol**.

Recognitions

Jim Beaver took the podium and recognized **John Troughton** for a birthday in October. John lamented that

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

Lucky **Ted Abreu** was the Big Winner. \$502 went to both Ted and the Club. Congratulations Ted!



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.

he ended up spending a lot of the day with Josh Genser. Even so, he made a significant contribution to his Paul Harris.

Happy/Sad \$\$\$\$

Monique le Conge was happy just to be back at Rotary after a 5 week hiatus. Dave Brown had sad dollars for the people of Jordan. Josh Genser announced that the Trainmaster's Building has been relocated to its new home in Point Richmond despite the delays of working with the BNSF Railroad. Don Hardison was happy that the Whirley Crane, upon being lowered into final position, actually fit the rail tracks that Mark constructed. Hank Covell had sad dollars since he will miss the auction, but assured all that Doreen's Famous Cookies will be on the agenda. Charlie Fender had a neutral dollar for the Cal/USC game. Jim Beaver put in a few bucks for USC, being an LA guy an all.

Program

The Veteran's Day program was a group of vignettes on military experiences, told by our Richmond veterans.

Captain Joe Nusbaum. Joe told of his experiences in Luzon, Philippines on the China Sea. The war was just over and a mountain of supplies had been staged in Luzon, originally destined for the invasion of Japan. Joe supervised crews repairing damaged roads and public works. Since many of the U.S. troops had already been sent home, his crews were prisoners of war. He was in charge of blowing up large piles of ordinance, not always in a manner that OSHA would approve. Joe served his Country for 4 years during WWII.

Electronics Tech Sid Chauvin. Sid graduated from Richmond High, and after facing the math section of the West Point exam, joined the Navy. Sid served between the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts. He thoroughly enjoyed his student time at Electronics A, School at Treasure Island, and partied so much that he flunked out. He joined the Aircraft Carrier Bonhomme Richard and, not that he was counting, spent 2 years, 7 months and 11 days onboard. A highlight of his service was climbing 12,345 ft high Mount Fuji, and he brought the pole of flags to prove it.

Vice Prez George Egan failed draft dodgers school. George joined the Army in the Spring of 1964. At Fort Riley, in the middle of Kansas, he learned to deny that he lived anywhere near Berkeley. George decided early on that the snakes and bugs associated with field work were simply not his life style – but when he mentioned it to the



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

Army, nobody cared! As his Division received orders to Vietnam, George researched a way to go back to school and finish his time in the Reserves. With the help of an unfortunate accident and a coma, he slept through much of his reserve time. We won't find George on a recruiting poster for the U.S. Army.

Captain Stoney. Stoney told of his ancestors that served their Country. His Grandfather and Great Uncle flipped a coin to determine which brother would enlist during the Spanish American War – his Great Uncle served with Teddy Roosevelt during the Cuban Expedition. Most of his relatives served in WWII, and fortunately, most survived intact. His cousins fought in the Korean War. Stoney was automatically enrolled in ROTC at the land grant Central State College in Ohio. He later was an ROTC flight student, but found a better calling at the Armor School at Fort Knox, where he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in 1964. War broke out in 1965 and Stoney became Commanding Officer of an armor training company at Camp Roberts, where he spent his weekends at Carmel.

Elof Granberg mentioned that he is a baby boomer – of the First World War. His father was a soldier in the Swedish Army. He told of one of his worst times in the service, during the fighting following D Day. During an operation to take out a 14 inch German gun, he was wounded in the left knee. Being prepared for medivac, he was tied to a stretcher and then placed in a jeep that could not depart the area until 3 more wounded filled the empty stretcher slots. His unit was taking a lot of fire during this wait, much of it around the jeep. Elof knew he was in a tight and helpless situation, and said to himself “Holy Smokes” – if we can believe that is the phrase he used. He was safely evacuated, but was judged low on the triage list and had to wait 1 ½ days for the attention of doctor.

Aviator John Nicol. John volunteered for the Air Corps, and taking all the pilot tests, washed out due to issues with the dits and dahs of Morse Code. But he flew anyway, as an engineer and test co-pilot. He enjoyed his service, but when offered an opportunity to do it all again during the Korean War, he politely declined.

These were great stories, told him humor and humility. And we thank you all for your service to our democracy.

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Semper Paratus

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