



# Flywheel



**SERVICE Above Self**

November 25, 2005

*A Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Richmond, California*

**Program for Friday November 25, 2005**

**No Meeting**



**Happy Turkey Day !!!**

**Program for Friday December 2, 2005**

**Annual Auction & Club Elections**



**We have a new item that has been donated by Jan Brown and Nick Despota. They will design a custom web site for your business or organization. It is valued at \$1500 and we are asking for a starting bid of at least \$600. Check it out it may just be what you need! Thanks Nick and Jan for your creativity!**

**Get Aways**

**Twain Harte Cabin, East Brothers Lighthouse, Josh's Wilderness Retreat (1 for boys and 1 for girls)**

**Cases of Wine and assorted Booze  
Certificate for Doreens Cookies  
Certificates for Dinners at local eateries  
Sailing on the Bay**

**Golf 4 Somes  
Dinner Parties hosted by Rotarians  
The Contractors Lunch  
AND MUCH MORE TO COME.**

**Bring your friends, bring your checkbooks and let's see if we can break the record!**

**Door Duty:** Mark Howe and Don Joseph



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2005-2006**

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

## Door Duty

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

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## 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 November 18, 2005

President **Jon Lawlis** just back from the Rolling Stones, shake them bones, Las Vegas zone, it's nice to be home, road trip opened the meeting. **Markku Pelanne** gave the invocation and an equally travel wiry X-Prez **Herb Cole** lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Prez-In-Waiting **George Egan** didn't have any thoughts today so Prez Jon gave one and it could have been, "Only people who want to have a lot of fun need sign up for the Reno Train Trip."

### Sunshine Report

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

### Slate of Nominees for Club Year 2006-2007

Elections will be held during the Club meeting on  
Friday December 2, 2005 at Mira Vista

Nominee Name	Position
<b>George Egan</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Pam Jones</b>	<b>President-Elect</b>
<b>David Brown</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Jonathon Lawlis</b>	<b>Secretary</b>

### Directors (Vote for 3)

**Herb Cole, Monique le Conge, Jim Young**

### Announcements

- The Reno Train Trip is on for 1/22 & 1/23. The money, \$270, is not refundable, but **John Nicol** 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. 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.
- No meeting November 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Holiday Auction December 2<sup>nd</sup>, lunch at MVCC. Bring lots of friends and money.

Holiday Dinner-dance December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Richmond Country Club, 6:00 pm to whenever.

### Recognitions

The **Beav** got up and started recognizing. Unfortunately it is right about here that the writer noticed that Ace Flywheel correspondent and reporter Semper Paratus was not in the room so today's recognitions are limited to whatever is in the marginal acknowledgements. The writer will note however that in addition to his 38 years in Rotary, **Charlie Fender** is or has just celebrated his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday. In other important

## Upcoming Programs

### 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 Boatmun  
and Katie Foulkes  
describe the Assoc. of  
Calif. Water Utilities Plan  
for water protections and  
delivery in the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century.

### Raffle

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



## Important Dates

**12/02/05**

Annual Holiday Party

**12/02/05**

Holiday Party with El Cerrito Rotary

**12/15/05**

Board Meeting at Richmond CC 12 noon

**1/19/2006**

Board Meeting at Richmond CC 12 noon

**1/22 & 1/23**

The 64<sup>th</sup> 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

recognitions, our new member and go-getter **Glenn Daggs** has his fingers and toes crossed about a potential new deal that he says will result in another Paul Harris celebration, if it happens. And of course the **Beav** and **Dandy Don Lau** are doing a heck-of-a-job organizing the upcoming (December 2<sup>nd</sup> at MVCC) Annual Holiday Auction. Don't forget to get those fantastic treasures to them so they can jack up the prices. **Tom Butt** was recognized for his just completed trip to New Orleans to help with the assessment of flood and wind damage to the historical city. Tom said New Orleans has more old historical buildings (600 I think) than any other city in America. Tom noted that people in the old days were smarter than they are now, given the fact they were building in a sea level swamp, they built on the high ground. That said the tourist familiar parts of the city, the French Quarter and the Garden District will be OK, more or less. However the rest of the city was destroyed. Tom said it has been reduced from a population of 450,000 to about 60,000 with the only signs of life coming from the aforementioned districts.

## Happy/Sad \$\$\$\$

Jim "**The Beav**" Beaver then launched into H&S which started with a lot of silent angst about the Cal-USC game, except from **Herb**, who in an uncustomary show of restraint acknowledged it was a good game. Someone observed that we were lucky no one from Stanford was in the room. **Charlie Fender** had hopeful dollars for the Big Game. **Margaret Morkowski** had happy dollars that all but four members have contacted her about the Holiday Dinner Dance December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the **Richmond Country Club**.

## Program

**Tom Waller**, a business consultant and estranged local boy who has returned to Richmond after a career in the Navy, was introduced as a representative of the WCCUSD given his instrumental roll in establishing the Law Academy at Richmond HS, and, his position on the district's strategic planning committee.

Tom spent a few moments telling us about the Academy concept at Richmond HS. It is designed to organize and motivate students thematically around a core focus of interest. The Law Academy focuses on law, law enforcement and the justice system. There are 90 students in each academy, sophomore to senior who take classes together. Besides making the academy a "school within a school", the academy promotes community, study groups, interpersonal relationships and support. Law issues are taken up as elective classes, but it is expected that teachers in each academy will modify their core material using thematically relevant curriculum. Tom noted that the much needed contribution from Rotary helped fund the academy's participation in extra-curricular mock trial competition and field trips. (*The Academy organization described by Tom is the same as the "House Groups" used by the Walter Markists during the late '80s at Adams MS.*)



## 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

Tom then moved on to strategic planning. He noted that when he was first invited to participate in the strategic planning effort there were several representatives from the business community also participating. Now he believes he is the only business person in the process which is made up of good people, but they are district employees, teachers, administrators and PTA representatives, not a representative cross section of the entire community.

Tom held up a copy of the “Roadmap to Excellence, 2005”, prepared by past member Gloria Johnston as her five year plan for the schools. Tom noted that the Roadmap had a lot of good words on it, equity, excellence, commitment, community, etc., but it did not say anything about what would actually happen or be done to fulfill the potential of the great words. Because of the lack of specifics, Tom characterized the Roadmap as “...marketing BS...”, and we don’t think he meant Bachelor’s of Science. Tom said the information, regulations and context of/about the district and its efforts are daunting but seem to be missing a critical element, accountability. He said his own interest is in establishing accountability for all participants, not in the “gotcha” sense, but in the context of being able to assess result in moving toward an establish goal. The positive side of accountability would allow district management to know the parts of the district that are contributing to achieving the goal an provide for allocating additional resources to those parts that need additional help in becoming effective contributors.

As an example of new accountability Tom sighted district estimates that 700 of the current (2006) seniors at all the high schools have not passed the new State exit examination. While some of the students are expected to pass the exam this spring, the district is already making arrangements to place the non-graduating seniors in vocational support programs and community college classes that will allow them to develop employment skills and continue to pursue a high school diploma. While it is clear that Tom would prefer accountability to result in successful graduation for all students, Tom sees the potential for growing academic accountability in the district’s continuing effort to work with non-graduating seniors.

Good luck Tom Waller in your efforts to improve the WCCUSD.

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Acting Editor  
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