

# Flywheel



**SERVICE Above Self**

*December 23, 2005*

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

**Program for Friday December 23, 2005**

**No Meeting**



**Happy Holidays**

**Program for Friday December 30, 2005**

**No Meeting**



**Happy New Year!!!!!!!**



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

## Door Duty

12/23  
No Meeting

12/30  
No Meeting

1/6  
Stoney Stonework  
Joanne Blum

1/13  
Dan Tanita  
Donna (Bell) Adkins

1/20  
Stan Teaderman  
Jim Beaver

1/27  
John Troughton  
Jim Bates

2/3  
Bart Wallace  
Joe Bagley

2/10  
George Alvarez

2/17  
John Wilson  
Paul Allen

2/24  
Mike Winter  
Rich Alexander

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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

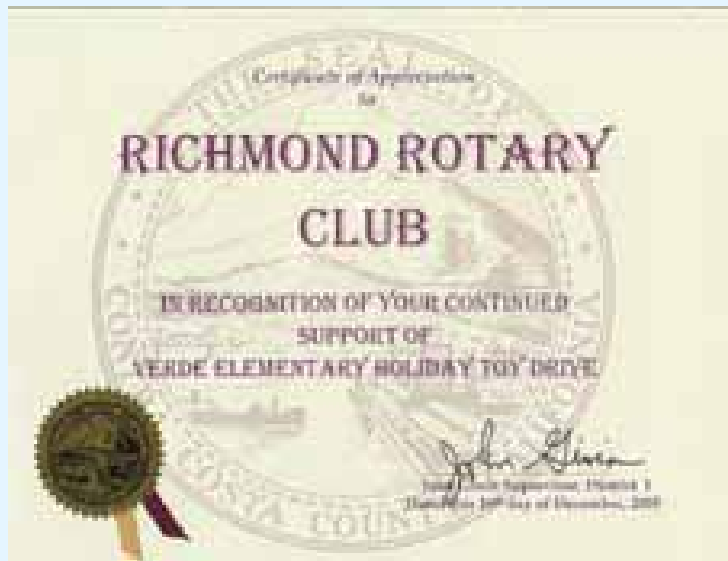
**Thu** 12:15 World Holiday  
Inn, Vallejo

## Meeting of December 16, 2005

**President Jon** rang in this last meeting of 2005 with a lively head table of speakers being entertained by **Prez Elect George Egan**. **Past Prez Stoney** led us in a moment of silence for Freedom and Peace on Earth. **Prez Elect Elect Pam Jones** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **PE George** gave a thought for the day appropriate for the program of Water War's in California: "Whiskey is for drinking and water is for fighting" – Mark Twain.

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests

**Keith Axtell** was visiting from District 5150. I missed his Club, but not the fact that his wife is the District Governor. Keith brought as guests two good friends of the Club - **County Supervisor John Gioia** and John's Chief of Staff, **Luz Gomez**. John gave Keith some limited credit for introducing him to his wife, and noted that he had been married in the very room we were using for lunch. John presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Richmond Rotary for our contribution to the Verde Elementary Holiday Toy Drive, which was the largest donation to the drive.



### Sunshine Report

**David K** reported that all is well, though he heard a report that **Herb Cole** might not have been feeling well after the Christmas Auction. Several eye witnesses confirmed Herb had actually been feeling VERY GOOD after the auction. **John Nicol** reported that **Joe Nusbaum** was not attending today due to a bout with high blood pressure. **Stoney** donated 3 raider tickets that were auctioned off – finally – and **Prez Jon** was the winner.

### Recognitions

Raconteur **Don Lau** recognized the Pearl Harbor Day

## Upcoming Programs

### 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.

### Dec 23

No Meeting

### Dec 30

No meeting

### Jan 6 - Tentatively

"Here's Looking at You..", Kaiser Ophthalmologist Dr. Janet Hwang provides a survey of current eye care as provided by Kaiser. Special attention will be paid to eyes that have been in use a long time.

### Jan 13

"Boy Scouts of America in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" Tom Schneider talks about scouting in general and West County scouting opportunities in particular.

### Raffle

**Glenn Dags** had the lucky ticket and won the first free lunch in 2006. But the orange ball remained in the bag.



## 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 ideal of service.

birthday of **Rhonda bombshell Harris**. Rhonda enjoyed a great party at the Richmond Country Club and contributed to the Paul Harris fund. **Mike Winter** enjoyed a maritime birthday, at the Benicia Yacht Club with dinner in Sausalito. **Hank Covell** enjoyed another anniversary with Doreen and made a donation to the Rotary Foundation. **Bud Martin** celebrated an anniversary and is glad to be around to celebrate. **Werner Schwarz** thought he was being recognized for being born 42 years ago – but it's actually when he joined the Club. **Prez Jon** passed his 10 year anniversary with Club and made a donation to the Community Fund. And **Pam Jones** asked for an early recognition of her forthcoming birthday in January, hoping to avoid having to tell the club how she spends it – not likely.

## Happy/Sad \$\$\$

**David K** had some dollars for Lisa Brandes' success talking **Dr. Werner** out of a bottle of red wine at the Christmas Party. Strange things happen at an all red wine table – let's see, that included **Tom Butt** and Shirley, **David** and Janet, **Rhonda** and her charming guest, and **Jim and Linda Young**. I'm trying to spread the blame here. **Jim Young** had either happy or sad dollars for his valiant efforts to keep the Flywheel writing staff in some semblance of order. **Rhonda** was happy about some recent community activities and her chance to help with the Christmas toy delivery. **Herb Cole** had some recent travels to visit friends and family. **Prez Jon** had sad dollars for the passing of comedian Richard Pryor.

## Program

Prez Elect **George Egan** introduced two speakers, both Directors of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). Bette Boatman, Contra Costa Water District, and Katy Foulkes, EBMUD, gave a joint presentation on the recently issued Blueprint for California Water Management.



ACWA's mission is to assist local water agencies in promoting the development and management of good quality water, balancing low cost with environmental considerations. They brought good news - California is



## Birthdays

**12/2** Sid Chauvin  
**12/3** Norm Lundberg  
**12/3** Paul Allen  
**12/7** Rhonda Harris  
**12/13** Joe Kelman  
**12/13** Russ Schulze  
**12/15** Mike Winter  
**12/19** Dave Ninomiya

## Anniversaries

**12/8** Jim and Judy Cannon  
**12/11** Sid and Zelpha Chauvin  
**12/18** Joe and Cindy Kelman  
**12/20** Joe and Anne Nusbaum  
**12/21** Hank and Doreen Covell  
**12/24** Russ and Fimi Schulze  
**12/27** Bud and Alice Martin

## Club Anniversaries

**12/1** Werner Schwarz  
**40 Years!!!!**  
**12/7** Jim Cannon  
**7 Years**  
**12/15** Jonathon Lawlis  
**10 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

currently using about the same amount of water it was in the '70s, despite a 30 percent increase in population. The key factor has been effective conservation policies. The bad news is that a drought like California experienced in the '70s will occur again, and the State is completely unprepared. Given current water supplies, they estimate household use would have to be reduced by 67 percent should we experience the '70s drought conditions again.



The ACWAs action plan is presented in the blueprint they provided. Actions include improving the existing Delta water conveyance system; evaluating long-term threats to the Delta levee system; ensuring delivery of adequate Colorado River supplies to Southern California; implementing the Sacramento Valley Water Management Program; developing additional groundwater and surface water storage; and expand use of recycled water. The speakers also addressed desalinization – newer technologies and the increasing price of water are making desalinization plants cost effective.

**Semper Paratus** (with genuine thanks to Prez Utrinque Paratus for covering last week)

**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