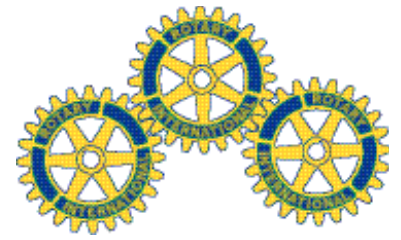




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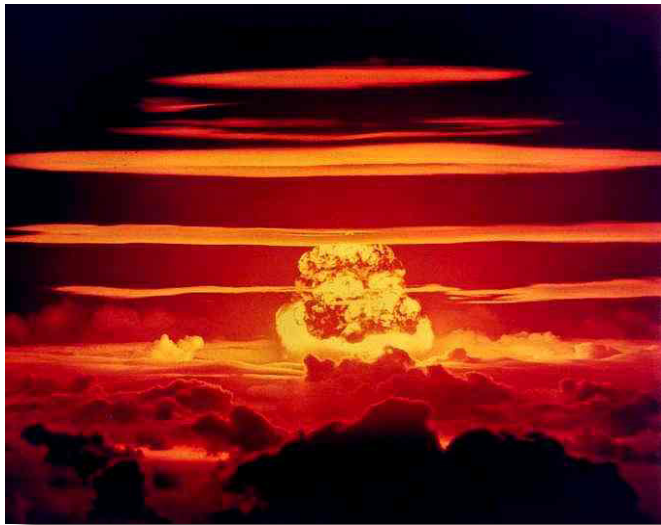
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OUR PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 2ND:

THOMAS C. REED: AT THE ABYSS

AN INSIDER'S HISTORY OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS & THE COLD WAR

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



Thomas Reed was Secretary of the Air Force during the Ford and Carter administration and served as Special Assistant to President Reagan for National Security Policy. In the mid-seventies he was the youngest-ever Director of National Reconnaissance, an organization whose very existence was top secret until the end of the Cold War. At Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory he designed two of the thermonuclear devices exploded over the Pacific in the 1962 test series. His first book, *At the Abyss: An Insider's History of the Cold War*, published in 2004, was followed *The Nuclear Express*, a political history of nuclear weapons. Mr. Reed was the principle authority appearing in the National Geographic Channel's *Secret History of the Atom Bomb*, first aired last April. Mr. Reed and his wife Kay live in Healdsburg.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

February 9, 2011: Jill Stevens Kinney

February 16, 2011: Life across America with Larry Frederick

February 23, 2011: Children's Village Sonoma County

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WELCOME!

to the 17th Annual Lee Abramson Public Safety Awards

What a crowd we had today. We sure kept the kitchen hopping! **Cecil Humes** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Eddy Erslovas** read "A Serviceman's Prayer" written by Reverend John J. Dietzen. **President Don** asked tenor **Dan Schell** to lead us in song with "My Country 'tis of Thee."

VISITING ROTARIANS...

Bill Dodson from Santa Rosa West, Barbara Beedon from Sebastopol, Linda Bonar from Salt Lake City, Steven Atherton from St Helena, and Dan Erickson from Healdsburg.

VISITORS

Peter Cinco, Rose Pedroia, Jim Gerien, Tracy Nielsen, Penny Tibbits, Jake Ours, Caroline Fowler, Ernesto Oliveres, Lillian King, Terry Abramson, Diana Kline, Tracy Kline, Larry Smith, Lee Abramson Jr., Richard Clark, Sarah Clarke, Trisha Allen, Eric Goldschlag, John Sawyer, Kelly Gillette, Bill Gillette, Sue Gillette, Alisa Westerguard, Brianna Westerguard, Savannah Westerguard, AJ Westerguard, Greg Westerguard, Chief Tom Schwedhelm, Pat Gilette, Utz, Gary Negri, Hank Schreeder, Craig Schwartz, Paul Henry, Steve Blair, Steve Fraga, Ron Nelson, Bryan Reynolds, Carrie Behler, Mark McCormick, Anthony Gossner, Anthony Westerguard, Bill Shubin, Jack Thomas, Mark Basque, Sage Howell, Leffler Brown...

While introducing all of our special guests, **President-elect Marnie Goldschlag** reported that now-retired Fire Chief Varner had finally realized his heart's dream...he has been accepted by the police academy. That got a laugh out of our visitors!

SUNSHINE REPORT

Eileen Carlisle reported that **John Brown** was dehydrated when he became ill at last week's meeting. He is doing OK and would love visitors, but call first! Eileen reported that **Debra Smith** is ill.

SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY GRANT



A very happy Sue Ross with Will Haymaker

Will Haymaker introduced Sue Ross from the Santa Rosa Symphony who graciously accepted our \$2500 check to fund a children's concert in late February.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Elaine Kulahini is the outstanding student from Piner High School, where she has completed both the university pathway and the health science investigation pathway. She plays tennis and badminton for the school and in her spare time Elaine participates in lots of clubs.



Student Elaine Kulahini and Principal Sally Bimrose

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Past President David Brown (2000-01) reminded us all that the annual Super Bowl Football Pool is in full swing. Pick your squares, put down your cash—\$25 for one or \$50 for three squares. Take your chance on achieving the full entertainment value!

Past President Debi Zaft (2006-07) announced that "Casino Royale", the club's summer fund raiser, is set for July. She needs raffle presents. Please let her know what you can donate ASAP. My question: Is this the Peter Sellers 1966 Casino Royale or the Daniel Craig 2006 Casino Royale? The Henry Mancini music of the original is more fun...just my opinion.

Carmen Sinigiani needs four to five people to help her "pound the pavement" for the Giro Bella GranFondo. Call her!

President Don called for the vote on the permanent fund raising committee. It was a unanimous vote for "yes!"

Bill Dodson from the Santa Rosa West Rotary Club was present promoting their crab feed "Clash of the

Crustaceans”, coming up on Saturday, February 12th. Tickets are \$75 each with attendance limited to 400 lucky supporters. Roast lamb will be served.

RAFFLE

Guest Steve Atherton’s number was drawn but he did not select the magic white marble and settled for the \$10 conciliation prize. A second raffle was held for a bottle of Kunde Family wine donated by **Past President Rich de Lambert**. Once again Rich’s number was called (how does he do that?). A second number was drawn and the wine went to **Tim Fawcett!**

\$100 MILLION FOR POLIO PLUS!

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has partnered with Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, to immunize children in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Foundation Co-Chair Bill Gates and Sheikh Mohammed are each pledging \$50 million. Two-thirds of the \$100 million will go to the AVI Alliance to buy vaccines to fight the biggest killers of children in Afghanistan under five, which include pneumonia, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, and hepatitis B, and meningitis. The final \$34 million will be used to fight polio in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Polio has been 99% eradicated worldwide thanks mainly to the intense efforts of Rotary International. Only last week Forbes magazine announced that the sheikh’s older brother and ruler of the United Arab Emirates—Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan—granted \$150 million to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center headquartered in Houston, Texas.



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THE LEE ABRAMSON PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS

Jim Johnson welcomed the huge crowd to the 17th Annual Public Safety Awards, named in honor of **Lee Abramson**.

He updated our guests with a brief history of Rotary, the Santa Rosa Club, and Rotary’s Santa Rosa Public Safety Awards. Jim recognized Lee’s widow, Terri Abramson, and her family, thanked **Marnie Goldschlag, Jim Gerien, Eileen Carlisle, Craig Meltzer** and **Tim Fawcett** for their help with this year’s awards program.

The Outstanding Firefighter of 2010 was introduced by Acting Fire Chief Mark McCormick. The Santa Rosa Firefighters selected Anthony Westergaard for his leadership, dependability, and as an excellent role model.



Anthony Westergaard

Chief of Police Chief Tom Schwedhelm introduced Officer Pat Gillette and his K-9 partner, Utz, and related the events that followed a routine traffic stop last September. The car smelled funny, so Pat called on Utz for help.



Pat Gillette

When Utz sniffed out the marijuana a search was made: Inside the car was \$950 in cash, six cell phones and a pound of marijuana. In the trunk Gillette found \$99,000 in cash, 143 starter plants, and 1500 Ziploc bags. This arrest has led to a much larger investigation that is still on-going.

To conclude the program, **Eileen Carlisle** brought out the stuffed animals that the club has been collecting. As Eileen explained, children are often the innocent victims when their parents are in trouble; they have been abused or have suffered some other trauma. They really need something soft, fuzzy, and familiar to cling to. The firefighters and police officers now have a stuffed animal to give them to hold and hug in this darkest moment of their little lives.

President Don gave Jim Gerien a book on the New York Giants as a thank you gift for his work on the public safety plaques and trophies.

To conclude the program **President Don** led the crowd in a singing of “This Land is Your Land.”

ROTARIAN QUIZ

JANUARY, 2011

Seven topics have remained central to "The Rotarian" and the January 2011 issue is dedicated to these topics. Name three of them.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



Public Safety Awards



Acting Fire Chief Mark McCormick

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER
Doug Johnson - Discovery Office Systems
Sponsor: **Jack Atkin**



Chief of Police Tom Schwedhelm



Don McMillan and Jim Gerien



Eileen Carlisle and friends

This week's photographer:
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