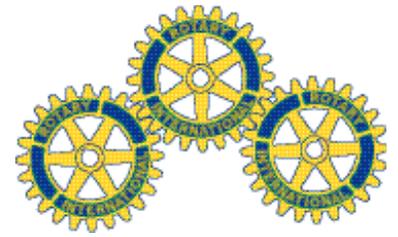




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OUR PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 23RD:

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE OF SONOMA COUNTY

DIANE ESTRIN AND THE CREATION OF THIS UNIQUE NON-PROFIT

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



Diane Estrin

The Children's Village's grand opening on August 24, 2006, after ten years of hard work, was highlighted by a \$1 million check from the estate of Santa Rosa philanthropist G. K. Hardt, earmarked to build the Village Community Center. Located at Kawana Springs Terrace east of Santa Rosa, the Village is dedicated to provide stable family homes in a multi-generational, enriched environment for children and their siblings, to allow them to develop healthy emotional attachments in a nurturing environment, minimize the upheaval and disruption of multiple placements for children in foster care, and prepare for successful transition to adulthood.

The director of development for Children's Village is Diane Estrin, the former director of our local Habitat for Humanity. With more than 30 years of non-profit experience, she will tell us more about the creation of this unique non-profit that is giving children in foster care a second chance at childhood.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

March 2: Dr. Joseph Clendenin and the Childhood Obesity Crisis

March 9: Vivienne Sosknowski: When the Rivers Ran Red in Sonoma County

March 16: Rotarian Dale Knight: Matching Grants and International Service

CHECK OUT THESE LINKS

Visit our website at www.santarosarotary.com

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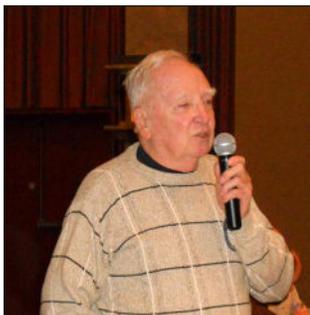
See Layne Bowen to find out how!

OPENING CEREMONIES

Our Pledge of Allegiance was lead by **Michael Sinatra** **Chip Rawson** lead us in singing, with music background no less, in two choruses of America the Beautiful. A round of applause followed.



Songbirds Chip Rawson and Dan Schell



Dan Schell serenaded us with a truly heart-rending song that sounded vaguely like it might be Oakland's National Anthem? Dan apologized for not accompanying himself on his new ukulele; said he would have played the ukulele but he hasn't learned how yet.

INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by **Ryan Thomas**, who gave us a very nice analogy with people and rocks: There are big rocks and smalls rocks in your life, just be sure you surround the big rocks in your life with lots of small rocks.



Ryan Thomas

VISITING ROTARIANS

Gordon Freedman, from the Rotary Club of Valley of the Moon, retired from the marketing business. From the Healdsburg Rotary Club, the old familiar face of Roger Olson, still in sales and marketing.

REPEAT GUESTS

Penny Tibbetts, Chief Administrative Officer of a large medical group, and Doug Johnson, Relationship Manager with Discovery Office Systems.

RAFFLE

Jose Guillen and **Red Badger Juan Hernandez** took charge of the raffle today with a huge total prize of \$561. The luckiest **Past President** we know—**Debi Zaft** (2006-07) must have been wearing two lucky charms, carrying a horseshoe, with a four leaf clover in her hair today as she picked the winning marble! Congratulations Debi!



Jose Guillen and Juan Hernandez with the exceedingly lucky Debi Zaft

SUNSHINE REPORT

Eileen Carlisle said everything was “sunny” today with occasional hail. And the weather outside backed her up!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roger Olsen, visiting Rotarian from the Healdsburg Club, announced the Pacific Coast Air Museum will commemorate the **Fred Wiseman Centennial Celebration** of the first air mail flight ever this Saturday from noon to 3 pm at the Redwood Hanger, at the Schulz Sonoma County Airport. Everyone is invited.

The wealthier and wiser **Debi Zaft** announced our club's first annual **Rotary's Casino Royale Fun Raiser** be to be held at the beautiful Sonoma Country Day School. Mark the gala date on your Smart Phones (or calendar) this summer...Saturday night, July 9th. Any and all donations will be much appreciated. A warm thank you to Kim Murphy for being the first one to make a donation to Rotary's Casino Royale Fun Raiser.

Carmen Sinigiani asked if any person or business might be interested in sponsoring the **Giro Bello Classic** bike riding event. They have thousands of eager bikers and now they need SPONSORS! **Bill Rousseau** joined in to encourage everyone—avid bike riders or not—to come out and join the fun.

Casey d'Angelo mentioned that this year's of the **GSE Group Study Exchange** team would be arriving from Japan in only two months and they still need two rooms for their stay—Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, from April 16 to the

18th. **Kim Murphy**, our very own bride to be, generously opened her home to our visitors. Arrigato Kim-San, and thank you. How very nice of you.



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Past President (1987-88) Rich de Lambert announced his car had been stolen out of his own driveway last week! The bad news was that his Rotary directory was in the car. So those of you in the directory, beware of any strange e-mails from unknown sources.

BAKE SALE

The Interact Club of Santa Rosa High School brought their delicious cupcakes and



Santa Rosa High School Interact Club

brownies for auction. Lots of “sweet teeth” in the house as seven of our fellow Rotarians battled for the sugary, chocolaty prizes contributing anywhere from \$15 to \$35 each.



Stoney Newton - the lone birthday attendee

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Bartley, Marcia Konkel, Jeanne Levin, Stoney Newton, and Tony Roehrick.

But only one showed up to hear us sing Happy Birthday. Happy Birthday Stoney and to everyone else who wasn't present!

FINES AND RECOGNITIONS

Past President (2002-03) Will “Aloha” Haymaker announced, on behalf of our club's local Rotary Foundation,

a donation of \$750 given to the Jewish Family & Children Services. Diana Cline accepted the donation with strong gratitude for all the help it will contribute in supporting the elimination of the dehumanization of these families and children. Thank you all very much.

President Don acknowledged **Kim Murphy's** trip to Indiana where she was helping with cows. Sadly her fiancé hurt his back and the cow is now hamburger, but that didn't keep Kim from donating \$25 to the club.

Did **Past District Governor and President (1996-97) Norm Owen** lose his Rotary pin at a party? “No” was his immediate answer but, at the urging of **President Don**, he purchased two more bottles of Pinot for Polio. But just in case someone does find his pin, he asks that they please return it.

CRAFT TALK

Red Badger Dan Walker shared with us the journey that brought him to the Santa Rosa Rotary Club: Dan has lived in Santa Rosa since 1955. Graduated from high school in 1970 and attended the Chico State University, working hard to squeeze a four-year degree into only five years. Initially he worked as an auditor for California's Franchise Tax Board From 1978 to 1980 he worked as a carpenter. Dan became a Certified Public Account and started his own practice in 1986...the same year he married his wife. Seven years later their oldest son was born. In 1996 he wanted a change and earned his MBA from Golden State University and a few years later, they travelled to India, adopted their second son, and brought him home to the United States, a very exciting time in their lives. After his dot.com venture went under in 2007, Dan became chief financial officer at Villa Marin in Marin County where he has a great boss and really enjoys his work. Dan and his family enjoy their time together water skiing, snow skiing, scuba diving and the rewards of volunteer work. He is extremely pleased to be a part of such a warm and caring club as Rotary. And we're pleased to have you, Dan.

ROTARIAN QUIZ FEBRUARY, 2011

They're cheap to make, hard to detect and maim everyone they touch. According to UNICEF, how many land mines remain in the ground? Answer on page 35.

PROGRAM

Our speaker today, Larry Frederick, who comes to us because of his close friendship with two veteran Rotarians, **Stoney Newton** and **Past President (1993-94) Charlie Niles**, epitomizes the ultimate survivor. His years spent in

the toughest of jobs—from military service in Viet Nam to an Oakland police officer policeman prepared him physically for what he considers the toughest challenge of all, the one that landed him in intensive care: He was making a routine car stop on the Oakland freeway one hot summer night, giving a warning to a motorist when a car travelling 65 miles an hour plowed into Larry. A nearby ambulance got him to the hospital in minutes but not before he had stopped breathing and bled out. It took 110 pints of donated whole blood and nine separate surgeries to bring him back to life from more than a dozen separate injuries. “Truly a miracle”,



Larry Frederick

Larry swears! “Glad to be alive with a belief in God that the true heroes are the blood donors that save the lives of families.” He is here for his three daughters today because of those selfless repeat donors.

Since the accident, his belief has changed from seeing is believing to believing is seeing. He has learned to have faith, believe and see it, and have hope. No hope meant despair and he feels lucky to be alive, firmly convinced that by changing focus from self to others, you can overcome anything. He proves it as he rides his bicycle thousands of miles across the United States, promoting blood drives and raising awareness of the value of giving our life’s blood to save lives. His closing words were “It’s not about me, it’s about your family, community, and passing the torch.

President Don ended the meeting with a moment of silence for Larry Adams, a CHP officer killed yesterday.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER
Doug Johnson - Discovery Office Systems
 Sponsor: **Jack Atkin**
Penny Tibbets - AAMGI Medical Group
 Sponsor: **Jack Atkin**

This week’s photographer:
Carrie Ludtke

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 All topics based on Rotarian input • Fast-paced
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Friday, April 1: Reception & Dinner

Saturday, April 2: 8:30–4:45 District Assembly
 Mendocino College • 1000 Hensley Creek Rd • Ukiah, CA
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 APRIL 2, 2011**

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- Social Media for Rotary Clubs
- Best Practices for Directors
- Leadership Team-Building
- Volunteer Motivation
- Websites & Bulletins
- Fundraising Success
- Club Growth
- Public Speaking
- Update on Rotary Regs
- Public Relations Success
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