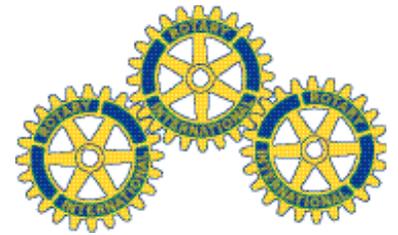




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OUR PROGRAM FOR MARCH 23RD:

MEDIATION & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

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April 6, 2011: Sonoma County Sheriff Stephen Freitas

April 13, 2011: Tom Mariani on Bridge Safety

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OPENING CEREMONIES

President Don McMillan welcomed everyone to the pre-St. Patrick's Day luncheon celebration. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Debra Smith** and for an invocation, **Nona Lucas** gave us an old Irish blessing.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Red Badger Juan Hernandez introduced our one visiting Rotarian, Dr. Shari, a frequent visitor from Guadalajara, Mexico.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Jerald Marquis introduced his guest, Eric Tyler; **Debra Gray** introduced her guest, Kerrie Chamber who in turn introduced Elmer Gonzalez; **Jack Atkin** introduced two guests—Jill Zechow and Nancy Shepherd; **Jock McNeill** introduced Tracy Nielsen; and **Bob Higgs** introduced Lynn Rawson, wife of Rotarian **Chip Rawson**.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Eileen Carlisle announced that all is Sunny! Great News that all our fellow Rotarians are doing well.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Pam Williams began the Big Raffle, only to be noisily interrupted by the swirl of bagpipes from the back of the ballroom even before anyone could draw the winning ticket. Coming forward to the podium dressed in a kilt was Kip Brewer, an accomplished bagpiper. Kip entertained the Rotarians with several songs including the sentimental favorite for all bagpipers, "Amazing Grace". Kip is a junior at Montgomery High School and to learn more about him and his bagpipe please visit his website at www.kipperdoodles@sbcglobal.net.

President Don, now filled with the spirit of the Irish holiday (or was it the green beer that he was drinking) put on his



A trio of Leprechauns

green fedora and introduced Rotarian **Chip Rawson**. He presented Chip with an authentic green Irish newsboy cap. Chip, accompanied by **Layne Bowen** on guitar and **Sam McMillan** on bass, sung the sentimental Irish ballad, "O Danny Boy". We are so fortunate to have such a gifted Irish tenor in our club.

Special thanks to **Chuck Reilly** who provided the green beer for our luncheon.

RAFFLE

As everyone was still wiping their eyes from **Chip Rawson's** "Danny Boy", Pam started over. This time **Jerald Marquis's** guest, Eric Tyler, held the winning ticket which gave him the chance to draw the winning marble for the \$162 jackpot. Eric must not have had his lucky green charm and ended with the \$10 consolation prize.

SECRET GREETER

President Don announced that this week's free lunch would go to **Dan Schell** for having the most colorful green outfit in honor of St Paddy's day. Dan, overcome with his good fortune, provided the club with several jokes in honor of the day. Many of the Rotarians are still trying to figure out the one about the Irishman's burning house and his wooden leg!

ROTARIAN MAGAZINE QUIZ

Debi Zaft asked the question for today's Rotary Magazine quiz, "Who is breaking new ground in Peru?" **Will Haymaker** knew the correct answer: the Rotaract Club of Pisco with volunteers from Northwestern University.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debi Zaft announced that **Casino Royale Night** is coming up fast and we are still in need of donations for auction items well in advance of that Saturday night gala fundraiser in July.

Rich deLambert announced that the new Rotary Club in Santa Rosa sponsored by the 89-year-old original Rotary Club of Santa Rosa—has a name. It is now the **Rotary Club of Santa Rosa New Generations**. Although not yet officially chartered the club has 25-30 members, and is already involved in three service projects. The new club meets at 5:30 pm to 8 pm every Tuesday for hospitality and cocktails, followed by an hour-long club meeting at the Bennett Valley Golf Club's Legends, 3330 Yulupa Avenue.

APRIL BOARD MEETING

The April Board Meeting of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa will be held on April 12th at Varena, 1397 Fountaingrove Parkway.

RECOGNITION

Jack Abercrombie announced that a bottle of wine had been left after last week's birthday celebration. **Doug Johnson** admitted that he had recovered his abandoned birthday gift. To make up for his oversight he donated \$100 toward his Paul Harris.

Jackie McMillan, under cross examination by our legally-trained

President (and spouse)-- confessed that she had just returned from a tennis tournament in Palm Springs. Further questioning by our chief prosecutor also got her to admit to being in Honolulu, Hawaii, before that. She cracked under further questioning and also admitted that she was planning a trip to Las Vegas. Jackie agreed to a modest fine of \$100 that will go towards her Paul Harris Fellowship.

Matt Everson was fined \$5 during the bagpipe performance for his statement inferring a relationship between the bagpipe (a bag of wind) and our **Esteemed President**.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Bill Hatcher introduced Marci Guevara, Vice Principle of Rincon Valley Christian School. Marci introduced our Student of the Month, Rebecca Hildebrand, a senior who has been actively involved at Rincon Valley Christian School since the 7th grade. Rebecca is accomplished in the martial arts and an outstanding student academically, attending Sonoma State University next fall to begin her studies in nursing. Rebecca's proud parents, Carl and Karen Hildebrand, watched as their daughter received the recognition. Congratulations Rebecca...well done!



Rebecca Hildebrand and Marci Guevara

APOLOGIES

This editor would like to apologize to **Bill Pedersen** for the misspelling of his name in the December 1, 2010 bulletin. Sorry Bill, I now know the difference between an "E" and an "O".

IN MEMORIAM: EVERT PERSON

A funeral Mass for **Evert B. Person**, who passed away at the age of 96 on March 8, 2011, was held Monday at the Star of the Valley Catholic Church. Evert, a dedicated member of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa for more than half a century, served as president in 1972-73 and was chair of the Rotary Committee to Build a Center for the Arts that was named after Luther Burbank, our club's first honorary member. In 1981, Evert and other community leaders purchased the huge facility that had housed the bankrupt Christian Life Center. After he sold the family newspaper, Evert retired from business but remained a member of our club for another 20 years. He is survived by his widow, Norma.

TRUE LEGEND

The Rotary Club of Santa Rosa has lost one of its legendary members with the passing of **Past President Evert Person**. We will all remember Evert as a person of integrity, style and generosity. The Rotary "Legends Fund" was established to

provide Rotarians with a way to honor deceased members through memorial contributions. I hope you will join me and make a memorial contribution to the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation Legends Fund in honor of Evert and his many contributions to our club and the community.

Steve Olson
President
Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation

PROGRAM

Debi Zaft introduced our program speaker, Dale Knight. Dale is a Centennial Year president of the Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati. In her 13 years as a Rotarian she has been on six Rotaplast missions to Guatemala and one to India. She is chair of the District Grants sub-committee and was awarded the Service Above Self Award.

We were all shocked at the multiple tragedies that recently occurred in Japan. The world is responding and Japan will surely recover. What we don't hear about though in the news is the tragedies that are occurring in other parts of the world. Ms. Knight spoke on how Rotary International Service is working to change that. Our world is our local community. Rotary provides clean water to villages, bed nets to fight malaria, and is working to provide health education around the world.

In Bukleeba, Uganda Rotary brought clean water closer to people's homes. In Bweyogerere-Nambaule, Uganda our Rotary club project bought egg laying chickens to help start a small business. Rotary provided a micro-credit loan that allowed a woman to start a brick making business. Rotary also bought 150 beehives that benefit over 80 families in a small village. These are only some of the successful international service projects that Rotary is responsible for.

We also provide health care to places in Africa where care was almost non-existent. In

Entebbe, Uganda there is a new maternity clinic thanks to Rotary. Over 300 babies are born monthly in the new clinic. Rotary has helped build new schools and has provided books and supplies for students. Our own club has adopted a village in Bweyogerere, Uganda. We have helped build a school in Rwanda, a medical clinic in Kenya and we are active participants in Project Amigo and the Festival of Lights.



Speaker Dale Knight

All of these accomplishments are examples that show we can make a difference. We must continue to address the needs of others in parts of the world that are often ignored. We can sponsor projects through our club. We can attend the next Festival of Brotherhood in October, 2011. There is a trip planned to Uganda in February, 2012 and interested Rotarians are invited to contact Dale. We can

also attend a volunteer work week with Project Amigo.

At the next International Convention spend time in the House of Friendship. Develop relationships with Rotarians from around the world. Polio is close to complete eradication but there are still opportunities for Rotarians to volunteer in the Polio National Immunization Day.

Rotary's Mission is to promote world understanding and peace. Governments can't make peace, people make peace.

CLOSING COMMENTS

President Don welcomed **President-Elect Marnie Goldschlag** back from her recent PETS (President Elect Training Seminar). She has already held her Board Retreat and is preparing to take the leadership of our club next year.

The Rotary Foundation has established the *Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund* to support long-term recovery in areas devastated by the massive earthquake and tsunami. Please check the email blast sent to you on Wednesday morning, March 16th for messages from District 5130 leadership. Rotarians can contribute on line by visiting the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org.

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Nancy Shepherd- Education (Retired)

Sponsor: **Jack Atkin**

Kerrie Chambers - Sales Consultant,

National Processing Company

Sponsor: **Deborah Gray**

ROTARIAN QUIZ

MARCH, 2011

Who's breaking new ground in Peru?

This week's photographer:
Diane Moresi

It's a NEW District Assembly

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

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