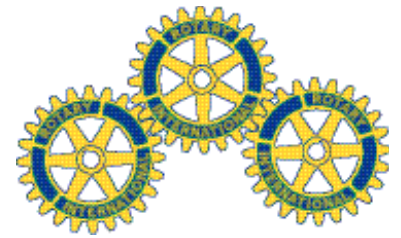




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OUR PROGRAM FOR JUNE 8TH:

SPLISH SPLASH: SUMMER AT THE POOL

YMCA AQUATICS AND WATER SAFETY WITH ELIZABETH & ALISA

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON

From babies blowing bubbles to 95 year old Cannon Ball Ken jumping into the pool and swim lesson instructors teaching in Spanish. When you look into the pools at “the Y” you see the diversity and the unity of Santa Rosa. YMCAs are the leader in water safety education and fitness. Dive into a summary of the history of YMCA aquatics and take a close look at the Sonoma County Family YMCA’s



aquatic programs with Aquatics Director Elizabeth Oku and Alisa Nelson, Membership and Volunteer Director.

Program note for fans of bananas, Bill Crowley, and his quirky sense of humor:

Due to painful circumstances, SSU Professor Emeritus William Crowley had to postpone Wednesday’s lecture on America’s most popular fruit. He will be re-scheduled after President Don & his upcoming trial, conviction and execution.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

June 15, 2011: Things That Fly—Gary Thompson’s Passion

June 22, 2011: President Don’s Last Club Assembly

June 29, 2011: Trial of the Century—the Demise of President Don

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The Pledge was led by **Dan Wright** and **President Don** read an invocation provided by his wife **Jackie McMillan**, now that is what I call teamwork!

VISITING ROTARIANS

Doug Johnson introduced our one visiting Rotarian, Ashlee Hughes from the New Generation Rotary Club of Santa Rosa. **Rich deLambert** announced that Ashlee is the incoming president of the New Generation Rotary Club which just received its charter from Rotary International. The New Generation Club already has 35 members and has a waiting list of potential new members. What a great start to our new Santa Rosa club.

Ted Wilmsen introduced Ken Davenport, a long-time Rotarian and a former--then Honorary--member member of our Club. Ken joined the Santa Rosa Rotary Club in 1962 and is currently living in Montana. Welcome back Ken! It is always great to see an old friend.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

President Don introduced his son Scott and **Dan Walker** introduced his two sons, Raj and Jerome. Not to be outdone, **Craig Meltzner** introduced his daughter, Rachel and his wife, Elaine. Does one wife and one daughter equal three sons? **Genie Delles** introduced her husband, Craig. **John Breazeale** introduced his good friend, John Berto. **Gesine Franchetti** welcomed Eric Tyler who was a guest of Jerald Marquis. **Deborah Gray** introduced her special guest, Karen Ball.

RAFFLE

Paul Hamilton announced that the raffle had grown to \$220 with only four marbles left to pick from. Unfortunately, **Dan Wright** was unable to pick the right marble and left with a \$10 consolation prize. Next week should be exciting with only three marbles left. Buy your tickets early and often.



Dan Wright tries for the winning marble

WEBSITE TIP OF THE WEEK

Get all the information about the Casino Royale fundraiser at

<http://www.santarosarotary.com/events/casino-royale/>

SUNSHINE REPORT

Debi Zaft reported that our regular Sunshine Rotarian, **Eileen Carlisle** was the victim of a missed step which resulted in her suffering a broken ankle. Eileen is in need of volunteer cooks to help her. Please contact Debi if you are able to help. **John Brown** has taken a turn and is not doing so well. Your cards and good thoughts are welcome. **Jeanne Levin** and **Lena Humber** returned from the Rotary International convention in New Orleans with pneumonia. It must have been all that night life.

ROTARY MAGAZINE QUIZ

Nona Lucas asked the Rotary Quiz question this week, "Who has meetings with a twist?" **Matt Everson** had the correct answer, "New Generation Rotary Clubs". Is it possible to have mine with olives?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's raining on our parade. **President Don** announced that the venue for his **BirthDay/Rotary fundraiser (\$60 for 60)** is being changed because the weather man is forecasting rain on Saturday. The backyard BBQ is out of the question, unless you are a fish. he party will now be held at the Wikiup Tennis and Swim Club, 500 Wikiup Drive, Santa Rosa. The party will now be held at the Wikiup Tennis and Swim Club, 500 Wikiup Drive, Santa Rosa, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

We still need volunteers to help with the **Giro Bello** ride on June 25th. If you aren't riding

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in the event Rotary could use your help. Contact **Jock McNeill** if you can help. Giro Bello is a joint effort with Steven Cozza, a professional cyclist from Petaluma. Rotary's share of the proceeds will go to help eradicate polio. If you are interested in riding in the event, information is available at <http://girobello.com>.

Tickets are now available for our fund raiser, **Casino Royale**. **Debi Zaft** announced that each Rotarian will receive four tickets at next weeks meeting. This is our major fund raiser and all Rotarians need to get on board. The money we raise will provide the funds to support our club's work in the community. **President Don** promises to provide a special recognition rate of only \$1 for any past travels if the Rotarian will buy one ticket to the Casino Royale for \$50. This is an offer that can't be ignored, so bring your check books and your personal confessions to our meeting next week.

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Wayne Rowlands showed us devastating photos of the tornado damage in Joplin, Missouri as **Layne Bowen** asked fellow Rotarians to help raise funds for tornado relief. The Rotary Clubs of Joplin are coordinating the distribution of monies collected for Rotary Clubs around the country. Layne offered a CD made by his group (Modern Hicks) for every \$15 donated today. The CD is aptly titled "Tornado Alley" and was a huge success. Our members generously donated \$816 to the Joplin tornado Relief Fund and Layne ran out of CD's. He promises to bring more of the CDs to the meeting next week. This editor is listening to the CD as he writes the bulletin and take it from me, it is great music and would make a wonderful addition to anyone's music library. Layne's wife was especially grateful to all those Rotarians who, by donating to the Joplin Relief Effort, helped clear out the boxes that have been taking space in her closet. This is a wonderful example of everyone winning! Thanks Wayne for your time and effort in putting together the power point presentation and thank you Layne for bringing this important project to our attention. Funds will be provided to the Daybreak Rotary Club, P.O.

Box 542, Joplin, MO 64802.

Robert Pierce thanked those 34 Rotarians who had their pictures taken last week to update our club's new digital on-line directory. Any Rotarian may view Robert's professional the photographs next week and may purchase one for a minimum donation of \$50 to the Joplin tornado relief fund.

Will Haymaker announced that June 15th is the deadline for **Rotary Ambassador Scholarship applications** is Please see the Rotary International website for details.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARIANS

Sam Faye recognized all those Rotarians born in the month of June. The top birthday gift was again the complete auto detailing generously donated by **Jerald Marquis**.

What are we going to do when Jerald retires? Lots of Rotarians in dirty cars.



The June birthday celebrants

STUDENT RECOGNITION

John Poremba reported that the distribution of books to local elementary schools - part of our High School Outstanding Student Recognition Program was completed last month. Four schools in the Rincon Valley School District received books honoring the 17 outstanding students from 2010. Each book has a label affixed with the name of the outstanding student and their high school. It is our hope that the recognition may inspire some elementary students to academic excellence.

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

President Don announced that **John Poremba** was the Rotarian of Month for his efforts over the last two years in coordinating the book distribution as part of our high school recognition program. Looking very suave and debonair in his new "Rotary Service above Self" baseball cap, John was thoroughly surprised by

the honor.

PAUL HARRIS AWARDS

Vicki Hardcastle presented four new Paul Harris Fellows: **Genie Delles**, **Scott McMillan**, **Jackie McMillan** and **Elaine Meltzner** received their commemorative certificate and pin. Each one contributed or had \$1,000 contributed in their name to Rotary's Paul Harris Fellowship. Congratulations to our new Paul Harris Fellows!

RECOGNITIONS

Genie Delles proudly announced that her son has graduated from high school, turned 18 and started his first job. The overjoyed mother donated \$100 to her husband Craig's Paul Harris.

Steve Olsen presented our **President Don** with a banner from the Rotary Club of Greenville (Mississippi) Steve, **Ted Wilmsen** and **Sam McMillan** just happened to be eating in a restaurant when a Rotary meeting broke out around them. Now that's the Rotary spirit!

Nancy Sheppard presented a banner she received from the Wilmington, North Carolina, Rotary Club.

Dan Walker and his son Raj are planning on riding in the Giro Bella this month. They have been training for a month now and have acquired two new bicycles. Dan donated \$25 per bike wheel (\$100) to his Paul Harris. Dan's other son, Jerome, just graduated so the excited parent donated another \$100 to the club. Well done Dan and thank you very much.

PROGRAM

Financial planner **Matt Everson** moderated an informal discussion on the 2011 changes in the tax code with fellow Rotarians **Vicki Hardcastle** and

Carmen Sinigiani. Vicki is a partner with the CPA firm of Mueffe, Baldi and Hardcastle. Carmen is an estate planning attorney with the law firm of DeMeo, DeMeo and West. The discussion focused on the changes in the tax code and how it affects estate and gift tax limits.

The Tax Relief Act of 2011 brought significant changes in the amount of an estate that is exempt from inheritance taxes. It also made changes in the amount that can be gifted without a tax liability. The panel emphasized the need to review your own personal trusts and estate plans to see how the changes may affect them. On the advice of our own personal Rotary attorney we will not attempt to summarize the discussion since the complexity of the tax law and how it affects each individual may vary. Please consult with your own financial planner or attorney if you have any questions. It is important for all Rotarians to remember that they can still make a tax deductible gift to the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation. Your gift of cash, securities or real estate will help fund one of our many worthwhile projects. You can make a bequest in your will or trust, set up a charitable trust, name the local Santa Rosa Foundation as a beneficiary on your IRA, 401K account or life insurance policy. Additional information about our foundation and your options for giving are contained in our website at www.santarosarotary.com/foundation/. Any questions, contact Past President (1994-95) Steve Olsen.

CLOSING

The meeting was closed with the soft melodic tone of the Rotary Bell. Go in Peace!

This week's photographer:
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