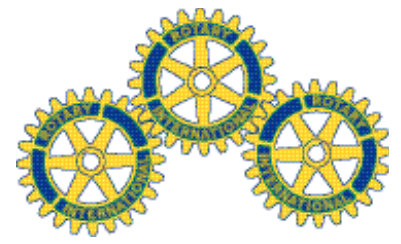




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OUR PROGRAM FOR AUGUST 3RD:

THE RWANDA SCHOOL PROJECT

PROJECT FOUNDER ROBIN STRICKLER REPORTS ON ONE OF OUR WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



Robin's world is a bit different than most of us experience. She speaks four languages, her family roots are in Virginia, she grew up in the northeast U.S., lived in eight states and four foreign countries, including equatorial Africa. Robin, her minister husband, and their two grown daughters live in Kigali, east Rwanda, just south of the equator near Lake Victoria, an area best known for the Rwandan Genocide eight years ago when 800,000 people were murdered.

The Rotary Club of Santa Rosa contributed \$1,500, from our club, collected over \$5,300 from other clubs and, with matching grants from two Districts and Rotary International, totaled more than \$24,000. With this money they are building latrines, a water catchment system and are installing a solar system at the new Lutheran school in Rwamagana, where Robin is the director.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

- Aug. 10, 2011:** "Funny Thing about Bananas"
- Aug. 17, 2011:** President Marnie's First Club Assembly
- Aug. 24, 2011:** Ambassadorial Scholar Kristen Fladseth

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- Visit our website at www.santarosarotary.com
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- Learn about new Rotary International President [Kalyan Banerjee](#)

OPENING CEREMONIES

This week's Rotary meeting was kicked off by **Jock McNeil** leading the club in our Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a wonderful invocation by **Red Badge Rotarian Doug Johnson**.

CLUB GUESTS

Several guests were with us this week with Visiting Rotarians Leslie Botis, Debbie Milios, Stephenson Atherton, Brook Terhune, and David McReynolds stopping by for a visit. Guests of Rotarians included Devon Bazzano, Saron Nelser, Moniko Kitakubo, Ryo Kitakubo, Naomi Fuchs and Laurie Lynn Hogan joining us. Thank you all for stopping by. We hope to see you all again very soon.

RAFFLE

Past President (1998-99)

Jeanne Levin had the magic number when it came to this week's winning ticket. Unfortunately her luck ran out when it came to picking the winning marble. Better luck next time, Jeanne.



Queen Jeanne hopes for the winning marble

SUNSHINE REPORT

All was sunny this week but our club is always looking to pass along any cards and good wishes to **Past**

President (1989-90)

John Brown. Bring them by and we will deliver them, should you be so inclined. **Eileen Carlisle** continues to recover from her broken ankle.



Eileen Carlisle displays her sunny disposition

TICKETS TO THE RACES

The Sonoma County Fair celebrates its 75th Jubilee, back in town just in time for **President Marnie** to raise some dollars for the club by auctioning off

a few tickets to the races. Thanks go out to **Matt Everson, Kim Murphy, and David Brown**. Have a great time and don't bet on the slow horses.



President Marnie auctions tickets to the races

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotarian of the Year Carmen Sinigiani is signing up volunteers for this year's Grand Fondo biking event. If you are interested in helping to staff our relief station I'm sure Carmen can find a spot for you.

Attention all Red Badgers! Make sure your Blue Badge "To Do" lists are up to date and current. Check in with **Nicole Lee** or **Yale Abrams** to update your Rotary progress.

Brook Terhune from Rotary's New Generations club stopped by to announce a party to celebrate the great success they've had in forming the newest Rotary in the North Bay (sponsored by the oldest club in Sonoma County). Check out your special invitation in this issue of The Santa Rosarian. Tickets are available now!

CASINO NIGHT

The numbers are still coming in but our inaugural Casino Royale Night promises to be another successful fundraiser for Rotary! So many folks put so much hard work into this one, folks. Special thanks goes out to **Debi Zaft, Sonaya Stevens, Jackie McMillian, Paul Hamilton, Cathy Vicini, Jack Abercrombie** and **Tony Walker**, as well as all those folks who helped to setup and cleanup before and after the event. All in all, if you donated items, sold tickets, helped staff the evening or simply showed up and had a good time, pat yourself on the back. Well done, Rotarians!

RECOGNITIONS

President Marnie was finally able to fine Rotarian elder statesman **Dick Jenkins** for a past vote in a

Rotary meeting. After a little bit of ribbing and some negotiation Dick donated \$50 to the club for his past transgressions.



Dick Jensen gets fined

Anyone who has sat at the Rowdy Table can tell you that around 12:50 or so you can expect to see a small paper airplane being thrown from **Past President (2004-05) Yale Abrams'** hands. **President Marnie** put Yale on notice that any future airplanes will have a \$1 price tag associated with them.

Bob Higgs was recognized for his phone going off in a past meeting. Bob was kind enough to donate \$10 to club in order to make amends.

Steve Reuter was fined for a more immediate phone infraction during our meetings and he donated \$50 to the club as a result.

Our Red Badgers were put on the hot seat this week by Marnie and asked about their recent meetings with their Fellow Rotarians. They all passed Muster though and were not fined in the end. Don't worry folks, Marnie will get them one of these days.

SPECIAL NEW GEN INVITATION

The newest Rotary Club in the North Bay—sponsored by the oldest Rotary Club in Sonoma County—invites you to join us Friday, Aug. 19, at the Hilton Sonoma Wine Country on Round Barn Boulevard. Help them break all records with the largest charter night party in history for all of District 5130. Plenty of chances to win a fabulous Grand Prize or at least pick up a special limited edition New Generations Charter Night pin. Live music by The H.O.T.S. This is a huge fundraiser for the new chapter as well as for the Ella Bisbee Fund. Tickets are \$50 by Aug 18th \$60 at the door. Get updates or buy tickets at New Generations Rotary Club.

NEW AVENUE OF SERVICE

The Santa Rosa Rotary Club—New Generations, the first Rotary Club of its kind in Northern California

was born after RI's 2010 Council on Legislation approved a fifth Rotary Avenue of Service: "New Generations". Original called "Youth Service", Rotary International added a fifth article to the Standard Rotary Club Constitution 16 months ago. The close 260 to 250 vote was received by surprised gasps then—after a short debate—by applause. New Generations joins Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as the foundation of club activity. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members could contribute within each avenue.

The change was proposed by Representative Ronald P. Sekkel, of California's District 5170, saying that New Generations is the future of Rotary. It recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding. "It's a significant change – a historic day in Rotary," said Council Chair Mark Daniel Maloney. "Rotarians have always strongly supported youth activities even though they were never part of the four Avenues of Service. I think this strengthens our commitment."

SANTA ROSA'S NEW GENERATIONS

Sponsored by our Rotary Club and assisted by a committee of our club's leaders, this new Rotary Club was organized earlier this year. Consisting of 35 charter members with new members joining weekly, this driven group of semi-traditional new Rotarians is making history around the world by pioneering a different type of club with appeal to Generations X and Y, but not exclusively. Having raised \$3,000 by their charter date, they're off to a raging start. Founding President of the new Rotary Club is Nicole Arnone stated: "Our goal is to break a few traditions in order to open Rotary and appeal to a whole new crowd: those who may be intimidated by traditional Rotary."

Bursting with enthusiasm for a diverse club and focused on youth-oriented causes, this younger-minded club, as well as like Rotary Clubs around the world are poised to elevate Rotary International to a

whole new level. With no shortage of community-minded young adults—and older Baby Boomers, too—in Sonoma County, this hot, new service club is expected to double their membership in the next year. The Santa Rosa Club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at Legends, Bennett Valley Golf Course, 3330 Yulupa Avenue in Santa Rosa. Meetings in weeks 1 and 3 rotate between service projects and business networking meetings with other clubs. For more information, visit the club online at www.NewGenSantaRosa.com.

PROGRAM

This week's program focused on an issue which receives lots of attention these days for one reason or another: Affordable Healthcare. Two words which

have have sparked debates and raised questions from all sides, especially since the 2008 presidential election.

This week, we were able to get a few of those questions answered from someone on the front lines. We were joined by Naomi Fuchs from Santa

Rosa Community Health Centers (SRCHC), a local organization which believes that not only does everyone deserve care but they also deserve to be cared for.



Naomi Fuchs of Santa Rosa Community Health Centers

In Sonoma County alone more than 100,000 individuals live below the poverty line. Every one of them will require the same health services any individual will need throughout their life. This is

where SRCHC steps in and helps. Through a combination of federal funding, including Medicare and Medi-Cal reimbursement SRCHC operates eight different clinics scattered throughout Santa Rosa providing care and services to those who are either uninsured or underinsured. For example, there are no pediatricians in Sonoma County who accept Medicare or Medi-Cal for their services so SRCHC provides care and services to 100 percent of those children living below the federal poverty line. But this also provides a secondary benefit to our community—an economic one.

Through the clinic's various facilities and location SRCHC helps to provide over 300 jobs to Santa Rosa with a direct annual impact of over \$25 million to our communities. And this organization is still growing. Though increased federal funding and new partnerships with Sutter Health and Turning Point of Santa Rosa, SRCHC has been able to expand its generous capabilities. Providing a hands-on environment where future Sutter doctors can fulfill their residencies or help to provide counseling for those battling substance addictions. SRCHC helps to fill a void.

As Rotarians we take pride in being able to say we make a difference like few other organizations do. Helping those who need it most...and doing so continuously. Santa Rosa Community Health Centers serves our neighbors, our elderly and our children. We thank them for their efforts and for the time they spent with us at this week's meeting of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa.

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Nicole Le

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