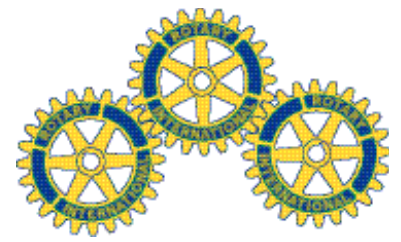




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OUR PROGRAM FOR AUGUST 17TH:

“LIKE NO OTHER CLUB ASSEMBLY”

PRESIDENT MARNIE PROMISES FOOD, FUN DECORATIONS, & MORE FROM CLUB COMMITTEES

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



Rotary Club of Guadalajara President Guillermo Sanchez and Past President Don McMillan volunteered with the Orquesta Infantil at Keller Estate

With every Rotarian responsible for being on at least two committees, we need you to sign up for the committees that interest you the most...committees that you can add value to. If you miss out on some fun, this meeting will be “wrong”. But you have to know to go! Don't miss President Marnie's first Club Assembly! Attend next Wednesday's Rotary meeting. Check out Rotary's Avenues of Service: 1. Club Service, 2. Service to the Community, 3. Vocational Service, 4. International Service, and the newest Avenue of Service—New Generations. Make sure that you work on committees that benefit you the most—committees that benefit the most from your efforts.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

- Aug. 24, 2011: Ambassadorial Scholar Kristen Fladseth
- Aug. 31, 2011: North Bay's first 21st Century Hospital
- Sept. 7, 2011: The Wine Country Baseball League

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- Visit our website at www.santarosarotary.com
- Check out [District 5130](#)
- Learn about new Rotary International President [Kalyan Banerjee](#)

AAAND, THEY'RRRRE OFF!

With a ring of the bell from **President Marnie Goldschlag**, we came out of the box hot to trot. Our “Fair” leader let the show go on and the Pledge of Allegiance was sparked by **Red-badger Doug Johnson** with his hand ‘ova haht.’ The Invocation was an inspirational quote from Harriet Tubman delivered by **Deborah Gray**.

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

Bob Sorensen was not heavily challenged with introducing only two visiting Rotarians: Julie Nation from the West Santa Rosa Rotary Club and Peirre Le Gougre from one of Sebastopol’s great Rotary Clubs. Our guests were: Sharon Nelson and

Jon Mallon, hosted

by **John McHugh**; Charmaine Marquis,

hosted

by **Jerald Marquis**;

and our newly-arrived French exchange student Pauline Beck, hosted by **Karen Ball**.



Pauline Beck & Karen Ball

ROTARY MOMENT

President Marnie called on **Ray Foreaker** to tell us why he became and remains a Rotarian. Ray is a 40+plus years Rotarian and he still



Ray Foreaker speaks out

gets excited about having so many avenues of service. Ray particularly appreciates that much of our local focus is on the Youth. With his exuberant

enthusiasm, it appears that some of that youthfulness has rubbed off on him.

ATTENTION!!

According to **Matt Fannin**, we’re having two Rotary bicycle rides in Saturday morning, August 20th. The first ride is a “short one”, only 23 miles. The second ride is for experienced bikers—39 miles! Pick your ride. Contact Matt to sign up and please bring your best ‘Le Tour de France’ face. Don’t forget your outfit!

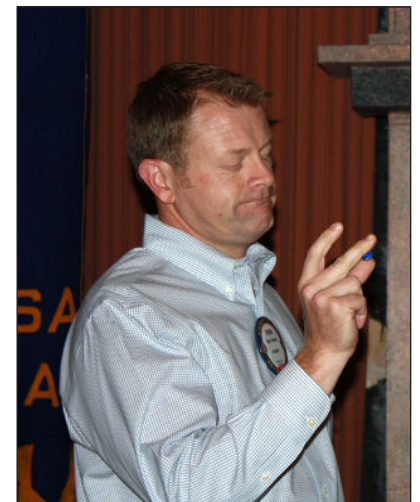
Kim Murphy is super-excited about this year’s Membership Committee as she expects it will be a lot of fun...like a barrel of monkeys (not clear if bananas are included). Sign up at next Wednesday’s Rotary meeting. Oooo, aaah aaah aaah. Maybe she’ll wear her mellow yellow sport coat again.

LOSING OUR MARBLES

We may not have lost all our marbles, but we are one less marble away from fortune and fame after **Ryan Thomas** pulled one more out of the bag and it was not the winner. The Raffle Jackpot will carry over \$236 (plus next week’s ticket sales) as Ryan walked away with the \$10 consolation prize.

Past President Will Haymaker conducted the raffle without too

many shenanigans. Then, there were only two marbles. Next week’s 50/50 odds are better than the thoroughbred races at the Sonoma County Fair!



Ryan Thomas tries his luck in the Raffle

AUCTION THIS!

President Marnie auctioned two Sonoma County Fair tickets for \$40 to **Julia Parranto** (yes, it was all legal). Then, a gift basket of goodies from the Casino Royale was auctioned to **Ginny Cannon** for \$65. A Fair Deal for everyone.

QUANTITATIVE EASING

The Federal Reserve did not approve of **President Marnie's** actions (gridlock, you know), but these Rotarians contributed to the local economy by redistributing their wealth in the following manner:

- **David Brown** chipped in \$15 for leaving his car keys at **President Marnie's** house last night (hmm).
- **Doug (Dugout) Johnson** added \$50 to the cost of his new 2012 Volvo S60 4-door sports sedan.
- **Jock McNeill** had a \$100 good time kayaking the Deschutes River in Oregon...and proved it ..(including \$50 for his Mother in law Diane Moresi).
- **Cathy Vicini** saw \$10 go down the drain for confessing that a water leak destroyed her office.
- **Gary Vice** burned through \$100 for a donation to our local Rotary Foundation for his trip to Chicago's Wrigley Field and then on to "Hot Wheels" Detroit (with a heat index of 113 degrees).
- **Robbie Fouts** gave \$50 to our local Rotary Foundation for no particular reason, other than his own generosity, plus and he is cleaning up on the 2011 termite swarming season.

ROTARY MAGAZINE QUESTION

August

What five countries are the most forested, accounting for more than half of the world's forest area?

- **Past President Will Haymaker** was thanked (but not fined) for his efforts to raise \$4,500 for our Club's World Community Service—Project Amigo. 'Way to go, Amigo !
- **President Marnie** went bananas over her new found levy powers. But, she eventually found the self-control 'snooze' button to limit the damage and defer further fines and recognitions in favor of finding out more about the Chiquita in her (you know, her inner banana). Read on.

FEATURED PROGRAM

Jim Johnson introduced our colorful (yellow?) speaker, Dr. William Crowley, retired professor of Geography from Sonoma State University, speaking on the colorful subject "What About Bananas?" This editor will condense five handwritten pages of notes into a few readable paragraphs. Here goes:

Since the 1860s, we in the U.S. of A. eat a lot of bananas—like 100 million metric tons each year—all of the Cavendish variety. India consumes the most bananas, but then they produce the most (26 percent of the world supply).



Dr. William Crowley expounds upon the virtues of the banana

Bananas are the ultimate multi-cultural food, a 'poster child' of the fruit world. They are the most consumed fruit in the world. They

are colorful: picked green, turn yellow, then brown, and ultimately go black and some are red. Scared bananas turn white. There are literally thousands of varieties hanging around all over the planet (not just in Central America), so bananas definitely have an international flavor.

Bananas are political, but they don't vote. Well, not yet anyway. Hence, the term "Banana Republic" whose laws are constantly being challenged in the Court of Appeals. In the 1950s and '60s there were numerous labor disputes and unrest over Guatemalan and Honduran efforts to tax and reform unused land owned by the Banana Barons. Somehow, through all the banana turmoil, a healthy relationship with the banana developed under the watchful eye of the U.S. military, which threatened to hack-off everyone's bananas if they didn't come together and cooperate for the benefit of the big banana developers.

Today, bananas are under attack from diseases such as the dreaded "Sigatoka". They are also the subject of a myriad of jokes, most of which are not re-printable in this forum. Whatever

you may think about bananas, you are sure to be surprised with all the interesting history behind the marketing and "psyche intrusion" of the banana into everyday life. Last of all, don't blame the banana if you slip and fall. Chances are it already slipped out for a bite to eat.

That's most of the sad—or glad—story of bananas. Hope it wasn't too mushy for you.

CLOSE-OUT

President Marnie closed with a question: Do you wonder if companies who make "fool-proof" products keep a fool on their payroll? Guess we'll have to wait until next week to get the answer.



Jeff Gospe with exchange student Pauline Beck and host Karen Ball

FELLOWSHIP

August 17th

Raffle - Karen Ball

Visiting Rotarians - Gary Bondi

Tickets - Kerrie Chambers

Greeter - Ginny Cannon

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