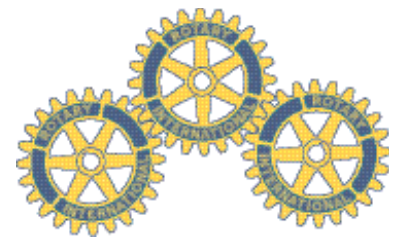




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OUR PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 5TH:

ROTARY CHANGES PEOPLE'S LIVES

INSPIRATIONAL STORIES FROM RI PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR MICHAEL FISH

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



Not only does service change the lives of those who receive Rotary's humanitarian efforts, but service changes the individuals who provide a little humanity and dignity to those less fortunate. Experience inspirational stories that will touch you and help you appreciate and realize how service changes the lives of not only those who are the recipients of our humanitarian efforts, but you the individuals who provide a little humanity and dignity to those less fortunate.

A member of the Rotary Club of Ignacio and a dedicated Rotarian since 1987, Michael has received two of The Rotary Foundation's highest honors and most recently served as Chairman of The Board of

Rotaplast International, Inc., which provides free cleft palate and cleft lip surgery to indigent children abroad.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

- Oct. 12, 2011: Dr. Bob Woodbury—Advances in Laparoscopic Surgery
- Oct. 19, 2011: Mark Burchill—Rotary Means Business
- Oct. 26, 2011: Club President Marnie Goldschlag
- Nov. 2, 2011: District Governor Maureen Merrill

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OPENING CEREMONIES

Past President Queen Jeanne gave us a historical perspective of the Pledge of Allegiance during the World's Fair of 1893. "Officials provided lunch for the 70,000 people expected to attend the dedication. However, nearly double that number appeared. The ceremonies were marked by gala musical performances of the "Columbian March" and one of the earliest public recitations of The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag - written earlier that year by Francis J. Bellamy.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was lead by **Vinay Patel** who enlightened us with thoughts on Karma. We often refer to Karma as right action will have an equal reaction in your life and will bare one with good fruits. However, Vinay said as long as you always have good thoughts, the fruits will come.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Led by **John McHugh**, Dave Delmonte from New York with the classification of Real Estate. Dr. Shari from Guadalajara, and Roger Olson in Sales from Healdsburg.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Guests today included **Mark Burchill's** wife Mary Lou Konrad and her brother Mel. **Karen Ball** brought our Student Rotarian from France, Pauline Beck. **Diane Moresi** brought her husband Robert, and **President Marnie** brought her dear mother from Hawaii, Rose.

SECRET GREETER

Kiska Icard was our special secret greeter today and chose **Julia Parranto** as the lucky hand shaker today because she mentioned something nice about animals and the Humane Society.



Kiska Icard was the Secret Greeter

RAFFLE

Presiding over the raffle today was **Chip Rawson**. The pot held a whopping \$237. The lucky winner was visiting Rotarian **Dave Delmonte**.



Visitor Dave DelMonte wins with Chip Rawson

SUNSHINE REPORT

President Marnie announced that **Chuck Reilly** had surgery and is doing better. Let's keep good healing thoughts in our minds for him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dave Brown announced the YMCA's annual Golf Tournament will be held at the Windsor Golf Course on October 14th.

Wayne Rowlands announced the **John Brown Memorial Foundation Fund** will be a \$25,000 buy-in and is a 501C3 tax deductible charitable contribution.

Knick Knickerbocker also announced the 2011 **Annual Rotary Veteran's Memorial** event coming up. It will be held on November 8th at the Vet's Hall in Santa Rosa at 11:30am. The price is \$15 and will take place of the regularly scheduled Rotary meeting. As in years past, when you purchase a second ticket, one more veteran can attend, be recognized and thanked for their service. He also stated that **John Brown** was very involved in the Veteran's Memorial Event.

Jack Geary announced the **Mayor's Committee for Employees with Disabilities** event.

Debi Zaft shared with us the **Rotary South's Foundation Hearts on Fire dinner winners**. **Nicole Le** won a gift basket that Debi herself was quite excited for Nicole to have. **Jack Abercrombie** won a bottle of wine and **Jack Atkin** won some bubbly.

In addition, **Debi Zaft** announced **The Rotary International Convention** will be held in Bangkok. 16 clubs from California, New Mexico, and Arizona raised \$35,000 towards the \$2 million dollar challenge.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Will Haymaker was quickly fined \$5 by **President Marnie** because he made reference to the Rotary South's Hearts on Fire Fundraiser was like the "Gran Fando." Marnie said, "uh no, Will, our club's sponsorship of a similar fundraiser is called the Giro Bello."

Nicole Le sent a similar hacker email as **Troy "Adonis" Carrington** had last week when he went travelling asking Marnie for several thousand dollars to get home. Nicole travelled to Madrid, Spain. Marnie quipped that for such an intelligent dentist, Nicole's grammar was "horrible." **President Marnie** was so concerned about Nicole's email that she was worried she wouldn't make it back to her dental convention. Nicole assured us she made it back just in time!

Apparently, **Bill Rousseau** has been on a travelling binge. Must be nice! We feel so sorry for him. **President Marnie** asked, "Where have you been?" Bill seemed to have forgotten about all his trips. We were pleasantly surprised that he was gone on at least one of his trips he could remember, to an International Convention of Assessors Officers in Pheonix, Arizona. YAWN..... maybe we don't feel too bad for you afterall. **President Marnie** then auctioned off Symphony tickets donated by **Mark Burchill**. The lucky winner for \$50 was **Carmen Sinigiani**.



Mike Truesdell enjoys the Awards & Recognitions

PROGRAM

President Marnie was not thrilled that there was no one to introduce our esteemed program speaker especially since we are a professional organization. **Jim Johnson** was unaware that he was supposed to introduce Brian Sobel, but **President Marnie** filled in just fine and gave the introduction.

If you weren't already depressed about the state of our National and State economies and have lost all faith and integrity in our government and all of its processes

or lack thereof, this was the program for you!! Brian Sobel a local Petaluman, former Petaluma Councilman and Mayor, Political Analyst extraordinaire and business owner of Sobel Communications, gave us another shot in the arm and update of our local, State, and national situation. Mr. Sobel started off and ended the program with the political year of "2012 will be a big year."

Brian travels to Washington, DC quite often and frequently provides analysis on Federal issues. The question of "What is happening with California?" is often posed to him while on Capitol Hill. "California is in deep, deep trouble." He sadly stated. "All ideas in Sacramento don't work. Education, Pension, and Infrastructure all have huge constituencies on both sides. Sacramento is paralyzed." There is currently a 17% approval rating for Congress the lowest in memory. People want to separate their representative from the body of the legislature he states and that we need to demand more accountability. Governor Jerry Brown is looking at 600 Bills. 600 Bills we ask?? The State of California is run on special interest groups with a narrow focus. California has been allowed to slip more than any other state. What happened to California? They gave way too much of our State away.

In Washington, the Democrats and Republicans are not getting along and the Lobbyists are everywhere.

There are 50,000 Lobbyists in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. They are making money off the system.



Brian Sobel paints a sobering picture of California's finances

Brian reiterated an experience he had in DC where a Congress member was on his way to vote and he saw a Lobbyist stop him along the way and ask for his vote. The Congressional member said, "Sorry, not this time." The lobbyist responded, "He spent 3 days at my place in Vail and now I can't get a vote from him." Brian said, "We need to vet our public officials and we are being sucked in by their high priced campaigns." He continued by reciting a quote by

ROTARY MAGAZINE QUESTION

September

Last year 16 clubs in Arizona, New Mexico and California raised \$35,000 towards the \$200 Million Challenge. How did they accomplish

past President Harry S. Truman. Truman said with a national population of roughly 110 to 120 million in 1948, only 15 million are really being represented in government. This is the problem. The body politic does not feel like we are being represented at all. Its all a game of who has the most money and who has the better luxury condo to offer for a vote. Who will the Republicans rally around to race against the incumbent President? Brian poses the question, "Who will raise the most money?"

On the local level, everything trickles down to our local government from the Feds and the State. Many cities in the US are looking at bankruptcy to strategically upset the card deck and start all over. We will find out from Mayor Ernesto Olivares on October 26th.

Again, 2012 will be a key year in California and the US elections. It will effect us at all levels. Brian ended with in the last 25 years, people care more than ever.

During Q and A Robbie Fouts asked about Education What is happening? Our per capita spending on education is lower than in any other nation. **Steve Reuter** mentioned that the state spends 40% of its tax revenue on Education and it's the worst in the nation. **Jim Johnson** said he had a question but did he really? He gave us "thoughts by Jim Johnson." He mentioned that the legislation in Sacramento is paralyzed. This is good news he stated. That was pretty funny actually. **Wayne Rowlands** felt upset about a bill that will allow

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illegal aliens precedence to CSU's and UC's that will override citizens. **Kim Murphy** summed it up. "How can we do anything about anything? What do "regular" people do?" Brian said, support a candidate that speaks regular language and go grass roots! In the United States, 3 out of 4 Americans have never set foot in their own City Hall. We need to get involved."

REMEMBERING JOHN BROWN

Images from the gathering at Eileen Carlisle's home September 28th



Collage of a young John Brown



The crowd toasts John Brown