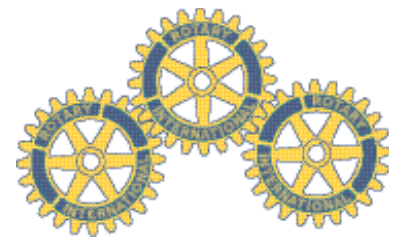




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OUR PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER 8TH:

HONORING OUR VETERANS

11TH ANNUAL TRIBUTE, TUESDAY, NOV. 8TH, AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

No Meeting Wednesday, November 9th due to Veteran's Luncheon November 8th



Former Secretary of the Air Force, Thomas C. Reed, is the Keynote Speaker at the sold-out luncheon thanking America's Veterans for their service, presented by the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Santa Rosa. Starting at 11:30 am with the Presentation of the Colors, the bands of both Santa Rosa High School and Montgomery High School will provide the music. Keynote speaker Thomas Reed served as an officer in

the U. S. Air Force, was assigned to Lawrence Livermore labs both as a military officer and civilian. He was the 11th Secretary of the Air Force, serving under U. S. Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, and as an advisor to President Ronald Reagan.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

Nov. 16, 2011: Sonoma County Water Agency

Nov. 23, 2011: No meeting—Thanksgiving

Nov. 30, 2011: 90th Birthday of SR Rotary!

Dec. 7, 2011: Sports writer Lowell Cohn

Dec. 14, 2011: Prep for Rotary's Nutcracker Christmas Party

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The Pledge was led expertly by **Roy Thylin**.

INVOCATION

Genie Delles gave us much to think about with her amusing invocation.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Jerry Shimp introduced our visiting Rotarians. Visiting Rotarians included: District Governor Maureen Merrill (Windsor), Assistant DG Kim McDonald (SR East), Ed Smith (Russian River), Susan Brints (Metropolitan Lubbock, TX), and Jim Becker (Petaluma).

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

The only guest today seems less like a guest and more like a typical precocious daughter demanding her own red badge. She is French foreign exchange student Pauline Beck. Welcome Pauline – you blend right in!

SECRET GREETER

Red Badger, Eric Tyler was our secret greeter today. His choice for a free lunch next week was our resident flying ace **Nick Knickerbocker**. *If you don't know what this refers to, you must be a newer Rotarian. Get to know those veterans in the club – you may be amazed at what you find out about them!

ALERT ! SUDDEN INTERRUPTION !!

It was about this point in the proceedings when a large “**Jack Tolin**” rabbit scurried into the room with a plastic Jack ‘O Lantern full of candy that he “redistributed” to **President Marnie** and the unwashed Rotary masses.



Did Jack Tolin get his holidays confused?

SUNSHINE REPORT

Nancy Shepherd has assumed the role of Sunshine reporter and noted the recently absent **Ray Dorfman** has been suffering with back troubles. Get better soon, Ray. The club misses your wit and **President Marnie** misses your wallet! Concerned about fellow Rotarian **Juan Hernandez** (who has missed too many meetings the past 8 months), cub reporter **Jim Johnson** called him the next morning. Juan told him that he woke up 10 days ago to find five young guys slapping him in the face—EMTs bringing him back to consciousness: A surprise bout of pneumonia had dropped his blood pressure so low that his family had called for help when they could not wake him up. He's recovered from pneumonia, but is back on pain medication for the chronic problems that have laid him low most of this year. Juan says he feels is able to get some work done in the mornings, but fades quickly in the afternoon. Maybe some funny get-well cards and cartoon notes would pep him up.

RAFFLE

Tony Roehrick presided over today's raffle. With \$188 in the Pot and 5 marbles in the Bag, DG Maureen pulled the ticket held by



Tony Roehrick offers Debra Smith a chance at riches

Debra Smith. Unfortunately, Debra was only able to walk away with the \$10 consolation prize.

ROTARY MOMENT

Dan Walker shared the story of his introduction to Rotary and, as well, what it means to him to be a Rotarian. He looks forward to continuing to help his world community through Rotary.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY ROTARIANS!

Kerrie Chambers took over birthday recognition

duties and announced the following Rotarians were apparently conceived in or near the month of March: **Wally (the hairhat) Lowry, Diane Moresi, Julia Parranto, Bob Sorenson, Dan Wright, Yale Abrams, Jim Johnson, Cathy Vicini, and Craig Meltzner.** (It's your happy birthday and we wish you many more, with health and wealth and friends by the score.....Cut the cake and let's eat some more, happy birthday to you!)



Happy Birthday to the November babies

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mark Burchill** announced the monthly **Rotary Means Business** meeting for Thursday, November 3rd at Liberty Valley doors, Cotati. Rotary Means Business (RMB) is a great way to network with other like minded business people with the goal of helping Rotarians gain business success.
- **Past President Debi Zaft** thanked all who attended the October social at Kunde Winery. A great time was had by all. **The next social will be held at Corricks** and is scheduled for the first week of December. Stay tuned for details!
- **Nick Knickerbocker** announced that only three tickets remain for next Tuesday's **Veterans Program**. Our club has supported this event for many years. The event this year will have added significance for our club as our own recently departed Marine, philanthropist and friend John Brown will be honored.
- **Diane Moresi** announced that our annual **poinsettia sales will be held on November 16th & 30th** with pick up on December 7th. Orders may be placed on line at: pegsoberanis@gmail.com or call 823-4028. The plants cost \$9.25 with part of the proceeds going to purchase 50 plants

for the seniors at Vigil Light Senior Housing Center. These make great gifts for your office staff, friends, relatives, customers and ourselves.

- Cub reporter **Jim Johnson** announced that last Wednesday's meeting was held on the **125th anniversary of the delivery of Statue of Liberty**, France's gift to America. (Jim took this time to personally thank Pauline Beck for the fine gift.). Jim also noted that Wednesday was also the **90th anniversary of our Rotary Club**. Contrary to popular belief, neither he nor **Steve Olson** were there for the first meeting!
- **President Marnie** announced that she would be the first to purchase a 2010 bottle of **Pinot for Polio**, with no promises to wait until it's earliest "drinkability" date. She encouraged all Rotarians to buy a bottle (or 10) noting that \$32.00 of every \$50.00 purchase goes directly to Rotary's Polio Plus program. Thanks again to **Cathy Vicini** and Trecini Vineyards!

RECOGNITIONS:

President Marnie took it easy on us this week. She recognized **Greg Johnston** for his "Big Ben" watch and his trip to the Dallas Cowboys cheerleader locker room. No word yet as to whether any cheerleaders were actually there while he visited. We're sure he wanted to show them Big Ben—\$20, please!

Jack Tolin was recognized for his late arrival after shedding his bunny fur. I don't think any money changed hands for this...

THE PROGRAM

Assistant District Governor Kim McDonald introduced our speaker today as the Savior of the Free World and Queen of All She Surveys. DG Maureen Merrill is actually a very serious Rotarian—a charter member from the Windsor Club. Maureen sat on a stool rather than speaking from the podium and, as is her way, spoke eloquently of the time she sat in the Flamingo Bar making eyes at herself in the mirror. The result of this was that she ended up with a room key from some guy who was sitting next to her. Mike, was

that you?

ANNNyyyywaayyyy...After giving a brief talk about how Rotary is structured and her role as our District Governor, and our representative to Rotary International, she noted that she served as our own District Governor Norm Owen's Assistant DG and was inspired by his leadership.

Maureen noted that this is "the best of times" for Rotary and that our District 5130 has seen a 2 percent growth of over the past year. During that time, she noted that many clubs did not add as many members as our club percentage-wise, but maintained better retention rates. Maureen spoke to our club about keeping the club fresh and relevant by looking at this as a time of renewal. She noted that clubs go through periods of "drift" and it is up to us to identify "who" we are and what projects speak to our hearts.

Maureen shared an analogy of an architect who was given the assignment to design a house by his employer. His heart was not in the project and at completion the project was not as good as it should have been. The architect's boss then handed him the keys telling



DG Maureen Merrill

him that the house he designed was for him.

Maureen concluded by encouraging us to come up with projects that touch our hearts and give us an "identity". She noted that there is no other organization like Rotary. Who else could eliminate polio worldwide, fund micro lending and provide clean water systems in third world countries?

If you didn't attend the latest Rotary Social at Kunde Winery, here's some of what you missed!



This week's photographer:
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