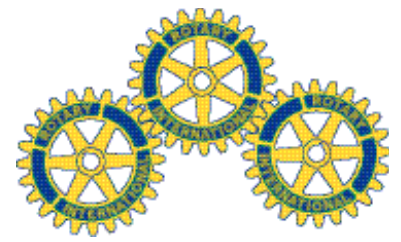




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## OUR PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 4TH:

# SAN FRANCISCO' OLDEST & HEAVIEST MUSICAL TREASURE

*CENTURY-OLD PIPE ORGAN FROM SAN FRANCISCO'S PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION*

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



The seventh largest pipe organ in the world was given to the City of San Francisco after serenading thousands at the Panama-Pacific Exposition 96 years ago. Housed in the Civic Auditorium—built specifically to house the huge theatrical organ—the Exposition's gift was damaged in the infamous 1989 "World Series" Earthquake and it was removed and repaired. Sadly, the treasured gift has never been re-installed in the Civic Auditorium or played again. Hollywood sound man and native San Franciscan Michael Eyje editorializes: "San Francisco still owns the pipe organ and they own the Palace of Fine Arts. In less than two years, the Exploratorium is moving to the Embarcadero. Why not put the two back together?"

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

**January 11:** Forensic Accountant Jeffrey Mallan

**January 18:** Avoiding Conflict in Communication

**January 25:** Rotary's 18th Annual Public Safety Awards

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Visit Rotary's [Foundation](#) page

## HAPPY NEW YEAR, ROTARIANS!

**Past President Steve Olson**—pinch-hitting for **Prez Marnie**—welcomed a holiday crowd of members family and friends to the last Rotary meeting of 2011.

## PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE & INVOCATION!

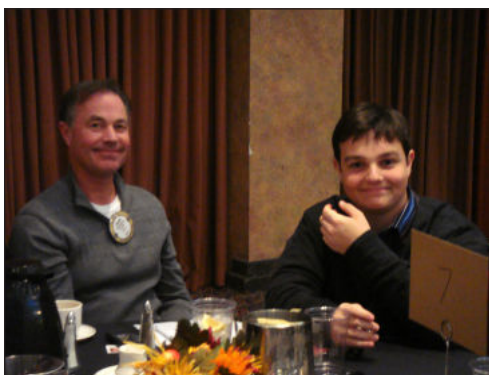
The pledge was led by **Debra Smith**. The invocation by **Greg Johnston** who shared something about hugs, which led to a group hugathon at the conclusion of his words. Thanks for getting us all “touchy feely”, Greg!

## VISITING ROTARIANS

Our visiting Rotarians were all past members of the 90-year-old Rotary Club of Santa Rosa. Gordon Shurtleff and his wife Penny were active in our club for many years before retiring and moving to La Jolla and the Torrey Pines Rotary Club. Also Dan Ericson, now a member of the new Healdsburg Sunrise Rotary, made it home for the holidays.

## GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

**Past President Ray Dorfman's** Family Trivia brought out the Rotary relatives: **Ted Wilmsen's** grandson Troy, **Debra Smith's** daughter, Holly Plummer, **Julia Parranto's** nephew, Adam, **Vickie Hardcastle's** daughter, Whitney, **David Brown's** son, Jake, and past member of our club, Kathy Burger. Plus Rotarian spouses who showed up to play for Big Prizes—Mel Burchill, Bob Parker, Laura McNeill, Gerry



**Dave Brown and his son, Jake**

Humes, and Dennis Ball. Tim Delaney joined in the fun as the guest of Larry Miyano.

## THE RAFFLE

**Jose Guillen** presided over The Magic Marbles, and for the second straight time **Yale Abrams** had the lucky ticket, Because the pot was not won when only 2 marble were left, 8 marbles were put back

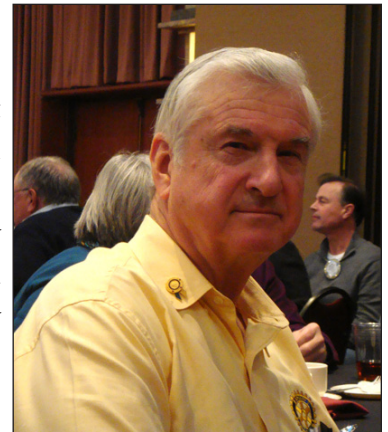
in the velvet sack. With a big total (\$382) in the jackpot, **Past President Yale** asked for a deal and **Past President Steve Olson** said “no way” and Yale came up empty again; settling for the \$10 consolation prize. Next week, one less marble in the bag...and the pot continues to grow!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ted Wilmsen** reminded us that the annual distribution of 3rd Grader dictionaries was right around the corner and there were a few spots still open. If you have signed up, you should be getting a call next Wednesday with further directions. In recognition of Ted's 70th birthday he graciously donated \$70 to the John Brown Memorial Fund in our club's local foundation. Thanks Ted for all you do!

## RECOGNITIONS

No official recognitions this week, however it was reported that **Tim Stewart** made a \$50 donation to the Rotary Scholarship fund and our good friends Penny & **Gordon Shurtleff**, made a donation in honor of John Brown.



**Gordon Shurtleff and his wife, Penny (not pictured) donated in honor of John Brown**

## NEXT WEDNESDAY'S SPEAKER

Michael Evje is a San Francisco native whose many interests have literally taken him around the world. Due to an ear infection, he almost lost his hearing at an early age. His mother gave him a small transistor radio to encourage him to hear. Not only did young Mike overcome his ailment, but he fell in love with sound...that elusive yet powerful sense we so often take for granted until age takes it from us. Imagine a life never hearing laughter? His mother's gift really did the trick.

The youngster who loved sound made his first audio tape recording in the seventh grade. By the time he

was eighteen, he was the head soundman for San Francisco's largest film studio and the soundman on the first-ever multi-section news feature in America for Walter Cronkite. He moved to Hollywood and oversaw the sound on movies such as "American Graffiti", "Caddyshack" and Robert De Niro's "Raging Bull". One of the two films he made with Frances Ford Coppola won his sound crew the coveted "British Oscar" for Best Sound. He also did the sound for the directorial movie debuts of Tom Cruise and Mel Gibson.

## AMBASSADOR SCHOLAR KRISTIN

**Will Haymaker** introduced our Rotary Ambassador Scholar Kristin Fladseth, home for the holidays from



**Kristin Fladseth spoke of her studies abroad**

her studies in England. Our Club's nominee selected to represent District 5130, who is attending the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Diseases, shared some of her first year experiences concentrated in her studies in Public Health.

## SUNSHINE REPORT

**Nancy Shepherd** reported mostly sunny skies. **Club Secretary Jack Abercrombie's** wife, Pris, is feeling better and **Chip Rawson** showed up with a broken hand and stitches in his head (where Chip's hair used to be). Chip is well on the road to recovery and quite thankful for not being in worse condition after last week's fall from his truck.

## GLIMPSES FROM OUR PAST

As we begin the 10th decade of our centennial year, snapshots from our club's archives illustrate the rich history of Sonoma County's first service club: One of our club's first projects was a municipal swimming pool. A single page estimated to be from 1925 reports that future Rotary President (1931-32) George Proctor announced "that the swimming pool was

going good and the concrete would be poured in a few days, expected to have the walls of the pool up in about two weeks.'

**A museum and a junior college:** On October 2, 1928, our club passed a resolution pledging support to the Luther Burbank Foundation to transform Burbank's home into a museum, creating a botanical garden. The next spring (1929) our club formed a committee to further the interests of the Junior College: "We commend a County Junior College to the earnest consideration of the members of the Rotary Club."

**Rotary's battle against polio & hunger:** In September of 1931, our club voted to send \$50 to the San Francisco Rotary Club as part of Rotary's contribution to the Crippled Children's Society. That same year, we donated \$25 to the Sonoma County Symphony Orchestra and a motion was passed in October to request the City Council to formulate a definite program for taking care, so far as possible, of the unemployed during the coming fall & winter. The following month, Santa Rosa's council designated an organization for the purpose of looking after the unemployed. The Rotary Club donated \$100 for this purpose.

### PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

**Michael Ott - Software Developer**  
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**Jack Abercrombie**

**Tim Delaney - Wealth Management**

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**Larry Miyano**

**Katie Barr - Education Development**

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**Suzanne Drace**

**Rotary purchases an Iron Lung for the County Hospital:** In 1937, medicine had no idea what caused poliomyelitis, how it was spread, or how to treat it. The iron lung was a mechanical breathing machine that kept paralyzed children—and adults—alive indefinitely. 20 years later, Dr. Jonas Salk created the first polio vaccine. And Rotary International took on their biggest project ever!

## PROGRAM

Our program was the annual New Year's Eve traditional competition for valuable prizes—"Family Trivia" hosted by **Past President Ray Dorfman**.

Eight teams of Rotarians, friends and relatives came out swinging (and guessing)' At the conclusion of many hard-fought battles, **Layne Bowen's** team was crowned champion capturing first place cash pool with **Ryan Thomas'** table taking 2nd place. There were too many highlights to mention but a great time was had by all. I don't think Ray will soon be recruited as the next "Richard Dawson", but we love him none the less. Great Job Ray!!



**Debra Smith and Karen Ball**

## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Debi Zaft**

### FELLOWSHIP

January 4th

**Raffle** - Ginny Cannon

**Visiting Rotarians** - Doug Johnson

**Tickets** - Martha Lovejoy

**Greeters** -Yale Abrams and Shannan Luft

*This week's photographer:*

**Kris Anderson**

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