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OUR PROGRAM FOR AUGUST 29TH:

ROTARY CLUB ASSEMBLY

BILL ROUSSEAU CHARTS OUR PATH FOR HIS ROTARY YEAR AS PRESIDENT

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



President Bill Rousseau

Coming on the heels of the visit to our club of new District Governor Michael Juric, the first Club Assembly takes on more significance with the obligation to live up to the DG's compliments and recognition of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa. Governor Juric also outlined the substantial changes and new challenges for Rotary International, District 5130, and our Rotary Club. You should not miss the opportunity to get the message from our new president, Bill Rousseau, and make your own personal contributions—first to the Club Assembly, then to your commitment to Rotary in the coming months. Ask yourself: What's going on here and what are we going to do about it.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

September 5: Jeff Gospe & the GSE kids in France

September 12: "Our Southern Home" by Waights Taylor Jr.

September 19: ARTrails with Bill Gittins

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Visit our website: www.santarosarotary.com

District news: <http://www.rotary5130.org/>

Don't miss: <http://rotarymeansbusiness.com/>

OPENING CEREMONIES

Bob Sorenson opened today's meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Then **President William** called on the irrepressible **Dan Schell** for the invocation, who proceeded to name all 50 capitals of the U. S. complete with names of all 50 states to the tune of "Turkey in the Straw" while the entire ensemble remained standing and applauded long, loud, and clear. Our president then observed that calling on Dan was "like a box of chocolates". You never know what you're going to get.

YOGA YOGIS

It's not often you hear groans of agony when **President W.** asks **Katie Barr** to show us how "active" our club can be. This week Katie tested the flexibility of our knees and hip joints and sockets. With **Robby Fouts** and **Vinay Patel** showing exceptional form, but photographer **Kris Anderson** missed their Kodak moment. Thanks to a firm grip on the back of our chairs, most of us survived. Thanks Katie!



Kim Murphy displays her yoga prowess while Fred Levin discovers his foot

VISITING ROTARIANS

A warm Rotary welcome to tax law attorney Richard Power, visiting from one of the Sebastopol Rotary Clubs and, from one of the Petaluma Rotary Clubs, business consultant Michael Caruana.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Shannon McConnell introduced her mother, local real estate agent Jane Duggan, and **Kerrie Chambers** introduced her guest, Joseph Wilhelm with First Data Corporation.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Funeral services for fellow **Rotarian Mel Herman** were announced for 10:30 am this Friday morning at the St. Rose Catholic Church on 10th Street. **Robert Pierce** is reported to be recovering nicely from his recent surgery, but the ailing **Dick Jenkins**, who has been greatly missed at Rotary for more than a month is confined at home with serious back problems. If you would like to pitch in and help Dick and Margie with some meals, see **President William's** announcement on the next page.

JOHN H. C. RILEY

We received word just before the final edit of this week's bulletin that **John Riley**, the retired general manager of the Press Democrat, passed away at the home he shared with his wife Mary Louise in Varenna on Wednesday, August 22nd. John joined our Rotary Club in 1967 and retired as an active Rotarian in two years ago. He was made an honorary member at that time.

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

Our Rotary Club's preparation for July's fundraiser, the Giro Bello Bicycle Race, began right after the first of the year with **Diane Moresi** (The heroine of Giro Bello) leading the way for the dozens of volunteers. It was a huge job and Diane earned her recognition as Rotarian of the Month for July. Congratulations, Diane, and a hearty thank you from the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa.



President William Honors a deserving Diane Moresi

ROTARIANS: OUR PRESIDENT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our fellow club member **Dick Jenkins** and his wife Margie need us. Dick has been very sick lately and they are in need of pre-made food for lunches and dinners. If you can help out for at least one meal starting this Saturday, 8/25, through the following weekend, please contact **Eileen Carlisle** at 546-7187 or email her at carlisle@stiffel.com.

The plan is for all food deliveries to be dropped off at Eileen's house and not Dick's home. Eileen will take the food over to the Jenkins home. This will keep the amount of visitors to a minimum. In addition, if anyone would like to "quietly" drop off a bouquet of flowers on the Jenkins' front porch on occasion, that would be fantastic. I know we all can make this work, so please call Eileen and schedule a day to drop off food.

Thanks in advance for your help on this request.
Yours in Rotary service, **President William**

ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS

Jock McNeill took full advantage of his allotted minutes to give a full report on himself and his business, Alliance Property Management. He must have rehearsed his pitch.

Gesine Franchetti announced that the RMB networking meeting will be held at Discovery Office Systems on Thursday afternoon, September 6th at 5:30 pm. Catered by Rosso Pizzeria and hosted by **Doug Johnson** and Gesine herself, who will bring along her spectacular portable pizza oven for RMB Rotarians. R.S.V.P. to Doug at djohnson@discoveryofficesystems.com. If you cannot email, call 570-4213 or go to www.rotarymeansbusiness.com website for more information.



Gesine Franchetti & Doug Johnson promote RMB

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Burchill reported that a growing number of our club have signed up to attend the Rotary's International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, June 6-29, 2013. He suggested that fellow Rotarians who plan to attend contact him at marknick@sonic.net to make reservations in the same Lisbon hotel. For info about the convention, visit www.riconvention.org.

Make Beautiful Music Together: Plan to attend the District Foundation Dinner, champagne reception, dinner & dancing on Saturday evening, October 6th, 5:30 pm at the Flamingo Hotel. This annual event recognizes fellow Rotarians throughout the district for their dedication and personal contributions in the past Rotary year. Individual tickets are \$65 or \$750 to sponsor a table for 10. Register at www.Rotary5130.org or call Valerie Hulsey at 537-8603.

ROTARIAN MAGAZINE QUIZ

At our meeting next Wednesday, August 29th, you get the chance to make the eligibility list for the Rotarian drawing. Here is the question from R. I. magazine co-chair **Nona Lucas**: Where was the first Rotary Club outside of the United States founded? The answer can be found in your latest Rotarian magazine.

RECOGNITIONS

Jack Atkin: Prime meat and first in the chute this week for teaching an SRJC class this fall—"Using Covered Calls to Increase Your Income"—his initial fine was \$50, but "Professor" Atkin donated another \$50 to enhance the Paul Harris Fellowship for his wife Eva.

Paul Hamilton was recognized for his dedicated involvement with the Petaluma Little League team, who has been making the national (and local) news playing in the Little League World Championships this month in South Williamsport, PA. Paul donated \$50 to the local foundation's Jack Levar Memorial Fund and another \$50 to start a Paul Harris Fellowship for his 10-year-old grandson, Cade Butler, in honor of his AAA All Stars baseball team; but wait, there's more: Paul contributed another \$50 to the John Brown Memorial Fund on behalf of Phillip Wright, who received a University of Arizona football scholarship after a successful career at Cardinal Newman.

President Rousseau's recognition: As we all should know by now, only the Sergeant-at-Arms has the ability to stick it to our club president when his outside activities become known, so **Jack Geary** bravely used the official roving microphone to recognize **William Rousseau** for having his photo posted on Page One of the Empire section of the Press Democrat this Wednesday. The Sonoma County Supervisors appointed him to replace Janice Atkinson when she retires on December 11th. The longtime county chief deputy assessor, who began his career with the county way back in the early 1980s, donated \$50 to the John Brown Fund of our local foundation and contributed \$50 to his wife Joan's Paul Harris Fellowship. If you missed our president's photo in the newspaper, you may view it (without charge) on Page One of this very *Santa Rosarian* bulletin.

Past President Don McMillan and Rotarian Jackie McMillan returned from their vacation trip to Scotland and Ireland with some

souvenirs consisting mostly of collectors' items that turned out to be empty beer bottles with intact labels such as "Skull Splitter", "Liquid Libation", and "Kilt Lifter". We were all so stunned at Don's taste that we could not remember if he received any monetary



President Bill with Don & Jackie McMillan's pithy beer bottles

recognition. He did mention that both he and Jackie delved into their ancient ancestry. According to Don, he had difficulty sleeping with one eye open after he learned that his most famous ancestor was King Duncan and Jackie was related to the king's murderer, Lady Macbeth!

This week's photographer:
Kris Anderson

CASINO ROYALE

Our Rotary Club's second, and last, fundraiser of this Rotary year is less than two months away—Saturday, October 20, at one of the largest and most elegant meeting and event facilities in the heart of the Sonoma Wine Country, The Mary Agatha Furth Center in Windsor. The success of this gala party depends on you and your invited guests and the value of auction items donated to the evening's auction. Each Rotarian has received at least one Casino Royale Donor Form. Every Rotarian must make their best effort to donate, or have donated, a valuable item to be auctioned to the highest bidder. If you've misplaced your donor form, contact Casino Royale Chair Past President **Debi Zaft** before the Club Assembly next Wednesday.

PROGRAM

After an enthusiastic welcome on his first visit to the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa, Michael Juric, our new District 5130 District Governor, got off on the right foot with a special recognition

for attorney **Norm Owen** for his substantial and on-going support & efforts on behalf district operations. Norm served as president of our club 1996-97 and District Governor 2003-04. DG Mike also singled out **Ted Wilmsen** and **Sam McMillan** for their many years of vocation service for the local 4-H Clubs and Future Farmers of

America and for their hard work over the years on our club's Community Service on with our annual 3rd Grade Dictionary Project. And he congratulated our club on the all-around success of the Giro Bello bicycle rides through the challenging roads and scenic vistas of west Sonoma County.



District Governor Mike Juric recognizes Rotarians Norm Owen, Ted Wilmsen and Sam McMillan

The District Governor quickly covered the benefits and advantages of the recent incorporation of our district and reviewed for us the changes in the logistics of giving to Rotary and changes in some of Rotary International's best known projects. He focused on many of the basic aspects of being involved in Rotary and made the point that in today's world, many people are looking for something worthwhile to get involved in. He concluded his remarks with a quote by Mother Theresa that relates to the power of Rotary: "I can do some things that you can't do. You can do things that I cannot do. You would be astounded at what we can do together."

MELVIN D. HERMAN 1925-2012

A resident of Santa Rosa for over 60 years and a dedicated member of our Rotary Club for 40 years, Mel was a competitive championship yachtsman who involved his large family in his favorite pastime and contributed much of his life to the Exchange Bank, serving this community long after his retirement through Rotary and the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Born in Eureka and raised in Mendocino County, he graduated at the top of his class from Laytonville High School and joined the Army Air Corps in 1944. He is survived by 5 children, 13 grandchildren plus 3 great-grandchildren. A quiet but classy person, he would have been 87 on October 26th. As an expression of sympathy, a memorial contribution may be directed to The Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation.

FELLOWSHIP

August 29th

Raffle - Rich deLambert

Visiting Rotarians - Casey D'Angelo

Tickets - Shannon McConnell & Katie Barr

Greeters - Tim Delaney & Jack Tolin

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