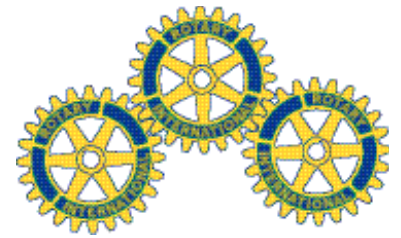




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OUR PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 19TH:

## SONOMA COUNTY'S SUPERIOR COURTS SYSTEM

*COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER JOSE GUILLEN'S AMERICAN DREAM*

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



*Jose Octavio Guillen*

Fellow Rotarian Jose Octavio Guillen began a difficult journey as a 14 year old boy when he and his family emigrated from Guatemala to the America of riches, opportunities, and success. After years of hard work and struggle to adjust to the American language and culture, he began his career of professional accomplishments in county administration, first in smaller cities, then Metropolitan Los Angeles, and here in the North Bay in late 2009 when our Sonoma County judges appointed Jose as Executive Officer and Jury Commissioner for the Superior Court of Sonoma County, overseeing the 230 employee court system and a \$34 million budget. Except for those employees, plus some attorneys and other professional lawbreakers, most citizens have no clue about this system of justice. Next Wednesday, Jose combines his personal story with his expertise as manager and administrator as the chief executive for the Sonoma County Superior Court to give us an insider's view of the nuts, bolts and challenges of this unique field.

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

**January 26, 2011:** The Lee E. Abramson Rotary Public Safety Awards

**February 2, 2011:** "At the Abyss" with author & diplomat

Thomas Reed

**February 9, 2011:** Jill Stevens Kinney

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## OPENING CEREMONIES

Both the pledge and invocation of this week's joint meeting of the Santa Rosa Rotary Clubs were led by **President Don McMillan**. President Don tried to be funny by referring to lawyers but (unfortunately) for him, the diverse crowd failed to recognize his succinct humor. President Don went to quote Abraham Verghese, on owning your own slippers, own who you are, own how you look, own your family, own the talents you have, and own the ones you don't.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

A variety of members from the Rotary Clubs of Santa Rosa East, West Santa Rosa, and the Valley of the Moon Club were present for the evening meeting. Too many to enumerate or identify.

## GUESTS

There were many distinguished guests including: District Gov. Jim Flamson; Past DG, Ed Fullerton; AG, David McDonald; East Club President, Kim McDonald; West Club President, Bill Dodson; VOM President, Valerie Hulsey; District Literacy Chair, Herb Salinger; Volunteer Center, Barbara Fisher; United Way, Jennifer O'Donnell &



**President Don and AG, David McDonald**

Eunice Valentine. In addition to the above, there were several members of the East, West & Valley of the Moon, Sonoma Valley & Calistoga clubs present along with several spouses.

## RAFFLE

Raffle star: New member **Dan Walker**. Amount: \$ 44. The winning ticket was held by Santa Rosa West Club President

Bill Dodson. Sorry to say that Bill did not draw the correct marble from the sack.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Santa Rosa West's President Bill Dodson was able to slip in a very nice announcement about their upcoming Crab Feed and Auction. The event will be held on Saturday evening, February 12th. **President Don** also threw out the reminder about the Santa Rosa Rotary Club's Red Badge Meeting coming up on next Thursday evening, January 20th at 6 pm, hosted by **Marnie Goldschlag** at her home on Mountain Hawk, and that all club members are welcome to attend.

## FINES AND RECOGNITIONS

**President Don** reported that he was informed that there are nuptials planned for **Kim Murphy**. Let's hear more about this planned event!

## ROTARY MAGAZINE QUIZ

Seven topics have remained central to "The Rotarian" and the January 2011 issue is dedicated to these topics. Name three of them.

## BOARD RECOMMENDATION

At the Club's Board of Director's meeting on January 3, 2010, the Board voted to recommend to the membership the creation of a permanent standing committee for fund raising. The purpose of this recommendation is to provide coordination, stability, and continuity in the Club's fund raising efforts on an annual and ongoing basis. This proposal will be brought up for consideration and a vote by our Club's members at the February 2, 2011, meeting of the Club. The committee will be comprised of Club members serving in the following capacities in our Club:

1. Board Director in Charge of Fundraising—Club Service III (Who would chair the Fundraising Committee)
2. Director Liaison for World /International Community Service
3. Committee Chair of the World/International Community Service committee
4. Director Liaison for local community service, i.e., the local charitable projects committee
5. The chairs of the following committees/subcommittees:
  - a. Hands-on local service projects
  - b. Joint charitable projects
  - c. Dictionary project
  - d. Nutcracker Xmas event

6. Ex Officio members:
  - a. President Elect
  - b. President Elect-elect
  - c. Santa Rotary Club Foundation representative

## STEVEN COZZA'S "GIRO BELLO"

It means "A Beautiful Ride" in Italian—and what beautiful rides these will be for the benefit of the Rotary Club



of Santa Rosa and the Institute for Myeloma & Bone Cancer Research. The first annual Giro Bello offers four beautiful routes exhibiting the finest in Sonoma County cycling. Registration opens Monday January 24, 2011, and is limited to the first 500 riders. Registered riders are encouraged but not required to participate in rider fundraising and

may choose to ride for Rotary's Polio Plus or for Myeloma & Bone Cancer Research. With a user-friendly online fundraising program (the same used for the Human Race), riders can solicit tax-deductible donations. There will also be fabulous fundraising incentives like a bike, a custom fitting, a frame and many more! For more information contact **Carmen Sinigiani**, who encourages her fellow Rotarians, friends and family to register for this event and raise money to eliminate polio from the face of the earth! Carmen's email address is [cdsinigiani@comcast.net](mailto:cdsinigiani@comcast.net).

You can sponsor the next  
issue of The Santa Rosarian  
  
See Layne Bowen  
to find out how!

## PROGRAM

Fellow Rotarian Jean Irwin gave a delightful talk about literacy issues at home and around the world was an Ambassadorial Scholar years ago in England, Jean discussed the research of providing literacy programs to the deaf and talked about her experiences living abroad and the unique cultures of literacy in other countries. Jean emphasized to everyone the very important message regarding how critical it is to read to our children, and to have our children read to us.

Jean shared some insights into teaching reading to deaf children. Something this writer didn't know is that those who are unable to hear actually do hear muffled sounds, not total silence. This is why when they learn to talk, the deaf speak in a distinctive, somewhat muffled style. Jean shared

her experience that while the blind can be taught to read Braille at a high level, the deaf ordinarily achieve only about a fourth grade reading level.

Jean enlightened all the Rotarians and guests this evening on the importance of reading in the education of all children. She again emphasized the importance of reading to children and also having them read to you.

## SIGN UP: HELP A CHILD READ!

The Volunteer Center's Barbara Fisher told the Rotarian attendees about **Schools of Hope**—a tutoring program sponsored by the United Way with lots of support from the Volunteer Center. She encouraged us all to join in this effort to help young people learn to read. **Casey D'Angelo** emphasized that Schools of Hope is a local hands-on literacy project right here in Santa Rosa and urged interested Rotarians to volunteer to work one hour a week with first grade students and help them learn to read. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Barbara Fisher at the Volunteer Center: [BFisher@volunteernow.org](mailto:BFisher@volunteernow.org). Learn more about Schools for Hope at two orientation sessions coming on January 24th and February 7th, both Monday mornings from 9 to 10:30 am.

**President Don** then thanked our speaker and presented Jean Irwin with our club's traditional coffee mug, hat, shirt, bag, and a nice bottle of vino and elicited a hearty round of applause for all of the teachers attending this evening's meeting on literacy. Herb Salinger took the stand for a brief moment to talk about literacy and to thank all the clubs for coming together this evening. After circulating around the Flamingo Ballroom, the baskets came back filled to the brim with \$541 that will be donated to for Jean Irwin and her Reno Rotary Club's literacy program. **Craig Meltzner** concluded the meeting by bringing the Santa Rosa Rotary Club members and guests to their feet to recite Rotary's 4-Way Test.



**Kim McDonald, President Santa Rosa East Club, David McDonald, Assistant Governor District 5130, Jim Flamson, District Governor and Ed Fullerton, Past District Governor.**

# A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

The following letter was sent recently to President Don McMillan:

*Dear President Don and the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa,*

*I have been trying to find the words for weeks to thank you all for the incredible honor you bestowed upon me when you made me an honorary member of your Rotary Club. I cannot tell you what it means to me. I am so grateful that Mike Truesdell got me involved with publishing The Santa Rosarian and updating the website. When he brings me to your meetings, the feeling I get--surrounded by people who are gathered for the sole purpose of giving to our community and the world at large--is amazing. The members of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa are prime examples of what it means to "walk the talk". I am so very humbled to be included in your company.*

*With the most sincere gratitude,*

*Susan O'Rourke*

## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS FROM THE EVENING



*This week's photographer:*  
**Kris Anderson**

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