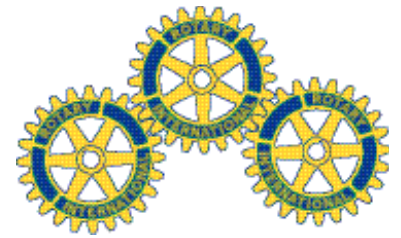




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OUR PROGRAM FOR MARCH 2ND:

ROTARY'S AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

A CONVERSATION BY CATHERINE BARNETT & GRAHAM RUTHERFORD

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



*Ambassadorial Scholar
Catherine Barnett*

The Executive Editor of the Press Democrat and the Principal of Cardinal Newman High School are both Ambassadorial Scholars. Their paths first crossed a generation ago when Cathy—a USC graduate—and Graham—a graduate of Santa Clara—were selected to study in the United Kingdom as part of the Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program. One of the world's largest privately-funded international scholarships was founded in 1947 to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. Academic year scholarships are awarded to undergraduate and graduate students, and business professionals pursuing vocational studies.

They serve as goodwill ambassadors abroad and share the experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country when they return home.

Catherine Barnett & Graham Rutherford will compare the impacts of their experiences on their lives. We can ask them questions and bask in the glow of the meaningful, long-term contributions to society that come from our support of Rotary.



*Ambassadorial Scholar
Graham Rutherford*

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

- March 9:** Vivienne Sosknowski—
When the Rivers Ran Red in Sonoma County
- March 16:** Rotarian Dale Knight—
Matching Grants and International Service
- March 23:** Mediation & Conflict Resolution

CHECK OUT THESE LINKS

- Visit our website at www.santarosarotary.com
- See what [The Children's Village](#) is all about
- Visit [Rotary International](#)
- Don't miss this video:
<http://www.lifeacrossamerica.com>

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See Layne Bowen
to find out how!

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It was the year 2002 all over again, as the clear voice of **Past President Will Haymaker** filled the Flamingo Ballroom... "Aloha, Rotarians. Welcome to..." You all know the rest. When the cat's away, the mice—led by P.P. Will—played fast and loose because **President Don** was litigating around the globe, this time for two weeks. **Ryan Thomas** led the small crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer of thanks by **Michael Sinatra**.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Tim Stewart had prepared a warm welcome for our fellow Rotarians but, alas, we had none to welcome. **Acting-President Will** blamed the absences and the light crowd on rumors that he would be running the show today.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

But we made up for the shortage with lots of guests: Dan Webb, from Pre-Paid Legal, hosted by **Wayne Rowlands**;

Nancy Shepherd, the guest of **Jack Atkin**; Pamela Wallace and Ann Gospe from the Inter-Faith Shelter Network, hosted by **Jeff Gospe**. Bill

Higgs introduced his guest, Jedediah B.

Forrest, from Cellular One; and **Matt Everson's** guests from The Children's Village—Shirley Spencer and our speaker Diane Estrin. Welcome all, to the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa.



Pam Wallace and Jeff Gospe

SUNSHINE REPORT

Eileen Carlisle reported that our vacationing past presidents—**Jeanne & Fred Levin**—began their New Zealand cruise only two days before Christchurch and the nearby port of Lyttleton was severely damaged by a 6.3 earthquake. That good news was tempered by our concern for our New Zealanders friends.

RAFFLE

Jerry Marquis made a valiant effort to stir up suspense for a \$45 jackpot after **Past President Debi Zaft** had cleaned it out of more than \$500 last week. The lucky ticket belonged to **Gesine Franchetti**, who walked away with a 22% consolation price, rounded off to \$10!



Gesine Franchetti takes her chances with Jerry Marquis

NEW ROTARIANS

On the anniversary date of the first Rotary meeting, held in Chicago on February 23, 1905, two new Rotarians were inducted into our club by **Past President (1994-95) Steve Olson**: Sponsored by **Jack Atkin, Penny Tibbets**, medical administration,

and **Doug Johnson**, relationship manager, received their red badges, membership packets, and a standing ovation from the entire membership.

Welcome to Penny and Doug on behalf of us all. And happy birthday to Rotary!



Congratulations to Penny Tibbets and Doug Johnson

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS APPROVED

At today's meeting, the membership voted unanimously to apply as part of Rotary International's three-year pilot program that would allow individual Rotary Clubs to extend memberships to a company or corporation. Traditionally membership has been limited only to individuals, but as of July 1, 2011, a business entity may become a member of a Rotary Club and may designate up to four company representatives to attend club meetings, participate in all club activities, etc. The member organization will pay membership dues to Rotary International, but all other club fees, meal costs, etc. may be set by individual Rotary clubs. The pilot program will allow participating Rotary Clubs to reach out to major businesses in their community whose employees may not have the time during the business day to attend meetings on a regular basis. A corporate designee may convert from their corporate status to an individual membership in the club. More information is available at the RI website under "Pilot Programs".

INTERFAITH SHELTER NETWORK

In his capacity as Co-Chair of the Joint Charitable Projects Committee, **Acting President Will** presented this Rotary year's grant awards to this local transition program for homeless women and children. Our grant was accepted on their behalf by board member Pamela Wallace, who said our grant would be matched by the Sonoma County Community Foundation to replace the roof of one of the network's 13 transitional houses.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Salvation Army Open House this weekend: On behalf of the other four Rotarians who serve on the Salvation Army Advisory Board, **Jim Johnson** invited all of us to the Open House, a free lunch, a gala car show, and guided tours of the new facility this Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm. The newly-remodeled, 40,000 square foot Corps Headquarters and Community Center is located at 93 Stony Circle, on the west side of Santa Rosa where 9th Street meets Stony Point Road. We're all invited back for the official dedication Sunday afternoon at 2 pm. Our club historian could not restrain himself as he reminded us that the Salvation Army arrived in Santa Rosa in 1889, 32 years before the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa was chartered in 1921. Rotary has been supporting the local work of the Salvation Army ever since.

Next Hands-on Project April 30th: Chair **Michael Sinatra** alerted Rotary volunteers interested in working on this project should contact him immediately. We will need carpentry and non-skilled labor such as painting and landscaping a residence. A sign-up sheet and waiver must be sent as soon as possible to the non-profit organization with whom we are teaming up. Michael can be reached at msinatra@nwinsure.com. His home telephone number is 707-478-7902.

Casino Royale Fun Raiser July 9th: Past President (2006-07) Debi Zaft reported that the prize donations got off to a good start this week but that is only the beginning for our major fundraising event of 2011. She mentioned gift certificates, places to eat, places to go, cases and bottles

of wine, and other valuable stuff that we'd all love to win. Contact her at 921-2420 or debizaft@sonic.net.

A Gold Medal for Pinot for Polio: And for Vicini Winery! Congratulations to our generous (and justifiably proud) **Cathy Vicini** who announced a first for the Pinot Noir '09 vintage that she had selected to add to our club's donations to Rotary's 25-year-old world-wide campaign to eradicate polio.

The New Generations Rotary Club (sponsored by our own Rotary Club) will be hosting a Food Drive event on Tuesday, March 8th from 5:30 to 7pm at Legends Restaurant at Bennett Valley Golf Course. Rotary Club of Santa Rosa members are welcome to attend. If you know a young professional who is not able to attend our noon Rotary meetings but might be interested in joining an evening Rotary Club, please let them know about this New Generations Rotary Club meeting.

Giro Bello needs bikers this summer: Chair and enthusiastic racer **Carmen Sinigiani**, urged all of us to register for this summer's grand bike event that will begin and end at Analy High School. Carmen swears that when the grand event and club fund-raiser sells out, the commercial sponsorships will pour in for another big Rotary success...and you'd better believe it. Carmen announced today that she had won her first bicycle race. A 20K!

ROTARIAN QUIZ FEBRUARY, 2011

They're cheap to make, hard to detect and maim everyone they touch. According to UNICEF, how many land mines remain in the ground? Answer on page 35.

RECOGNITIONS

With only time to single out two fellow Rotarians for recent events in their lives, **Acting President Will** targeted **Blaine Goodwin**, who shared Pebble Beach bed & breakfast accommodations (only breakfast was actually shared) with actor and golfing enthusiast Bill Murray. Minus his pet gopher. Blaine modestly admitted that he had gotten to know Murray at the AT&T event over the years and coughed up \$50 as the price for his once-a-year "mini-fame".

Lena Humber, innkeeper and resort owner, whose Gualala restaurant burned to the ground several years ago, celebrated her victory over village planners and bureaucracy by contributing \$118 to complete her granddaughter's Paul Harris Fellowship. As though to make up for the

bureaucratic delays, Lena cheerfully announced that construction was ahead of schedule and under budget!

THE PROGRAM

After more than a decade of dreams, intense dedication, and hard work, The Children's Village of Sonoma County has become a stable family home in a multi-generational,



Diane Estrin of The Children's Village

enriched environment that nurtures foster care children and their siblings in the five years since it opened. Located on two acres in southeast Santa Rosa, the Village has eight family homes, the Village Center, a playground, ball court, and gardens. "Village Parents" are responsible for their care and for meeting individual and family needs. "Village Grandparents" live on-site and provide a unique intergenerational component, sharing hobbies, school, and

sporting events, listening and sharing with the children.

The guest speaker was development director Diane Estrin, who compared the Village's environment with the typical world of displaced, unwanted, children who are severely damaged by life's troubles, unwanted by society, their parents, and overburdened semi-solutions to their problems. With more than 600 children in foster care just in Sonoma County, most with little opportunity for adoption, the Village gives two or three dozen children some hope of a stable and happy childhood and a productive adulthood.

This week's photographer:
Kris Anderson

It's a NEW District Assembly

All topics based on Rotarian input • Fast-paced
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Friday, April 1: Reception & Dinner

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APRIL 2, 2011

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Best Practices for Directors
Leadership Team-Building
Volunteer Motivation
Websites & Bulletins
Fundraising Success
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