



# Santa Rosarian



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## OUR PROGRAM FOR APRIL 13TH:

## BRIDGE SAFETY ON CALIFORNIA ROADS

*TOM MARIANI: BANKER, NEWSPAPERMAN, PUBLISHED POET AND ACTIVIST*

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON

November 8, 1970: The day the Mariani family—Tom, his wife and three children, and their WW Bug—were knocked off a bridge on US 101 six miles south of Eureka during a 7.2 earthquake. Four decades later, the rebuilding of San Francisco's Doyle Drive and the major repairs of the Bay Bridge are still past due. For more details Google The Bohemian, or Press Democrat, or New York Times, or Humboldt Times, or the Bay Citizen and search Tom Mariani.

The fifth generation of northern Californians, Tom still has printer's ink on his hands from when he worked his way through college as an apprentice newspaper pressman for the San Francisco Chronicle and Examiner. His college counselor told him if he wanted to be a writer he'd have to have two things; patience and—if he liked to eat on a regular basis—a day job. 45 years later he is retired, still working on his novel entitled "No Way" and still criticizing CalTrans.



*Tom Mariani*

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

**April 20, 2011:** SRJC's Shone Farm—Stephanie Thomas

**April 27, 2011:** Project Amigo—Susan Hill

**May 4, 2011:** Sonoma County Supervisor Mike McGuire

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## OUR MEETING BEGINS

**President Don** was not with us today; in his place was **Past President (2000-01) David Brown**. However we did have a bit of confusion who was to do the Pledge of Allegiance but it was quickly sorted out with **Nona Lucas** starting it for us and the invocation ably taken care of by **Mike Truesdell**. The confusion went a bit further when **Jock McNeill** called Mr. Brown **President Don** and NO FINE was levied. But I believe that no fine was levied because of the excited atmosphere at the chance of singing as **Past President David** wanted us to do. Yet it's hard to believe that just because 99 percent (+/- .9%) of those attending express displeasure of doing this by MOANING that it was not done.

That that was soon forgotten when "someone", upon being asked about Texas A&M's national champion women's basketball team, mentioned that he could not understand WHY WOMEN where finally allowed to attend that fine school ? Now, so as not to cause a problem, I will not mention a name, but he is about 6 feet tall, of slender build, with salt-n-pepper hair, who wears glasses and works at a company called **Jim Johnson & Associates**. However, to his defense (should there be a need of one) he did credit himself with bringing one of the first female members (the late **Rochelle Fostmeier**) into our club in 1989. **President-Elect Marnie** said that she would remember that—although she did not state which comment (the first or the second) she would remember but that she *will* remember.

**Past President David** also congratulated **Gary Vice** for being in the Business Journal. The only problem with that is that Gary did not know why or when nor, apparently, did Mr. Brown?

I should also mention a possible Celebrity Report: **Robby Fouts** let us know that he is one of the finalists in the final running to be the voice of the

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new AFLAC duck. After much encouragement he did his impersonation of the duck brushing his teeth while saying the name. The group asked for no more impressions.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

From Healdsburg Rotary, Stevenson Atherton, Wealth Management, and Greg O'Brian, a retired YMCA executive from the Rotary Club of Petaluma.

## GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Tracy Nielson of the United Way, **Cecil Humes'** Soroptimist spouse Gerry, Sonoma County Sheriff Steve Frietas, Rose Pedroia, mother of **Marnie Goldschlag**, Suzy Leeof Maria Carrillo High School, Rand Van Dyke, Karen Ball of Pronoco Insurance Agency, Kerrie Chambers of NPC Merchant Products, Derrek Schurter of Bank of America and Kathy Burger of 1st Allied Securities. We would like to thank all of you for attending and hope to see you again not only as guests but as members. You are always welcome.

## RAFFLE

**Red Badger Doug Johnson** notified us that there was \$259 in the pot this week, at which point **David Brown** stated that there would be two drawings today...one for a bottle of wine and one for the money.

The first winning ticket belonged to **Julia Parranto** who learned from Cathy Vicini that the wine had just been awarded its 2nd gold medal and it had yet not been made public.

The winning ticket for the money went to Tracy Nielsen (again?!). **Past President David Brown** then proceeded to make her a negotiated offer of \$59 if she did not pull



Guest Tracy Nielsen had the winning ticket again!

any marbles. Tracy thought long and hard and said that if she did win she would give her winnings back to the club. Unfortunately she won the consolation prize of \$10. Will that third marble remain in the velvet bag or have the odds improved for next week?

## SUNSHINE REPORT

**Eileen Carlisle** was sorry that we missed the Sunshine Report last week, but wanted to let us know that **Past President (1983-84) Bob Stone** was at home and doing well. Eileen gleefully added that she has received a few more stuff animals for the program to give to Police and Fire that they in-turn give to children who might need them most. Eileen reminded us that they have given about forty stuffed animals to kids who have been traumatized for one reason or another.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

I know I'm forgetting an announcement I just couldn't write fast enough (this is my first adventure writing the bulletin), however I did get the following one. **President-Elect Marnie G.** wanted to remind us that FUNDRAISING is a BIG part of Rotary, the big reason why (and how) we are able to help so much in our community. So when committees call each of us for help, please help, and NO she is not asking for selfish reasons even though the money raised would be reflected on her watch, but because it's the right thing to do.

Dena Lash, Director of Sonoma County's Senior Games, was here to encourage us to participate in this year's event on June 2 through 5. Now the only thing about it is that you MUST be a senior. Our Rotary Club should have a good turnout. Unfortunately this bulletin editor does not yet qualify, but by the time I find out what Bocce Ball is maybe I will have reached senior status. For more information please contact Dena or visit their website at [www.winecountrygames.com](http://www.winecountrygames.com)



Dena Lash of Senior Games

**This week's photographer:**  
**Nicole Le**

## HONORED STUDENT

Suzy Lee, a quiet and very intelligent young woman, was introduced to our club this week; she's attending a small college back East which you might have heard of - Harvard? Keep up the good work Suzy and we look forward to your future accomplishments.



**Honored Student Suzy Lee**

## ROTARY'S JOURNALISTS

Some Rotarians may believe that our club newsletter—The Santa Rosarian—magically flows from the Flamingo ballroom tables directly into your computer every week. We wish it was that easy but each bulletin requires several hours of taking notes, checking names & facts, writing (then re-writing) the copy before it goes to **Susan O'Rourke**, who puts it all together, adds candid photographs, and fits it all into less than four pages. About 50 times every year!

Before the weekly Santa Rosarian is distributed to everyone, several volunteer proofreaders check for typo errors, spelling, punctuation, grammar, and style. Add to the chaos the innocent Red Badgers required to handle the reporting and the writing on deadline to qualify for their coveted blue Rotary badge. Not too surprisingly, we still could use more help. Contact bulletin chair **Layne Bowen** if you're interested.

## PROGRAM

I would like to start this by saying that I met our new sheriff, Steve Frietas, a few years ago when he was the Chief of Police for Windsor. Steve has been and IS an open-minded law enforcement officer. I have seen him approach people and problems where others have chosen not to do so. Many of us have heard the clichés—a no-nonsense type of guy, actions speak louder than words. The majority of the times it's just that a cliché but every time I have met with Steve (on the same side of the metal bars) he has been just that. Anyway Sheriff Steve Frietas was our guest speaker this week and was able to clue us in on how and why he became (or even decided to run for) Sheriff of Sonoma County. When he was first asked he thought that it was an outlandish idea, but after talking first with his wife and his peers he decided to run... a proud moment in his life. But not

as proud as when he became a father. He admits is much prouder of his family and frankly his kids don't care that he is the sheriff...they just want to know if he will play with them. He left time for plenty of questions, and that's what he got from our club—plenty of questions:



**Sheriff Steve Freitas**

**Q:** Do you think that the 25 percent reduction being asked of your department is fair to your Department?

**A:** I cannot answer if it is fair to my department or not, all county departments are having to adjust their budgets. That's just the way it is, and I will do the best that I can with what I am given.

**Q:** Do you share the same radio frequency as other police departments in Sonoma County?

**A:** Yes except for Rohnert Park, we can all talk on Sheriff 1 settings

**Q:** Why do we not have the same program as Texas has for volunteers within the Sheriff's department?

**A:** We actually do, we have about 100 volunteers currently from mailroom to traffic control.

**Q:** Is there ever going to be another Sheriff's Citizen Academy?

**A:** It was a great program, but with the latest budget cuts we don't see that in the near future again.

**Q:** How will releasing some criminals from prison affect Sonoma County?

**A:** Due to lawsuits and state and federal

mandates they will be releasing criminals from jails/prisons early. We hope that if they came from Sonoma County they will be released to Sonoma County, hopefully with funding.

**Q:** Don't we have laws that are just overboard in penalties in other words making mountains out of mole hills, and because of that some people can't get jobs for example like having a misdemeanor on their records?

**A:** Very few might be, but for the majority, some things that were considered felonies are now misdemeanors, and so forth. A misdemeanor conviction might hinder someone from getting a job, but it depends on the type of job.

*Editor's note:* Needless to say there was a bit more of response to each question but I tried to summarize the answers.

#### PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

**Tracy Nielsen** - Resource Development & Marketing

United Way of the Wine Country

Sponsor: **Jock McNeill**

**Eric Tyler** - Farmers Insurance Agent

Sponsor - **Jerry Marquis**

**Derrek Schurter** - Bank of America

Sponsor - **Will Haymaker**

#### ROTARIAN QUIZ

**APRIL, 2011**

What disease can kill you in four hours?

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