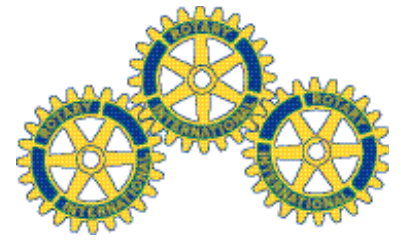




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OUR PROGRAM FOR MAY 18TH:

“FINDING PETE”

REDISCOVERING THE BROTHER JILL HUNTING LOST IN VIETNAM

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



Author Jill Hunting

Jill Hunting was only 15 when she lost her only brother, a civilian volunteer and one of the first civilian casualties of the Vietnam War. Her book is one of the untold stories of an escalating war and an altruistic youth caught in its sights. Jill thought that her brother was lost to her forever but she came to know him again and shares her experiences and her fascinating story—part memoir, part history, part biography, part travelogue—that reveals the early years of America's tragic and deadly adventures into nation building and how deeply war and its losses continue to haunt our nation.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

May 25, 2011: Sonoma's Hanna Boys Center

June 1, 2011: To Be Announced

June 8, 2011: Crowley's question: "What about Bananas?"

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OPENING CEREMONIES

Presiding:

An experienced Rotarian could tell that something was up when **President Don McMillan** once again attempted to tell joke... something to do with **Past-President Ray Dorfman** serving in the military. Then, as the assembled Rotarians puzzled over the punch line, a coup d'état took place, right in front of us. With undercover encouragement from near-future designate **President-Elect Bill Rousseau**, four absolutely charming young men from Cardinal Newman's Rotary Interact Club gently hand-cuffed and blind-folded **President Don** and guided him to a chair where he was allowed to enjoy his lunch in silence. What followed was the most ably-conducted Rotary meeting since Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele first met in Chicago on February 23rd, 1905. **President Don** could learn meeting management skills from Jay Zimmer, Shaun Keiser, Davis Greinke and Kevin Simonis, who took turns running today's meeting.



Bill Rousseau with the Cardinal Newman Interact members

Pledge:

Stand-in president Jay Zimmer invited **Steve Reuter** to lead the pledge. Although Steve was absent, a loud slightly obnoxious voice began the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone joined in and followed along. (Jay winked at **Mike Truesdell** for bailing him out.)

WEBSITE TIP OF THE WEEK

Want to know what events are coming up? Go to the **EVENTS** page of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa's website <http://www.santarosarotary.com/events/>

Invocation:

Jay invited **Gesine Franchetti** to offer the invocation. Fortunately for Jay, who paused for an ever so brief moment, Gesine introduced herself, saving Jay from a mispronunciation. Gesine quoted from legendary UCLA basketball coach John Wooden's Seven Principles.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Jay handed the microphone to his fellow Rotary Interact Club member Davis Greinke who introduced visiting Rotarians Michael Fish and Jeff Gomer to warm applause.

At this point **Past President Rich de Lambert** interrupted the meeting (and **hostage-President Don's**) lunch to extract from Don--with the help of **Ray Dorfman**- a fine of \$108 for **President Don's** failure to keep tabs on his badge at the recent District Conference Meeting. This fine will go to support **Jackie McMillan's** Paul Harris.

GUESTS

Substitute prez Davis Greinke then reclaimed control of the meeting (it can be done, **President Don!**) and invited members with guests to provide introductions. We welcomed **Jack Atkin's** guest Jessie Usher and **President Don McMillan's** guest Gina Grant. Jeff

Gospe introduced his guests Leo, Jean Luc, Benedicte, and Jules of the Maistriaux family, and his father Steve Gospe.

Jack Abercrombie introduced Justin Holman, **Matt Fannin** acknowledged his guest Karen Ball, and, finally, **Bill Rousseau** formally introduced **President Don's** captors from Cardinal Newman's



Jeff Gospe with exchange student Leo Maistriaux

Rotary Interact Club who were in the process of conducting a truly fine meeting.

To continue the introduction of guests, our own international exchange student Leo Maistriaux invited our out-bound exchange student from Montgomery High, Shannon McLarty, to join him as he expressed his satisfaction with his year at Santa Rosa High School (which included playing rugby with the Cardinal Newman Club Team). He offered high praise for his four host families. Leo taught us that “The world is a book ... those who don't travel read only one page.” Thank you to Rotary District 5130 and to the Santa Rosa Rotary Club.

Finally, to conclude the introduction of guests **John McHugh** acknowledged Dr. Joseph Clendenin who would be our speaker.



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SUNSHINE REPORT

Davis called on **Eileen Carlisle** who reported that all was sunny and that she had been recently recognized as the generous “Rotary Bear Lady” by a fire-fighter called to her home to extinguish a minor inferno. The good work of Rotary is acknowledged everywhere!

RAFFLE

Kevin Simonis, another Cardinal Newman Rotary Interact Club member took his turn at the microphone to guide us through the raffle. Jay Zimmer pulled ticket #891 belonging to **Vickie**



Vickie Hardcastle settles for \$10

Hardcastle who settled for the \$10 prize by selecting a blue marble. The \$120 pot rolls forward!

NEW MEMBER

Past President

Debi Zaft took the microphone and invited Past District Governor Michael Fish to assist her in welcoming new member **Gina Grant** to Rotary and the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa. Gina's sponsor, **Hostage-President Don** was allowed by his captors to participate.



New member Gina Grant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Simonis continued his leadership of the meeting by inviting Rotarians with announcements to share their news items:

Pam Williams reminded all of the June 4th “Wild Time BBQ” in celebration of **President Don's** birthday. The proceeds from this event will go towards the Club's World Community Service committee budget.

Michael Sinatra reported on the completion of our club's 4th weekend hands-on project.

Social committee chair **Chuck Reilly** invited everyone, especially Red Badge members, to **Wayne Rowland's** house for the May 19th social at 5:30pm. The address is 909 Quarry Pt, Santa Rosa 95405. This event will be an outdoor barbeque and will be kid-friendly!

Jock McNeill solicited volunteers for the Giro Bello bike race scheduled for Sunday, June 25.

Paul Hamilton requested support from all--in many ways--for the Casino Royale at Sonoma Country Day School. See the www.SantaRosaRotary.com website for more details.

Cathy Vicini invited all to the brand-new-this-year Wednesday Market Wine Tasting Tent. She will donate \$10 to the club for each Rotarian who shows up to support the Vicini Winery's staunch support for PolioPlus with Wine for Polio.

Past President Fred Levin invited **President Don** to stay away from the debunking script run-through right after today's meeting, but invited everyone else to attend.

Jeff (Rosetta Stone) Gospe translated (from French to English) as Leo's parents, Benedicte and Jean Luc, thanked the club and Leo's host families, "Nous vous remercions beaucoup pour la courtoisie que vous avez de nombreux étendu à Léo au cours de cette dernière année. Nous vous remercions également pour votre accueil de notre famille pendant cette dernière semaine." (If you are unilingual and curious, see **Jeff Gospe**)

FELLOWSHIP May 18TH

Raffle: Jeanne Delles

Visit Rotarians: Jose Guillen

Ticket Collection: Dan Wright

Greeter: John McHugh

FINES AND RECOGNITIONS

At this point, Shaun Keizer stepped up, took his turn as the meeting leader, and promptly fined **Mike Truesdell** \$100 for travelling to China over the Easter break.

PROGRAM

Seeing that it was now 1:03pm, Shaun turned to **John McHugh** and invited him to introduce our guest speaker.

Dr. Joseph Clendenin illustrated the appalling growth of obesity in Sonoma County. We were startled to learn that the lost-dollar impact of obesity has grown risen to almost half a billion dollars in less than a single generation. In fact, children born in the early years of this century can expect life-spans shorter than those of their parents. Over 46 percent of Santa

Rosa fifth-graders are overweight. Fully 80 percent of adolescents in our schools can expect to become obese into adulthood. Dr. Clendenin shared research statistics that support the view that better nourishment results in better test performance among students. As a consequence, it makes sense for us to find ways to support healthy classroom food choices.

Dr. Clendenin works in conjunction with HEAL and encouraged us to find out more by accessing their website at <http://cwh.berkeley.edu/resource/heal-northern-california-santa-rosa-youth-evaluation>.

The "HEAL: Northern California Santa Rosa Youth Evaluation" provided funding to expand efforts in northern California to include two additional major secondary schools in Santa Rosa as part of the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) youth evaluation. These two schools represented an important part of the youth population in the areas where the changes were being made.



"The Donald" bound and gagged

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