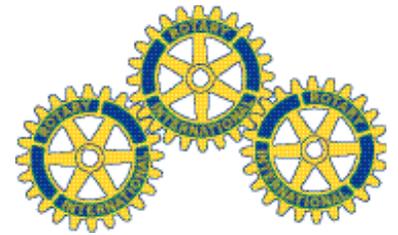




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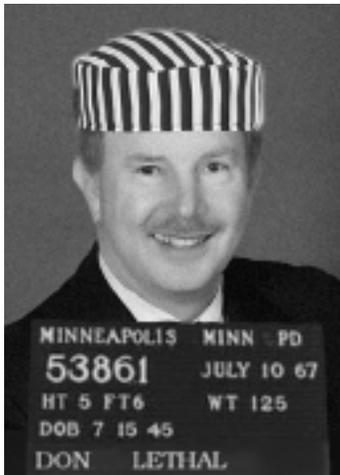
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OUR PROGRAM FOR JUNE 22ND:

THE TRIAL OF THE CENTURY

PRESIDENT DON FACES A JURY OF HIS PEERS FOR HIS CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



Each year, on or about the end of June, the Rotary Year ends with an exceedingly strange bout of irreverence. To call “Debunking” sophomoric humor would be a big promotion. The traditions of demeaning outgoing club presidents are quite ancient, although weird Wikipedia or even the exalted Google had very little to say about this subject. The Rotary Club of Willits did post this line on their website: “The purpose of a Debunking is to insult outgoing Rotary presidents right up to the line of impropriety.”

Next Wednesday, we will present, as Exhibit A, outgoing president Don McMillan, on trial for multi-criminal charges of felonious intentional infliction of emotional distress arising out of his atrocious antics during the past year. As Fox News’ Clive Climax III reported last night, “Tension is mounting. There is almost a sense of people wanting Revenge, not Justice, for President Don’s egregious conduct this year.”

Don’t miss the opportunity to be part of the jury as Judge Nooby Nickers (c.q.) bangs her gavel. Let the trial begin.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

July 6, 2011: Rotary President Marnie Goldschlag outlines her goals for the Rotary Year

July 13, 2011: The Healdsburg Animal Shelter with Julie Seal.

July 20, 2011: Another exciting Rotary project from the highlands of Guatemala

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The Pledge was expertly led by **Red Badger Penny Tibbets**. The Invocation, an inspirational prayer of service to others, was given by **Past President (1987-88) Rich de Lambert**.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Visiting Rotarians from Se"v"astopol, CA, included everyone's favorite French chef Pierre Lagourgue and Dee Dee Lombardi.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Guests today included: Louis McCoy, Jerry Shimp, Cindy "Better Half" Hernandez, Joe Ruppe, Eric Tyler, Andrea, Jim, and past Rotary Exchange Student, Caitlin Ham.

RAFFLE

Chip Rawson conducted today's raffle. **Nancy Shepherd's** number came up, but she missed the special marble and came up the \$10 consolation prize. Better luck next time, Nancy.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Eileen Carlisle was still missing in action due to an infection in her very broken ankle. Best wishes to her for a speedy, pain free recovery. Taking her place was the lovely and talented **Debbie Zaft**. Debbie, unfortunately had only cloudy skies to share. **John Brown** continues to decline and is now in hospice care. Former Rotarian **Robert Walther** has also been diagnosed with blood cancer. Kind thoughts and prayers for our ailing Rotarian friends are encouraged.

CASINO NIGHT

On a more positive note, **Debbie Zaft** exhorted her fellow Rotarians to continue to donate silent auction gifts to be packaged for our first major fund raiser in the "Year or the Marnie", or "Year of the Marn' " or just "YOTM" for those Generation Y, or X types.....

RAFFLE

A soon-to-be Red Badger by the name of **Eric Tyler** presided over the Raffle. With \$80 at stake, **Ted Wilmsen** reached right for the correct marble and went home with the winnings. However he promised to give it right back to Marnie's regime on Casino Night!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **President Don** and **Vicky Hardcastle** announced

WEBSITE TIP OF THE WEEK

Get all the information about the Casino Royale fundraiser at

<http://www.santarosarotary.com/events/casino-royale/>

new Paul Harris fellows for Bruni Thylin, the spouse of **Roy Thylin**, and Delinda Fouts, spouse of **Robby Fouts**.

- Then, noting that the World Community Service was still just a few shekels short of the \$10,000 he promised, **el Presidente** decided to auction off the two bottles of tequila given to him as gifts from a Mexican Senator and Guillermo Sanchez, the President of the Guadalajara Rotary Club (founded in 1923) after the Guadalajara youth concert. In heated (apparently drunken) bidding, **Craig Meltzner** picked up the first bottle for a cool \$150. **Kim Murphy** then went crazy spending \$150 for the other bottle. She then stood up and yelled, "PARTY AT MY HOUSE TONIGHT!"
- **President Don** and **Jock McNeil** then asked for volunteers to help clean up Analy High School after the big Giro Bello event on Saturday.
- Thursday, August 11th, is Rotary Day at the Sonoma County Fair & Wine Country Racing this summer. As per **Steve Olsen**, between 12 noon and 4 pm Rotarians and our guests may purchase special admission tickets for \$35 per person that includes reserved seats in the racing grandstand (and the betting windows), a buffet BBQ lunch from 1 pm to 2 pm, and other unnamed events to all interested Rotarians. Reservations must be made by July 11th. Contact Gail Cardaropoli from the Rotary Club of Petaluma: gpcardaropoli@aol.com or 707-762-0310.
- **Jackie McMillan: President Don's** "Better Half" (more like three quarters) announced that the "**Rover Best Photograph Taken with the Bear**" Contest ends next Wednesday when the club members will vote on the best photo to be named the Best of the Bear Bunch. Jackie urges that any Rotarian who travelled with Rover during **President Don's** Year send her photos taken with Rover ASAP—Soon As Possible—or before next Wednesday noon, whichever is sooner.

FORMER ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT

Caitlin Ham reported back—seven years after the fact—on her Rotary Exchange Student experience in Belgium. As a 15 year old, Caitlin began her love affair with travelling, living abroad and learning new languages.

Since her time in Belgium, Caitlin, who is the niece of Genie Delles and Pam Williams, has lived, studied and worked in Ireland, Moscow and South America. Now fluent in four languages, she has worked as an operations manager at the exotic ruins of Machu Pichu in Peru. Caitlin stated that her experience in Belgium as a Rotary Exchange Student opened her eyes to a whole new world and has changed her life forever.

FINES AND RECOGNITIONS

- **Rick Allen** was fined a whole dollar for the purchase of a new Acura. Rick must have the goods on **President Don** for escaping a fine that suits the crime.
- **Jack Tolin**—who has been out of action in the dental office for so long that we now think he’s faking it—contributed \$100 to his son’s Paul Harris Fellowship. Then there was some back & forth banter about lawyers and New Jersey and the possible location of Jimmy Hoffa (I dunno, I missed some of it). Finally a \$1 dollar fine was levied because Dr. Tolin missed **President Don’s** 60th birthday party. You shoulda’ been there, Jack: There were really big plates; full of food!
- **Jack Abercrombie** celebrated spring in Nebraska. I’ve been to Nebraska - I think we should pay him.
- It was revealed—under intense pressure—that **Past President (1991-92) Wally Lowry** has been appointed to the Board of Public Utilities and now the Sewers of Santa Rosa are in his hands. (or on his hands??)

THE PROGRAM

Often, even as Rotarians, we are not fully aware of all the ways the thousands of dollars collected from dues, fundraisers, fines and donations are used to help the world community and those who need our help. In his on-going efforts to educate and encourage more of our admirable fund-raising behavior, **President Don** used his last Club Assembly to show where our money has been spent this year and, more importantly, to illustrate the good that was done by our club locally and internationally.

President Don listed our club’s many local projects. He described our contributions to the community through generous donations to the Dictionary Project, the Nutcracker Children’s Christmas Party, the poinsettia project for seniors living at Vigil Light, and the various hands-on projects that involved so many members of our club this year. The welcome leadership of some of our newer Rotarians through these four sweat-equity projects

was recognized by Don and our entire Rotary Club.

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE

President Don was at the forefront of helping our club expand our emphasis on World Community Service. With a budget of \$10,000, the WCS Committee found a number of ways for our club to help. Committee chair **Tony Roehrick** shared with the club the world projects funded this year:

- \$1,500 donated to a Rwanda School Project—our part of a \$24,000 matching grant that funded new bathrooms, a water catchment system and the much-needed repair of a solar panel system.
- \$2,000 to purchase two Shelter Boxes used to provide immediate shelter in disaster distant locations.
- \$1,000 for the Adopt a Village project, part of a matching grant with Sebastopol Rotary Club.
- \$4,500 to fund Project Amigo, our club’s new “Anchor Project” that will be funded annually over a period of several years. Our resident Project Amigo expert, **Past President (2002-03) Will Haymaker**, reminded us that public school in Mexico is only free through the sixth grade. The money donated by our club will be used to provide scholarships for five elementary school children, four junior high and four high school students in the children in Colima, Mexico. Will announced also that there will be a Rotary Work Week in Colima March 3-11, 2012 for those Rotarians interested in the “hands on” experience.

THE CHILDREN OF DERBENT

Last—but not least—World Community Service Chair **Tony Roehrick** asked **Jim & Bergen Johnson** to tell us about our club’s newest and smallest international project. Earlier this year, the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa was asked

by our new sister club—the Nisantasi Rotary Club of Istanbul—to sponsor corrective surgery for one young child from a small remote



Bergen & Jim Johnson report on our sister club in Turkey

village in Bergen’s native country of Turkey. In that village of Derbent, we learned, one out of every five babies are

born with webbed fingers and webbed toes, due a genetic anomaly called Syndactly, that began more than a century ago due to isolation, poverty, and a restricted gene pool. Upon the recommendation of the World Community Service Committee, our board of directors approved an initial contribution of \$1,000 for a pilot project. As **President Don** remarked later, “When Jim and Bergen brought this project to us, it touched our hearts.”

Fellow Rotarian and retired orthopedic surgeon, **Dr. Creed Wood**, who serves on the committee volunteered to research the project and talked to the Turkish physicians who had discovered Syndactly and, in 2003, developed the corrective surgery for this deformity that caused the children to be outcasts in their own community. Coincidentally, the lead surgeon, Dr. Ilhimi Kuru, had contacted Bergen on Wednesday morning to tell her that they had completed the two operations on the child we had sponsored—a six-year-old boy named Oktay Koksoy—and he was recovering at home. He invited Bergen to join him in Derbent to meet Oktay and the other children in August when she is in Turkey.

SILENT (no, really!) ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

To conclude Don’s final club assembly, our president recognized **Jim Johnson** for all his work behind the scenes over the past 31 years, especially for his contributions during President Don’s presidential year with little recognition. Don named Jim *Silent Rotarian of the Year*.

In addition to serving as Club Historian and his dedication to our new Turkish community service project, every week Jim does the final edit on the draft of meeting notes taken by Bulletin Committee members and, along with several other volunteers, checks for grammar, spelling, punctuation, and other typographical errors. Jim has served on the Public Safety Awards committee and the club’s program committee for the past 15 years, often as chair. Also he has been responsible for

researching and writing the paragraph that describes next week’s program on our bulletin’s cover page, putting his experience in radio & television to work. Great work this year, Jim. Have fun editing this bulletin!



Exchange student Pauline Beck arrives in August to attend Santa Rosa High School. Look for more about Pauline in future bulletins!

FELLOWSHIP June 29th
Raffle: Penny Tibbets
Visit Rotarians: Karen Ball
Ticket Collection: Shannan Luft
Greeters: Juan Hernandez & Dan Walker

This week’s photographer:
Diane Moresi

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