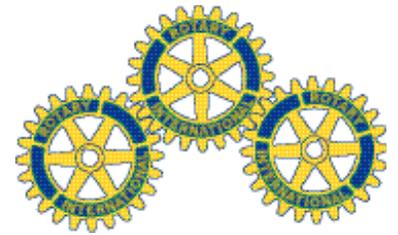




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OUR PROGRAM FOR JUNE 15TH:

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GARY THOMPSON'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH AIRPLANES. AND LIFE

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

June 22, 2011: President Don's Last Club Assembly

June 29, 2011: Trial of the Century—the Demise of President Don

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

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OPENING CEREMONIES

The pledge was let by **Nancy Shepherd; Mike Truesdell** read an inspiring invocation.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Penny Tibbets introduced our one visiting Rotarian, Pierre Lagarre from the Rotary Club of Sebastopol.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

The Santa Rosa Rotary Foundation Scholarship winners—Marco Lepe, Lisa Dunbar, Douglas Howe, Aaron Ricossa, Lisa Dunbar, Lana Kolodyazhna.

Other guests included Ellen Pitt, mother of scholarship recipient, Jerry Shimp, husband of **Nancy Shepherd**, Paul Sloggins, web design, Kiska Icard, guest of **Jeanne Levin**, Sonoma Humane Society, Sherrie Arendt, Santa Rosa Junior College, and Andrea Ham, sister & business partner of **Genie Delles**, property management.

President Don announced that the club membership is a plus seven for this fiscal year. Great job by the Rotarians who brought these new members into our Club!!

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Steve Olson, Chairman of the Santa Rosa Foundation Scholarship Committee, presented six \$1500 scholarships to the following high school students:

Marco Lepe from Montgomery High School with a 4.0 GPA will be attending the University of California at Berkeley. His career goal is to be a History Professor.

Lisa Dunbar from Laguna High School in Sebastopol with a 3.95 GPA will be attending San Francisco State University. Her career goal is to be a Guidance Counselor either at the High School or Community College Level..

Douglas Howe from Maria Carillo High School with a 4.0 GPA will be attending Cal Poly San Louis Obispo. His career goal is to be an Aerospace Engineer. Douglas was recipient of the Spence and Shirley Flournoy Memorial Scholarship.

Aaron Ricossa from Rancho Cotati High School with a 3.8 GPA will be attending Cal State Fullerton. His career goal is to be in the television and film production field. He also would like to be a television and film production teacher at the high school or community college. Aaron was recipient of the Jack Levar Memorial Scholarship.

Rebecca Ross from Sir Francis Drake High School in

WEBSITE TIP OF THE WEEK

Get all the information about the Casino Royale fundraiser at

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

Sebastopol with a 3.99 GPA will be attending Sonoma State University. Her career goal is to be a Physician Assistant.

Rebecca was recipient of the Joseph Dorfman memorial Scholarship sponsored by Ray Dorfman, a fellow Rotarian. Steve thanked him for contributing the funds in honor of his dad.



Deserving Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Lana Kolodyazhna from Santa Rosa Junior College with a 4.0 GPA will be attending Pacific Union College. Her career goal is to be a Registered Nurse. Lana immigrated in 2005 from the Ukraine. She speaks four languages. Lana was recipient of the Joseph Dorfman memorial Scholarship sponsored by Past President and fellow Rotarian Ray Dorfman. Steve thanked him for contributing the funds in honor of his dad.

Based upon their academic achievements to date, all six recipients will be outstanding in their fields of endeavor for years to come.

Steve also mentioned that Rotarians can support the Club Foundation scholarship program in 3 ways:

- Establish a named endowment fund as part of their estate plan such as the one created by Spence and Shirley Flournoy for engineering major.
- Created a pass through scholarship to be funded annually such as the scholarships established by Ray Dorfman in memory of his father.
- Contribute to the Club Scholarship Endowment Fund which offers scholarships in the name of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation.

RAFFLE

Sonaya Stevens announced that the raffle had grown to \$281 with only three marbles left to pick from. **President Don** was fortunate to have his ticket number drawn and, lo-and-behold, he picked the lucky marble and won the \$281 raffle prize. Congratulations Don!!



Sonaya Stevens calls President Don's number

SUNSHINE REPORT

Past President Debi Zaft reported that our regular Sunshine Rotarian, Eileen Carlisle, who was the victim of a missed step which resulted in her suffering a broken ankle, is doing much better. Debi thanked all of the generous Rotarians who brought food to her this past week which she badly needed because it is difficult for her to cook on her own. No other Sunshine news to report.

DON'S BIRTHDAY/\$60 FOR 60

President Don announced that the party held last Saturday at the Wikiup Tennis and Swim Club was a highly successful event. Don announced that \$4240 was raised for the World Community Services Project. It is part of our International Project budget. Don also announced that the goal was \$5000 so he is looking for more contributions.

TRECINI WINES AUCTIONED

Trecini Cellars' **Cathy Vicini**, the award-winning contributor of the Pinot for Polio wines, presented President Don with a bottle of her six-time Gold Medal winner (and four-time silver medalist) 2007 Rockpile Zinfandel. Don started out the bidding at \$100. The bidding was going higher; therefore Cathy said "Make it



President Don auctions off a Gold Medal winner

two identical bottles", doubling the starting bids. After several minutes of hot bidding, both bottles went to **Tim Stewart** for \$275! **President Don** was very pleased that Tim designated that his contribution would go to our club's World Community Service projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debi Zaft alerted all of us that tickets are still available for **Casino Royale**, our club's July 9th huge new annual fundraiser to be held at the Sonoma Country Day School that Saturday night starting at 7 pm. Raffle tickets, casino chips, and Bingo Cards will be available at the event. Since the event is only \$50 per person, she said there will be a \$2 charge for a drink.

Carmen Sinigiani—Co-Chair of the **Giro Bello** bicycling event that will be held on Saturday, June 25—announced that we still need more Rotarians to help on the day of the event. Contact Jock McNeill if you can help. Giro Bello is a joint effort with Steven Cozza, a professional cyclist from Petaluma. Rotary's share of the proceeds will go to help eradicate polio. Carmen announced that 378 bicyclists that have signed up for the event and we need 500 to make it a successful event—only 122 more entries! She is hoping for a last minute rush to sign up. She also announced that kids can participate in the event at no charge.

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Layne Bowen said anyone who paid for and didn't get a copy of *Tornado Alley* can get one at the next meeting. Anyone else who wants one can get one with a minimum donation of \$15.00. All proceeds will go to the Joplin Rotary Clubs Tornado Relief fund.

President Don announced that we need some volunteers on Sunday morning, June 19, to set up the race equipment at a nearby warehouse in advance of the big race the next Sunday, June 25th. Volunteers will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the corner of Piner and Marlow (near Walgreens) for a quick ride to the warehouse.

PROGRAM

Dave Brown— **Past President**, fellow Rotarian since

1990, and Chief Executive Officer of the Sonoma County Family YMCA— introduced the two speakers Elizabeth Oku, Aquatics Director of the Y, and Alisa Nelson, Membership and Volunteer Director. Dave also introduced from the audience Andrea Ham, Board Chairman of the local family family YMCA, fellow Rotarian Yale Abrams, also a Rotary Club Past President of Rotary and a board member of the Y.



Elizabeth and Alisa gave us an informative video program:

- The YMCA started in 1885. The first known summer camp was held at Orange Lake in New York State.
- In 1910, George Corsan answered a YMCA campaign “to teach every man and boy in North America to swim.” Corsan came to the Detroit Y to teach and build the body using unique methods of group lessons in the pool and lessons on land as a confidence builder.
- In 1938 the YMCA started their aquatic program.
- In 1954 the YMCA was founded in Sonoma County. It started as the Indian Guides and Summer Camp program to serve youths and families.
- In 1972 the program and physical education facility was built near downtown Santa Rosa. Aquatic activities, sports and programs for the entire family expanded the outreach for Santa Rosa’s 18-year-old Y.

The YMCA offers various swimming programs, such as the following:

1. Swimming lessons for the very young to very old—an excellent aerobic exercise.
2. Swimming for youth and adults with disabilities (The percentage of Americans with handicaps who are handicapped is between 10 and 12%.
3. Aquatic programs for children and adults who face challenges of all kinds.
4. Pre- and post-natal water exercise program.
5. A warm-water swim program specifically for people who suffer from severe arthritis.

Other highlights:

- 58 percent of parents do not considerate the danger of drowning to be life-threatening.
- The Sonoma County YMCA provides community outreach programs to teach people how to swim.
- Most drownings are children, especially young ones. The YMCA teaches the dangers of not monitoring their children when at or near the water. Hispanic children make up 75 percent of the drownings in the United States. The YMCA reaches out to mothers of these children to teach them how to prevent their children from drowning.
- The Sonoma County YMCA operates a highly successful summer swim program in Cloverdale.

FELLOWSHIP June 15th
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Visit Rotarians: Penny Tibbets
Ticket Collection: Gina Grant
Greeter: Jack Atkin & Creed Wood

This week’s photographer:
Kris Anderson

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