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OUR PROGRAM FOR JULY 6TH:

LADIES & GENTLEMEN: MADAME PRESIDENT

MARNIE GOLDSCHLAG TAKES OVER AS THE 90TH PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA ROSA

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



Can you imagine 90 past presidents—only four of them women—looking over your shoulder to see if you measure up? Without a doubt, Marnie is up to her new job. Growing up in Sonoma County, she got her work ethic from a working mother and her father who retired as a lieutenant from the Sonoma County Sheriff after 34 years. Not too surprising, she majored in telecommunications, public speaking and served on the SRJC speech & debate team. After 10 years at Rodney Strong/Windsor Vineyards, went to work at Agilent while getting her Bachelors Degree—with Honors—from USF. She has been helping people buy and sell real estate since 2004. And raising teen-age daughter Jessica, two dogs, and husband Eric—a Santa Rosa Police Sergeant.

Next Wednesday, Rotary's new president will continue last week's ribald humor, poke some fun at a few past meetings, introduce her new Board of Directors, and outline the goals for her Rotary Year. Join the fun and take good notes. President Marnie is dead serious when she tells us, "Get your a-s-k in gear!"

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

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

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

July 27, 2011: The new Santa Rosa Community Health Centers & Naomi Fuchs

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OPENING CEREMONIES

Opening ceremonies were impressive, but between preparations for the **Debunking of President Don**, introducing my wife as my guest, being served desert before lunch, keeping track of the raffle drawing, scribbling **Casey D'Angelo's** long list of recognitions, and enjoying photos of **Don McMillan** as a child, a teenager, as a hippy/flower child, not to mention watching his kids grow up before my very eyes, I didn't see who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was somebody's idea of a stand-up comedy act (some funny stuff), but I was at the buffet table trying to stack all that fruit onto one little saucer. Then I had to bring Bergen some iced tea. Made me wonder who thought I could do all that—including a major starring role in the debunking—and take notes of everything that day. Now I remember...it was **Layne Bowen**, chair of the bulletin committee,. I don't care if Layne is a former celebrity and recording star, I will get even.

VISITING ROTARIANS

From West Santa Rosa Rotary, Assistant Governor David McDonald, Ron Sparrow and Pierre Legourgue from Sebastopol Rotary, Stevenson Atherton from the Rotary Club of St. Helena, and Heidi Zimmer from the North Bay's newest Rotary Club, New Generations of Santa Rosa.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

In addition to the overflowing table of guests related to **Carmen Sinigiani** and another table filled with back-up support for **President Don**, there were a number of Rotary couples—**Mel Konrad & Mark Burchill**, **Kathy Burger & David Brown**, **Terry & Yale Abrams**, **Will and Joann Haymaker**, **Jock & Laura McNeill Bergen & Jim Johnson**, not to mention our 60th Anniversary Couple, **Jeanne & Ray Foreaker**. We caught a few other guests' names but not all—Pastor Dale Flowers, Mike Griffin, Bob Brazeau, John Berto, and several more who shall remain forever anonymous.

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

Bike racer and successful Giro Bello organizer **Carmen Sinigiani** was blind-sided twice. First when **President Don** invited her to



Carmen Sinigiani, Rotarian of the Year!

introduce at least 18 of her guests (she had no idea there would be there), then again when he announced that she has been named Rotarian of the Year 2010-11. We were all

lucky that Carmen was not involved in the debunking to follow. She remembered the names of only half of her in-laws and was still in stunned shock a full hour later.

RAFFLE

In the midst of all the confusion, the Rowdy Table requested that Immediate Past RI President, Ray Klingensmith, investigate our weekly raffle. First, a few weeks ago the club president (what's his name) won several thousand dollars after buying only one lousy ticket, then selected members of the Dictionary Committee had their number drawn for the \$10 consolation price three weeks in a row (they do add up), last week the raffle jackpot was won by long-time board member **Ted Wilmsen** (his tickets this week were only one off from **Past President (1987-88) Rich deLambert's** winning ticket). When the dust settled, deLambert was unable to select the one winning marble out of eight. Another \$10 consolation price down the drain!

ROTARY'S

"CEREMONY OF THE PINS"

Happens every year about this time. Only the names are changed to protect the honorees: **Almost Past President Don McMillan** pinned her new President's Pin



Incoming President Marnie & Past President Don

on incoming president **Marnie Goldschlag**. Then Marnie pinned the traditional Past President's Pin and his brand new Past President's badge on Don, and presented him with a gift from our Rotary Club and a personal gift from Marnie.

"I HAD A BLAST!"

Past President Don's Top Ten Things he enjoyed most about his Rotary Year 2010-11:

1. Losing weight due to the 42 cold lunches he ate during the program
2. The modernization of our website and digitizing of the online club roster online
3. The distinct pleasure of representing a vibrant, younger, active 90-year-old Rotary Club comprised of gifted and generous members who willingly donate money and, most importantly, their time to local and international service projects
4. Getting to cruise the ballroom each week greeting

members and guests...getting hugs from the ladies before lunch (and even a few smooches)

5. Playing Christmas carols for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle collection

6. Seeing the Sonoma County

Court Systems CEO on his knees doing community service without a court order and wearing a blue Rotarian at Work T-Shirt instead of an orange jumpsuit

7. Working with innumerable Rotarians wearing their new Rotarian at Work shirts at 6 am at the Gran Fondo and Giro Bello bicycle events.

8. Cycling with Team Rousseau club members for the Fun Ride at the Club's first annual Giro Bello bicycling fundraiser.

9. Having my friend and tennis buddy, Rick Allen, join the Board of Directors and mentor and lead the World Community Service committee into bigger, better, and bolder service projects.

10. Having the power to dictate that we have cookies for dessert every week (except for 60th anniversary and wedding anniversary celebrations).

My proudest accomplishment, other than having had the honor to lead our club for a year, was not losing the President's pin so that I could pin it on Marnie knowing that the leadership of the club for this next year will be in good and most capable hands.



*Kim Murphy: President Don's #4
Enjoyment*

RECOGNITIONS

The Anniversary Cake was cut and served in honor of **Jeanne & Ray Foreaker's 60th Wedding Anniversary** while the enthusiastic gathering warbled heart-felt greetings of "Happy Anniversary".

President Don then turned to educator and Rotarian **Casey D'Angelo**, who took advantage of the attention to clean up a whole year's worth of costly landmarks. First, the reason for singling him out was his new job as the new Superintendent of Schools in Rincon Valley Union School District, filling the very big shoes that fellow Rotarian **Diane Moresi** left when she retired after being in the district for 40 years. Congratulations to both Diane and Casey for their good fortune. Then Casey mentioned that the youngest son of Casey & Pam D'Angelo graduated from Stanford this month. Then he admitted that he and Pam had returned to England to see friends they had not seen in 26 years when they lived there for a year. Then they visited Ireland to see their oldest son, who is there for six months

while he works for Google. The Rotary cash register jingled as Casey donated \$100 for his good fortune.

THE DEBUNKING OF PRESIDENT DON

The origins of the Rotary tradition of debunking are hidden by more than a century of weekly meetings and Service Above Self first in the United States and then around the world. Lost even for our own 90-year-old Rotary Club.

The word itself is defined to be "The urge to expose or ridicule the falseness, shame, or exaggerated claims". At some point the all-male members of the world's first service club began to use debunking as a light-hearted way to celebrate the end of each club president's year of leadership.



*Ted Wilmsen & Sam McMillan Secure
Accused President*



*Defense Attorney Jim Johnson, Prosecutor
Marnie Goldschlag
& the Accused*

Therefore it came to pass that on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, the presidential rule of Donald McMillan completed its course. All that remained was the effort of President Don's fellow Rotarians to show

their appreciation and respect to him by the traditional exposure and ridicule of his conduct of office. The finale result of their yearly efforts have always been too crude and

horrible for the general public to contemplate so it was restricted only to close friends and relatives. The drama was titled "The Trial of the Century" and the sordid story played out on the hallowed stage of the Flamingo ballroom.



*Bailiff Robbie Fouts, Marnie, & Key
Witness Peggy Sobranis*

AND THE FESTIVITIES CONTINUED...



*Her Honor Judge Gesine Franchetti
with fast-talking Dan Schell*



Words fail me on this one...



*4 Jurors: Greg Johnston, Jock McNeil, David
Brown, Suzanne Drace*



*Curtain Call: Marnie, Ted, Sam, Don, Robbie, Gesine,
Peggy, & Will Haymaker wearing Wally's wig*

THANK YOU DON!
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Diane Moresi

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