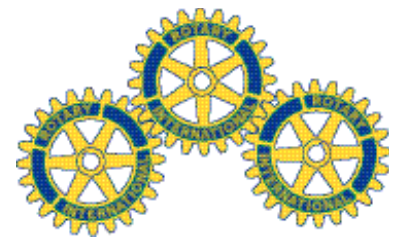




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OUR PROGRAM FOR JULY 27TH:

SANTA ROSA'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

CEO NAOMI FUCHS OUTLINES WHO THEY ARE, WHAT THEY DO, AND WHO THEY SERVE.

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



One year ago, with the help of available federal funds and years of experience providing primary health care & education for people who are uninsured or underinsured, regardless of ability to pay, the Santa Rosa Community Health Centers emerged as a multi-million dollar health care facility occupying much of a new office building in Fountaingrove office park, with eight clinics located throughout Santa Rosa. Since the early days of the former Southwest Community Health Center, the driving force has been administrator Naomi Fuchs, now CEO of these health care clinics, who will update us on their vision for community healthcare and how it fits into the health care continuum in the future of Santa Rosa.

Naomi Fuchs, CEO

Santa Rosa Community Health Centers

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

Aug. 3, 2011: Robin Strickler—the Rwanda School Project

Aug. 10, 2011: Bill Crowley...“Funny Thing about Bananas”

Aug. 17, 2011: President Marnie’s First Club Assembly

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OPENING CEREMONIES

Past President (1998-99) Jeanne Levin

presiding: Rotary Club of Santa Rosa's first female president since, like, forever. (Our club was one of Rotary's first to accept members of the opposite sex, but not until 1987!)

Pledge – Greg Johnston

Invocation – Nona Lucas (she left her prepared remarks at home, but still inspired us to be nice.)

GREETER

A special shout-out to **Dan Walker**, who saw there was no Greeter and jumped in to help welcome the larger-than-usual crowd.

VISITING ROTARIANS

The Red Badge bulletin editor -what's his name- forgot to pick up the lists, with way-too-many guests to remember. Except the one done memorably by **Karen Ball**.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Lots and lots of spouses, a "roommate", and various other guests. Noteworthy was the last visit from this past year's youth exchange student (and new honor graduate of Santa Rosa High School), Leo Mastriaux, before he returns home to Belgium and begins his university education.

Retread President Jeanne Levin made a special appeal to husband **Fred Levin (Past President 2009-10** and the other half of our club's only duo of husband-and-wife past presidents) for Leo to stay a bit longer, maybe at the Levin household? Never had a chance!

RAFFLE

Veteran test pilot **Knick Knickerbocker** flew solo on this one but the \$147 pot of cash was not won by **Norm Owen**. Only \$10



Norm Owen accepts the consolation prize

booby prize for past District Governor/President.

SECRET GREETER

Lost in the shuffle of the big crowd, the big **Fieri**, and our brand-new-but-absent **President Marnie**: No greeter, no handshake, no free lunch. Must have been with the photographer, raffle assistant and door greeter.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Past President (2006-07) Debi Zaft was pleased to point out that wheel-chair-bound **Eileen Carlisle** was back with us this day and also gave a greeting to **Pete Lescure** who was back among the crowd. All else is well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jack Abercrombie reminded all that the new roster goes to press in one day. We all missed that last chance to correct our data! Last chance to edit!

Eileen Carlisle reminisced about the good ole days of Rotary socials and the desire to invigorate. She will be our host, at her home, next Thursday evening, July 28th, from 5 to 7 pm at her home. Light food, wine and then—most likely—light heads.

RECOGNITIONS

- Back up was Jack Abercrombie. **Presiding Queen Jeanne** queried him about his bride's black eye she was wearing at our big Casino Royale Night and how it came to be. Jack calmly replied, "She fell out of bed". Way to go, Dog! We salute you!
- The quiet man in the back of the room was next. **Roy Thylin**, who slightly resembles a bookkeeper for the mob. Quiet yet deadly. His sharp pen in an article to the Press Democrat drew the attention of Jeanne. He tried the old, "I collect money and o not pay", but Jeanne wasn't buying and Roy paid out \$25 big ones.
- Next in harm's way was **Paul Hamilton**. He confessed to a birthday party for his grandson

at Escape (the two guests who own Escape were witnesses) and then confessed that his son-in-law plus grandkids starred in a quick cameo appearance in an ESPN advertisement. Fined only \$25. Either we highly esteem the Press Democrat or think very little of ESPN with both going at the same rate.

- Last was the soon-to-be-doomed **Fred Levin**. Couldn't resist taking a shot at his better half? Fred, if you have an opinion on something, and Jeanne isn't there to hear it, are you still wrong?

PROGRAM

Important to note that while much of this was going on, speaker introducer **Jim Johnson** was sitting all alone at the front table, frequently checking both his watch and the door to the ballroom for the Promised but not yet Present speaker of the day, **Guy Fieri**. Good to say he arrived in the nick of time to keep us all thoroughly entertained with "Add a Bit of Sonoma County's Finest".

That truly describes The Man and his Mission (and the line Guy use every time he pours wine on his shows). Our Honorary Rotarian regaled us with anecdotes from his youth in Ferndale, to the hectic production schedule of his four television shows his TV shows, to his foundations serving children. In not exact order we had: Childrens' Hospital, Autism Speaks, The Awesome Pretzel, the late Jack Levar, Guy's reliable current manager, Tom Nelson, more four TV shows, five restaurants (maybe six), exchange student in Chantilly, France, sons Hunter and Ryder, their evocative move in 1996 back south from Ferndale to Santa Rosa, Coddington Mall, supports our troops, and a loyal Rotarian at heart.

Guy elaborated on his two foundations. The first, he calls "Cooking with Kids" aka CWK, One that focuses entirely on kids and nutrition. Much to our collective amazement, he pointed out that McNuggets and fries do not constitute

a balanced diet. He is working through state and federal government to draw attention to the serious problem of childhood obesity in our society. Success has even included a resolution to declare every Sunday to be "Cook with Kids Day".

Guy Fieri's second foundation is for "Inspiration and Imagination". Guy pointed out that kids today are going brain dead watching TV and playing video games. His goal—and that of his new foundation is wants to inspire kids to dream and play! This led into his Awesome Pretzel beginnings which entailed a loving, but directive Dad, a used pretzel box, dumpster diving, and a lot of after school work building a pretzel cart (couldn't help but humming Steely Dan songs during this part).

Today he is once again sponsoring the building of pretzel carts and donating them to worthy causes.

Q&A time led to details on the stolen Lamborghini, the money from his food products going to his foundations, his weekly NBC game show, Minute to Win It, 25 cent pretzels, Good Ole Uncle Joe, how he picks the locations for two of his television shows—"Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" and "Guy's Big Bite" and one last tribute to Guy's biggest mentor next to Mom and Dad, the late dedicated member of our Rotary Club from 1983 until his death in 2008, Guy's first manager, **Jack Levar**.

The meeting closed with Guy receiving an award-winning bottle of **Cathy Vicini's** remarkable Pinot for Polio for totally entertaining the club this day.

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