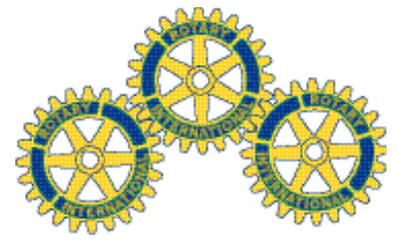




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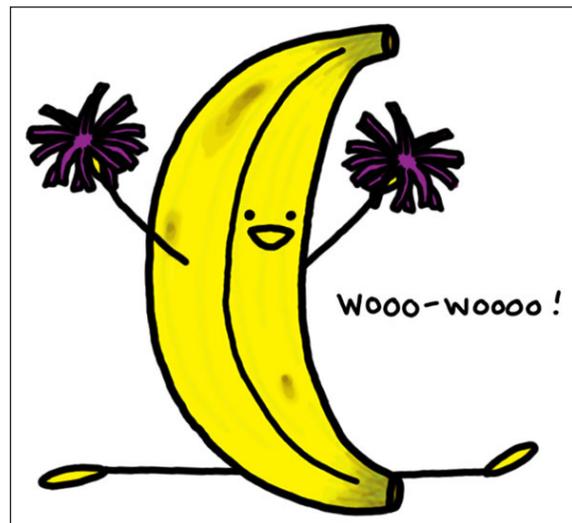
WHAT ABOUT BANANAS?

PROFESSOR EMERITUS WILLIAM CROWLEY SLICES & DICES OUR FAVORITE FRUIT

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON

Here's one of our favorite fruits, used for sight gags, for adorning women's hats, for song titles and more. But what do we really know about it? Where's it from? Who first started growing it? Who are the main producers and consumers today? Are other parts of the plant edible? How many varieties are there? When did they start shipping them in boxes and why? Did you know the principal variety we eat today has been under considerable threat

for some time? And how many other fruits have led to the U.S. government more than once plotting coup-d'etats in other countries to protect our fruit companies? Inquiring minds want to know and they discover it all at next week's Rotary meeting. Guaranteed to tickle your funny bone.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

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

Aug. 24, 2011: Ambassadorial Scholar Kristen Fladseth

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OPENING CEREMONIES

At 12:28 pm, **Madam President Marnie** called the meeting to order by inviting **Jack Tolin** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Jack instructed everyone to “Turn Forward, Face Left.” Given the recent debacle in Washington over the debt ceiling, it was amazing to hear Jack tell us how we should vote.

Next, **Jim Johnson** stepped to the microphone to invite us to recall the first use of an atomic bomb in warfare 66 years ago this week. He invited us to pray with him that we learn from the past to improve the future.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Sharon Nelson, Mrs. Scott McMillan, daughter-in-law of **Jackie** and **Don**, Jerry Shimp, Robin Strickler, Joy and Alan Petty, Jack Boynton, Victor Carter, and Jay Zimmer.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Past President Rich deLambert acknowledged fellow Rotarians from other clubs: Dr. Shari, Heidi Zimmer, Erin Temple, Steve Atherton, Pierre LaGourgue, and Dave McReynolds.

SUNSHINE REPORT

President Marnie called upon **Jennifer Peschken** for a partly cloudy Sunshine Report. We learned that **Chuck Reilly** is recovering from surgery.

THE RAFFLE

Next, with a gleam in his eye as though he knew exactly what was about to happen, **Jack Geary** handed the microphone to **Kerrie Chambers** to conduct the raffle. Carrie reported that only three of



Jack Geary tries his luck in the raffle

four marbles stood in the way of this week's \$208 jackpot. Unable to find an honest person in the area, Carrie asked **Steve Olson** to draw the lucky ticket: #740231. After an appropriate amount of time just to hold his cover, none other than **Jack Geary** came forward to attempt to draw the correct marble. Well, thanks to an incredibly secure system of checks and balances, Jack's set-up failed. He was only granted \$10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Under the “Marnie Regime” announcements have to be “timely and urgent” which makes the editors at the table consider it silly to report them in a bulletin that will not be distributed for a few days.

Nevertheless, **Wayne Rowlands** announced a 5:30pm meeting tomorrow **Rotary Means Business** at his home. (Our guess is that—if you were depending on this announcement in the Rotary Bulletin—this actually occurred several days before you are reading this. Too bad you missed it!)

Next, Blaine Goodwin invited all to help with a **Salvation Army Back to School** shopping spree at JC Penney on Friday morning. Since this happened the morning after Wayne's event you could have skipped this line.

Matt Fannin announced the creation of a fun committee called “**Sports Fellowship**”. Later in the meeting he was chastised by an officious **President Marnie** for actually re-creating a committee. The first meeting under Matt's re-creation will be on August 20th.

Visiting Rotarian Heidi Zimmer took her turn to encourage all to attend on 8/19 the **New Generations Club Charter Night** for only \$40—a savings of 20 percent if we had acted immediately (during the meeting?).

Finally, **Past President Debbi Zaft** announced that the social at **Eileen Carlisle's** house was

terrific, but somebody left a cute little fork behind, along with a wicker basket and a very shiny plate. (**President Marnie** interrupted her meeting to announce that she has a tally of one—so far—of **Past President Yale Abram's** airplane assaults).

MARNIE'S FIRST BANNER

Karen Ball next presented a teary-eyed **President Marnie** with her first flag from another Rotary Club ... one in British Columbia, Canada.

CRAFT TALK

Doug Johnson gave his seven-minute craft talk in his forbidden Boston accent. He described his education, family, career, and faith. All of which combine to make him a fine Rotarian...with a strange accent.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

On deck were 18 celebrants...what is it about August (and Novembers) that makes birthdays so plentiful (and rowdy)? Your editor scribbled down only 10 of them—and missed who got what prize in the drawing: **Vickie Hardcastle, Jack Geary, Sam McMillan, Chip Rawson, Jack Tolin, Michael Sinatra, Rich deLambert, Bill Hatcher, Darrell Horn, and Joy Parker.** (If the unidentified birthday boys & girls step forward, they will receive an expired auto detailing coupon from the almost-retired **Jerry Marquis**).



August Birthdays

ROTARY MAGAZINE QUESTION

August

What five countries are the most forested, accounting for more than half of the world's forest area?

NO MORE AUCTIONS!

That's what **President Marnie** promised on July 6th. Today she auctioned off three items of six tickets each! **Paul Hamilton** won tickets to the DeYoung Picasso exhibit, **Matt Fannin** (and five close friends) are going to the Sonoma County Fair, but **Chip Rawson's** gang is betting on the races.

RECOGNITIONS

Finally, our most loquacious **Judge Knoel Owen** agreed to honor with \$50 the birth of his second grandchild Hudson Jerome Boyers. Taking advantage of the moment, His Honor tried to sneak in many more grandchildren already in the oven. We are curious if he will escape his deserved sentence when things are done. Marnie?

Bill Rousseau was blind-sided by our President (careful Marnie, Bill's next!) for a traffic sign of questionable taste; Immediate **Past President Don McMillan** was forced to dig into wife Jackie's purse to pay a fine for recognition from City Hall; and poor **Greg Johnston** was once again mercilessly criticized for his taste in jewelry.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS

August 12th is the deadline for award nominations for the 2011 Annual Employers Best Practices Awards, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa, Disability Services & Legal Center, and the Department of Rehabilitation. The awards will be presented at the Awards Breakfast on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at the Fountaingrove Inn, Santa Rosa, CA. The Nomination Form is available at www.sonomacountymayorscommittee.com.

The Annual Employers Best Practices Awards is a Rotary Club project that began in 1982. The original mission of the Symposium on Employment of People with Disabilities was to advocate for disability rights of people with developmental disabilities. The mission was modified to encourage and promote the

gainful employment of people with disabilities by creating a strong, friendly collaborative relationship between the employers, human services agencies, elected officials at all levels, local individuals and community organizations under the auspices of the Sonoma County Mayors' Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

ROTARIAN(S) OF THE MONTH

The entire assembly stood to honor Rotarians of the Month **Debi Zaft** and **Sonaya Stevens**. Congratulations!



Sonaya Stevens & Debi Zaft

PROGRAM

At two minutes past 1pm, our meticulous **President Marnie** yielded the floor to **Peggy Soberanis** who introduced Robin Strickler. We quickly learned that many others followed our club's support of \$1500 for the Rwanda School Project resulting in a total of \$24,224 to help high school students. Robin shared with us the sad history of genocide in Rwanda and the changes she has seen in her recent years of visiting, living and working there. Although water systems are improving and fiber optic cable is being installed, there are great needs to provide for secondary educations.

Robin described the growth of the school we have

helped to support to 43 students. The goals are social sustainability in a sustainable environment. One of the school's newest ventures is a dormitory for 12 young women. The drop-out rate has been high given the need for the young women to return to their homes to provide labor. The dormitory may help make it possible for more young women to complete their educations and thus help their society.



Speaker Robin Strickler

Robin ended her presentation by describing four specific students. It was touching to learn from her that her fourth example, a bright young man by the name of Alex, was being re-united this very week with his mother after believing for 17 years that she had been killed shortly after his birth.

The editors are proud to learn what Rotary does around the world. We hope you are, too.

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