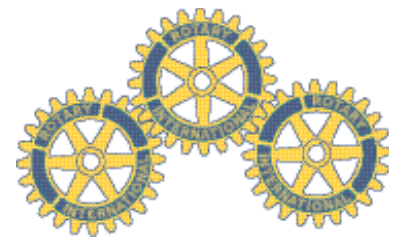




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## OUR PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 21ST:

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA ROSA FOUNDATION

*HOW THE DREAM BECAME A REALITY*

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



The Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation has come a long way in its remarkable history of only 22 years. The Foundation's portfolio has grown from a few hundred dollars in the early days to nearly \$1 million today. The dream of a few visionary Rotarians in the late 1980s is now becoming a reality. Plan to attend the meeting and help recognize recent donors, hear about the community programs supported by our club's local foundation, and learn how you can enhance your level of support for our club's foundation—Your Foundation!

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

Sept. 28, 2011: Brian Sobel on California's Budget Crisis

Oct. 5, 2011: Rotary Changes People's Lives

Oct. 12, 2011: Dr. Bob Woodbury—

Advances in Laparoscopic Surgery

Oct. 19, 2011: Mark Burchill—Rotary Means Business

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## OPENING CEREMONIES

With some hesitation and trepidation, **President Marnie** introduced **Robby Fouts** who did a commendable job in leading the Rotarians in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. We all faced the right direction and said the pledge without problem. Well done, Robby!

**David Brown** gave a thought provoking invocation about the role of all Rotarians as teachers to young, school-age children of our community.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

**Sonaya Stevens** was ready to introduce our visiting Rotarians but surprisingly there were no visiting Rotarians attending our meeting.

## GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

**Cecil Humes** introduced his lovely and charming wife, Gerry, who has been chauffeuring him to meetings while he recovers from rotator cuff surgery. **John McHugh** introduced his guest Victoria Hogan who was interested in learning more about Rotary and our club. **Bill Rousseau** introduced his guest and old friend, Darnell Bowen. **Mark Burchill** brought Sonia Fletsch as his guest and **Jerry Shimp** introduced his friend, Alan Johnson, who was visiting from Australia. Also attending was Angela Colombo, field representative for Assemblyman Huffman.

## SUNSHINE REPORT

**President Marnie** sadly reported that long time Rotarian and beloved friend, **John Brown** had passed away this morning with his sons by his side. The family appreciated all the cards and visits from Rotarians during John's illness. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. John, who served as Club President from 1989 to 1990, will surely be missed by us all. Rotarians are encouraged to make a donation in John's name to the Santa Rosa Rotary Foundation. It is what John would have wanted.

It was also reported that Rotarian **Chip Rawson's** mother had passed away Chip had traveled to Oregon to be with his family.

## RAFFLE

**Blaine Goodwin** announced that the weekly raffle has grown to \$146. **Vicki Hardcastle** held the winning ticket but was unable to draw the lucky marble. She received the \$10 consolation prize. Next week, a larger jackpot awaits.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vicki Hardcastle** announced that there was still the opportunity to have your contribution to the **Rotary International Foundation** doubled by matching club

funds. This is a great opportunity to work toward completion of your Paul Harris Fellowship. Vicki also announced that the **Rotary International Foundation dinner** is scheduled for **September 24th** at the Hyatt Vineyard Creek in Santa Rosa. Tickets are \$60 per person. All Rotarians are encouraged to support the Foundation and represent our club at this important event.

**The September Social is this Thursday the 22nd** anytime after 5:00pm at **Wayne Rowlands** home at 909 Quarry Pointe, Santa Rosa. **Sam McMillian** will be BBQing some of the lamb and pork sausages so you will get a taste of the meat that will be auctioned that evening. We will also serve Chicken, beans, green salad and garlic bread. Please bring a bottle of wine or side dish to share. It's a great time to bring your family to meet your fellow Rotarians. For the swimmers in the group, bathing suits are required.

**Nick Knickerbocker** announced that the **11th annual tribute honoring our veterans** will be held at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. This tribute is a joint effort of all the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs in Santa Rosa. Rotary members are requested to host a needy veteran. Please contact Nick or **Nona Lucas** for tickets or information on how to host a veteran. Nona also requested that Rotarians attend to honor our own Marine Colonel, the late **John Brown**. Please note that all service clubs will be dark that week.

## COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Joint Charitable Projects Committee (JCPC) of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa and Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation are pleased to announce the opening of this year's funding cycle of 2011-12. Grant guidelines and the application form are available on the home page and foundation page of the club website at [www.santarosarotary.com](http://www.santarosarotary.com). Rotarians with connections to qualified local non-profits and public schools are asked to notify these organizations and encourage them to apply prior to the October 31, 2011 deadline. Grants will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Questions about the grants may be directed to either **Will Haymaker** or **Ted Wilmsen**, Co-Chairs of the JCPC.

## TOP SECRET GREETER

Is it possible there was no secret greeter this week? Or was the greeter so secret that **President Marnie** didn't even know who it was? Needless to say we will never know what really happened this week and a free lunch will go unclaimed.

## ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

**Will Haymaker** was the recipient of the Rotarian of the Month for his outstanding work with Project Amigo and

the Ambassadorial Scholarships. Will's work over the years on these important Rotary projects is an inspiration to all of us who value "Service Above Self".

## RECOGNITIONS

**President Marnie** presented **Layne Bowen, Carmen Sinigiani, Ted Wilmsen, Diane Moresi and Debi Zaft** each with a bottle of fine wine for having the best-decorated tables and/or booths at the Club Assembly. Being a creative Rotarian has its rewards. Enjoy the wine.

**Bob Higgs'** recent trip to Alaska for a fishing expedition was not as successful as he had hoped. Bob caught only one fish after enduring the cold, rainy Alaskan weather and volunteered to pay \$50 to the club for each fish he caught. We only wish he had been a more successful fisherman. Thank you, Bob.



**What do these Rotarians have in common? They are all skillful decorators!**

**Carmen Sinigiani** was recognized for her first place finish in a recent triathlon. Our Club's most accomplished athlete paid \$10 for the win. **Kerrie Chambers** also paid \$10 for



**Triathlete Carmen Sinigiana**

improving on her best time in the Santa Rosa half marathon. Well done, Rotarians!

Was that John Travolta dancing in Saturday Night Fever the other night on KOFY? No, it was Rotarian **Mark Burchill** and wife **Mary Lou** on KOFY's Dance Party. Dressed as if it was still the 80s,

Mark cut a stylish figure reminiscent of Travolta with all the dance moves to match. For his television fame Mark donated \$40 to the Club and \$200 to the International Rotary Foundation. Music has no expiration date.

Just who turned Mark in for his television debut? None other than our own **Robert Pierce** who claims he was only surfing the TV when he spotted Mark on Dance Party. Is

it possible that he is a closet Dance Party fan and regular viewer? For his "ratting" out a fellow Rotarian, Robert was fined \$10.

**Greg Johnston** was fined \$5 for wearing an obscenely large watch. Size really matters when it comes to Rotary fines.

**President Marnie** continued to avoid **Robby Fouts'** Burning Man photos. The excuse this week was that we have a politician on the agenda and the photos may be slightly incriminating. Who knows? But Robby may want to run for office some day and Burning Man could come back to haunt him. Even without the photos Robby was moved to donate \$100 in **John Brown's** name.

**President Marnie** announced that **Jeff Gospe** was selected to be team leader for the Group Study Exchange (GSE) team going to France in April. He will be representing our Club and District 5130. Congratulations, Jeff, for the deserved honor. Jeff also confessed that he was interviewed—again—about his involvement with the Geysers. He was interviewed this time by KQED, a Japanese newspaper, and the Bloomberg News. For his new celebrity Jeff gave \$125 to complete his Paul Harris Fellowship.



**Jeff Gospe to lead GSE team!**

## SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to Club Sports' **Matt Fannin** for arranging the Rotarian golf outing last Saturday at Fountain Grove Country Club. Twelve Rotarians had a wonderful afternoon of golf and fellowship while trying to tame the monster that is the Fountain Grove Golf Course. A very special thanks to **Wayne Rowlands** and **Steve Reuter**, members of FGCC, whose generosity allowed the Rotarians to play.

## PROGRAM

**Will Haymaker** introduced our guest speaker, Jared Huffman, member of the Sixth Assembly District, which includes Marin County and the southern part of Sonoma County. The former private-practice attorney will complete two terms in the Assembly in 2012.

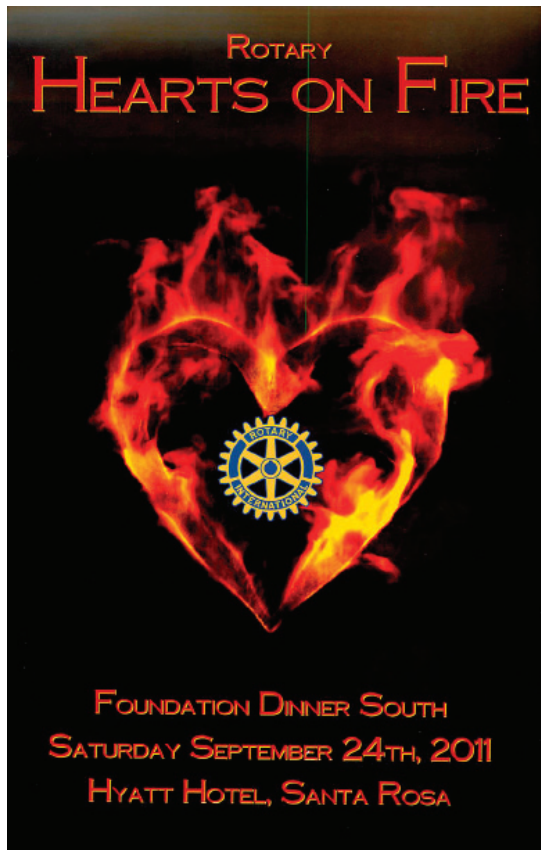
Assemblyman Huffman reminded us that many bills that have cleared the California Legislature and are waiting for Governor Brown's signature. He reviewed the key bills that he sponsored, obviously hoping that these will be signed

## ROTARY MAGAZINE QUESTION

September

Last year 16 clubs in Arizona, New Mexico and California raised \$35,000 towards the \$200 Million Challenge. How did they accomplish this?  
Answer in page 12.

into law. The California Benefit Corporation Bill will allow corporations that have a social and environmental commitment to support those commitments beyond their required fiduciary responsibility to stock holders. If signed into law he feels that this new type of corporation could provide an incentive for socially-conscientious corporations to relocate to California.



*This week's photographer:*  
**Kris Anderson**

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Another of Huffman's bills would allow the State Parks to enter into agreements with non-profits to operate parks slated for closure because of budgetary reasons. Over seventy parks are planned to be closed in order to save money in the current budget. Another bill, Oil Spill Prevention, would allow a tax of five cents on each barrel of oil imported into California. The money would be used to continue to fund inspectors whose jobs are in jeopardy because of a funding shortfall.

Other legislation sponsored by Huffman included improving existing policies that implemented the federal "Race to the Top"

program. This legislation is expected to protect schools that are performing well from unintended sanctions. Legislation that will require the mapping of current groundwater supplies is aimed at providing cohesive groundwater regulations. Yet



another Huffman bill which has received attention is the prohibition against the sale and possession of shark fins. Current practices of harvesting only the fins for shark fin soup have created havoc on our eco system by killing a significant number of sharks. And finally, he mentioned a bill to address the use of water for frost prevention in vineyards intended to address the conflict between grape growers and salmon fisheries by creating water ponds for vineyards rather than water taken directly from the streams and rivers. In response to a question from the floor Huffman, who will be termed out of his current office in 2012, announced his intention to seek the North Coast district's congressional seat.

## CLOSING REMARKS

President Marnie closed this week's Rotary the meeting with this quote, "Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want".