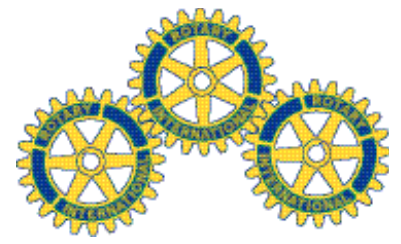




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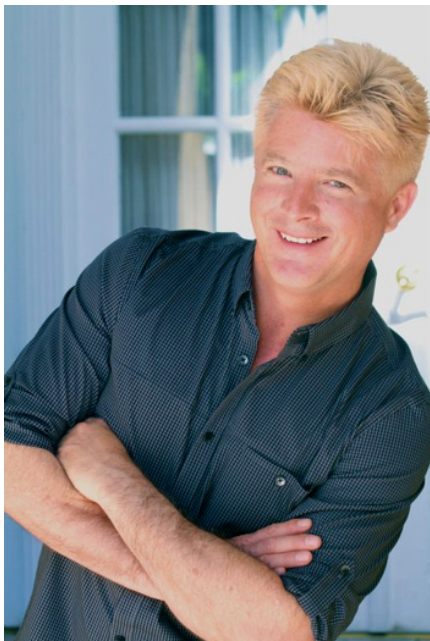
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## OUR PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 7TH:

# OLD FASHIONED BASEBALL

*HOWARD LEONHARDT'S WINE COUNTRY BASEBALL LEAGUE SHOWS ITS COLORS*

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



Giants and Angels we know about, but what about the Petaluma Pirates, Rohnert Park Dragons, or the Sebastopol Apples? The St. Helena Angels, the Cloverdale Bandits, and the Santa Rosa Giants? All part of a vigorous crusade by entrepreneur and Dry Creek Valley winery owner Howard Leonhardt to bring organized baseball back to the North Bay. They've been giving Sonoma County fans economic family-friendly entertainment since 2009, all the while raising money for charities with a focus on local educational foundations. So who the blazes is Mr. Leonhardt? You wouldn't believe it, even if his remarkable biography would fit into the next four pages of this entire Santa Rosarian. You'll have to see and hear it for yourself.

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

- Sept. 14, 2011: Assemblyman Jared Huffman
- Sept. 21, 2011: Our Club's Local Foundation
- Sept. 28, 2011: Brian Sobel on California's Budget Crisis
- Oct. 5, 2011: Rotary Changes People's Lives

### CHECK OUT THESE LINKS

- Visit our website at [www.santarosarotary.com](http://www.santarosarotary.com)
- Check out [District 5130](#)
- Explore the [New Sutter Hospital](#)

## OPENING CEREMONIES

**President Marnie** is a little under the weather this week, but she wasn't going to allow a cold to stop her in her duties as president! So the meeting starts with **Yale Abrams** leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Stoney Newton** gave us the invocation.



**Stoney Newton gives us the invocation**

## VISITING ROTARIANS

Harry Reiland was visiting us from his home club of Sun City West, Arizona, and Assistant District Governor Gordon Freedman was more than just visiting.

## GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Pauline Beck, our French foreign exchange student, was with us again along with Gabriel Arevaro and Darius Bunyard. Gerry Humes was also visiting again as hubby **Cecil Humes** still cannot drive until he recovers from his rotator cuff surgery. See you next week, Gerry! Last, but not least, **Jim Johnson** introduced guest speaker Michael Purvis, Chief Administrator for Sutter Medical Center, and Lisa Amador, Strategy & Business Development for Sutter.

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Our intrepid sunshine reporters were missing today, but this reporter did spy **Jennifer Peschken** at another meeting. Jennifer is OK, but her beautiful Mercedes was totaled. **Juan Hernandez** was back after missing a few meetings. We also heard that **Eileen Carlisle** is out of the wheelchair and is back to work...hobbling, but walking on her own. She missed this meeting due to another physical therapy session.

## RAFFLE

Today's **Raffle Czar Jerry Marquis** let us know that there was only \$59 in the pot today. **Boston Doug Johnson's** number was pulled, but he had to settle for the \$10 consolation prize...and our Tiny Jackpot continues to recover from **Lucky Lena's** marble selection draw two weeks ago.



**Doug Johnson gets no joy from Jerry Marquis**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Vickie Hardcastle** reminded us that we have only three more weeks to contribute to Rotary International and have the Club and double our money. What a deal! Vickie also wanted to remind us of the Rotary Foundation dinner on September 24th.
- **Tony Walker** announced our club's golf outing for Saturday, September 10th, at the Fountaingrove Golf & Country club. The tourney is full, but please let him know if you want to be on the wait list.
- **Don McMillan** announced the next Rotary Means Business meeting is to be at his office on Thursday, September 1st. 5:00 – 7:00.....or maybe it is 5:30 – 7:30. Just show up to promote your business!

## SECRET GREETER

**President Marnie** revealed her first Secret Greeter of her Rotary Year—**Red Badger Kerrie Chambers**. The Secret Greeter revealed her strategy for selecting the winner. From those that greeted her she chose the one with the best shoes! **Nona Lucas** had on a fetching pair of leopard sling-backs and was the winner (I should have made a point to greet Kerrie today as I had on a lively pair of leopard flats!). One of our grumpy members was heard mumbling that if he could afford shoes like that, he wouldn't need a free lunch.

## NEW MEMBERS

Two new members of Sonoma County's oldest Rotary Club were inducted/installed today. **Eric Tyler** who was introduced to us by **Jerry Marquis** and **Jerry Shimp** who is the spouse of **Nancy Shepherd**. District 5130's visiting Assistant Governor was kind enough to do the installing (regular **Norm Owen** was not here today, but he and the lovely Beverly were spied at Cricklewood on Monday so we know they are back in town).



Nancy Shepherd with newly inducted Rotarians Jerry Shimp and Eric Tyler

## RECOGNITIONS

President **Marnie** had a long list of people that she wanted to "recognize," but they were mysteriously absent today. She did find **Debra Smith** and asked her about her recent cruise to Scandinavia, Russia and Germany. **Matt Everson** was chided for a recent bulletin where he credited our club president as working at a competing organization. He promises not to do it again. Honorary member **Susan O'Rourke** was kind enough to pick up an incredibly cute koala bear on her recent vacation to Australia. This was not an actual koala bear but an even-cuter stuffed bear, that our club presented to our firefighters and law enforcement friends to be donated to traumatized kids. **Karen Ball** was recognized for walking her first half-marathon in three hours 35 minutes. **Pauline Beck** went on a recent outing, river-rafting with other foreign exchange students. She also got to go to a Raider's football game. President **Marnie** reminded us that she IS President and, if we are doing anything that we think she would have fun doing, to please call and invite her to come along.

## ASSISTANT DISTRICT GOVERNOR GORDON FREEDMAN ON FELLOWSHIPS

Rotary Fellowship Groups cover hundreds of personal avocations and group activities worldwide. Visiting assistant D.G. Gordon passed out a full page list of the many

types of many different types of International Rotary Fellowships that are available.

If you have an interest in scuba diving (**Tim Fawcett**) or tennis (**Rick Allen**) or home exchange (**Mark Burchill**), they have an

app for that...excuse me, a fellowship for that and many other interests. Check out [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships) for more information.



Asst. District Governor Gordon Freedman

## ROTARY'S OLDEST PROGRAM

Rotary does some terrific things, not the least of which is the Rotary International Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships Program. Since it was founded in 1947, more than 40,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under one of the world's largest privately-funded international scholarship programs. Last year, more than 700 scholarships totaling \$16.2 million were awarded to scholars from about 70 countries. Two weeks ago, we met the remarkable Kristin Fladseth, this year's Ambassadorial Scholar from District 5130 and Santa Rosa who will be studying for her life's work at the University of London's School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. While abroad, Rotary scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country.

## SUTTER MEDICAL CENTER OF SANTA ROSA – an update

Sutter Administrator Chief Administrator Michael Purvis brought us a fascinating update on the construction of the new medical facility on Mark West Springs Road next door to the Wells Fargo Center of the Arts. You might remember that his predecessor to us a few years back when Sutter was looking for support for the construction of the new \$284 million state-of-the-art hospital. At this point they are on schedule and slightly under budget. Mike brought up an interesting sidelight that Sutter's highly-recognized and award-winning track record in Sonoma County has been accomplished in antiquated buildings built between 1938 and 1977, the newest being 35 years ago. Just imagine what it will be like when they move into the new hospital and medical center in late 2014! One of the first 21st Century hospitals to be built in Northern California, this investment that will create 1500 temporary construction jobs, using many local vendors for the construction. Mark West Springs Road and the off ramp from Highway 101 will all be improved.

**Club Historian Jim Johnson** took the Q & A opportunity to point out that the new medical center's neighbor—the Wells Fargo Center (formerly Luther Burbank) for the Arts—was a long-term project of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosas. Many of our fellow Rotarians were involved in the efforts to create such a center including past presidents **Wally Lowry, Evert Person, John McNeil, Hack Boyett, Jeanne Levin, Rod Sherry**, and many other Rotarians. **Queen Jeanne** asked about on-site sewer system that created many problems over the center's 30 years that killed efforts to capitalize on LBC's real estate assets on behalf of the center. Mike responded that Sutter solved the problem—first by paying the

arts center \$10 million for the property, second by connecting the center and the new hospital to the county's sewer system. Another \$10 million will be spent by Sutter on projects not located on the medical center's property. Mike fielded a tough final question: Where did he see our Big 3 hospitals—Sutter, Kaiser, and St Joseph—10 years from now. A hard futuristic question to answer but Mike is sure we will see consolidation of facilities. Some answers involving Sutter are already known. The



Michael Purvis of Sutter

medical buildings on the Chanate Campus will be returned to Sonoma County and Sutter's contract when they took over the county's health care responsibilities of the former county hospital is set to expire at the end of 2012. Warwick Hospital and the vineyard behind the Wells Fargo Center will eventually be sold ("monetized" is how he put it). Another outstanding presentation on this community in Rotary's 90 year old tradition in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County!

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**Kris Anderson**

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