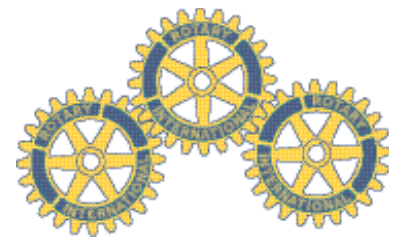




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OUR PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 12TH:

MODERN SURGICAL ADVANCES

LAPAROSCOPY SURGEON HIGHLIGHTS ADVANCED NEW TECHNIQUES & PRACTICES

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



In the 21st Century, minimally-invasive surgery has dramatically reduced risk and suffering from major operations of the chest and abdomen due to smaller incisions and reduced bleeding, and a much shorter recovery time from serious surgery. Rotary's guest speaker next Wednesday, Dr. Robert Woodbury, is the foremost practitioner in the North Bay of the modern surgical technique known as laparoscopic surgery and keyhole surgery performed on the thoracic or chest cavity in the broader field of endoscopy.

Dr. Woodbury received his medical training from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland, and served his internship and residency at the Navy Medical Center Scripps Hospital in San Diego. His post residency was in advanced laparoscopic and gastroenterology surgery at Scripps Green Hospital, in Torrey Pines, California. He came to Santa Rosa in 2004 to join

Memorial Hospital's Trauma Program and also serves on the State Faculty Advanced Trauma Life Support Program for this military region.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

- Oct. 19, 2011: Rotary Means Business
- Oct. 26, 2011: State of Santa Rosa—Mayor Ernie Olivares
- Location Changed to La Rose meeting center
- Nov. 2, 2011: District Governor Maureen Merrill

CHECK OUT THESE LINKS

- Visit our website at www.santarosarotary.com
- Check out [District 5130](http://www.rotary.org/District5130)
- Explore <http://www.rotaplast.org/>
- Visit Rotary's [Foundation](#) page

October 26th Meeting will be held in the St. Rose Office Facility

OPENING CEREMONIES

John McHugh opened up this week's meeting by leading our club in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a wonderful invocation from the heart of Robbie Foust.

CLUB GUESTS

We eagerly welcomed several guests and visiting Rotarians to this week's meeting. A big welcome to fellow Rotarians Michael Fish & Gina Grant (a former member of our club) as well as to guests of Rotarians Pauline Beck, Evan Phillips, Justin & Mandy Lelacheur, and Anna & Tim Marquis. Great to see all of you at Rotary, we hope to see you all again soon.

We apologize to **Jack Geary** for leaving his guests from the September 28th meeting out of the bulletin. Jack's guests were: Shirley Johnson-Foell, Educator & Board Member, Disability Services & Legal Center and Penny Snyder, Director of Employment, Becoming Independent and Board Member, Sonoma County Mayors' Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities.

RAFFLE

This week's winning Raffle ticket was pulled by none other than our very own **Susan O'Rourke**. For those who don't know Susan, she is an Honorary Rotarian,



Susan O'Rourke was happy to win the consolation prize

maintains our website, and publishes our weekly bulletin, helping to make sure all of us bulletin editors cross our "T's" and dot our "i's"....not that we ever make any mistakes. Unfortunately, Susan was unable to pull the lucky marble from the bag. Perhaps we'll have a winner this coming week.

SUNSHINE REPORT

This was a mixed week for the Sunshine report. **Jeff Gospe** is recovering from foot surgery after a strange accident involving some stiletto heels, but was still able to attend our meeting. **Chuck Reilly** made a triumphant return to our club. We were happy to have him back. Unfortunately, **Juan Hernandez** is still under the weather and was unable to make this week's

meeting. Hurry back Juan, you are missed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sam McMillan gave a thank you to everyone who attended last week's social and has various cuts of meat to be delivered to those who placed the orders. Please get in touch with Sam to claim your special cuts.

Pauline Beck, our youth exchange student from France, is having remarkable success with her traveling dinner fundraisers. Four dinners are already fully booked. There are a few spots still available but you need to sign up ASAP.

Debi Zaft gave a special thank you to **Wayne Rowlands** for volunteering his hospitable home as well as some of his personally-crafted wine for last Thursday evening's Rotary Club Social. She gave him a pressed wine bottle with his family label as a token of the clubs gratitude. (Editor's note: the glass bottle was "pressed", not Wayne's wine.)



Wayne's unusual gift

Also Debi thanked all of those who attended the memorial service for **John Brown** last Saturday. Especially those generous Rotarians who donated food and drink for the reception afterward.

Carmen Sinigiani thanked all those who volunteered to participate in the Gran Fondo bike ride this last Saturday. Rotary's continued support at this event is a great help, not only for the Gran Fondo but for giving a public face to our Rotary Club.

Nick Knickerbocker is selling tickets to the 11th Annual Tribute to our Veterans being held at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, on Tuesday November 8th at 11:30 am. The keynote speaker will be President Ronald Reagan's Secretary of the Air Force, Thomas C. Reed. Many of us remember his fascinating Rotary program last year about our country's dedication to national defense under Reagan. Tickets are only \$15 each. If you are interested please get in touch with him immediately as these tickets always sell out long before the luncheon in honor of our veterans.

BIRTHDAYS

Lots of birthdays to celebrate for the month of October and while not all of them were at the meeting all joined in to sing the Birthday Song to more than a few Rotarians. Birthday wishes go out to **Kris Anderson, Daniel Bornstein, Troy Carrington, Jose Guillen, Melvin Herman, Greg Johnston, Nicole Le, Carrie Ludtke, Joseph Joe McNeany, Vinay Patel, John Poremba, Sonaya Stevens, Timothy Stewart, and Roy Thylin.**



There were so many birthdays, it took two photos to fit them in!



RECOGNITIONS

Vinay Patel donated two tickets to see Ravi Shankar at in San Francisco's Davis Hall this coming Friday. Marnie was able to use her auctioneering skills to sell these fine tickets to **Blaine Goodwin** for \$50. Good bargain, Blaine. Enjoy the show.

Roy Thylin recently took a trip down Germany's "Blue" and brought back several pictures of various sites along the way for us to see. As a result **President Marnie** made it a "fine" day for Roy, who donated \$100 to Rotary's local foundation in the name of **John Brown**. Thank you, Roy.

Past President (1987-88) Rich de Lambert came back to us after making a trip to several locations up and down the East Coast on behalf of his church. After some number haggling, he and **President Marnie** decided on a fine of \$5 per city stop. In the end the math broke down to a \$25 dollar gain for the club.

Thank you, Rich.

Wally Lowry is back from his monthly tour of unnamed Civil War battlefields. He donated \$10 in recognition of his trip and we all said a silent thank you. Because there are lots of battlefields and Wally intends to visit them all.

ROTARIAN GORDON SHURTLEFF

Gordon Shurtleff, a fellow Rotarian and former member of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa from 1968 until he retired and moved to La Jolla and the Torrey Pines Rotary Club a decade ago, was featured in the San Francisco Chronicle last Tuesday. SF Gate called Gordon "The Ultimate Rotarian", and quoted **Sam Saunders, Steve Olson, Tom Farrell, Will Haymaker,** and Susan ZW, who all waxed eloquent about our old friend. A past president of La Jolla Rotary, Gordon he has made it his mission to visit and help at least 200 Rotary clubs around the world. He sees his accomplishment to be his contribution towards RI's philosophy of "Service Above Self". You can read the article here: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/09/27/prweb8825529.DTL>

FIRST CLASS TO LONDON – FREE!

The good fortune of Kristen Fladseth—our Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Santa Rosa—continues, according to **Past President and Scholarship Chair Will Haymaker**: Two weeks ago, Kristin was scheduled to fly to London to start her scholarship year at London University when she agreed to give up her seat on the United Airlines flight and was promised a later flight. She arrived a day late...upgraded to first class on a free ticket voucher!

ROTARIANS OF THE MONTH

This month we got a "Two-fer", as **President Marnie** recognized both **Larry Miyano** and **Karen Ball** as our Rotarians of the month. Larry has always given of his time and effort to our club and, while it is very rare to see a Red Badge member earn the honor, Karen is proving she



Honored Rotarians Larry Miyano and Karen Ball

can break through the norms. Congratulations to you both, and thank you for all you do for our club.

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.

OUR BIG 90

October 26, 1921, will mark the birth of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa, 16 years after Rotary founder Paul Harris and four other business men met in Chicago in February 1905, and 13 years after San Francisco Rotary became the second service club in the world. Our club's first regular meeting was held on November 2 at the rather spiffy Occidental Hotel which had been built from the rubble of that famous earthquake in what we now call Old Railroad Square. Sponsored by the brand-new Rotary Club of Napa, Rotary Club #1023 received its charter on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving; 90 years ago this winter. The 23 charter members were a mixture of bankers, attorneys, physicians, educators, prune growers, dairy farmers, educators, hop growers & brokers, two newspaper publishers, and a real estate agent!

THE PROGRAM

This week's Lesson in Rotary was delivered to us by Michael Fish, Past President of Ignacio Rotary Club and former District Governor of District 5150. Michael's discussion focused on one question: How to make Rotary more fulfilling? This answer, oddly enough, was another question. What does Rotary do? It is a more difficult question than you might think,

This week's photographer:

Diane Moresi

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but far from impossible to answer. Rotary does so much, that one can become lost in specifics. Do we donate to local and international schools? Yes. Do we help to provide clean water to villages in remote locations? Definitely. Do we fight disease? Poverty? Sudden and unexpected disasters? Of course we do. But what is the one statement which can encompass all of the facets which make up Rotary? Simple: Rotary Changes People's Lives.

Anyone who has past experience with Rotary knows this to be true. Rotary, Michael explained, can be many things to many people but it ultimately comes down to what Rotary is for you. For Michael his moment came when he carried a sleeping child from a Rotoplast operation room to the recovery room in a remote village in South America. Knowing that child's life had been changed forever made him a Rotarian. Michael related the story of a wealthy Rotarian in Houston, a member of the America's largest Rotary Club—disconnected from his community—whose life changed one day when he was asked to drive a sick boy to the hospital. He reluctantly did, and it changed his life—and his Rotary Club—forever.

Guest speaker Michael Fish concluded, "I've personally seen parents, struggling financially to care for a sick son, write donation checks to Rotary. When asked why they would want to make a donation they might not be able to afford, they answered simply because we know it will help. Rotary is an organization that changes people's lives. We help those in need. Sometimes however, the change comes to those of us who wear our pins and give how and when we can. The change comes when we are able to see and to experience first hand what Rotary does."

MARNIE'S QUOTE

"All my life I always wanted to be somebody. Now I realize: I should have been more specific."