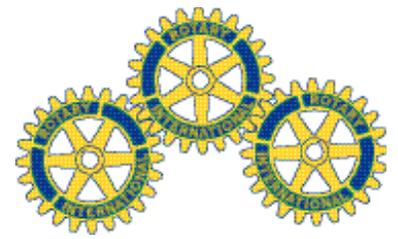




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Merry Christmas!

Santa Rosa Rotary Club Dark December 21st Due to Christmas Holidays

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

Dec. 21, 2011: No meeting—Christmas Holiday

Dec. 28, 2011: Dorfman hosts our annual Trivia competition

Jan. 4, 2012: 1915—The restoration of the Grand Organ from the SF Panama-Pacific Expo!

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Upcoming Programs

DEC. 28TH: ROTARY FAMILY TRIVIA COMPETITION



Rotarians and their children, families, and grandchildren have been turning out for our club's traditional Family Trivia competition since the early eighties, not long after the board game was created in 1979. Initially what attracted them was Past President Chuck Bartley who hosted the game just before New Year's Eve for two decades. But the crowds still show up to test their trivial intellect to win Big Bucks for their table. Marvin R. Dorfman—another president from the club's past—assumed the tattered mantle and has been stumping the generations ever since. Last year Chuck told us where and how Trivial Pursuit was born—which may be the first question on this last Rotary meeting of 2011.

JAN 4TH: SAN FRANCISCO'S OLDEST AND HEAVIEST MUSICAL TREASURE

The seventh largest pipe organ in the world was given to the City of San Francisco after serenading thousands at the Panama-Pacific Exposition 96 years ago. The Civic Auditorium was built specifically to house the great organ but huge theatrical organ was damaged in the 1989 earthquake, removed and repaired. Sadly, it has been in storage for 22 years and has never been re-installed in the Civic Auditorium or played again. In the first Rotary Program for 2012, Hollywood sound man and native San Franciscan asks: "San Francisco still owns the pipe organ and they own the Palace of Fine Arts. In less than two years, the Exploratorium is moving to the Embarcadero. Why not put the two back together?" Don't miss this evocative & entertaining program on Jan. 4, 2012.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

President Marnie opened our annual Holiday Dinner meeting with greetings to all the youngsters in the audience. She remarked how nice it is to see how the Club's general age dynamic has changed so much in the past decade.

Your weekly Editor agrees! When I joined the Club nearly 10 years ago, I certainly was one of the only Members (if not the only Member) at the time younger than 40 years old. Throughout the past decade, the



Laura McNeill with future member, daughter Molly

Club's average age has gotten steadily younger. This only makes our Club stronger for the long haul.

Look around at the Lions and Kiwanas Clubs, Sons of Italy, Masons, Elks and other service clubs. They are all struggling with aging populations.

If you were there last night and saw all the younger Members and their children, you can see we've overcome that struggle and can move forward into the next few decades without the worry of the Club dwindling with every obituary!

But I challenge the younger, newer Members to spend time and get to know the folks who have made this Club what it is today! Every challenge this Club faces has been seen before and our more mature members can help share knowledge of how to solve issues and get results! What a powerful dynamic we have forming between the young and energetic and the older and more knowledgeable! This Club is going to be amazing in the years to come!

Our weekly pledge was lead by **Past President Wally Lowry** and the eloquent invocation was given by **Ginny Cannon**.

GUESTS

We had so many! Starting with the two most near

and dear to your Editor's heart, Madeline and Patrick Everson. Also prospective members Mike Ott and Landon McPherson joined the fun. As well as many spouses and other children. I can recall Molly McNeil, Joey and Anthony Sinigiani, Jocelyn and Zac Thomas, Madeline and Emily Parranto, Jillian Ludtke and many others were there that I did not have the pleasure to meet.

RAFFLE

Today's raffle ticket was drawn by the cutest Emily! The winning ticket was held by another legendary **Past President, Yale Abrams**. Speaking of older members! In over 700 years with our Rotary, Yale had never won a raffle! But he too quickly pulled a marble before

being offered a deal! He had a 50/50 chance at close to \$400! But he pulled a blue marble and saw his net worth increase by \$10! The pot will now convert to the maximum number of marbles and should grow impressively for the next few weeks.



Bob Higgs and Yale Abrams

SUNSHINE REPORT

Pris Abercrombie had a knee replaced and is doing well.



The kids had a great time around the tree

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Foreign Exchange Student Pauline Beck has been expelled from our program and is being sent packing to France. She was a bright and active young lady and was so well liked by all who got to know her. But her inability to follow the program's rules was too much and she has been asked to leave. Au revoir, petite Pauline! We'll miss you! If you're curious about this sad turn of events, please ask Jeff Gospe.
- Ted 'n' Sam still need a few volunteers to sign up and deliver dictionaries. Come on folks, do we really have to beg here? This is one of our biggest projects, let's just sign up!
- Finally, remember we are dark next week! No Meeting on December 21!

PROGRAM

Tonight's program was to wrap presents for our annual Christmas ballet and gift-giving program. Before we got going on wrapping presents, a visit from Santa Claus pleased the youngsters in the crowd. Santa seemed to be a bit delayed. But in the end, he showed up and had some nice gifts for the little kids.



Santa was a hit with the kids

After Santa's appearance, Madeline Everson got up to lead the crowd in Jingle Bells! And as the Club began to wrap gifts, the kids found out the microphone was left open...and they all got into the act of caroling for the wrappers.

A wonderful evening of food, family, fun and giving had by all! Happy Holidays everyone!



The crowd had a great time at the wrap party



Tim Fawcett as Santa "Look deep into my eyes...."

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