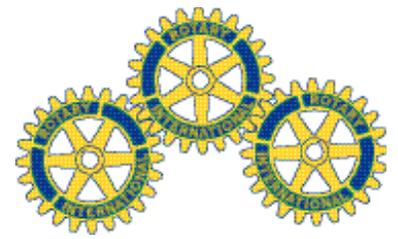




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OUR PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 18TH:

CHALLENGING ADVERSARIAL DISPUTE

IS THE CONFLICT OF OUR LEGAL SYSTEM THE BEST WAY TO RESOLVE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES?

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



Robert Revel

Scholar & author Robert Revel discusses the true nature of conflict and how to negotiate the challenging terrain of adversarial dispute. He demonstrates how these seeming challenges actually offer value and richness to our lives. Revel is also the co-founder of the GO Divorce Clinic, a local holistic alternative to the conventional divorce process. His newly-released book is entitled Razing Men.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

January 25: Rotary's 18th Annual Public Safety Awards

February 1: The WWII vet who rescued JFK

February 8: Giro Bello—"Rotary's massive fund-raiser"

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OPENING CEREMONIES

Today's noon meeting was called to order by our lovely and talented president, **Marnie Goldschlag**. The Pledge was led by the equally lovely, talented and, as we'll later "fined out" well-rested **Pam Williams**.

INVOCATION

The invocation today was given by **Steve Reuter**. It went like this:

"Dear Lord, please bless the Rotarians in this room. For they serve above self, as all Rotarians do, to help the less fortunate find hope and a better future. While there will always be new missions for Rotary, please give us strength; that our current endeavors be accomplished in this generation. Amen"

VISITING ROTARIANS

Visiting Rotarians included Richard Hyde, a member of the online E-1 Rotary Club, Doug Wayman from the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East, and Tony Cipolla, the New Generation Rotarian who married the new club's first president, Nicole Arnone.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

None other than those being presented with funds from the Charitable Projects Committee and Foundation.

ROTARY CHARITABLE PROJECTS AND FOUNDATION AWARDS

As we all know, we raise money at Rotary to fund projects around the world and within our own community. Today **Will Haymaker** and **Steve**



Steve Olson and President Marnie with YWCA's Jennifer Lake

Olson had the honor of awarding grant money to three worthy recipients to help them continue their good works in our

local community.

First was the Sonoma County YWCA, represented by Jennifer Lake. The grant money will be used to aid women who are victims of domestic abuse. The second grant was awarded to Roseland University



Steve Olson and President Marnie with Roseland University Prep's Abin Giampoli

Prep, a local charter school primarily serving the Hispanic community. The school, in the Roseland District, has an

exemplary rate of graduates who go on to attend four year colleges. University Prep's Abin Giampoli represented the school.

She explained that our Rotary Club's financial support will fund the Senior Mentor Program



Steve Olson and President Marnie with VOM's Meg Epster-Dawson

at Roseland Prep. The third award went to the Valley of the Moon Children's Center, whose representative Meg Epster-Dawson noted that their grant will help fund a dental program for children at the center. Worthy recipients, all!

SUNSHINE

Nancy Shepherd said that all is sunny. No bad news to report.

SECRET GREETER??

Maybe I wasn't paying enough attention, but I don't remember a secret greeter.

RAFFLE

With \$448 on the line and seven marbles, **Deborah Grey** was only able to walk away with the \$10 consolation price. **Tony Walker** won a 2nd drawing for tickets to the Schultz Museum.



Deborah Grey tries for the lucky marble

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- One of our club's unsung heroes, **Ted Wilmsen**, gave final instructions for those signed up for dictionary distribution to the local 3rd graders. Dependable Ted takes on this job eagerly and willingly for as long as I can remember. And our club's 3rd grade dictionary program has been a major Rotary project for most of Ted's 37 years as a Rotarian.

- **President Marnie** and next years' victim (errr...president) **Bill Rousseau** jointly announced the happy news that our lunch prices will rise one dollar next Wednesday to \$18. The other dollar shoe will drop next year: \$19!! They promised filet mignon, fine aged wines, and gourmet desserts every Wednesday. Really they did!!!



President Marnie and President-Elect Bill Rousseau discuss inflation

RECOGNITIONS

President Marnie, sensing that her Rotary flock still has too much loose change in their pockets, decided to help relieve them of that affliction.

- Immediately our Charming President continued her verbal assault of **Kevin Brown** for his passionate love of his wife and cheap & nearby romantic destinations.
- **Pam Williams**, looking tanned and relaxed

was cited for failure to yield to the two week vacation time limit. **Officer Goldschlag** pulled over Ms. Williams and extracted a C-Note to be split 50/50 between our local club foundation and a Mr. Paul Harris. (For the fledgling Red Badgers, "C" is the Roman numeral for 100).

- **Sam McMillan** was happy to part with a piece of wood and a bottle of Ripple (or something) after an unsuccessful hunting trip to Colorado and a Rotary-related trip to Palm Springs. Marnie was not happy with the size and quality of the wood, nor the wine, so Sam also contributed \$100 to one of his Paul Harris funds.



President Marnie displays Sam McMillan's unique gift

- **Greg Johnston** was fined two bucks (another euphemism) for some indiscretion or another (Honey Badger don't care!)
- And for his own questionable behavior, **Matt Everson**, also was separated from his money. Don't mess with Elvira!
- And you might have missed **Past President Kathleen Archer's** embarrassing fine that almost interrupted the speaker. Her cell phone interrupted **President Marnie's** closing remarks. That will be \$5 please!!

THE PROGRAM

Today, we learned about fraud in the work place. Our speaker, a forensic accounting specialist named Jeffrey Mallan, gave us a fascinating look into the world of financial misappropriation. Mr Mallan, the founder of North Bay Alliance of Certified Fraud Examiners, gave us an overview of embezzlement, both on the national level (can anyone say Fannie and Freddie?) and on the regional level. The statistics he cited were equally fascinating: The median number for fraud cases is around \$100K; 89.8 percent of all fraud

cases are misappropriation of funds; 22 percent involve corruption, such as bribes (lobbyists?) and 4.3 percent involve cases of fraudulent statements—such as medical services billed but not provided.

Then some juicy examples of fraud cases here in the Golden State: A bookkeeper at a woodworking company in Escondido managed to make off with \$9.9 million over a period of just four years. A San Carlos construction company lost \$4.8 million to



Speaker Jeffrey Mallan

fraud over a period of 34 years (that's 34 years!!) An office manager in Red Bluff absconded with \$2 million and a general manager at a Lexus dealership got away with \$835,000 before being apprehended.

As is obvious from these stories, many cases of misappropriation of funds go unnoticed for years, mainly due to a lack of internal control systems. Mallan stated that fraud is based on opportunity, motive and rationalization. Surprisingly, the majority

of fraud is perpetrated by women. To prevent fraud, Mr. Mallan emphasized that an ounce of prevention is worth several tons of prosecution...professional checks and balances on all money handling. For example, requiring more than one signature on any checks written or making sure that the person balancing the books should not be the one writing checks. At this point, our very long-retired (and wealthy) accounting professional, **Wally Lowery** exclaimed, "Beware the bookkeeper!" Thanks, Wally...



Kerrie Chambers (not pictured) presided over January Birthdays: Stephan Passalacqua, Jeff Gospe, Matt Everson, Steve Olson and President Marnie

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

Tim Delaney - Wealth Management
sponsored by
Larry Miyano
Katie Barr - Education Development
sponsored by
Suzanne Drace

FELLOWSHIP

January 18th

Raffle - Karen Ball
Visiting Rotarians - Ray Foreaker
Tickets - Jerry Shimp
Greeters - Kathleen Archer and John Breazeale

This week's photographer:
Nicole Le

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