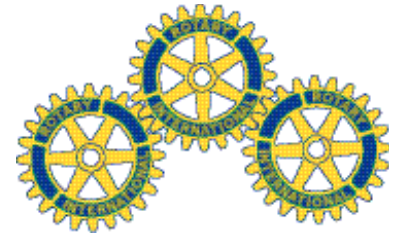




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## OUR PROGRAM FOR MARCH 7TH:

### ROTARY PAST PRESIDENTS' DAY

*DON McMILLAN RETURNS TO THE PODIUM HONORING CLUB PRESIDENTS*

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



*Past President Don McMillan*

Don McMillan, this Rotary Club's freshest past president, hosts this year's Past President's Day as we salute the Past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa over the past 90 years and personally thank the past presidents who are able to join us for lunch next week. Don has asked three past presidents to summarize the most interesting projects that our club tackled during their year as president.

#### **WHO Removes India From Polio Endemic List!**

Click the following link to read the [RI Press Release](#) or go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) to access from Rotary International's home page.

[www.santarosarotary.com](http://www.santarosarotary.com)

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS....**

**March 14th:** Our Guatemala Project

**March 21th:** Chris Coursey & the Amgen Tour of California

**March 28th:** KSRO's "Ask Kira Reginato" Senior Radio

#### **CHECK OUT THESE LINKS**

Visit our website at [www.santarosarotary.com](http://www.santarosarotary.com)

Read about the India's victory over polio

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

Visit Rotary's [Foundation](#) page

Go to Giro Bello Classic: [girobello.com](http://girobello.com)

## OPENING CEREMONIES

**Sonaya Stevens** led us in the weekly Pledge of Allegiance and **Carmen Sinigiani** inspired us with an invocation that included quotes from a number of athletes, including one from the late runner Steve Prefontaine: “To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice your best.”

## FELLOWSHIP

Thanks to our fellow Rotarians who volunteer to sell lunch tickets, greet our arriving members and guests, introduce visiting Rotarians, oversee the raffle’s lucky ticket and colored marbles, and take care of those details that make our meetings run so smoothly...at least until we get to the announcements and recognitions. **Sharon Liddell** and **Tim Delaney** were our greeters and **Julia Parranto** oversaw the lunch tickets.

## VISTING ROTARIANS

**Kiska Icard** introduced Rotarians visiting us from other Rotary Clubs: Pierre La Gourque from Sebastopol Rotary and Dr. Shari Shamsuvari from the Rotary Club of Guadalajara.

## ROTARIAN MAGAZINE QUIZ

**Past President Steve Olson** was quick to answer **Nona Lucas’** Question of the Week: “Rotary is celebrating what 10th anniversary?” The answer is “The Rotary Peace Fellowship was established.”



Nona Lucas fails to stump  
Steve Olson

## GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

**Doug Johnson** introduced his guest Shawn McCullough, **Matt Fannin** welcomed his guest Dwayne Arakai, but our speaker for the day, fellow Rotarian and **Past President Ed Anderson**, brought most of the members of his law firm, Anderson, Ziegler, Disharoon, Gallagher and Gray.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Past President Kathleen Archer** shared the dates for the Salvation Army’s “Disaster Training” scheduled for two different April dates in Petaluma. If you’d like to get involved in the local corps disaster relief, see Kathleen for more details.

**Karen Ball** reminded (again) that the luncheon celebrating the 25th anniversary of the women in Rotary will be held at Vintners Inn (John Ash) on Friday March 16th from 11 am to 2 pm. Raffle prizes, sponsors...and Men are encouraged for the big event. Contact Karen for more information.

**Mark Burchill** urged Rotarians to sign up to volunteer for the Rebuilding Together project scheduled for a late April weekend. Check with Mark for more information about our club’s “hands-on” spring project.

**President Marnie, Past President “Queen Jeanne” Levin** and **Genie Delles** shared some delightful thank-you notes from some of Santa Rosa’s third graders who received their dictionaries last month. The innocence of youth and their genuine appreciation was quite touching.

## THE RAFFLE

**Ginny Cannon** ran this week’s Rotary Raffle with a weekly Jackpot that overflowed with 235 lovely “C Notes” and **Diane Moresi** held the lucky ticket, but her luck ran out and the marble she drew was way too dark. As she settled for only 10 of those dollar bills, the entire assembly calculated next week’s odds—a potential prize of \$300 and only two dark spoilers in the velvet bag. Watch out, raffle ticket-sellers!

## RECOGNITIONS

- **Mel Herman** was welcomed back from his recent surgical adventures by our kindly president and forced to cough up five bucks for leaving his “other” pair of glasses at the sign- in table.
- Almost New Pop (second time) **Matt Fannin** proudly announced that son Lucas was born on February 11th and that all is well in his expanded household. Congratulations to the Fannin Family! For this Matt contributed \$50 to his Paul Harris Fellowship, \$50 to our Rotary Club in honor of his new son to the club, and a third \$50 to the Jack Levar Memorial Fund. In

2 weeks the club will take up a collection for young Lucas that Matt will match to start that all important college fund.

• Santa Rosa Schools Superintendent **Sharon Liddell** was recognized for the announcement of her upcoming retirement in June as long-time Superintendent of Santa Rosa Schools. Sharon will pursue other opportunities here in Santa Rosa. She contributed \$50



**Sharon Liddell and her four legged companion**

for her Paul Harris Fellowship plus \$50 to the club.

• **Robby Fouts** was dinged \$5 for being “accused” of being a “gentleman”. Sorry, Robby, you should know by now that you just can’t win!!

## PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Keith Gentry: Insurance Broker, sponsored by **Jack Abercrombie**.

## INDIA NO LONGER POLIO-ENDEMIC

Last week the World Health Organization removed India from the list of polio-endemic countries. India’s last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on January 13, 2011. Before polio eradication can be certified in India, it must go two more years without another case of the disease. Only three years ago—in 2009—India accounted for nearly half the number of the world’s polio cases. Rotary International has played a major role in helping to stop the transmission of polio in India and is a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Polio remains endemic in only three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. For more information, check out the links on Page One.

## GIRO BELLO UPDATE

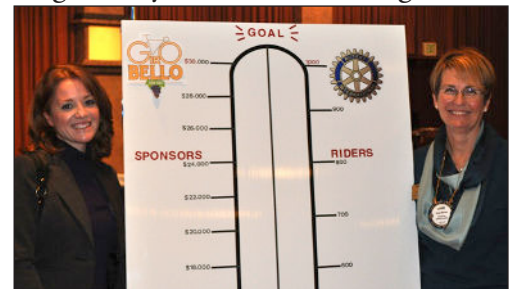
Our club’s biggest fundraiser is well underway! The Facebook marketing campaign is working well. “Bicycling Magazine” and



the “Bike Monkey’s Special Edition” will give this year’s “Beautiful Ride” nationwide exposure to more than 500,000 bike riders! Posters will be going up around Santa Rosa and in bike shops as far away as Reno! Rider fundraising is underway with an easy-to-use link from the Giro Bello website! All of you who are planning to ride in Giro Bello should check this out. Remember that we are a tax-exempt 501(c)3 charity so all donations the club receives through Rider Fundraising are tax deductible! The site for this year’s Giro Bello Expo could not be better! If you haven’t driven past this year’s start and finish, at O’Reilly Media and Publishing in Sebastopol, you should do so as soon as possible. O’Reilly’s beautiful lawn will be filled with music, great food, and local vendors will spend the day entertaining the riders, friends, and families.

But sponsorships are coming in slowly! What can you do to help find corporate sponsors? Contact **Doug Johnson** right away for an outstanding presentation packet.

If each Rotarian brought in \$500 in sponsorships, Giro Bello 2012 would exceed our



**Carmen Sinigiana and Diane Moresi display sponsorship progress**

goal! Remember to visit the Giro Bello website at [www.girobello.com](http://www.girobello.com) or contact **Diane Moresi** at [dmoresi@mac.com](mailto:dmoresi@mac.com) with any questions, suggestions!

## PROGRAM

Program Chair for the day, **Past President Kathleen Archer**, introduced our speaker for the day and member of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa for almost half a century, **Ed Anderson**, who served as President in 1970-71. His topic was his unique professional and personal relationships with three men who had an enormous impact on Sonoma County and worldwide in the last half of the 20th century: World-renowned artist Christo and his wife, Jeanne Claude, came to Sonoma County in 1970 to build the “Running Fence”, a spectacular work of art—an eight-foot high nylon fence that ran for 24 miles through the hills and valleys of northern Marin County to the Pacific

Coast in southern Sonoma County. Ed was their legal counsel at the time.

Christo's Running Fence was a massive undertaking of logistics, politics, public relations and creativity that took six years of careful and persistent planning, including two years spent convincing 55 local ranchers—who owned most of the property through which the exhibit would run—to support an artistic endeavor that was the first of its kind in the



**Speaker Ed Anseron**

world. It was those ranchers, now sold on Christo and his fence, who came to the public meetings to share how important the project was to them. With their help and persuasion the County Board of Supervisors was finally convinced to approve the project despite wide-spread opposition that included the California Coastal Commission. The Running Fence was in place for only two weeks, but is still one of the most talked about events in Sonoma County history.

Ed's next profile was Jack Warnecke, a highly regarded architect and artist who lived in Sonoma County. Best known for his design of "The Eternal Flame", the John F. Kennedy Memorial the Arlington National Cemetery, Jack Warnecke had known Kennedy in the 1940s and was involved in the redesign of Washington, D.C.'s Lafayette Square during Kennedy's term as president. When President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, Jacqueline Kennedy asked Jack to work on the design of the final resting place of her slain husband. Ed commented that Mr. Warnecke passed away only

last year.

It was with Charles "Sparky" Schulz, that Ed Anderson shared his closest relationship of the three men. He shared the remarkable 250,000 daily circulation statistics of Schulz's "Peanuts" comic strip, which continues to this day, more than 10 years after Sparky's death. Anderson confirmed that Charles Schulz only wanted to be known just as a "cartoonist". He was proud of his chosen profession and had wonderful relationships with his colleagues. After his death in 2001, Sparky was honored with our country's highest American award given to American civilians—"The Congressional Medal of Honor". Ed had accompanied the Schulz family to Washington for the presentation in the Capitol of the Rotunda and gave the address in honor of his friend. Ed shared with us the video of the speech and concluded his remembrances with an interesting connection between Christo and Sparky—a piece of artwork by Christo that resides in Santa Rosa's Schulz museum entitled "Doghouse Wrapped" that features Snoopy's doghouse. Thank you, Ed, for sharing the memories and stories from your front row seat!

## FELLOWSHIP

March 7th

**Raffle** - Jennifer Peschken

**Visiting Rotarians** - Eileen Carlisle

**Tickets** - David Brown

**Greeters** -Debi Zaft and Katie Barr

*This week's photographer:*

**Diane Moresi**

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