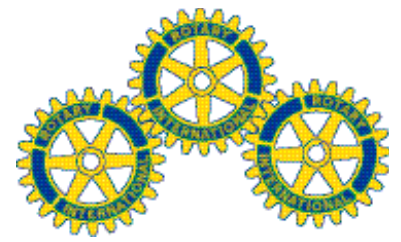




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OUR PROGRAM FOR JUNE 6TH:

CRIMINAL REALIGNMENT IN CALIFORNIA

LAWBREAKERS GUILTY OF CALIFORNIA FELONIES SENTENCED TO COUNTY JAILS?

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON

California's criminal justice realignment represents one of the most significant changes in criminal justice policy since statehood. Enacted via the Budget Act of 2011, the new policy makes radical changes to California's correctional system by sentencing certain classes of state felons to county jails and transferring those already serving certain sentences for California felonies to county jails. The official stated purpose is "to stop the costly, ineffective, and unsafe 'revolving door' of lower level offenders and parole violators through our state prisons". This policy became effective on October 1 last year but has yet to go into effect. Chief Probation Officer of Sonoma County Robert Ochs explains criminal realignment, discusses its impact on Sonoma County, and answers your questions.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

June 13: ADA Compliance for Small Business
June 20: Your business presence online
June 27: No meeting due to Friday Debunking
Friday, June 29: Debunking of President Marnie

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Visit our website at www.santarosarotary.com
Search www.sonoma-county.org/probation
Go to Giro Bello Classic: <http://girobello.com>

OPENING CEREMONIES

Vickie Hardcastle led us with the Pledge of Allegiance and new member **Katie Barr** read the story of the *Jar with the Stones* for the invocation.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Joan Marie Goode was welcomed by **Karen Ball**. **Katie Barr** hosted her guest, Ben Barr, Blake Tully-Smith was introduced by **Wayne Rowlands** and **President-elect Bill Rousseau** introduced a former member of our club, Bill Adams.

VISITING ROTARIANS

From the Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary Club, Brian Rondon and Jennifer Hembd, Bryan Fairlee drove all the way from Fort Bragg and the Rotary Club thereof, and from the Big Apple Rotary Club of New York City, former member, frequent visitor, and the current Governor of Upper New York District 5950...Dave Del Monte!

SUNSHINE REPORT

Pretty sunny out there, with the exception of **Matt Everson's** dad, who is still very ill and could use our good thoughts and prayers.

RAFFLE

Blaine Goodwin held the lucky ticket. All he had to do was to identify the only orange marble out of nine black marbles. When today's raffle monitor **Chip Lawson** admitted there was only \$30 in today's Jackpot, Blaine came up with a black marble; but \$10 isn't so bad for a consolation prize.



A woebegone Blaine Goodman chose the wrong marble

YALE ABRAMS: ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

Long, long ago in a Rotary district far, far away, Yale was born at a very young age. Then, many boring years went by, except for when he met Terry in college. Eventually, Yale and Terry moved to Santa Rosa where over the years, he worked as a corporate executive and business owner and ran our local United Way. He currently owns and operates Abrams Consulting and keeps busy—even at his advanced age—offering a host of management consulting services to local and non-local enterprises. Yale joined Rotary 17 years ago, has served the club in many

capacities—the most exalted position being President of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa in Rotary's Centennial Year, 2004-05.



The dapper Yale Abrams, Rotarian of the Month

Yale serves on the board of directors of the Sonoma County Family YMCA, the Santa Rosa Symphony, Sonoma State University Enterprises Corporation, the Sonoma County Workforce Development Board, and the Advisory Council of the Blood Centers of the Pacific. He is also a member of the Empire Breakfast Club and the North Coast Hobos and enjoys skiing, tennis, hiking & snorkeling, and has been known to actually do some of those things. Besides being tall, dark, and handsome, Yale is brilliant, talented, and gifted. He actually deserves being Rotarian of the Year, and possible of this century. Oh yes, he is extremely modest too.

Hand-writ by Yale Abrams

ROTARY SOCIAL

Friday, June 8th, 5:30 pm at **Wayne Rowland's** home at 909 Quarry Pointe in southeast Santa Rosa. **Social Chair and Past President Debi Zaft** encouraged all Rotarians to attend to meet the Group Study Exchange team from Turkey introduced in last week's Santa Rosarian newsletter. We are encouraged to bring your cameras, a bottle of wine, and snacks to share. After two weeks with Rotary Clubs in South County, the GSE team members' English is excellent. They arrive in Santa Rosa on Friday and spend the week touring our city and wineries, Shone Farm, Sonic.net, Dry Creek Valley, and the Russian River. After the team's presentation at the Rotary Club West, they will be our guests for lunch on Wednesday, June 6th. The Friday social will be our farewell to the lone male and four young women. They return home to Istanbul on Saturday, June 9th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin editor **Jim Johnson** reminded us that a weekly Wednesday Rotary meeting will not be held on June 27th and July 4th. **Marnie Goldschlag's** Debunking, at the Wikiup Golf Club on Friday, June 29th will be covered in a special Santa Rosarian with a special Giro Bello issue for the week of the 4th of July—America's 236th birthday!

President Marnie reminded us that Rotary District 5130

was never incorporated. District requests a vote by a show of hands in order to correct the legal status of our district, individual clubs, Rotary officers, members, and other entities. The motion passed overwhelmingly. District will be notified.

Carmen Sinigiani reminded everyone to send out the scripted email on the Giro Bello to our email data bases. More proof that asking your friends and business contacts to pass on your email to them...32 new riders and sponsors signed up just this past week! We still need more financial support for our club's first fundraiser of the new Rotary year that starts July 1st. Send your personal email to everyone you know and ask them to pass it on to their friends, especially those who love to bike and love to watch. Now is the time to keep it up!

Thanks to all of our fellow Rotarians who are visiting the 28 North Bay Rotary Clubs—many of those clubs were sponsored by our Rotary Club—to ask for their support of the Giro Bello on July 7th. “Turnabout” is only fair play: The Rotary Club of Santa Rosa was sponsored by the one-year-old Rotary Club of Napa in 1921.

Past President Will Haymaker: Our club's World Community Service program received an extra \$500 from last week's wine “auction”...without breaking any ABC laws. Thank you letters were sent to Valley of the Moon, St. Francis, and Iron Horse wineries for their generous donations.

President Marnie announced that there will be a big Final Sale of the remaining cases of generous winemaker Cathy Vicini's donations of her award-winning “Pinot for Polio”. Get your check book out for a deal! Lastly the club voted on the recommendation of the board of directors to go along with District 5130's plan to incorporate.

Club Secretary Jack Abercrombie: Time to update your listings in the 2012-13 Roster. If you want to update your photo, please ask **Nicole Le** to take a new photo. Deadline is June 15th!

DELANEY'S CRAFT TALK:

Red Badger Tim Delaney came to Santa Rosa in 1980 and married his high school sweetheart, Ann. He is an investment advisor for JDH Wealth Management and



Tim Delaney

CPA, investing his clients' money in products that he and his family personally have their money invested in. A dedicated Rotarian and pilot, he flies every month for Angel Flight, which offers free air transportation for ambulatory for the seriously ill. Tim serves on the Sonoma County Airport Commission and he is an affiliate of the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Tim confessed to having been a Kiwanian in his dark past but stated that Rotarians are much more fun. Unquestionably!

FINE TIME!

With only four meetings left to “recognize” her adoring subjects, **President Marnie** hit up **Tim Delaney, Cecil Humes, Kiska Icard, and Doug Johnson** for being named the best in their fields in the recent North Bay Biz magazine. **Doug Johnson** had to get help from the club's **Sergeant-at-arms Jack Geary** to fine **President Marnie** for “her” real estate company. President Marnie also announced that Century 21 had signed on as a sponsor for the Giro Bello. Next up for were **Fred Levin, Jack Atkin, Rotary Secretary Jack Abercrombie, and Roy Thylin** who were found guilty for attending a Giants baseball game. As a group! Let's see...Levin is a past president, Thylin and Abercrombie are on the Finance Committee attendance co-chairs, and Jack Atkin is the unofficial club godfather! Hmmm...

Speaking of power and influence, **Past President and Past District Governor Norm Owen** was recognized for enjoying a Hawaiian cruise with his wife Beverly... celebrating yet another wedding anniversary.

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Ten members of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa met on April 9th to discuss how to allocate the \$9,000 budget for World Community Service. The committee decided to participate in the following projects:

1. \$3,000 for Project Amigo to help very poor children in Mexico obtain an education.
2. \$1,000 for the Tagabaca Village—Phillippines is a Matching Funds Adopt a Village water & drainage project in cooperation with the Sebastopol Rotary Club.
3. \$1,000 for the RI program that supplies needed emergency supplies & basic needs to families in disaster areas around the world. One shelter box in our club's name.
4. \$1,500 for a Clean Water System for 70 families in Equador. This is a joint project in combination with

- several Rotary and non-Rotarian groups.
- \$300 to supply water filters and clean water for poor families in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The project combines funds from nine other Rotary Clubs in cooperation with the Puerto Vallarta Rotary Club.

Three other current projects are still under consideration: Our help with a water project in Uganda; Dental services for a village in Uganda; and an education project in India in cooperation with a Rotary Club in India,



The World Community Service Team

Because of limited funds in a world full of needs, difficult decisions have to be made. Therefore the committee voted to sponsor a rest stop for

the Giro Bello Bike Race to enthusiastically support the general fundraising efforts of our club. The committee also expresses the committee's appreciation for our board of directors' excellent support of World Community Service during this Rotary year.

Richard Allen, Director

PROGRAM

When Kathy Millison became City Manager of Santa Rosa late in 2010, she assumed one heck of a job, dealing with all the problems that city governments have these days. The many problems that caused the economic free fall over the past five years appear to be stabilizing. But what is stability, Mrs. Millison asked? Economies ebb and flow, but the problems since this latest economic downturn began five years ago—combined with the devastating volatility internationally and two lesser

recessions in the new century—seem unprecedented focusing attention on decisions made during better times that are not sustainable now, or in the future.

At this point in the economic cycle there are signs of modest increases in real estate activity, tourism and business. The medical service sector is responding to our aging population. The three major shopping centers in Santa Rosa are undergoing extensive remodeling. The city is trying to find the proper balance in the permit and regulatory side to allow this growth to continue and not get in the way. But how do you streamline these procedures?

The recession has been hard on the fiscal health of the city of Santa Rosa, which is reaching for stability in the core issues of utilities, police and fire protection. The top priority is holding on to what we have. Kathy says that organizational audits are on-going, especially in salaries, benefit packages, and ways to control all costs of government. Employees are making concessions with about 200 less positions in city government and services than before the recession.

City services—transportation and safety are big issues. Additional bike paths, better use of “green energy” vehicles, maintenance of city streets are ongoing projects of which there is never enough money. Losing the renovation money to the state was a blow. The city manager said that she might not have minded it so much if the money had gone to the schools, but it is not. Like homeowners, the city is refinancing debt to lock in lower fixed rates. Santa Rosa city management reserves are only 13 percent when what they really want is 15 percent in reserves, however Kathy observed that is better than the 10 percent when she became city manager in October 2010. She closed her remarks, calling it “A work in progress”.

This week's photographer:
Nicole Le

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