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OUR PROGRAM FOR AUGUST 22ND:

MEET MICHAEL JURIC OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

NEW GOVERNOR OF ROTARY DISTRICT 5130'S FIRST VISIT TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA ROSA

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



D.G. Michael Juric

The new district governor, a resident of Windsor, is a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor, sponsored 25 years ago by our 90-year-old Rotary Club of Santa Rosa. Meet Michael Juric in person at next Wednesday's noon meeting in Santa Rosa. For a quick preview, you can meet him online in a recorded video introduction on the District 5130 website (www/rotary5130.org). District 5130 stretches almost 350 miles from Sonoma County north along the Pacific Coast to the Oregon border at very tip of our state. Interestingly, he succeeds former DG Maureen Merrill also from the Windsor club, a founding member back in 1987.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

August 29: President William's first Club Assembly

September 5: Jeff Gospe & the GSE kids in France

September 12: "Our Southern Home" Waights Taylor Jr.

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Visit our website: www.santarosarotary.com

District news: <http://www.rotary5130.org/>

Don't miss: <http://rotarymeansbusiness.com/>

OPENING CEREMONIES

President William was back with a longer-than-usual list of things to do today, but first he asked hard-working volunteer **Rotarian Joy Parker** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Then our **“Silent” Rotarian of the Year Robby Fouts** spoke out loud, clear, and poetic. First he admitted that he was feeling “melancholy” (with a head like a melon and a face like a collie) then settled into the moving and inspiring poem he selected as today’s invocation.

VISITING ROTARIAN

Stephenson Atherton, frequent visitor from the Rotary Club of St. Helena (Financial Services), was given a warm welcome. More from Stephenson later.

INTERRUPTION

Our Rotary Club Secretary was surprised to hear that he had an unexpected guest—his wife Pris —on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. We all joined the golden-voiced **Chip Rawson** in a musical tribute to Pris & **Jack Abercrombie**.



Happy Anniversary Jack & Pris Abercrombie!

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Special guest Shannon McLarty, returning from her Exchange Student Year in Germany, introduced herself and was welcomed back home to Santa Rosa. **Debra Smith** introduced her guest, Adam Stein, the new Wright School Superintendent, prospective member Jane Duggan was introduced by **Jim Johnson**, and **President W.** introduced today’s speaker, the President of the Great Seal Foundation, Paul Zamarian.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Jack Atkin had good news to report: **Jack Geary** had been released from the hospital and was recuperating nicely, and **Dick Jenkins** is expected back next week.

ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS

This “craft talk update” is a great addition to our meetings, but it looks like it’s only once a month. Mortgage broker **Kris Anderson** has been a Rotarian and member of our club for more than ten years. An eager volunteer, she is co-chair of the Club Service V photography committee, not only capturing those Rotary moments at our weekly

meetings but also covering outside Rotary events and projects, including the Veterans Day luncheon every year. Kris shared with us her commitment to Rotary and her profession that helps homeowners and their families by finding the best solutions for them in financing their homes. Thanks to Kris for all she does for Rotary and for her work at Allstate Mortgage...in the spirit of Rotary Means Business.

RAFFLE

Robby Fouts’ luck continues to pay off for him at Rotary, thanks to **Raffle Meister Karen Ball** (we have to blame somebody). This week he held the lucky raffle ticket and won \$10! The bad news is that he could have won \$61. If he could only tell the difference between the yellow marble and the dark ones. (In a black velvet bag with his eyes shut.) Seriously, Robby, you know that life is not always fair. After all, what was the actual cash value of your recent honor as Silent Rotarian of the Year? What? No T-Shirt or even a hat?



Karen Ball Gives Robby Fouts a chance to win

GRAN PRIX RAFFLE

Doug Johnson offered \$250 worth of tickets and a parking pass to the Indy Gran Prix Sonoma Race on Sunday, August 26th to the highest bidder. The lucky bidder, Matt Everson, stole them for only \$100!

TRULY R.I.

Rotary International is more than the name of the world’s first service club. Here are three recent examples this month:

Last week, back from a year in London courtesy of Rotary International’s best known program that earned her an advanced university degree in her chosen field of tropical medicine and hygiene, shared with us the many ways that living in a foreign country changed her forever.

Special guest Shannon McLarty, our Santa Rosa Exchange Student returned from her year in Germany after a 26 hour flight that



Shannon McLarty - back from Germany

ended in Greenland. Shannon summarized her adventures in a brief but comprehensive report on her year living with her German family hosts, her unique immersion as a typical German high school student, plus visits to the North Sea, and extensive excursions around the European Common Market.

Then we welcomed our newest Rotary Exchange student, 16-year-old Sophia Wan-Ling Lai, from rural Pingtung County in southern Taiwan, where she grew up in a single-parent home far from a life that could even be called “average”. Sophia will live with several host families in Santa Rosa and attend Montgomery High School surrounded by typical California teenagers for her entire senior year.

CASINO ROYALE

This Rotary year the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa conducts two major fundraisers to raise the money to help fund our club’s extensive community and international projects. In recent years, our Rotary Club—the largest and oldest in Sonoma County—has been forced to cut back on our ability to offer grants, to participate in lifesaving (and life changing) benefits to others in poverty-stricken Central America, devastated Africa, remote parts of Asia, and right here in our home community—student scholarships, local improvement projects, and children’s medical & dental health. Our first effort—last month’s successful Giro Bello—prospered because of non-Rotarian race sponsors and hundreds of participants who contributed through registration fees and purchases of race souvenirs, refreshments, and food.

The second fundraiser—Casino Royale Night in October—depends almost entirely on you, me, and fellow Rotarians. This week our event chair **Past President Debi Zaft** reported that only four donations had been made to the auction that our annual fundraising relies on for funding, with two more items donated this week. With only five weeks left before October 20th, the outlook for a successful fundraiser is pretty grim. But it is not too late if we make the effort and devote the energy necessary to gather donations to the auction donations that will save the day for our club’s projects. **Page 5 of this newsletter is a Casino Royale Donor Form.** Every club member should make their best possible effort...from our own personal Rotary heart.

NEW DONATIONS

Thanks to two dedicated Rotarians—**Vinay Patel** and **Doug Johnson**—we have two more valuable auction items for the Casino Royale Night. From Vinay’s Sizzling Tandoor Restaurants: a Bollywood Indian feast for 20

guests valued at \$1,000—your choice of an indoor or outdoor location! From Doug and Discovery Office Systems: the top high-speed business black & white printer with touch screen—worth approximately \$400! Make your donation personal and make it now to enhance the auction list and attract our guests.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

A number of Rotarians were absent last month when Rotary District “Energizer Bunny” Chris Parr brainwashed the rest of us and divided us into several dozen teams of cheerleaders, expeditors, & mentors (or something like that) for the membership drive. This week **President William**



Membership drive “Top Dogs”

marshaled the troops and corralled the rest of the Rotarians into teams, and marched them off to battle. Photographer **Kris Anderson** captured these members of the “Top Dogs” team, **Karen Ball**, **Past President David Brown**, and **Dan Walker**. Checking off his list of teams was expeditor **Vinay Patel**.

NEW RED BADGER

At Wednesday’s meeting **Past District Governor Norm Owen** inducted another new member into the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa. A hearty Rotary welcome to **John Berto** and thanks to his club sponsor, **John Breazeale**.



Red Badger John Berto with sponsor John Breazeale

G.S.E. 2013

Jeff Gospe announced that District 5130 received several potential applicants to represent us in next year’s Group Study Exchange to Southeast France and Andorra. The deadline was this past week. Any questions, contact Jeff at 494-9249 or gospes@yahoo.com).

MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Staying involved with your Rotary Club and fellow Rotarians not only involves our weekly meetings, but also volunteering to work on behalf of our hands-on projects

and other club activities. To stay involved good Rotarians stay informed. Read each week's *Santa Rosarian* delivered to your computer at every week's end. Catch up on some of the thousands of Rotarians worldwide through the monthly Rotarian magazine. Share what you learn and the work you do through your committees and club leadership. Communicating with your fellow Rotarians gives you the power of information, knowledge, and pride in being a Rotarian.

ROTARIAN MAGAZINE QUIZ

August is Rotarian magazine month. At next Wednesday's meeting; **Nona Lucas** will repeat this question from Rotary's monthly magazine: Where was the first Rotary Club outside of the United States founded? Be prepared with answer to qualify for next month's drawing.

THURSDAY SOCIAL

The steep street in front of "Chateau Rousseau" was lined with cars Thursday afternoon when Rotary president and his wife Joan hosted several dozen thirsty Rotarians to a Rotary wine-tasting social on the outdoor patio of their Parker Hill home. Some Rotarians brought food or deserts but almost all of us filled the kitchen counter with red & white wines from Sonoma County. We tested our palates with an informal judging of the quality level of six wines.



Thursday Night Rotary Club Wine Tasting Social

The results proved that we had tasted wine before. The hospitality was great and was a pleasant surprise to see fellow Rotarian Barry Silberg taking a deserved break from his medical discovery trials.

PROGRAM

St. Helena Rotarian Stephenson Atherton, a board member of The Great Seal Foundation introduced Santa

Rosa attorney and Foundation President Paul Zamarian, who has been involved with the mission of The Great Seal Foundation for more than 30 years: to educate the public about the Great Seal and finally end 236 years of political discussion, "artistic" intervention, bureaucratic obfuscation, and shameful lack of urgency to complete the official seal of the United States of America. This endless story begins with the great names of American history—Adams, Jefferson, Franklin, and wends its way through endless committees and resolutions, allegories and heraldry, designs and icons and, finally, recognizable names like FDR, Henry Wallace, John Warner, and Ronald Reagan. There is no resolution to this conundrum, no end to this story. The Great Seal Foundation states that completing the official Great Seal is important but, after more than two centuries, it has not yet been approved. Thanks to Mr. Zamarian for the lesson in history and politics and to Mr. Atherton for the program.



Speaker Paul Zamarian

MELVIN D. HERMAN 1925-2012

After a series of recurrent health problems, Mel Herman passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 15, at Stanford Medical Center. Mel joined Rotary in 1972. His sponsor was **Schuyler Jefferies**. A quiet but classy person, he would have been 87 in October. Funeral services are pending.

This week's photographer:

Kris Anderson

FELLOWSHIP

August 22nd

Raffle - Kerrie Chambers

Visiting Rotarians - Mark Burchill

Tickets - Layne Bowen & Keith Gentry

Greeters - John Poremba & Joel DeSilva

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The Rotary Club of Santa Rosa

Presents...



CASINO ROYALE

Saturday, October 20, 2012 at the Mary Agatha Furth Center, 8400 Old Redwood Hwy, Windsor, CA 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Donor Form

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