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OUR PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 5TH:

OUR GSE TEAM'S FRENCH EXCHANGE

STUDY FOCUS ON CULTURE, VOCATIONS, AND LEGENDARY WINE REGIONS

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



Jeff Gospe and the GSE Team

Santa Rosa native and member of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa since 2006, Jeff Gospe was honored to lead District 5130's Group Study Exchange (GSE) team made up of four wine professionals from Sonoma & Napa Counties to Rotary District of Burgundy & Champagne last spring. GSE is an educational program of The Rotary Foundation wherein Rotary districts in different countries are paired to send and receive professional study groups of non-Rotarian team members and one Rotarian team leader to travel for four to six weeks, staying in the homes of Rotarians. GSE offers a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women in

their initial years of professional life to enhance Rotary's worldwide mission. Jeff Gospe began studying French at 7, and his first experience overseas was as an exchange student to France at 15 (then Germany at 17 and Poland at 21). At Stanford he majored in Soviet & East European affairs and languages.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

September 12: Waights Taylor's Southern Home

September 19: Sonoma County's ARTtrails

September 26: The Jesse Williams Story

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WELCOME TO ROTARY

What a warm welcome awaits us on Wednesdays as we stroll into the Flamingo Hotel. Even the welcome by ticket sellers **Chip Rawson** and **Deborah Smith** were friendly, smiling, and pleasant greeters **Tim Delaney** and **Jack Tolin** greeted us warmly by name and shook hands sincerely (Jack still shakes hands gingerly after his injury). In the big ballroom everyone was busy...signing in, buying raffle tickets, and networking away, visiting with old friends; spotting a visitor or recalling the name of one of our Red Badgers. Even selecting lunch. Almost makes you wish the official meeting didn't have to start so soon.

OPENING CEREMONIES

But **President William's** agenda was on the screen and **Karen Ball** was urging us to "Face the Flag". **Katie Barr** was at the podium and some of us expected another Yoga stretch, but we relaxed as Katie inspired us with her invocation.



Katie Barr give an inspiring Invocation

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

Casey D'Angelo welcomed two visitors from Sebastopol Rotary—wine wholesaler Karen Daniels and writer and counselor Maureen Doeken. **Shannon McConnell** introduced her guest and applicant for membership Jane Duggan. Then our president introduced Peggy Stark from the Bellevue Elementary School District.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Made possible at Bellevue Schools by a \$4,000 grant from the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa, the Bellevue Summer Library Program was designed to prevent what Peggy Stark



Peggy Stark presents a worthy program

called "Summer Setback", brought on by summer vacation. It works, Peggy told us: 75 percent of the 82 students enrolled in program showed growth in reading skills this summer, reading a total of one million words this summer. "The equivalent of one **Jim Johnson** guest introduction", **Layne Bowen** muttered under his breath.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Eileen Carlisle thanked her fellow Rotarians for the tremendous response to **President William's** request to help **Dick & Margie Jenkins** with meal preparation during the first week Dick was back at home. After diagnosing a second fractured disk, Dick's physician prescribed more rest and fewer visitors. In more positive news, **Robert Pierce** was welcomed back after his recent surgery.

ROTARY RAFFLE

When **Nick Knickerbocker's** number was came up, \$113 sitting in today's jackpot, **Dan Schell** turned the tables on him. Years of running the raffle might have given Nick enough experience but Lady Luck improved the odds as he carefully withdrew the yellow marble **Knickerbocker** takes home from the velvet bag.



"Lucky" Nick Knickerbocker takes home the jackpot

IN THE CARDS

In a salute to the upcoming Casino Royale Night at Windsor's luxurious Furth Center, **President William** replaced Rotary's traditional marbles in the velvet bag with an even older tradition of gambling—a deck of playing cards. Don't miss the new routine in next week's Rotary Raffle.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Jack Abercrombie, Club Secretary and Keeper of Rotary Records, announced the Awards for Perfect Attendance in 2011-12:

One Year: Marnie Goldschlag & Bill Rousseau

Four Years: Matt Everson, Jack Geary, Jeff Gospe, John McHugh, & Carmen Sinigiani

11 Years: Jack Abercrombie & Bill Hatcher

12 Years: Kathleen Archer

13 Years: Paul Hamilton

16 Years: Tim Fawcett, Sam McMillan, & Debi Zaft

17 Years: Ted Wilmsen

27 Years: Dan Bornstein

38 Years: Steve Olson

CASINO ROYALE

Past President Debi Zaft announced that the theme of this year's Casino Royale Auction and Fun-Raiser would

be “Bond, James Bond...the movies, the music, and the excitement”. We all rushed the big table to sign up for the volunteer duties that must be done to make our big event at the swank Furth Center in Windsor a big success on Saturday evening, Oct. 20th. Do not forget that the success of this gala party depends on you and your invited guests, plus the value of auction items donated to the evening’s auction. In order to bankroll our club’s community projects, each Rotarian must make their best effort to donate, or have donated, a valuable item to be auctioned to the highest bidder. Complete your donor form this week and give your prize to Debi.

ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS

The NorCal RMB’s Fireside networking meeting on Thursday, Sept. 6th, at Discovery Office Systems, hosted by Rotarians **Doug Johnson** and **Gesine Franchetti**.



Wayne Rowlands

Gesine promises to bring Rosso’s Fire-to-Go Pizza Oven to serve up fresh-made pizza on the spot. Guests are welcome, so go to www.rotarymeansbusiness.com. Warning: Guests have been known to become Rotarians after attending an exciting event like this. RSVP by phone at 570-4213 or via email djohnson@discoveryofficesystems.com

or call 570-4213. Speaking of RMB benefits, this week the treasurer of the Rotary Club of North Napa contacted **Wayne Rowlands & Mark Burchill** to ask for help: “The CPA we used for years to do our club tax returns retired and moved out of the area. We need someone that can do club returns and reports. We’re a small club so how about a discount?”

This note from North Napa’s treasurer arrived Friday morning: “Thanks to you for so many referrals to replace our CPA, especially Rotarians. I’m sure we will find someone good, thanks to you all. “Rotary Means Business” really is a valuable resource. I am more motivated to get more deeply involved and to push harder to get the Rotary Clubs of Napa more involved in Rotary Means Business.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jack Abercrombie announced that the new **2012-2013 Membership Rosters** are now available. If you did not get a Rotary Roster, be sure to pick one up at the next meeting.

Jeff Gospe announced that the **world-famous Petaluma Little League team**, who made friends with the team from Uganda this month at the championship playoffs, are gathering new & used baseball equipment for youth baseball in Uganda. You can look up Jeff in your new roster for more information.

Jim Johnson paid dearly to announce that the **26th Santa Rosa International Film Festival** needs volunteers Sept. 12 through 23 to sell tickets, help with special events (Parties, VIP Receptions, Music), sell tickets, manage theaters, distribute festival promotion material, and more). Benefits include Flexible hours, free movie vouchers and other rewards. If interested, call “Anya” at 935-3456 or email wcff@wcff.us.

ROTARIAN MAGAZINE QUIZ

Wednesday was the day for **Nona Lucas** to ask the Rotarian magazine quiz question for August. Where was the first Rotary Club outside of the United States founded? **Kris Anderson** had the right answer: Ontario, Canada. She is first on the eligibility list to win the big \$100 prize later this year!



Kris Anderson knows her Rotary history!

TRUE CONFESSIONS

Our Club President announced that he would forgive all transgressions, accomplishments, and travel for only \$15 each. **Craig Meltzer** was first in line to brag about his daughter, Liv Herdman, who completed her thesis and received her PhD in Environmental Engineering from Stanford University this month, will be starting a post-doc research position in October at the University of Vermont, along with her husband Chris, who will be doing a post-doc in theoretical physics at UV.

Julia Parranto took full advantage of the \$15 bargain,
1. She received absolution for her trip to Oregon.
2. Announced that her daughter had moved home after being estranged for years.
3. Confessed to all that she had read the Fifty Shades of Grey trilogy.

Matt Fannin announced that he had started his own financial planning firm, escaping from 15 years in an Ameriprise franchise.

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Club **President William** quickly reviewed our goals for the year, updated us on the draft of the year's budget, the membership committee, and called on program chair **Matt Everson** for an update on upcoming programs and speakers, listed our club's accomplishments since this Rotary Year kicked off in July with the remarkable success of our Beautiful Ride through Sonoma County:

Giro Bello: With more than 700 riders registered, more volunteers, and more sponsorships, we increased club fellowship, marketed Rotary throughout our community, and raised over \$48,000 to fund our club's international and community projects.

Our Changing Website:

"Light years ahead of what we presented to the world three years ago." **Wayne Rowlands**, our club's technology-skilled and innovative website chair, shared the on-going improvements in all aspects of the information available to club members, other Rotary Clubs, supporters, and the general public.

Sonoma County Fair Project: At this summer's fair, Rotarians teamed up with the SRJC RotarAct Club to staff an exhibit hall for an entire day to help the community, told hundreds of fair-goers about Sonoma County's largest and oldest Rotary Club and all that we do. We continue almost a century of support for the community's Youth in Agriculture: 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers, and other traditional activities.

Scholarships & Grants: With funding from Rotary International, the Santa Rosa Rotary Foundation, and the club's fund-raising efforts, we continue to work and support all of Rotary's Avenues of Service—Vocational,



President Bill leads the assembly

Community, Club Service, International, and New Generations.

"What area of service are you passionate about?" **President William** asked each of us to share our individual passion for Rotary and to ask ourselves the question that DG Michael Juric asked in his introductory visit, "What are we here for?" He concluded this Club Assembly with a quote by Henry Ford:

*"Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success."*

JOHN H. C. RILEY 1919-2012

John Riley, who died Wednesday, August 22, at age 91, was only 18 months old when the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa was founded. Years later, after John retired both from the Press Democrat, and then from Rotary, he claimed that—when he arrived in Santa Rosa and learned of the coincidence between his birth date and the founding of the Rotary club—he had no choice. He had to join this Rotary Club almost immediately. Born in Scotland, raised in Canada, and lived in sunny Sonoma County for almost 50 years, he was a worthy athlete who smacked hockey pucks, played golf, and enjoyed tennis well into his 80s. One said, "He loved the newspaper business" and he was made an honorary member of our Rotary Club because he loved what Rotary did for others. In addition to Rotary, John was a leader in the Community Foundation, Redwood Empire Association, Cardinal Newman High School Board of Regents, United Way, and the Chamber of Commerce. He is survived by his three sons and his wife, Mary Louise. No memorial service has been announced.

By Chris Smith & Jim Johnson

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