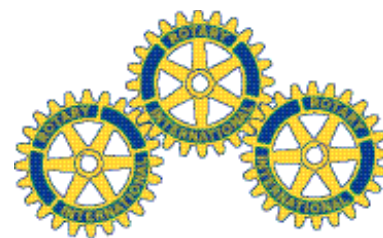




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OUR PROGRAM FOR MARCH 30TH:

PRESIDENT DON & "SPEED DATING"

McMILLAN COMES UP WITH A MYSTERY PROGRAM WITH A PUZZLING TITLE

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



Many of us have noticed that the current president of this Rotary club firmly believes that he has a great sense of humor. Some of us are not so sure. Case in point is the March 30th program...two days before April Fool's Day. President Don has adamantly refused to reveal the content or the purpose of his presentation. One can only imagine what "Speed" and "Dating" have in common. No other details are forthcoming and The Santa Rosarian has this space to fill on its front page. So our weekly bulletin did what any responsible publication would do...Google!

The research gave us Match.com, several weird dating sites, and Wikipedia, which defines Speed Dating as a formalized matchmaking process or dating system whose purpose is to encourage people to meet a large number of new people. Its origins are credited to Rabbi Yaacov Deyo of Aish HaTorah, originally as a way to help Jewish singles meet and marry. SpeedDating®, as a single word, is a registered trademark of Aish HaTorah. "Speed dating", as two separate words, is often used as a generic term for similar events. Supporters argue that speed dating saves time, as most people quickly decide if they are romantically compatible, and first impressions are often permanent. So what's the program for March 30th? Wedonnoe, but President Don do. Show up and find out.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

April 6, 2011: Meet Sonoma County Sheriff Freitas

April 13, 2011: Bridge Safety—Tom Mariani

April 20, 2011: SRJC's Shone Farm—Stephanie Thomas

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issue of The Santa Rosarian
See Layne Bowen
to find out how!

OPENING CEREMONIES

Our weekly pledge was led by **Jerry Marquis** and the thought-provoking invocation was given by **Red Badger Ginny Cannon**.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Shauna Lorenzen was visiting us from the Sunrise Club & Exchange Bank involved in finance and Dr. Shari who is a consultant from Guadalajara.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Troy Altrick was a guest of **Jerald Marquis**, Nancy Shepherd was a guest of **Jack Atkin**, Michael Lopez was a guest of **Dan Walker**, Laura McNeill (supposedly—as rumor had it—one of **Jock's** many wives, but I'll give the guy a break...I'm still getting to know him) was a guest of **Diane Moresi**, Kerrie Chambers was a guest of **Deborah Gray**.

RAFFLE

Casey

D'Angelo

drew in the raffle of \$205.

Genie Delles

conducted the raffle. Casey

drew the unlucky marble as the audience groaned. Next

weeks pot will be larger!



Casey D'Angelo tries for the lucky marble

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kim Murphy's recent wedding in Las Vegas last Saturday to Dewayne brought some lively discussion. Yes, rest easy, everything was still smooth sailing on their Fifth-Day Anniversary, which we helped celebrate with chocolate cake and raspberry filling. Kim took the jokes in stride as **President Don** asked probing questions about Broncos, and tea bags, and a souvenir glass he brought back from

Vegas. **M. Ray Dorfman** seemed a little sheepish as he was one of the 62 guests who attended, along with his evil virus,



potentially infecting the other 61 guests. Men! What can we say except that we hope that it stayed in Vegas? Included in that guest list were two exchange students from Japan, and eight fraternity

friends from the college of Kim's children. Kim did mention something about the two Japanese students being worn out after...well, I'll leave that alone! In keeping with the program, **President Don** shamelessly sold pictures of Kim and DeWayne's wedding in \$5 dollar increments. Nice to see that our president can stay on task!

Leo Mastriaux, our handsome exchange student from Belgium, spoke on his Tsunami travels to Hawaii where he resisted the urge to purchase the t-shirts sold on Wikki Beach saying "I survived the Tsunami". Smart kid! Why spend the money when he is standing right in front of us? He also presented our club with a flag from the Soignies Rotary Club of Belgium.



President Don, Geoff Gospe and Leo Mastriaux

Casey D'Angelo announced the Rotary Peace Fellows Symposium scheduled for April 17th from 10 am to 4pm, lunch included. Reservations are required.

Sam McMillian is selling tickets for a pancake breakfast supporting the 4H CLUB in Rohnert Park. A pair was sold to **Layne Bowen**. Happy Trails Layne, thanks for supporting a good cause!

Debi Zaft reminded all of us that Rotary's Casino Royale Fundraiser will be Saturday night, on July 9th from 7pm to 11pm at the Sonoma Country Day School. Don't miss the Gaming, Food, Silent Auction and Bar. Of course, Debi is still eagerly collecting all the items needed to make our casino a successful event.

Next Hands-on Project: **Michael Sinatra** announced that we will return to the home of Debbie Switzer on Saturday, April 30th to complete this big project for the year. Only 15

volunteers are needed, so sign up quickly!

Past President (1991-92) Wally Lowry announced that granddaughter Julie Nacouzi earned 4th place in the World Cross Country Competition. “She takes after me”, boasts Wally.

We were sorry to hear that before she and Fred left on their “world cruise”, **Past President (1998-99) Jeanne Levin’s** beautiful automobile was damaged, but **Jerry “the Fender Bender Mender” Marquis** came to her rescue. **Fred Levin**—also a **Past President (2009-10)**—joined the cause and had Jerry fix some extra scratches Jeanne had acquired on her own; backing into her own garage. Well, the dent is still gone but the scratches are back! Fred did say “She is a terrific driver!”.

Jose Guillen shared the news of his trip to Honduras to help with a judicial reform project to work toward a more favorable decision on the reform for drug trafficking. Jose remarked that the trip itself was not so great, Jose insisted. But it didn’t matter, he still got hit with a \$5 charge for the change of scenery.

Rich deLambert, celebrating his 40th year as a dedicated Rotarian, and Past President of this Rotary Club in 1987-88, traded his Red Badge (plus \$10) for Blue Badge—back with us after a long hiatus. Way to go, Rich, welcome back home!!

FORT BRAGG’S SISTER CITY IN JAPAN

Fort Bragg, perched on the rugged Mendocino coast, has a common bond with Otsuchi, Japan. Both cities have much in common as they face each other on the same latitude several thousand miles apart, except Fort Bragg is sheltered from the Pacific by cliffs and coves but Otsuchi faces the open sea and was devastated in the tsunami earlier this month. The Rotary Club of Fort Bragg has asked District 5130’s Rotary Clubs to consider contributions to the **Otsuchi Recovery Fund** in Fort Bragg.



Visit the Otsuchi Recovery Site at
<http://www.otsuchi.org/2011/03/18/hello-world/>

The two sister cities share a student exchange that has been in place for 10 years, twice as long as their sister city relationship, supported by the local Rotary Club. Every other year a dozen Fort Bragg High School students spend a week in Otsuchi and vice versa so both Rotary Clubs

decided to erect two monuments honoring the student exchange with a visit from Otsuchi in July to dedicate the monument in Fort Bragg. Because of this decade-long relationship, they are raising funds to help with Otsuchi’s most urgent needs. Tax-deductible donations should be made to the Otsuchi Recovery Fund or FBOECA and sent to Doug Hammerstrom, International Chair, Rotary Club of Fort Bragg.

ROTARY CHANGES

By Jim Johnson

When I was still a young man, way back in the seventies, membership in a Rotary Club was restricted to owners and general managers and I was too busy having a great time in big city television broadcasting to think about stuff like that. I didn’t qualify to be a Rotarian until I became general manager of a group of Nebraska television stations and was invited to join the local Rotary Club. I attended several meetings as a guest...but I thought the members were really old guys. I was too young and too green, so I joined a great service club with younger members. I enjoyed it.

A few years later, I came to Santa Rosa to build and manage TV50, our new local television station. This time, when I checked out the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa, I was amazed at how much younger they were, even though it was called the Old Man’s Club. I discovered that Rotary was a smorgasbord from which I could choose to do whatever interested me the most at the time.

Then things began to change...Rotary changed to allow women to become Rotarians, our demographics changed, membership grew to more than 200, and I served on almost every committee, worked on local projects—Howarth Park’s Children’s Playground, helping seniors & low-income families, adopting the Salvation Army & Double Punches boxing, gang prevention task forces, and Rotary’s 25 year effort to eliminate Polio around the world.

The last few years or so I’ve tapped into my old journalism & television background arranging for Rotary speakers, the weekly newsletter, promotion & publicity, and our club’s Santa Rosa Public Safety Awards. I’m here to tell you I’ve enjoyed Rotary so much for so long. I hope you do too.

PROGRAM

Cate Griffiths, Director of Recourse Mediation Services, outlined the purpose and the process involved in legal mediation and arbitration. Conflict resolution through mediation provides an impartial third party to listen to both parties, empowering them to come to resolution on their own. This mediator provides support to both parties in the conflict to reach mutual agreement. The Recourse

provides all types of services such as Mediation Services Trained, impartial mediators to help you and the other side work through the problem; Restorative Justice for Juvenile Offenders—Young offenders face their victims and listen how their actions have affected others; Meeting Facilitation—Provides structure, balance and fairness to meetings. In addition, Recourse Mediation Services offer training programs for credits or specialized programs for prevention in many areas involving disagreements and conflicts. Recourse, supports the “Win/Win” approach to resolution with a “hands off” mentality. They believe that human relationships pre-date any law or legislation historically. If human beings can understand that most conflicts are based on underlying fears or desires and that communicating these emotions through a professional-trained third-party mediator who can listen to their underlying interests, most issues will be solved without going to court. Thank you Cate, we really enjoyed your presentation!

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Nancy Shepherd- Education (Retired)

Sponsor: **Jack Atkin**

Kerrie Chambers - Sales Consultant,
National Processing Company

Sponsor: **Deborah Gray**

Tracy Nielsen - Resource Development & Marketing
United Way of the Wine Country

Sponsor: **Jock McNeill**

ROTARIAN QUIZ

MARCH, 2011

Who's breaking new ground in Peru?

This week's photographer:
Diane Moresi

It's a NEW District Assembly

All topics based on Rotarian input • Fast-paced
Valuable to new & experienced Rotarians • Tasty food!

Friday, April 1: Reception & Dinner

Saturday, April 2: 8:30–4:45 District Assembly

Mendocino College • 1000 Hensley Creek Rd • Ukiah, CA

Post-Assembly Reception to be announced



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APRIL 2, 2011

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Volunteer Motivation
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