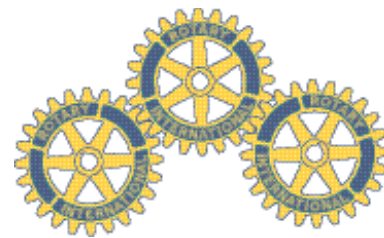




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## OUR PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER 7TH:

### LOWELL COHN

*SPORTS*

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



Lowell Cohn, the legendary newspaper columnist who grew up in Brooklyn, became a Californian when he attended Stanford in 1966 for his Master's and PhD in English. He wrote for Sports Illustrated as a free-lance contributor before moving to the San Francisco Chronicle as a sports columnist from 1979 to 1995, then the Press Democrat for the past 16 years. Cohn's biography on 49ers coach Bill Walsh is Rough Magic. According to Dorfman, Lowell Cohn will talk about Giants baseball,

Niners football, Sharks hockey, the Raiders, and the A's. He promises to be ready for questions from as many Rotary sports fans as possible.

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### UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

**Dec. 14, 2011: Evening dinner meeting at 5:30 pm**

Prep for Rotary's Nutcracker Christmas Party

**Dec. 21, 2011:** No meeting—Christmas Holiday

**Dec. 28, 2011:** Dorfman hosts our annual Trivia competition

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## OPENING CEREMONIES

Today's big noontime celebration of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa's 90th Anniversary began with **Norm Owen** leading the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. For an invocation **Jim Johnson** read Emma Lazarus' sonnet written for the dedication of the Statue of Liberty exactly 35 years before our Rotary Club was founded. This year marks the 125th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty dedication in 1886 and Jim drew a parallel between our club's and the statue's anniversaries.

Jim took a few more minutes to talk about the event that changed our Rotary Club more than any other in the 90



**Past President (1967-68) Chuck Bartley and Club Historian Jim Johnson. Chuck joined Rotary in 1955 & Jim joined in 1981—86 years of Rotary Service**

years since the club was founded. Brought about by the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that women could not be excluded from Rotary membership based on

gender, the Santa Rosa Rotary Club voted to admit female members a full two years before Rotary International made it official. **President Marnie** asked all our women Rotarians to go to the back of the room. It was obvious that women Rotarians were an outstanding addition to the club and have contributed to what we are today.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

**Layne Bowen** introduced the visiting Rotarians who joined us for our anniversary celebration: Former District 5130 Governor Mike Merrill and David McDonald visited from the West Santa Rosa Rotary and Assistant District Governor Kim McDonald joined us from the East Santa Rosa Rotary. Past-president Barbara Beedon joined us from the Sebastopol Rotary Club and our current district governor, Maureen Merrill visited us again from her home club in Windsor. Bill Hillendahl was visiting us again from the New Generation Santa Rosa. Lee Readdy made the long trip from the Northshore Rotary Club in District 5030.

## GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

**Jack Abercrombie** introduced his lovely and charming wife, Pris. **Will Haymaker** introduced his wife, Jo Ann, also lovely and charming. **Craig Meltzner's** special guest was his beautiful daughter, Rachel. **David Brown** welcomed

his guest, **Mike Kallhoff** and **Jack Atkin** introduced Robert Toerinu. **Suzanne Drace** introduced her guest, Katie Barr. **Cathy Vicini's** friend Sheila Brookins, was welcomed to this special celebration for the 90 year old Rotary Club of Santa Rosa!!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Jack Atkin** encouraged Rotarians to sign up for another of Santa Rosa's venerable holiday traditions—the Salvation Army's Red Christmas Kettles of Christmas. Our fellow Rotarians will be ringing those bells on December 8 & 9 and the December 16 & 17 weekend—one of our club's longest-running hands-on community service projects...a real feel-good activity for Rotarians to participate in.

**Peggy Soberanis** reminded Rotarians that time is running out to get their orders in for Poinsettias. Orders will be delivered at our next meeting on December 7th as we take Christmas poinsettia gifts to our neighbors and friends at the Vigil Light residences nearby, along with lots of holiday cheer.

**December 8th Social** is at Corricks located at 637 4th Street downtown Santa Rosa. Rotarian Keven Brown is hosting this event from 6:00 to 8:00. Please bring an appetizer or bottle of wine to share with your fellow Rotarians. As always, spouses and significant others are welcome.

**Sam McMillan** is still peddling those delicious sausages left over from our Sonoma County Fair bounty, but his supply is running out. If you crave sausages both lamb and Kielbasa, Sam is the man!

**Mark Burchill** announced that Rotary Means Business was scheduled to meet this very Wednesday afternoon at Bertolone Real Estate. Details are on the RMB website.



**Dan Schell, Past Presidents Joel DeSilva (1999-00), Barbara Beedon (2003-04), Jean Levin (1998-99), President-elect Designee Mark Burchill (2014-15)**

**Suzanne Drace** thanked **Gary Bondi**

and the George Petersen Insurance Agency for providing the buses for the Children's Christmas Nutcracker Party this year. Lists for the children's gift shoppers will be available at our next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 7th.

**Eileen Carlisle** is selling 90th Anniversary Rotary pins for the modest price of \$9. Don't be the only Rotarian without

this special commemorative pin. Act now before these collector pins are all gone!

Rotarians are encouraged to sign up for another of our Rotary Club's long time hands-on projects, delivering dictionaries to every third grader in the Santa Rosa Schools. **Ted Wilmsen** reminds us that this yearly activity is a really-rewarding Rotary experience...one that shouldn't be missed.

**Debi Zaft** is calling for enthusiastic bakers of Cookies for Seniors this blessed holiday season. Cookie bakers are needed. If you love to bake cookies as much as Debi, she needs your help. Nothing warms the heart better than a freshly-baked cookie!

## RAFFLE

**Creed Wood** brought \$302 in genuine Raffle Cash to the podium and a promise that one lucky Rotarian will get the chance to draw one of three remaining marbles. **Bob Sorensen** held the winning ticket but **President Marnie** offered Bob a deal—a \$100 sure thing instead of the chance at winning the pot. Bob took the \$100 and smiled all the way back to his table.

## ROTARY EXPERIENCES

**Norm Owen**, a Rotarian since 1978, Past President and Past District Governor, remembered the 75th Anniversary of our Club's founding in 1996, during his presidential year. Norm recalled his participation in the Rotary Zone Institute where the belief that peace is relevant in today's world is promoted. **Debi Zaft** reviewed the highlights of 1921...the year our Club was chartered. Did you know that Boeing made furniture? **Peggy Soberanis** spoke passionately about her seminal Rotary trip to Africa two years ago to immunize hundreds of children and called it a life-changing event for her personally. Peggy devoutly wishes that all Rotarians have such an experience in their lives.

## TOAST OF THE TOWN

**President Marnie** offered a champagne toast to celebrate where we have been and where we will take this club in the next 90 years. Salude! She also spoke of her own personnel experiences as a young woman visiting our Club for the first time. It was the connection with the people that sealed the deal and made her a Rotarian.

## RECOGNITION

It was fitting that on this our Anniversary Celebration **President Marnie** recognized our illustrious **Past President, Ray Dorfman**, for his recent trip to Solvang. He was also recognized for a recent cruise vacation, although Ray claims

that he had already pled guilty to that one. Ray generously donated \$100 to his father's scholarship fund. **Debra Smith** was also recognized for the same cruise (truly guilty by association) and she generously donated \$100 to her daughter's scholarship fund. Thank you, Rotarians, travel is so rewarding.

## MEMORIES

**President Marnie** introduced **Past President Bill Pedersen** who shared his memories of our Rotary Club for a generation longer than his remarkable three decades as a Rotarian. Bill's father, Obert Pedersen, was President of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa in 1937-38, the year that our first club roster was published. Bill followed in Obert's footsteps and served as club president in 1965-66. He was the first son to follow his father as president of our ancient old Rotary Club. Dues back then were \$50 a year and assessed fines—which Bill carefully noted in that year's membership roster—were between \$10 and \$15.

He noted from the roster that he fined **Chuck Bartley** \$7 several times that year and recalled that Rotary meetings were held at the Santa Rosa Hotel but moved to the Flamingo in 1968. Bill graciously donated the rosters saved by the two presidential Rotarians from 1939 to 1970 to Keeper of the Archives and **Club Historian Jim Johnson**. A memorable piece of Rotary history! In conclusion, Bill asked Club members what Roman god was the namesake of the month of January. **Will Haymaker** (alleged to have known Janus personally) received a rare \$2 silver certificate for the correct answer. On behalf of all the current Rotary members we would like to thank Bill for his long service to our club and community.

**President Marnie** then introduced **Chuck Bartley** who served as president in 1967-68 as part of his 57 years in our club. His fondest memories are of his travels to Mexico City and Lucerne, Switzerland, to attend Rotary International conventions as he traveled up the Rhine from Amsterdam to Dresden, still recovering from the ravages of World War II. Then to Lucerne and the peak of Mont Blanc where he met a young man who just happened to be from Santa Rosa. In fact, the young man lived on the same street as Chuck. Now that is what I



**Chuck Bartley shares fond memories of Rotary International conventions**



call coincidence. Chuck's travels to Rotary International conventions left a profound influence on him. He will always cherish the experiences he had and encourages all Rotarians to make it a point to attend at least one RI convention in your life time.

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR

**President Marnie** introduced Maureen Merrill, District Governor for Rotary District 5130. Ms. Merrill thanked the Club for its 90 years of service to the community of Santa Rosa. She cannot imagine Santa Rosa without Rotary and the good fortune of sharing with our community. "The way we end this century is in our hands" she told us, "Whatever we decide to take on, we can accomplish. I encourage you all to be passionate warriors when closing out the first 100 years of Rotary in Santa Rosa. What we accomplish will set the foundation for the next 100 years. We are the new founders of the next century of Rotary", she concluded.

## PROCLAMATION

Ernesto Olivares, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, presented **President Marnie** with a proclamation from the City Council that congratulated Sonoma County's first Rotary Club for placing Service above Self in the community. Mayor Olivares congratulated our Rotary Club on achieving 90 years of service in Santa Rosa.



**Mayor Oliveros congratulates our club for 90 years of service as Marnie Kardashian looks on....**

## CLOSING

**President Marnie** noted that in President Franklin D. Roosevelt had contracted polio at the age of 39. The year was 1921. Rotary has worked tirelessly to eradicate polio from the world and we will continue until the mission is accomplished.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA ROSA.** Thank you Rotarians for making the first 90 years a true Rotary Experience.



**The Rotary Club of Santa Rosa is 90 years old and never looked better!**

***This week's photographer:***  
**Kris Anderson**

**FELLOWSHIP**  
December 7th

**Raffle** - Sonaya Stevens  
**Visiting Rotarians** - Kerrie Chambers  
**Tickets** - Karen Ball  
**Greeters** - Nancy Shepherd & Wally Lowry

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