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## OUR PROGRAM FOR AUGUST 15TH:

### THE GREAT SEAL OF THE U.S.

*WHAT IS THE GREAT SEAL? DO WE NEED ONE? WHAT WOULD BE ITS PURPOSE?*

*WHY HAS IT NOT BEEN COMPLETED AFTER ALL THIS TIME?*

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



*The Great Seal of the United States*

1982 he led the effort to get Senate Resolution 394 introduced, passed and (almost) implemented to complete the Official Great Seal in the State Department. Don't miss this fascinating sidebar on our nation's history.

Local attorney Paul Zamarian will answer your questions next week at our Rotary meeting. Mr. Zamarian is president of The Great Seal Foundation, a non-profit entity whose mission is to educate the public about the Great Seal and get the official Great Seal completed. He has been involved with this mission for more than 30 years, educating school students, speaking to political and business groups, and writing magazine & newspaper articles nationwide.

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#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

**August 22:** Gov. Michael Juric, Rotary District 5130

**August 29:** President William's first club assembly

**September 5:** Jeff Gospe & the GSE kids go to France

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

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

Go to: [www.BroadwayJackLondon.com](http://www.BroadwayJackLondon.com)

## OPENING CEREMONIES

**President-Elect Peggy Soberanis** substituted today for **President William** and invited **Nick Knickerbocker** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Kris Anderson** gave us some inspiring words for the invocation:



**President-Elect Peggy Soberanis takes the helm**

*"Life is an echo...*

*What you send out, comes back*

*What you sow, you reap*

*What you give, you get*

*What you see in others exists in you*

*Remember, life is an echo, it always gets back to you."*

## VISITING ROTARIAN

Financial advisor Scott Holder, visiting from the Sunrise Rotary Club of Santa Rosa.

## GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

**Past President Will Haymaker** introduced today's speaker, the 2011-12 Ambassadorial Scholar for Rotary District 5130, from our Rotary Club, Kristin Fladseth and her father, Doug Fladseth. Mary Miyano was introduced by her husband, **Larry Miyano**, and this year's outbound exchange student, Wyatt Lauer was introduced. The new superintendent of schools for the Bellevue Union School District, Alicia Henderson, was greeted with applause, and **Tim Delaney** introduced his guest, Santa Rosa attorney Mary Catherine Dougherty.

## NEW MEMBER CANDIDATES

John Berto

Blake Tullysmith

Sponsor: **John Breazeale**

Sponsor: **Wayne Rowlands**

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## SUNSHINE REPORT

**Jack Atkin**, substituting for regular Sunshine reporter **Penny Tibbetts**, had disturbing news: **Sergeant-at-Arms Jack Geary** was taken to the emergency room and admitted to the hospital today and **Mel Herman**, retired Exchange Bank Executive V.P. is in intensive care at Stanford Medical Center. Both Jack & Mel are in our thoughts and prayers. Much better news is that

fellow Rotarian **Dick Jenkins**, who joined our club in 1970, is home from the hospital and recovering from his back problems, and **Club Secretary Jack Abercrombie** had cataract surgery only yesterday and was already back with us for today's meeting.

## RICH de LAMBERT

Our past president, filling in for **Sergeant-at-Arms Jack Geary**, made it evident that—with a new **President-Elect Peggy** and an ailing Jack—he was in full charge of today's meeting as the only person who could fine Peggy Soberanis. Check below to see what happened.

## ROTARIAN HONORS

**Past President Marnie** described this year's Silent Rotarian of the Year: "Talkative, boisterous, giving,



**"Silent" Robby Fouts**

and generous". A stunned **Robby Fouts** was speechless, but not for long as he gave credit to fellow Rotarians, "A lot of people had my back!" The "official" winner of Rotarian of the Year was an obviously

happy **Layne Bowen** who grinned from ear to ear as he corrected our immediate past president, "I did more than just sit around! For 13 years!!" Congratulations and standing ovations to Robby and Layne. Recognitions well deserved.



**Layne Bowen**

## RAFFLE

**John Breazeale's** number was drawn and, although he failed to pull the winning marble, he had fantastic news to share with the club. Read on....

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Moist Sunshine Report: John Breazeale** thanked his fellow Rotarians for all of the support, assistance, and prayers for his wife Davina and broke the stunningly

good news that her last cat scan was clear! Followed by joyful applause and a sprinkle of tear drops.

**NY Marathon:** Star athlete & District Young Rotarian of the Year Carmen **Sinigiani** is only \$450 short of the \$3,000 entry fee to qualify for her trip to New York City to run in the world's largest marathon on Sunday, November 4th. To contribute to Carmen's NY Marathon, make your checks payable to "Rotary Club of New York Foundation" or access the Foundation's online link:

<http://www.active.com/donate/TeamNYRotary2012/Carmen>

**Rookie President:** Even though **William R.** was not in attendance, he left a reminder that our 60 day membership drive is indeed a contest (with tasty prizes for the winners). The winning team will be hosted at fantastic gourmet dinner in October at Chateau Rousseau. He promises to discuss the rules when he returns in time for next week's meeting.

**Tim Delaney** stepped up to the microphone with another plug for his favorite hobby: Airplanes! Founded in 1989, the Pacific Coast Air Museum held its first air show the following year and it has grown in size, scope, number and types of aircraft for more than 22 years. The 2012 Wings Over Wine Country will be held in the skies and at the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport next weekend, Aug. 18-19.

**Jeff Gospe** broke the news that Rotary's new Group Study Exchange Team will visit France later this Rotary year, in 2013. But they will not be touring wineries and vineyards like Jeff's GSE last spring. Jeff went on to announce that Rotary District 5130 is recruiting several exemplary young professionals (between the ages of 25-40) to represent our district in next year's Group Study Exchange to Southeast France and Andorra. Next year's month-long exchange visit will be from March 13 through April 13. The deadline for applications is August 15th, 2012. (we may be able to extend the deadline a bit, if necessary). Contact Jeff at 494-9249 or [gospes@yahoo.com](mailto:gospes@yahoo.com) for an application, specific criteria & restrictions that apply.

**Past President Don McMillan** announced that the special bike ride scheduled for all the Giro Bello volunteers who missed that Sunday's beautiful rides has been postponed to a later date, to be announced.

**Catch-up report:** Please note that last week **President William** reviewed the high importance of our club's 60

day long membership drive, plus he auctioned off four tickets to the County Fair—plus a parking pass—to **Jeff Gospe** for \$55!

Speaking of Jeff, did **PP Marnie** notice that he might be taking **Keven Brown** lessons in marital bliss? You know, to keep romance in the marriage with breaking the family budget? At last week's meeting, Jeff presented the banner he received from making up at the Rotary Club of Arnold, CA, and was recognized by *President William* for being a good Rotarian. Missing from Jeff's story was the fact that their trip to Arnold also celebrated Jeff & Ann's Fifth Anniversary!

## 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 to qualify for next month's drawing.

## MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Before you delete or discard last week's *Santa Rosarian*, take another look. What could you have contributed to the bulletin about your Rotary activities that might have increased our knowledge about our club, our members, yourself, or what you do on behalf of Rotary individually or as part of a committee? Too shy to talk about yourself or own efforts to follow the 4-Way Test? Email a brief note to our newsletter in care of [jim@jimjohnsonassociates.info](mailto:jim@jimjohnsonassociates.info). Let us hear from you so we can share with others. Of course, your email must be signed, but a good journalist protects his or her sources when asked. If you would like to remain anonymous, mention it in your email. What you contribute may be edited for content and to fit available space.

## RECOGNITIONS

**Don & Jackie McMillan** 'fessed up to two weeks' vacation to Ireland and Scotland with visits to Rotary Clubs in Dublin and Edinburgh. They contributed \$25 each to our club.

**President-Elect Peggy** recognized **Past President Steve Olson** and **Sam McMillan** for their diligent work at the 4-H and FFA auctions this week then took the bullet for them both, donating \$50 to the local



foundation. Steve Olson contributed \$100 in Wes Jamison's honor as did Sam McMillan.



**Steve Olson and Sam McMillan were "fairly" recognized**

Believe it or Not! **Past President Rich de Lambert** revealed **President-Elect Sister Soberanis'** past as a nun as she asked for \$10 "confessions" from all repenting Rotarians. **Kim Murphy** was "forgiven" for her trip to Hawaii. **Mark Burchill** gave a \$10 penance for sojourn back East, renting a home from the list in the R.I. Rotarian magazine. Another ten spot absolved **Debbie Gray's** purchase of her "new" 2009 Infiniti. **Genie Delles** got a two-fer-one deal for the YogaFest (and a secret tattoo) at Lake Tahoe. **Kathleen (and Bill) Archer's** East Coast voyage next Tuesday—\$10! **Layne Bowen's** two weeks' in West Virginia troubled him so deeply that he gave \$50 to his Paul Harris and another \$50 to the club. Our "silent" Rotarian **Robby Fouts** admitted he would be sailing the high seas to Hawaii and back next week. Two \$50 hits to the local foundation and his Paul Harris Fellowship covered his guilt. Who says that sin doesn't pay? In only six minutes, Peggy's bargain confessions paid Rotary \$250!

## PROGRAM

Fellow Rotarians received the corollary benefits of Santa Rosa's Kristen Fladseth's Ambassadorial Scholarship as she joyfully shared her year's adventures in jolly old England finishing up her Masters of

Science in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. The former Santa Rosa school girl was properly reverent as she talked about the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration, a Royal wedding, a new (or at least very different) language, the Changing of the Guard, Afternoon High Tea, Trafalgar Square, the Tower of London, and the stogy respite of a fully English Breakfast, not to mention brollies, kits, a quid, the car's boot, crisps & chips, how much is a quid, how did the ancients accomplish the miracle of Stonehenge, loos, W.Cs, and learning to use her "mobile" in a foreign land. Then she deftly fielded the Q&A without lagging or even breathing hard, confident and grateful for Rotary's financial boost into her chosen career. We now have one of our own young ambassadors to track over the coming years.



**Ambassadorial Scholar Kristen Fladseth shared her adventures**

*This week's photographer:*  
**Nicole Le**

FELLOWSHIP  
August 15th  
Raffle - Karen Ball  
Visiting Rotarians - Jose Guillen  
Tickets - Blaine Goodwin & Matt Fannin  
Greeters - Doug Johnson & David Brown

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