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OUR PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER 12TH:

OUR SOUTHERN HOME

THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE SOUTH IN THE 20TH CENTURY

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY, 12:00 NOON



155 years after the American colonies won their freedom from the British Empire, the United States was rocked by a second revolution that began in the Deep South, a few years before next week's speaker was born in the deeply-segregated city of Birmingham, Alabama, to a family of white southern aristocrats.

Pictured: Author Waights Taylor, Jr. & four key Birmingham Civil Rights players—Clarence Norris, Martine Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, & Waights Taylor, Sr.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

September 19: Sonoma County's ARTrails

September 25: An Iranian Political Prisoner

October 3: The Barefoot Winery Story

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WELCOME TO ROTARY

Thanks to greeters **Kris Anderson** and **Katie Barr** for their cheerful smiles and warm handshakes and to our volunteer lunch ticket sellers, **Chip Rawson** and **Gesine Franchetti**, for their eagerness to exude Rotarian fellowship while collecting lunch money. The Flamingo ballroom was bustling with a big crowd eager for **Jeff Gospe's** Group Study Exchange travelogue of the team's long month in the French wine appellations of Champagne and Burgundy.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Rotary President William Rousseau welcomed the crowd to the third month of his reign and asked **Ginny Cannon** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. After a long walk to the podium **Shannon O'Connell's** suggestions on being good Rotarians received a warm response from all.



President Bill listens to Shannon O'Connell's Invocation

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Congratulations to the fellow Rotarians who invited so many guests to this week's meeting: **Cecil Humes** introduced his co-worker from Linkenheimer CPAs & Advisors, Carli Ortiz. **Matt Everson** welcomed Mike Kallhoff CEO from our local United Way and Troy Aldridge, who purchased Gerald Marquis' Auto Body Repair Shop when Jerry retired more than a year ago. **Steve Olson's** guest was the new Sonoma County Ag Commissioner, Tony Linegar. **Shannon McConnell** introduced her two guests—Sanford Bressick from New York Life and real estate broker Jane Duggan, a recent applicant for membership in her daughter's Rotary Club. Today's speaker, **Jeff Gospe**, wanted to make sure that he had a sympathetic audience for his presentation. His guests included Jeff's wife Ann, his parents, Doris & Doc Gospe, and his co-worker from Morgan Stanley, Dawn Petersen.

WHERE'S THAT JOKER?

This week the venerable Rotary Raffle lost its marbles. And drawing the joker is a one-in-53 long shot!! But just imagine the potentially huge jackpot as it builds and builds over time, assuming there's still a sucker being born every minute. This week, **Deborah Gray's** ticket was drawn, **Karen Ball** shuffled the deck of



Deborah Gray tries her luck with Karen Ball

cards, and Deb walked away with \$10. Did anyone see them destroy that losing card and increase the odds of winning next week by 2 percent?

ROTARIAN OF MONTH

was named August Rotarian of the Month for his remarkable work for the continually upgrading of our Rotary, and Rotary Mean's Business websites, not to mention the Salvation Army websites and much more, including the recent website award from District 5130. Congratulations to Wayne. We owe him our thanks and appreciation for all that he has accomplished for Rotary Online and our digital support.



Deserving Rotarian of the Month Wayne Rowlands

CASINO ROYALE

Santa Rosa's legendary "Fun-Raiser" Evening of Poker, Roulette, Craps, and two lavish live & silent auctions, complete with toe-tapping music and live entertainer, includes hearty appetizers and refreshing beverages is set for Saturday evening, October 20th at the exclusive Furth Center in Windsor. **Casino Royale Chair Debi Zaft**



strongly suggests that you take the time to think of everyone you know who enjoys games of chance, food & drink, and good music, plus great auction prizes. Then immediately send each one the tasteful new **SAVE THE DATE** post card available from Debi or at the next meeting. Click on

the following link to the Casino Royale Event Page where you can download the full color digital PDF of the new **SAVE THE DATE** flier to send to your friends, co-workers, acquaintances, and relatives:

<http://www.santarosarotary.com/events-calendar/casino-royale/>. Don't forget this year's 007 theme: "Bond, James Bond".

SUNSHINE REPORT

No report this week or everyone's healthy & happy. Like the weather, all was clear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanted—Gran Fondo volunteers: Carmen Sinigiani announced the Gran Fondo; the grand bicycle event with more than 7500 registered riders takes over Sonoma County on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Carmen really needs our help at the Monte Rio Rest Stop. Contact Carmen to volunteer or for more details. Do not forget to wear your blue &

gold Rotarian at Work T-Shirt. If you need a new one, see **Secretary Jack Abercrombie**. He has an ample supply of sparkling new shirts in your size.

Best Practices Awards Breakfast: Jack Geary, Chair of the Disability Awareness Committee, announced that the Awards Breakfast produced by the Sonoma County Mayors' Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 17th at the Flamingo Hotel, 7:30 am to 9:30 am. Rotary co-sponsors the event with the Department of Rehabilitation and the Disability Services & Legal Center. Rotary purchased a table of eight for the Awards Breakfast. Three seats are still available. If you are interested in attending, contact **Jack Geary** at geary@garyassociates.com. Sponsorship opportunities and registration information are available at www.sonomacountymayorscommittee.com

Vets Program Chair Nick Knickerbocker announced that tickets were on sale to the traditional Veterans Day Luncheon that has filled up the Veterans Memorial Auditorium for the past 14 years, sponsored by the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Sonoma County. Mark your calendar for Thursday, Nov. 8th, but get your tickets early from Nick. Our Rotary Club will not meet the day before, Nov. 7th due to the Veterans Day event.

Don McMillian continues his search for fellow Rotarians who were unable to ride in the Giro Bello on July 7th because they had volunteered to make The Beautiful Ride such a success. Don is eager to host your own make-up bike ride. Give him the best date for you so Don can organize the ride and make another grand gesture on Rotary's behalf. Call him or send him an email don.mcmillan@mcmillanshureen.com.

Project Amigo: Our Rotary Club received a report from Susan & Ted, Colima, Mexico: "Thanks to you, another incredible year: Seven more students graduated from the University, bringing to 34 our total number of graduates. This year 268 children from humble rural villages received new clothing and shoes, dental exams and fluoride treatment, a new book of their very own, and outings to places their parents could never have imagined they would see. These children too have started their journey to a higher education. Your generous support this year was part of our success! Thanks again for your on-going support. All of you at the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa are making a difference in Colima."

ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS

Probably it was Gesine's Fire-to-Go Pizza, but the largest crowd since we started RMB attended the fireside networking meeting and dinner Thursday evening at Discovery Office Systems in Southwest Santa Rosa's

Corporate Business Center, hosted by Rotarians **Doug Johnson** and **Gesine Franchetti**. Among the almost 50 attendees were newcomers who are not Rotarians (yet), plus more than a dozen Rotarians from the Rohnert Park-Cotati and Rancho Cotati Rotary Clubs, signing up and eagerly participating in Rotary Means Business for the first time. The founding Rotary Club of Santa Rosa was outnumbered, even counting Rotarians from East & West Rotary, Windsor, New Generations, and a visitor from the Rotary Club of Novato who lives in Santa Rosa!

TRUE CONFESSIONS

Another professor: Carmen Sinigiani was recognized as our latest college professor, now teaching an evening class at the Empire School of Law. She donated \$25 to the Club.

Burning Man Fouts! Still exhilarated by all that time in the desert, **Robby Fouts** completely ignored the \$10 True Confessions discount and made his annual contributions to Rotary's Local Foundation. He donated \$50 each to Rotary's local foundation, and the foundation's memorials in honor of the two late Rotarians, John Brown and Jack Levar.

Stephan Passalacqua was recognized for the newspaper announcement that he was in private practice. The former district attorney's acceptance speech was well worth every penny of the \$15 he contributed to our local foundation.

Bob Higgs 'fessed up to two weeks in paradise. OK, it was only Alaska but he spent the time cruising and fishing, but that's close enough. Bob donated \$10 to the club for the fish he caught and \$50 for his two weeks' luxury cruise.

Past President Marnie Goldschlag was recognized for what sounds like a busy summer with a little down time at Lake Tahoe. Then off on college campus tours with daughter Jessica, a senior this year at Maria Carrillo High School, then making one last trip to the Hawaiian Islands to visit her mom. Rose has been living on Oahu but will be moving back to the Mainland soon. Apparently, nothing like free room and board making up for those airline tickets. Right, Marnie?

Last—but not least—was **Matt Fannin's** heart-warming story about his expired automobile registration. Quick thinking as always, he noticed the name badge of the law enforcement officer who pulled him over. It read Josh Ludtke so he blurted out, "Officer, I know your wife Carrie. We're in Rotary together!" After a true Rotary Moment and a friendly warning, Matt escaped without a ticket or a fine for failure to register his car. And a measly \$10 recognition tab in payment for being a Rotarian.

Editor's note: **Jim Johnson** stood up and interrupted the recognitions to demand a list of all fellow Rotarians who

were married to local law enforcement officers for future reference. No ticket was issued for talking with his mouth open.

PROGRAM

With dozens of achingly picturesque photos on screen, **Jeff Gospe** shared his five-week command assignment to France, escorting District 5130's Vocational Study Exchange Team through the centuries-old French wine country; two weeks in Champagne, two weeks in Burgundy, and the fifth week south of Bordeaux at the winery of their host family. The GSE team of working winemakers from Sebastopol, Geyserville, St. Helena, and a solo entrepreneur & winemaker from Napa County visited about 30 wineries and wine cooperatives, tasted more than 200 wines—plus another 200 served with lunches & dinners. As the overflow crowd watched and listened to our resident Francophile relieve his teen years (after 29 years) and talk about their remarkable experiences, world-class wines, and magnificent French cuisine, the Flamingo Ballroom was suffused with the green glow of envy and the bright light of fascination as Jeff compared the huge differences between France and California's wine country.



Jeff Gospe speaks of the GSE Team

POLIO PLUS UPDATE

Two weeks ago on his visit to our Rotary Club, District Governor Michael Juric talked about our remarkable progress towards completing Goal #1 of our Rotary Foundation: The Eradication of Polio Worldwide. This week Larry Myers, the District Polio Eradication Chair announced that this year to date only 123 cases of polio exist on Planet Earth—210 cases less than last year to date, with only 118 cases in three endemic countries (Nigeria, Pakistan & Afghanistan) and only five cases in the non-endemic country of Chad.

The three endemic countries continue to challenge Rotary

and our worldwide healthcare partners. Almost three times as many cases this year vs. 25 cases YTD. In Nigeria, insecurity in the northern states and concerns of cross-border transmission of the virus into neighboring Niger is a high priority. Immunization-Plus is scheduled to reach nomadic populations in ten northern states. Niger and other West Africa nations will be included in a multi-country campaign scheduled for October & November. In Pakistan, cases are fewer than last year-to-date—29 vs. 72. Even with continued political turmoil in the North, progress is evident. Primary concern continues to be the continuing presence of positive environmental samples collected in Peshawar, Sindh, and Punjab in July. Immunizations continue in conjunction with Afghanistan, where the figures year-to-date are virtually even at 17 to 13. Remarkably, the two countries continue to work together coordinating immunizations even though neither is able to cooperate in other ways.

Chad-Democratic Republic of the Congo-West Africa are on an active immunization schedule to prevent cross border transmission of the polio virus from Nigeria. We must eradicate polio in Nigeria in order to eradicate polio from the African continent.

Polio cases continued to decrease worldwide because of Rotary's efforts and those of our partners—UNICEF, CDC, Gates Foundation, UN Foundation, countries around the world plus both profit and non-profit corporations all continue to financially support our worldwide efforts to eradicate polio. From December 2007 through June 2012, the Rotarians of District 5130 raised \$530,490 to meet the Gates matching challenge. Soon, no parent or child will ever again have to fear a morning that a child might wake up, paralyzed with little or no hope for survival. Thanks to Rotary and to our million-plus Rotarians around the world. We may be "this close", but we can never rest until polio has been totally eradicated the world over.

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