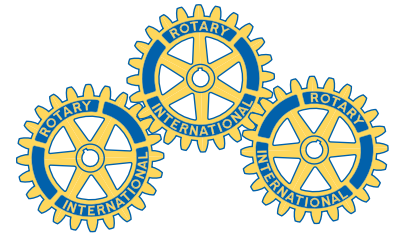




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OUR PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 25TH:

FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, NOON, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

“THROUGH MY MOTHER’S EYES”

THE TRUE STORY OF AN AMERICAN GIRL’S LIFE DURING WW II



Freedom at last: American GI gives a Japanese doll to an emaciated nine year old outside the gates of Japanese internment camp.

The young couple moved from California to the Orient in 1934 after the birth of their first child. His job took them first to Shanghai where their daughter Jean-Marie was born. The family moved to Hong Kong, then to the Philippine Islands and finally to Manila where they lived until...December 7th, 1941. Within hours of that surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, the Imperial Japanese Army bombed and strafed U.S. and Filipino forces at Corregidor, Bataan, and other military bases. Within weeks, the massive Japanese invasion and conquest of the Philippines began.

On January 14, 1942, near Manila, Gene Faggiano, his wife Eileen, and their two small children, son Jimmy and daughter Jean-Marie entered the gates of the Santo Tomas Internment Camp and joined 3,600 other American and British civilians. Jean-Marie was only six years old!

Next Wednesday—67 years later almost to the day—Santa Rosa resident Jean-Marie Heskett relives those three years of imprisonment, starvation, and torture for the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa. Her true story “Through My Mother’s Eyes” is a recently published book as told to her son, Mike McCoy.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS....

March 4, 2009: Rotary’s SOS—Support Our Schools & Save Our Students
March 11, 2009: The Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy
March 18, 2009: The Children’s Museum of the North Bay

LINKS

Visit our club’s website at www.santarosarotary.com
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[Video of Bill Gates speaking to Rotary](#)

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OPENING CEREMONIES

President Kathleen—alone on the Flamingo stage—eagerly welcomed Mark Burchill to lead us our Pledge of Allegiance. Vicki Hardcastle had extracted a venerable yet inspiring prayer from the Egyptian Book of the Dead: “Let us rise up and greet the Sun; Let us wash our hearts with laughter and rinse them with peace, and dry them with love.”

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Our visiting Rotarian this week, from the Sebastopol Rotary Club, was winemaker Karen Daniels. Three guests attended for Bill Hatcher's Outstanding Student of the Month recognition. And, from the Cappadocia region of central Turkey—Atacon and Neylan Bedir—house guests of Jim and Bergen Johnson. Atacon met many of our club members during our visit to Cappadocia on our 2005 trip across Turkey.

THE HEAD TABLE

President Kathleen introduced guest speaker Jim DeBonis and PowerPoint expert Tony Lombardi, both seated at a crowded round table to her right. Jim is Chief Executive Officer and Creator of Ascentia Wine Estates; Tony is Director of Public Relations.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH

Bill Hatcher recognized this month's outstanding student, Jesse Nee-Vogelman, and Jesse's mother, Marcia Vogelman. The principal of Elsie Allen High School, Mary Gail Stablein,



Marcia Vogelman and
Jesse Nee-Vogelman

who praised Jesse for passing his SAT tests without a single mistake, for earning a 4.7 grade point ratio, attending the school's University Center Program, and for his impressive student activities in

athletics, drama, and music at Elsie Allen and his work for Chops, the teen club in Old Railroad Square established by the legendary attorney “Chops” DeMeo almost 20 years ago. On a recent visit to Thailand, Principal Stablein remarked, illustrated the kind of honor student Jesse has been. He spent much of his vacation time teaching English to Thai children.

PORTLAND SHOOTING VICTIMS' FUND

President Kathleen expressed the appreciation from all Rotarians in District 5100 for the outpouring of support they have received for the victims of the shooting January

24 in Portland which resulted in the death of two Rotary exchange students and the injury of several others. Our club members donated \$336 to help defray some of the medical and travel costs incurred by the victims, their families, and the host families.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION RECOGNITION

For reaching the required contribution of \$1,000 to the RI Foundation, Committee Chair Vicki Hardcastle awarded Bill Rousseau his Paul Harris Fellowship Outstanding Student. Past President Will Haymaker (2002-03) was recognized for completing his sixth Paul Harris Fellowship, for his step-son John Hank Edson, and Bob Sorenson received a Paul Harris pin with two sapphires for completing his third Paul Harris Fellowship.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Filling in for Chair Deborah Gray, Robbie Fouts had only No News to report. Which is good news.

ROTARY CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The First Jack Levar Memorial Golf Tourney is scheduled for 10 am, Thursday, May 14, at the Oakmont Golf Club. Kim Murphy invited all golfers to put together foursomes and sign up for the fund-raising in honor of the late Jack Levar, the dedicated Rotarian who was a member of our club from 1983 until his death in 2007.

Rotary's Dictionary Project Chairman Ted Wilmsen is firmly convinced that there are undistributed dictionaries for third graders out there. If you have any, return them to Ted immediately.

Our Club's Member Survey has been completed by 80 percent of our fellow Rotarians. Chair Jeff Gospe thanked all 97 of us for our due diligence and threatened to reveal the names of the remaining 30 Rotarians yet to complete this important survey.

Rotary Magazine Chair John Riley urged every lazy one of us to carry the current issue with us until we've read it...to the dentist, at your doctor's office, while waiting in line at Costco or the DMV. Next week, you will have only 90 seconds to answer John's question from the Rotary Magazine Quiz. Be ready.

Next Rotary Social—March 5th: You are cordially invited to our festive party at Varena, across Fountaingrove Parkway from Agilent's main entrance. For more details, contact Social Chair Gesine Franchetti.

Denim & Diamonds News: President Kathleen announced the new co-chairs for our October fundraising celebration—Tony Walker and Julia Parranto. Congratulations, and thanks.

The Human Race is your opportunity to join your fellow Rotarians at this premiere fund-raising opportunity sponsored by the Volunteer Center on Saturday, May 9th, through Howarth Park. Jock McNeill and his committee are waiting to get your call or email.

Never Eat Lunch Alone is Matt Everson's battle cry to bring new members into our Rotary Club. He invited us to go www.SantaRosaRotary.com for The Story of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa, Prospective Member Talking Points, Luncheon Invitations

for Prospects, and Prospective Member Talking Points. Good work, Matt! Now it depends on all of us Rotarians.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS

2007/08

Congratulations to the 17 fellow Rotarians recognized at today's meeting for their perfect attendance:

1 Year:	Jack Atkin & Kim Murphy
3 Years:	Don McMillan
5 Years:	Ray Dorfman
7 Years:	Jack Abercrombie & Bill Hatcher
8 Years:	Kathleen Archer & Shishir Doctor
9 Years:	Paul Hamilton
12 Years:	Tim Fawcett, Sam McMillan, & Debi Zaft
13 Years:	Mark Burchill & Cecil Humes
14 Years:	Dan Erickson
22 Years:	Ted Wilmsen
23 Years:	Dan Bornstein
34 Years:	Steve Olson

THE RAFFLE

Red Badger Julia Peschken handled our illegal gambling scam with aplomb, even in the face of clowning by Past President (1996-97) and Past District Governor (2003-04) Norm Owen, whose lucky number was drawn. Sorry, Norm, that your luck ran out. Don't spend your \$10 consolation prize all in one place.

RECOGNITIONS

Timm Lowell announced that he is the father of a son, Gage London Lowell, born this past week. Sergeant-at-Arms Jack Geary passed the hat again for contributions, this time for little Gage's very own savings account. \$224 was donated, matched by the proud father, for a grand total of almost slightly less than \$500!

What do Past President Ray Dorfman (2007-08), Past President Will Haymaker (2002-03), and fellow Rotarians Nona Lucas and Kim Murphy have in common? Your editor has no idea—mainly due to the fog of rhetoric pouring from Dorfman and Haymaker as they wrestled over possession of the microphone. Kim and Nona kept quiet but whatever no matter what happened to garner recognition, our club ended up with a couple of C Notes total. Including Nona's contribution to her grandson's Paul Harris.



Jim DeBonis

THE PROGRAM: ASCENTIA ESTATE WINES

After graduation from the University of San Francisco in 1981, Jim DeBonis decided he didn't fit in with the high-tech start-ups, quit, and moved back to Sonoma County where he was hired as cellar-master at the original Simi Winery. A few years later, Simi was bought by Constellation and he was back in the high stress corporate world. He took a team of 30 people to work at Allied Domecq holding company which was acquired by Pernod Ricard and Fortune Brands. They created Beam Wine Estates. After a series of mergers and buy-outs, Jim and the wineries he oversaw were back at Constellation Brands. Unhappy with what was happening to legendary old wineries like Buena Vista and Geyser Peak, DeBonis took six months to develop enough financial backing to purchase those two wineries plus six more to create Ascentia, headquartered in Healdsburg.

Jim DeBonis' love of great wines and the century-old tradition of California winemaking that developed during his career were evident through his remarks. At Ascentia, he created a vision and style for each of his eight wineries that reflect those histories, with an understanding of the tastes of 21st Century wine buyers. For those of us who respect those traditions and appreciate the distinctive styles of each varietal and the many growing regions Sonoma, Napa, and the Pacific Northwest, Jim's wine career journey was breathtaking and fascinating. Older Rotarians who remember the original family-owned wineries of Northern California left Wednesday's meeting eager to taste the new fruits of his labors.

PRESIDENT KATHLEEN'S CLOSING WORDS

Your hard-working editor actually confiscated her notes and copied down what she said. But after carefully transcribing them into my computer, I could not do it. (deleted) Our delightful president—only the 4th female leader in 87 years—has 17 more meetings to go. We only pray that she's not running out of good material too soon.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

February 6th, 2009

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

Linda Joseph Sponsor: Jack Atkin
Manufacturers Representative

Victor Kim Sponsor: Julia Parranto
Legal Services

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2008-2009

Nearby Clubs To Make Up Your Attendance

Monday

Eureka, 12:00
Healdsburg, 12:15
San Rafael, 12:10
West Santa Rosa, 1:30
Willits, 12:15

Tuesday

Clearlake, 12:15
Guerneville, 6:30 pm
Mill Valley, 12:15
Rohnert Park/Cotati, 7:15 am
Santa Rosa East, 12:15
San Francisco, 12:00
Ukiah, 12:15
Windsor, 7:15 am

Wednesday

Fort Bragg, 12:15
Gualala, 12:15
Napa, 12:00
Petaluma Valley, 12:10
Ross Valley, 12:15
Sebastopol Sunrise, 7:15 am
Sonoma Valley, 12:15

Thursday

Calistoga, 12:15
Cloverdale, 12:15
Ignacio, 12:15
Mission San Rafael, 12:15
Petaluma, 12:10
Rancho Cotati, 12:00
Santa Rosa Sunrise, 7:15 am
Sausalito, 12:15
So. Ukiah, 7:00 am

Friday

Valley of the Moon, 7:30 am
Novato, 12:15
Sebastopol, 12:15
S.W. Eureka, 12:10

Be sure to make up missed meetings • Phone in your makeups to: 538-4770

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