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June 10th Program



meet your new Chief of Police

Ed Flint
City of Santa Rosa

Chief Ed Flint was hired on January 20, 2004, as Santa Rosa's 4th Police Chief in 60 years. Chief Flint began his law enforcement career with the California Highway Patrol. After working in Los Angeles and the Bay Area, Ed was hired by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department where he promoted through the ranks to Captain. Ed served as Assistant Chief of Police for the newly incorporated City of Citrus Heights, commanded the Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center, and the Sheriff's North Patrol Division before being selected as Elk Grove's first Police Chief.

Ed has attended numerous law enforcement schools and has received specialized training in narcotics investigations, SWAT operations, and civil emergency management. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the POST Command College. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from California State University, Sacramento, and is completing his graduate studies at California State University, Long Beach. Ed holds a community college teaching credential and taught at the Sacramento County Sheriff's Training Academy on a variety of topics.

Ed made significant contributions to several important endeavors for the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, such as the creation of the Sheriff's Narcotics/Gangs Division, implementation of community policing and stationhouse management concepts, and the startup of the Citrus Heights and Elk Grove Police Departments. Ed received numerous letters of appreciation, awarded five Sheriff's Unit Citations for outstanding performance, and received the Sheriff's "Manager of the Year" award for 2001.

In addition to his law enforcement career, Ed is a Colonel in the United States Army Reserves and is branch qualified as an Infantry and Military Police Officer. He was the Group Commander of SEG3, 1st Brigade (BCST), 91st Division (TS) at Camp Parks in Dublin, California. Ed is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and was selected for the U.S. Army War College. He was transferred to the Inactive Ready Reserve (IRR) on January 1, 2004, following an eight month deployment in support of operation enduring freedom.

Ed now lives in Santa Rosa with his wife Karen of 25 years. They have two daughters, Natalie and Tiffany, both engineering students at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, California.

Announcements and Events

Carol Cooper and Joe Siblonski were visiting Rotarians from the downtown club and Sylvia Simpson was visiting from Gualala Rotary.

Monthly speaker coordinators are still needed. Please sign up with Eleanor Webster.



MUG SHOTS—Make sure you have your picture taken for the new directory, if needed, and return the completed info sheets to Linda Hauck or Brian Ron- don.

President Steve has a good supply of flags for those who will be traveling and visiting other clubs.

Sue Sacks and her husband, Kelly, will be celebrating his birthday with a trip to Tahoe and Reno.

Mike Kelly celebrated his birthday by buying a new fishing rod and proceeded to catch nothing. Fortunately, his clients did.

Scott Holder and his wife, Tricia, will celebrate her birthday by attending three gymnastic meets over the weekend and a business trip by him to San Diego on Monday. Exciting.

Scott gave a high five for his trip to the Indianapolis 500 and the fact a tornado missed him by about two miles.

Tom Eakin and his wife, Joanne, will be celebrating their 11th wedding anniversary. Events are still in the planning stage.

John Bly gave a high ten to celebrate (1) his father's naming to the Rotary Hall of Fame and (2) his son's graduation from college with a degree in International Studies.

Rolf Wessman was fined for his new Honda "billboard" as well as Jim McCracken, who did the design work.

Janet Hamilton just returned from a tour of Florida and in recognition gave \$100 to her Paul Harris.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT (Kansas wisdom)

The older I get the more wisdom I find in the ancient rule of taking first things first, a process which reduces the most complex human problem to a manageable proportion.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

June 17-20, 2004

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VOCATIONAL TALK—Jim Henderson, Architect



Jim Henderson presented a vocational talk about his profession as an architect. Club members did a good job of naming five famous architects, and the world's tallest building being in Kuala Lumpur (just super-

sed by Taipei 101 at 1667 feet).

Architects were historically known as master builders, doing the design work and acting as general contractors. They now specialize in the design phase and will employ other specialists such as structural, civil, and environmental engineers. They are trained to look at the big picture and be problem solvers via their designs. A well-designed building will help increase productivity, reduce injuries, and reduce operating expense. Day-to-day they deal a lot with building codes and must be

well versed in the state and local modifications to the Uniform Building Code. An architect will help a customer stay in compliance with codes governing areas as diverse as fire, plumbing, environmental, zoning, and health.

It takes eight years of school plus experience to become an architect in California. For example, a five-year degree would have to be coupled with three years of experience. This qualifies the candidate to take a series of nine written exams plus a supplemental oral exam.

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BOARD MEETING

June 7th
5:30-7:30

At Steve Worthen's office
Interiors Incorporated
1325 North Dutton Ave

BLOOD DRIVE

June 5
Blood Bank

District Conference

June 17-20

Vineyard Creek Hotel
Registration form attached

CULINARY CLASSIC

October 23rd
Friedman Center


SPEAKER RECAP—Bob Harter, City of Santa Rosa

Bob Harter, Director of Utilities for the City of Santa Rosa, gave a very entertaining and well-prepared talk focusing on the financial structure of the city. The challenges faced are numerous given the severe budget constraints being placed upon the activities supported by the general fund. Things such as water, wastewater, parking, and the golf course are run as independent enterprises and are self-supporting. However, police, fire (including medical response), and road maintenance are general fund de-

pendent. Demand and need for these services has far outstripped the growth in capacity. In fact in the budget for next year there will be actual cutbacks. One solution would be a dedi-

cated sales tax of ¼% to raise approximately \$7 million per year. This would have to be approved by ballot in the November election.

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June 17th Program

LEND A HAND in UGANDA

Frank and Kathleen Mayhew

Rotary provides opportunities to serve, whether it be in the local community or internationally. Frank and Kathleen Mayhew, from the Sebastopol Rotary club, went on the first Festival of Brotherhood in Guadalajara and have been working with Project Amigo in Mexico for the last seven years.

In 2000, they went to the Rotary Convention in Buenos Aires, Argentina and met Ugandan Rotarian John Okumu. Opportunity! Three years later, at John's request they visited Uganda to look at potential

medical and clean water projects with several Ugandan Rotary clubs. They took with them, Dr. Richard Powers and his nurse, wife Charlene to evaluate the medical projects.

After almost three weeks in Uganda they returned with many worthwhile projects that Ugandan clubs would like to partner with US clubs to complete.

This year's Rotary theme is "Lend a Hand". The clubs of Uganda would hope that you can Lend a Hand to Uganda!

Santa Rosa Sunrise Financial Recap 2003-2004

President Steve gave a financial recap of his year in office, showing revenues and disbursements. Net fundraising income was a record \$77,640, with \$54,000 from the 2003 Culinary Classic and \$22,000 from the 2003 Golf Tournament. We disbursed all but \$685 in the form of grants to local and international individuals, groups and projects. Largest

amounts were for the biannual eye-glass project (\$8000), cataract surgery for 40 people in Rivas, Nicaragua (\$5,200), the Centennial Project (\$6,800), the SOS program (\$6000), and scholarships (\$4000). The 2004 Golf Tournament, which goes towards next year's fiscal budget netted a record \$26,000, giving us an excellent start to the new year.

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Mark Owades was visiting from Westport, CT Rotary Club and David Harter from the downtown club. Howard Seelye, Randy's father, was a guest. He had just returned from a cruise to Alaska. He subsequently won the raffle for \$140 and donated the proceeds back to the club towards the eyeglass project. Thank you, Howard!

President Steve announced that we would not be dark next Thursday, which marks the start of the District Conference. He urged any and all of us to at least to attend the Friday luncheon at the District Conference in order to hear the speaker, John Blount. He also reminded us that he has flags for us to take with us as we travel and visit other Rotary Clubs.

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Steve Amend reminded us of the "debunking" of Steve Herron to be held the evening of July 9. This is a nice social event with a bit of roasting of the outgoing president and recognition of the contributions made during the last year. All members are required to contribute the \$35 whether they attend or not. Spouses and guests are very welcome. \$35 for them, also.

Frank Cercone thanked all those who participated in the blood drive.

Hugh Helm announced that we would once again be spon-

soring the annual Senior Center Picnic. It will be held July 7 at Howath Park, the same venue as last year. We will need about 20 people in three shifts. Set-up 9:30 to noon. Cooking and serving 12-1:30 and clean up from about 2:00 to 3:00. If you have not yet signed up, send Hugh and e-mail if you are able and willing to participate.

Susan Glowacki emphasized the need for all of us to start focusing on the Culinary Classic and the need for auction offerings, emphasizing that they could be services as well as goods. For example, Penny Millar has come up with the idea of baking and delivering cookies once a month for a year. Last year Ken Petro offered a free air conditioning installation which went for \$4000, Dolinseks cooked abalone dinners at their home, etc.

Birthdays were being celebrated by Penny Millar, Dave Lorenzen, Max Bridges, Carol King and Randy Seelye.

Jim Kirkbride gave \$100 towards his wife's Paul Harris in recognition of the support members have given to his son's swim team.

Steve Worthen presented President Steve with a bottle of sake purchased on his trip to the Rotary annual international conference held in Japan. It was a fantastic experience.

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Another Great Year with Interact Comes to a Close

On the last Interact Club meeting of this school year, club members were asked fill out a questionnaire. Here are some of their comments:

I joined the EAHS Interact Club because...

"...I wanted to be more involved in the community... and to get the happy feeling of helping."

"...We all work hard together and we all have fun. Everyone is really friendly."

"...I heard it was fun and you get to learn leadership skills."

"...the people in the club are friendly. And I wanted to do the projects that Interact does for the community. My Interact activities have helped me become less shy and more able to organize."

"...I wanted to meet new people and learn to work together with them."

My Interact activities have helped me become...

"...become more of a leader and less timid."

"...more concerned about the environment and I got to know more people."

"...more responsible and see how important it is to help keep the community environment clean."

"...I wanted to make a difference in the school and community."

"...a better leader - I gained more self confidence."

SPEAKER RECAP—Ed Flynn, Chief of Police

Santa Rosa Police Chief Ed Flynn summarized his first 100 days on the job and outlined plans and ideas for the future. He is very impressed by the quality and dedication of the Police Department. Nonetheless, they face a myriad of problems and challenges ahead given the growth of the city, increase in gang related crime, and reduction in force.

Chief Flynn believes strongly in a hands on approach to his job and leading by example. He has reorganized the de-

partment and will focus on what he calls the Big 3: Gangs, Traffic, and Quality of Life.

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June 24th Program



Redwood Empire Food Bank

David Goodman Executive Director

Each month over 38,000 people in Sonoma County face the startling reality of not having enough to eat. The Redwood Empire Food Bank works with a variety of groups in our community to ensure that those at risk of hunger get the food they need to live healthy and productive lives.

Donated food as well as purchased food is distributed to low-income families, seniors, and individuals through local non-profit member agencies and REFB's own programs for children and seniors. It also provides food to five smaller

food banks in the northern coastal counties of Lake, Mendocino, and Humboldt.

This year, the food bank will distribute 8 million pounds of food. That represents 6,250,000 meals—over 17,000 meals a day. Because of community support and a commitment and tradition partnering with other organizations, the Redwood Empire Food Bank successfully leverages resources in such a way that it provides \$7 worth of food to the people it serves for every \$1 it spends.

Culinary Auction Items Start Rolling In!!

Romantic Weekend Getaways

(champagne, dinners, brunches, limos, picnics, lodging) Calistoga, San Francisco Hotels, theatre tickets, symphony tickets, football, baseball tickets.

The Coast - Monterey, Sea Ranch, Gualala, Mendocino, Bodega Bay
Las Vegas Golf and Spa gift certificates

Special Treats - 12 months of deserts delivered to your door.....

For Food and Wine Lovers..Restaurant gift certificates or private dinners

Nice Wines unique wine serving items
Large format wines Winery private tastings/dinners, tours,

Unique Themed Dinners - Abalone, Thai, - what's your expertise?

Nice Gift Baskets Traverso's Treats, Italian Delight, Mexican, Harvest, Olive Oils

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Susan Glowacki warmly greeted everyone, Rolf Wessman ably led the Pledge, and Sue Sacks provided inspirational thoughts, including John Wooden's: "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts."

Guests: Michael Wilson, hosted by the invisible Ross Address; Rod Ferranato of Santa Rosa Stainless Steel and LBC Board member, hosted by Nancy Aita (In their "free" time, Nancy and Mike Kelly are hard working members of the LBC Board); and Brian Mooney, SRKSEP chaperone, who attended to thank us for our efforts on behalf of the Steele Lane Elementary School garden - and to encourage us to continue our commitment of volunteer time and financial support to the school.

Announcements: Al Abramson announced with pleasure that both his boys are back home safe and sound, so he donated \$100 to his latest Paul Harris. One of them already has a paying job. Del Raby presented President Steve with a number of flags he collected in Japan and the Philippines after attending the **RI Convention** in Kyoto along with 47,000+ other Rotarians from around the world. Del reports he was recognized at one meeting for staying to the end even though he

didn't understand a thing. Susan Glowacki reminded us of the need to get our donations to the **Culinary Classic** Committee by the end of August. Following his written notification by email yesterday, President Steve announced a proposed **dues increase** starting next fiscal year (July 1st) from \$120 to \$150. Our last increase was more than 10 years ago and the increase is needed to cover a recurring deficit in our operating expenses of about \$2,000 annually. There will be a vote at our July 1st meeting, and Steve wants you to send him your thoughts (and perhaps your proxies) by email. Hugh Helm passed around the sign-up sheet for the Senior Picnic July 7, seeking people to work in the afternoon.

Recognitions: Steve Amend and Del Raby were recognized for hosting and chauffeuring Brazilian GSE Team members (Steve A: "It beats the roofing business."). Ralph and Kathy Harryman celebrated their 39th anniversary by not doing much. Ralph says "There aren't too many surprises after 39 years", so he donated \$100 to Kathy's Paul Harris. Warren and Wendy Smith celebrated their 29th anniversary by going to La Gare as usual (Warren: "No surprises here, either"); Bruce and Diantha Okrepkie celebrated 26 years of marital bliss at a dinner in San Francisco with friends. Hugh Helm's significant other

Christine had her birthday today, and Hugh's gift is to prepare the meals for a week. This may be Christine's idea on how they can both lose weight. Jim McCracken special-ordered an expensive new 240 hp, 6 speed, Honda S2000 sports car with tachometer, roll bars, textured aluminum pedals, leather-wrapped steering wheel, aluminum shift knob, high X-Bone monocoque frame, and two (2) beverage holders. It has a top end of over 200 mph and gets 20/25 miles per gallon of premium grade gasoline. Peter Hoberg and Hugh Helm bought inexpensive new hybrid Toyota Prius' that have no starter, no transmission, full lifetime warranties, and get 45/60 miles to the gallon of regular gasoline. Everybody was fined for everything.

Speakers: Frank and Carolyn Mayhew from the Sebastopol Club spoke about sub-standard health conditions and political unrest in Uganda, and the medical, clean water, school and agricultural projects they have developed for which they are seeking support.

President's Message: Fathers Day started in Spokane in 1910 and was made a national holiday in 1972. President Steve closed the meeting by reading the touching poem "What Makes a Dad."

VOCATIONAL TALK—Bruce O'Krepkie

Vocational Talk: Bruce Okrepkie provided an overview of the Workers Compensation Reform Bill. Importantly, it disallows injured workers from selecting their own doctors. Bruce urges employers to get their own "medical networks" (employer selected doctors) in place by July 1st. Although the bill was

enacted to reduce insurance rates, Bruce could only say that employer premiums may be reduced. This is because Arnie agreed with lobbyists who argued insurance rates should be left to the "free market." Bruce will be offering seminars and email information to anyone interested.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



chance to improve the lives around us:

- 1) Get involved. Do something outside your comfort zone.
- 2) Do something that matters. Take things personally. Be a mentor. Stretch yourself.
- 3) Be generous with your resources. Share your expertise, resources and your time.

Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary was well recognized at this year's District Conference, both in terms of the club's achievements and awards, but also by our representation by many of our members throughout the 4 days events.

KEYNOTE JOHN BLOUNT Keynote speaker John Blount put the challenge to all of us to look back at the last 100 years of Rotary, but don't stare. "Rotary's importance is told in the different ways it affects the lives of people." Rotary is a



KEYNOTE GERRY JEWELL
Saturday's keynote speaker Gerry Jewell inspired the audience and was awarded an honor membership into Rotary plus several Paul Harris

awards with most of the clubs participating.


PRESIDENTS EVENING The evening started with all the current year Presidents passing the torch to the incoming Presidents. The evening of awards and celebration was concluded when DG Norm Owen pinned the new DG Bruce Campbell. DG Bruce was welcomed into his new




role with a supportive rally cry of "Bruce, Bruce.." We look forward to celebrating this Centennial Year lead by our new President Steve Worthen.

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