



# The Sunrises



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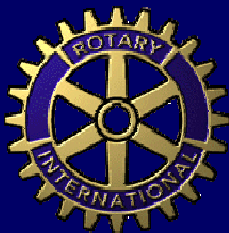
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**The Free Clinic:** A volunteer community-based response to the plight of the uninsured amongst us-(our friends, family and co-workers- and how you can help!)

**Synopsis:** The Free Clinic movement began in the 1960's as a spontaneous, collective response to lack of healthcare access for the poor, in an age of an outpouring of spirited volunteer movements dedicated to bettering the plight of the indigent. As times have changed, so too has the

structure of the now hundreds of free clinics across the country. What has not changed, however, is the dedication to providing free quality medical care, based on voluntarism, to those who would otherwise have little or no access to medical care. This talk will survey the history of the Free Clinic in order to place this phenomenon in context, and will highlight the formation and contribution of several local free clinics including the St. Stephen's Church La Clinica in Sebastopol, the Catholic Charities Homeless Support

Services Center Free Clinic in Santa Rosa, the Petaluma Free Clinic and the newest on the scene, the Jewish Community Free Clinic. Discussion of the demographics of the uninsured of Sonoma County will serve as a springboard for a glimpse into how volunteers can begin to address the growing problem of lack of healthcare insurance as it threatens to become a major source of distress in our local community, affecting our friends, family and neighbors.

**Bio:** Robin Lowitz, M.D. grew up in Berkeley, undergraduate degree in history from UC Berkeley, M.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine (Cleveland, 1991) and Family Practice Residency, UCSF-San Francisco General Hospital, 1991-1994, Board certified Family Practice physician. National Health Service Corps, Russian River Health Center, Guerneville, community clinic physician, volunteer at several local free clinics, founded non-profit Jewish Community Free Clinic of Sonoma County, October 1991.



#### GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

John Bly and the Golf Fundraising Committee get ready for another great year!

At Fountaingrove  
Golf Course  
May 30th

- \* Get your 4-somes together!
- \* And, we need corporate sponsors.

Meetings are held Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Fountaingrove Inn in Camelot A.

## Announcements & Events—March 6, 2003



**GREETER:** Steve Zwick

**PLEDGE:** Nancy Aita

**INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT:** Russ Lockner offered some "Montana wisdom" (surely an oxymoron?)

We had several visiting Rotarians, including Past President Art King, and several SOS Board members, including Bob Morego, Jenny Pitts, Rick Williams, John Palmer, and our own Nancy Aita.



### INTERACT/ROTARY PROJECT

Jim McCracken announced the Adopt a Creek Project involving the Elsie Allen Interact Club and a creek near Elsie Allen High School. Rotarians and their youngsters are encouraged to meet at Elsie Allen at 11 AM this Sat-

urday to participate. The Project will include cleaning up the creek, as well as learning about riparian environments and creek restoration.

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY:** Randy Seelye promoted the upcoming (March 15) District Conference in Ukiah. It will feature fun, food, and 27 workshops. Space remains available.

**GIANTS BASEBALL:** Hugh Helm announced that the baseball trip Sept. 27 had such great response that 10 more tickets have been purchased. This is a Giants vs. the "dirty" Dodgers game. Your \$65 buys you the bus ride, game, a box lunch and all you can drink. This is an "adults only" trip, please.

President Steve expressed his support for Jim Moir and Peter Hoberg, Agilent employees who will know more about their status tomorrow.

**GOLF FUNDRAISER:** John Bly announced a Golf Committee meeting tonight, and reminded us it's time to get our foursomes together. Would somebody please choose Warren to be on their

### ENVIROMENTAL DAYS

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Dates for the next two months booked. Our tasks are transporting split fire wood from the rear of the property to the front storage shed and working on clearing the fire road located on the upper reaches of the property. Exposure to POISON OAK should be minimal to you all. So, I need to have a tally soon of those who will participate. Dates: 3/29 and 4/12 9 am to 4 pm. Invite any other club members, spouses, kids (15 and older), friends.

team? Get sponsor information to Steve Herron or John Bly, Foursomes to Bruce O'Kreplek, and Tee Sponsors to John Dolinsek.

President Steve read a letter from Elsie Allen High thanking us for our donation of books to their library.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Mark your calendars for May 1st. More to come from Frank Cercone.

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*President Steve closed the meeting with a thought from George Elliot:*

*"What do we live for if not to make the world less difficult for others."*

## Special Recognition



Brian Rondon celebrated a birthday Feb. 20. He was served breakfast in bed by his children, which explains his absence from Rotary that day. He also celebrates a four year Sunrise Rotary anniversary (seven years total membership). All for a mere \$30.

Steve Zwick's wife Jackie will

celebrate a birthday this Saturday. Long time friends will visit for the weekend and all will enjoy a dinner at Kenwood Restaurant. \$20.

Jim Henderson celebrates a 7 year wedding anniversary soon with a dinner date with his spouse. He has a three year old son, and another son due in about four months. President Steve also acknowledged him for his work on the JC's new Culinary Arts facility.



The following celebrated Sunrise Rotary anniversaries by picking a Paul Harris square: Ross Jones 4; Ralph Harryman 6; Mike Panas 6; Tux Tuxhorn 2; Mike Kelly; Peter Hoberg 2 years.

Shauna Lorenzen volunteered that she also had a Sunrise Rotary anniversary in February and also selected a square.

President Steve acknowledged the prominently displayed poster size picture of Penny Millar reading to a child, and asked Penny to pick a Paul Harris square in recognition.



Nancy Aita introduced the Save Our Students (SOS) Program and its representatives today, Dr. Mark Doolittle of SSU and two of the school counselors, Emily and Chris. Nancy told us SOS will participate in the Human Race this year to supplement funding. She reminded us the program, now ten years old, was the vision of Rotarian Gordon Lofgren, who formed a Quad Club Committee to partner with City Schools, the Police and the downtown mall merchants to fight truancy problems. As truants were re-



turned to school "it became apparent their truancy was a

symptom of greater problems." This led to the partnership with SSU which placed counselors in schools to assist the students. As it was discovered the kid's dysfunction was related to family dysfunction the Family Education Center was brought on board to assist with parent education, which is now offered in Spanish and English.

Dr. Doolittle gave a brief history, noting the program is 10 years old, and that it began with \$10,000 from Rotary, now has a budget of

\$100,000 mostly from private donation and grants, and has involved 100 counselors. The program is now in 10 schools and at the Child Welfare and Attendance Office.

Counselors Emily Cate and Chris Bloomguard then each shared an example of a student with whom they have worked.



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Contact Bob Scott for info.

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March 15th  
Ukiah

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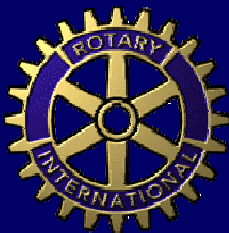
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## FLOWMASTER 20 Years History and Benchmarks

More than 20 years ago, Flowmaster started in a barn in Kenwood, and today has grown to the \$40M performance aftermarket exhaust leader.

Flowmaster started as a racing only muffler and has crossed over to the performance street market. They crossed over into other markets: the bass fishing market through BassMasters, ties between rock musicians and performance exhaust, Cars for Kids, and our relationship with the top custom car builders in the nation.

Kevin McClelland's background is 100% automotive. Kevin graduated from Los Angeles Trade Technology College in 1998, and owned McClelland Automotive from '80 through '84. In 1984, he went into research and development at

the Edelbrock Corp. Kevin was in charge of their Emissions lab, Emissions certification projects, and all in-vehicle product testing. In early '88, he moved on to Kaufmann Products, who was one of the leading Ford Performance companies of its time.

Kevin was the head of Research and Development, and the Head mechanic of their SCCA Showroom stock racing team.

In late '89, Kevin was one of the founding members of a research and development company call McFarland Inc. He was in charge of all engine development and testing. They also started a relationship with GM as a Performance Parts developer. They developed the GM Performance Part Crate engine program, and built Media cars for GM. In Jan. of '93 McFarland closed and Flow-



master bought its equipment and moved everything including Kevin to Sonoma County.

Today, Kevin is Flowmaster's Dynamometer Operations Manager. He is in charge of all engine related testing and vehicle testing. Kevin also a member of the management team of Flowmaster.

Kevin has competed in NHRA drag racing for over 27 years. Major accomplishments include:

- 3 time National Event winner
- 2 time Divisional Event winner
- 1 time Divisional champ

## MAY 30th—GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

At Fountaingrove Golf Course

Registration forms are available! Sign up early!!

## Announcements & Events—March 13, 2003



President-Elect  
Steve Herron

GREETER: Dan Lambert  
INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: Del Raby suggested incoming President Steve was "suspended from a chandelier" (or something like that), and hoped Steve's light would shine brightly and inspire us.

Jim McCracken said the **Colgan Creek project** (near Elsie Allen High) began last Saturday with the help of Jim, 5 Interactors, and a City of Santa Rosa employee. We now have helped create about one-half mile of "happy creek" according to Jim.

Randy Seelye reminded us the **District Assembly** happens this weekend.

John Bly reminded us our **Golf Tournament** is May 30. Brochures and announcements are out. Our top priority is to fill up our foursomes. Our price remains the same as last year and we are early on the calendar, two things in our favor.

Stan Walker said the **Rebuilding Together Day** will be Saturday, April 26. More info will be coming soon.

Next in the barrel, oops, I mean incoming President Steve shared that there will be a **Quad club meeting** at our

location March 27. The program will be a "riveting" presentation" by John Dolinsek about Environmental Projects.

John Dolinsek announced that the next installment of our **Environmental Project** at Glen Oak Farms, Glen Ellen will occur March 29 and April 12. John needs a half-dozen volunteers to meet at the St. Francis Safeway at 8:30 AM. each time. He promises we are not tasked into the poison oak forest this time.

Incoming President Steve praised the newsletter as a superb source of information and Linda Hauck for the great job she is doing.

Incoming President Steve announced his plan next year to add to our store of banners from other clubs. If we travel, Steve asks we make do a makeup and bring back a banner. He promises this will mitigate fines.

Susan Pearlman reminded us of the **Culinary Classic**. Kim Petro, Debra Allard, and Susan are encouraging early submission of raffle and auction items.

Larry Martin shared that on a recent United Airlines flight he was filled with pride to see a three-minute in-flight film about the Rotary Polio Plus effort.

**CORRECTION: Blood Drive** will be held on May 3rd. Please contact Frank Cercone for more information.

### EYEGLASS PROJECT

**Managua, Nicaragua**  
**July 12-20, 2003**

We will depart on 7/12/03 and return 7/20/03. We will be working closely with the Managua Tiscapa Rotary Club. Will be doing four days of eye exams and eyeglass dispensing. Likely one day in an elementary school, three days seeing other needy people. All the work will be in the capital city of Managua. Ed Carrette has made arrangements for accommodations for us in Managua. The Managua Tiscapa Rotary Club will cover all transportation and meal needs. We will have a new piece of equipment with us this time, called an "auto refractor". Patients will look into the equipment, then the auto refractor will determine the needed prescription. This should allow us to see more patients than usual, so we will need a good turnout from SR Sunrise in order to take care of the increased patient volume.

Costs per person have yet to be determined and will vary with the # of travelers, but they will likely be no more than the cost of airfare.

If anyone has questions or is interested in going, please contact John Jones at (w) 546-0272 or e-mail [jjones@linkcpa.com](mailto:jjones@linkcpa.com).

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## Special Recognition

Mike Panas, Archie Julian and wife Sue are quietly celebrating birthdays this week.

John Dolinsek has recently bought a home, benefited from hundreds of dollars worth of volunteer help and equipment to move in, and enjoyed a ten day junket to the desert while his wife slaved over the move. In characteristic (for John) Rotary fashion he offered to be fined \$250 for all his good fortune. In a serious slip of the tongue he stated he is "indebted" to Steve Worthen, Russ Lockner, and Jim Brenton.

Following up, Ezbon Jen lodged a "there goes the neighborhood" complaint against John, and Dave Lorenzen and incoming President Steve offered \$25 apiece for their benefits from John's move.

Steve Zwick paid \$25 for being a first time granddad. Congratulations, Steve!

Incoming President Steve displayed a clipping from The Business Journal featuring Stan Walker promoting software. Ironically a sided bar stated, "Avoid These Five Mistakes When Hiring a Contractor." We're all certain the placement was purely coincidental. \$10.

Larry Martin is honored to have his business be one of only 20 U.S. Travel Agencies invited to the prestigious Italian Travel/Trade Show, the world's largest such event. Larry will be taking 18 people to Italy this summer for the Italian Slow Food Extravaganza, 9 days of "the delights of the table" in Tuscany. Slow Food supports various projects one of which is to restore the

Berkin Turkey, the original U.S. turkey. Larry has persuaded Willie Bird to begin to again raise this noble bird. Larry paid \$15 for the notoriety with more to come after the trip.

Randy Seelye offered a High \$45 for some great recent skiing with his daughter in Oregon. This complete Randy's \$203.

John Jones offered a High \$100 to his daughter's Paul Harris for his father's spectacular progress in recovering from a serious stroke. Drs. Are referring to his dad as a "walking miracle."

Jim Moir offered a High \$10 for "not being voted off the Agilent island," and thanked all Club members for their support and positive thoughts. He further reminded us to keep all of our peers in mind during these tough economic times.

## PROGRAM RECAP—Jewish Community Free Clinic

Ed Carrette introduced Linda Lowitz who heads up the Jewish Community Free Clinic in Cotati. The clinic is non-denominational and offers medical services at no cost to clients. Linda gave us a history of such clinics dating to the 1960's in Berkeley and San Francisco. There are 400 such clinics in the U.S. founded to address the plight of the un- and under insured. She noted these folks are now more than ever "among" us as jobs shrink and the health care system unravels. In Sonoma county up to 23% of the population is un- or under insured, including 35% of the Hispanic population and 16% of children.

The clinic relies on donations of time, expertise, money, services, medication and equipment for Drs., hospitals, labs, social services, etc. Some medications are purchased to insure inventory and reliability. Church groups have been primary sponsors of clinics.

The Family Practice Clinic operates on Thursday evenings, and a newly opened Pediatrics Clinic on Tuesday evenings. The next hoped for expansion is a Women's Health Clinic. They have outgrown the space donated to them by the Lion's Club, and have plans to site a modular building donated by SSU in the parking lot of the synagogue across the street

from that location. Permitting and renovations will be costly.

Fundraising is primarily via events and direct solicitation. Grant writing is emerging as very important.

Linda offered that the clinic's mission is in synch with Rotary's values of "service" and "building good will and friendship." The Rotocare program has set up clinics in California, New York and Washington, 1500 Rotarians volunteer in such clinics, and locally Rancho Cotati's Interact Club has assisted the Jewish Community Free Clinic.

## CALENDAR

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Fountaingrove Inn

### Environmental Days

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April 12th

### Rebuilding Together

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### CULINARY CLASSIC

October 11  
Friedman Center



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## MARCH 27th PROGRAM



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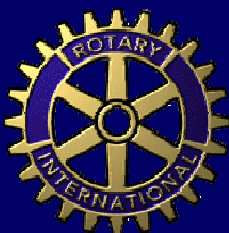
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Lia Rowley started her professional career working with families and children over 30 years ago and has been in private practice since 1982. As a Behavior Consultant she taught non-violent and positive parenting and teaching approaches to parents, teachers and other professionals.

In addition to teaching she spent most of her time working with individual families in their home setting, working directly with parents and children. It was during these many years of service that

she became more and more aware and concerned about the plight of some of our children and began her dream of a safe place where some children could grow up happily in a safe and nurturing environment, a children's village.

Jacque Gillespie graduated from Law School in 1991. She represents foster youth and has done so for 11 years. Jacque is the mother of five children. Jacque has a strong commitment to community involvement. She is on the Women in Law Board of Directors; Care Counseling Center

Board of Directors; Grandparents Parenting Again Board of Directors and participates in Annual Seminars focused on Grandparents' Rights and Sonoma County Foster Care Forum: She is involved in Routes for Youth; and joined the Children's Village Advisory Board in 1998. She is devoted to Protecting the Best Interests of our Children, and addresses legal issues relating to children and various topics related to teens issues.

It wasn't until the tragic death of Georgia Moses, the twelve year old girl whose nude body was found abandoned along Hwy 101 in Petaluma that Lia Crowley was shocked into reality that something needed to be done, and should be done now. She made the decision to work her vision, a Children's Village for children for who needed a safe and permanent loving home. She began to talk to Jacque Gillespie and people she knew who shared a similar passion for the vision.

Now, five years later, the passion has taken fruit, and the vision is manifesting into reality, right here in Sonoma County. Lia and Jacque will tell you about The Children's Village and its progress to date.

#### SANTA ROSA SUNRISE HOSTS ASSOCIATION DINNER

**TOPIC:** *Rotary and the Environment - A Local Perspective*

**WHO:** All Sunrise Rotarians Invited and Encouraged

**WHERE:** Fountaingrove Inn, Camelot Room A

**DINNER CHOICES:** Sliced Beef Sirloin with Caramelized Onions & Mushroom Sauce **OR** Braised Chicken Breast with White Wine Reductions of Herbs, Black Olives and Dried Apricots **OR** Vegetarian. All dinners accompanied by salad, dessert and wine at dinner.

**COST:** \$30.00 per person.

**RESERVATIONS A MUST!** BY NOON on March 24th

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## Announcements & Events—March 20, 2003



DGE Norm Owen visits Sunrise to thank Dave Lorenzen and Randy Seelye for "Lending A Hand."

Past President Shauna took charge of the meeting, while President Steve is touring Japan. Eve was our greeter today and Linda lead the pledge. Ed Carrette shared a "Remax moment" by Henry David Thoreau. Eve introduced our special guest today: DG Elect Norm Owen.

DGE Norm expressed his appreciation for our club's participation in the District Assembly, especially to Randy Seelye who was this year's chairman and to Dave Lorenzen who played a very key role in the organization and smooth registration for the Assembly. Norm thanked them both for "Lending A Hand".



### Special Recognition

Merle Hayes is celebrating her birthday out on the town with her daughter.

Peter Hoberg's parents gave Molly a special present—a night off from the kids. Steve Worthen and Jim Brenton are both MIA and fines are mounting.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GOLF FUNDRAISER**—Golfers and sponsors are needed to participate in this year's annual fundraiser. Mark your calendar for May 30<sup>th</sup>—we need everyone in the club to help to make it successful! Contact John Bly for more information.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Randy announced the next major Rotary event, which is the District Conference. This is our annual event to celebrate the past year's Rotary achievements. It will be held in Fortuna from May 1-3. Sign up by April 1<sup>st</sup> and receive a 10% discount.

**ENVIRONMENTAL** John Dolinsek announced the upcoming Environmental Dates of March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 12. Please

email or call John if you can participate.

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED** Dan Lambert is looking for volunteers and friends to host the 24 students coming from Denmark. 15 boys and 9 girls



will need homes. If you can host, or know of someone who can, please contact Dan.

**SENIOR BREAKFAST** Hugh is organizing the next Senior Center Pancake Breakfast. Volunteers are needed for May 31<sup>st</sup>. Visit the club's website for snapshots of last year's fun-filled day at [www.santarosasunriserotary.org/senior.pdf](http://www.santarosasunriserotary.org/senior.pdf).

**MEET OUR NEW BLUE BADGERS**—Jim Kirkbride and Debra Allard have turned in their red badges. Debra was one of the shortest red badgers while Jim was going for the record of longest red badger. Jim paid \$14 for taking 14 months to do a make-up.

AND Dave Brown won the raffle today!!



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## PROGRAM RECAP—Kevin McClelland from Flowmaster

Ray Flugger, President of Flowmaster started the company in a small 800 foot barn in 1983. At that time, they produced mufflers, one at a time. Today, they hold 27 patents and a productive R&D staff develops several hundred car parts. They are best known for their Flowmaster Power Chamber. They have developed a dynameter that attaches to the engine and measures the efficiency of the

pressure and fuel. The benefit is that it limits sound and adds fuel efficiency.

Flowmaster has been involved in racing for about 10 years. They produce a special muffler for race cars designed to meet sound requirements—most of these are given away for promotions.

Flowmaster employs about 200 employees in Santa

Rosa and another 200 employees in Sacramento. The ship about 850,000 parts annually; this year they project a 20 percent growth and should ship 1.2 million parts. Their entry level muffler accounts for about 40 percent of their total sales—they will be challenged this November when their patent expires and world competition enters their market. Flowmaster is celebrating their 20th anniversary.

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## DGE Norm Owen Begins with a Successful District Assembly



ing Rotary vital to attract new members and retain our existing membership. In the time poverty era, we need to “See the ship through the eye of the crew.” Rotary leaders need to keep Rotary alive for future generations.

Attendees were then invited to select from 27 workshops of their choice, in three separate break-out sessions. Sunrise session leaders included Shauna Lorenzen presenting the Secretaries’ Workshop, Dave Lorenzen who presented the Foundation I workshop, and Bulletins and Websites presented by Linda Hauck. Dave Lorenzen also presented the PHF ceremony for the General Assembly.

Past District Governor Del Raby introduced the afternoon Keynote Speaker, Past

District Governor Finis Jeffers. Jeffers, a Rotarian since 1955, has had a lifelong interest in cartooning and worked for “Dennis the Menace” studios in the mid-60s. Jeffers featured DGE Norm Owen in his presentation entitled, “A Look at Rotary Through the Cartoonist’s Eyes”

Looking forward, the Centennial Celebration was featured by Maureen McDaniel and Susan ZW. President Elect Steve Worthen attended this break-out session for the Centennial which will be held in Chicago in 2004. Much more on this special event to come!

The next District Event will be the Conference in Fortuna May 1-4. Con-



Photos thanks to Petaluma Valley Rotary and Linda Hauck

The 2003 District Assembly was held last weekend in Ukiah and more than 330 Rotarians from District 5130 attended the event. District Governor Elect Norm Owen presented the event, and Randy Seelye was the General Chairperson. The RI theme for 2003-2004 is LEND A HAND.

The morning Keynote Speaker, Keith Woods, spoke on “Rotary in a New America. Although Keith is an entertaining speaker, his point targeted the importance of keep-

## INTERACT IN MOTION



"Interact Creek Restoration Project at Elsie Allen High School"

For our eighth year, Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary Club is proud to sponsor the Interact Club at Elsie Allen High School.

We are happy to report that instructor Patsy Young once again volunteered to provide on-campus leadership for our Elsie Allen Interact Club. Jim McCracken and Merle Hayes are the Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary Club advisors.

Acting on a hot tip from a past club officer, the EAHS Interact Club voted to undertake a major new environmental project. We are participating in the City of Santa Rosa sponsored Creek Stewardship Program. Colgan Creek runs directly ad-

jacent to the high school and through the surrounding community where most students live - it's a natural for Elsie Allen. The 'Adopt-A-Creek' program teaches students about creek protection and restoration, native and non-native plant life, clean water and environmental issues, riparian repair and enhancement. And best of all, pride in the environment in which we live. This will be an on-going project, passed along from year to year.

In September, our Interact Club passed a motion to donate \$250 as financial support for the high school Robotics team. This was followed

by a \$1,500 contribution from Sunrise Rotary.

On October 26, we had our Interact sponsored Park Clean-Up and Picnic at Spring Lake in Santa Rosa. Twenty-eight Interactors and seven adults joined together for some hiking, horseback riding, fellowship and good food. We even took time to do a little trail cleanup! During the past months, club members have donated time and provided assistance for bedridden seniors at London House, a senior lifecare facility in downtown Santa Rosa.

The EAHS Interact Club membership presently totals eighty-one.

The concept of combining the efforts of high school Interact Club mem-

bers and Rotarians, young and old working together on both community and international projects, provides a forum for communication and mutual respect. This process, by demonstrating 'service above self,' produces a lasting positive impression on the lives of these young leaders of tomorrow.

For additional information about our Interactors activities, visit the website at [www.santarosasunriserotary.org/interact.htm](http://www.santarosasunriserotary.org/interact.htm).



### YOU ARE INVITED...

On March 21st, 22nd and 23rd, District 5130 Interact Club members are once again gathering at the annual Leadership Conference held at the Alliance Redwoods conference center in Occidental. Interactors travel from all over northern California to meet one another, to share ideas, to learn and discuss strategies for involvement in their own communities as well as world-wide service. Speakers this year include District Governor Terri Clark and Governor-elect Norm Owen. Keith Woods will ask the question,

"So What Are You Going To Do With The Rest Of Your Life?"

Special Interact thanks go to Faculty Advisor Patsy Young and Sunrise Rotarians Ralph Harryman and Merle Hayes for stepping up and volunteering to help transport Elsie Allen students to and from this year's conference.

If you really want to feel good about tomorrow's leaders, be at the main meeting hall at Alliance Redwoods from 9 am until noon on Saturday, March 22nd. You will be inspired. All Rotarians are welcome.

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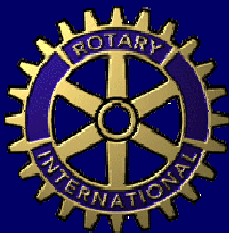
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### RYLA District Chair Lou Steinberg District 5130 Rotary Youth

Lou is District 5130 RYLA Chairperson and a member of the Petaluma Rotary Club. He is a graduate of Sonoma State University and has remained active with SSU as Board Member of the SSU Athletic Association and President of the SSU Alumni Association. Lou's other community service activities include past president of the Petaluma Board of Education; past president of the Cinnabar School Board of Education;

and Sonoma County General Plan Update Committee. His professional history includes: President Sonoma County Board of Realtors-1990; California Association of Realtors – past Regional Chairman; National Association of Realtors-Director 1991-94. Lou is presently Vice President Commercial Loan Division of Investors Trust Mortgage Company.

Lou will give us an overview of the history of RYLA as well as how it functions in our district. Each year the 43 clubs in district 5130 present an educational retreat at Westminster Woods camp

in Occidental, CA. Each day is filled with surprises, fun, recreation, leadership activities and much more. Students, those having finished their junior year in high school, come from all over Northern California to participate in this leadership camp.

The RYLA scholarship is not just an academic award based on grade point. It is a scholarship given to both young high school junior men and women who have exhibited over-all leadership qualities through well-rounded endeavors both in and out of their school and community environment. Relatives of Rotarians are eligible for this program.

Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary Club is sponsoring two students for the 2003 RYLA leadership week which is being held the 3rd week in June. A committee from our club will be interviewing 2003 RYLA applicants in May.

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## Announcements & Events—March 27, 2003



GREETER: Jerry Johnson  
 PLEDGE: Dan Davis  
 INSPIRAIONAL THOUGHT: Ken Petro

Dan Lambert announced he still needs "a lot of homes" for the Danish students coming May 16-29. They are 16-19 years of age and speak fluent English. There are 15 males and 9 females.

Jim Brenton reminded us we each need to come up with an item valued at \$100 or contribute \$50 for the Golf Tournament raffle. Items can be given to Jim or Eve Nighswonger. Bruce O'Krepkie announced we have 4 paid four-

somes, and asked for a show of hands of who would be entering a foursome. Thirteen more hands were raised. All paid foursomes will be eligible for a free round to be drawn April 23.

Keith Taylor announced that Wally Lowry is still in the hospital –74 days total, 59 in ICU. He is off the respirator and on dialysis. His prognosis is for a full recovery.

Bob Scott thanked President Steve for his part in the Kagashima trip, and complimented Steve profusely for his speech *in Japanese* recognizing the sister city program's 40h anniversary.

We will depart on 7/12/03 and return 7/20/03. We will be working closely with the Managua Tiscapa Rotary Club, three days seeing other needy people. If anyone has questions or is interested in going, please contact John Jones at (w) 546-0272 or e-mail [jjones@linkcpa.com](mailto:jjones@linkcpa.com).



### ASSOCIATION DINNER FEATURES SUNRISE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

On March 27th, Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary hosted the Association Dinner at Fountain Grove. John Dolinsek presented an overview of our club's environment projects at the Glen Oaks Ranch. John talked about some of the project we have completed, plus plans for the Ranch. DGE Norm Owen encouraged other clubs to get involved with environmental projects. The next opportunity for our club members to be involved in the Environmental Project will be April 12th. Call John for details.



## PROGRAM RECAP—The Children's Village

Lea Rowley and Jackie Gillespie told of their vision for an innovative foster care facility. The Children's Village will be composed of 8 homes each serving 6-8 foster children. They will be "staffed" by foster parents. There will also be apartments for elders who volunteer to provide grandparenting of the kids, and a community building. This vision is now 5 years old. The group has purchased a piece of property in southwest Santa Rosa and is making concrete plans.

The purpose of this is to address "foster care drift" and to prevent the breakup of siblings, both common occurrences in the current foster care system. 600 kids are currently in foster care in Sonoma County. Of these there are 340 siblings, 76 of whom are not together. 200-300 kids are referred to foster care each year. 47% return home. 40% remain in foster care experiencing 7-8 placement changes during their foster care.

Children who experience this

system are at high risk or a variety of social, personal, academic and health related ills. The Village will reduce these risks and improve outcomes.

The program is based on an Austrian model, which now has three sites in the U.S. The inclusion of elders is an idea borrowed from the Hope Meadow home in Illinois. Ms. Rowley estimates it will cost \$5.5 million to complete the project, with a first phase costing \$2.5 million. They are beginning their capital campaign and seeking volunteers in various capacities.

## Special Recognition

### BIRTHDAYS

President elect nominee Steve Worthen is spending a week celebrating wife Georgia's birthday. Nancy Aita thinks this is a splendid idea.

We sang happy birthday to Dan Davis, who celebrates his birthday today. Luckily our song was not his gift. He spent part of last week taking in some NCAA basketball games.

Linda Hauck began celebrating last week with family and friends, and will continue this weekend.

Bob Tidd will go to the coast and share his celebration with his son and sister.

Leroy Carlenzoli celebrated wife Carole's birthday while



attending their son's wedding in Arizona.

### RECOGNITION

Jon Stark recently returned from Guatemala having had a "wonderful trip," and gushing kudos for Ed Carrette. Jon's budget was \$4000 and expenses were \$2400, so he donated the balance to assist others to pursue their Paul

Harris Fellowship.

Jim Brenton celebrated his 4 year wedding anniversary March 20 in Las Vegas. He will extend the celebration the next two weeks in Cabo San Lucas. Jim also had a 4 year Rotary anniversary Feb. 4. He picked two Paul Harris squares.

### RAFFLE

Nancy Aita found the black marble, worth \$100 today. Jim Kirkbride took home the sure \$10.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Steve shared his experience of having credit cards stolen while at a local health club, a stark contrast to his experience in Japan.

## Highlights from the trip to Kagoshima West



Santa Rosa Sunrise President, Steve Amend, and SRKSEP Chairman, Bob Scott, along with their wives, Kathleen Amend and Kathleen Scott, were especially invited to attend the 40th anniversary of the Kagoshima West Rotary Club. They were guests

of honor at the Anniversary celebration and were hosted by Hiroshi Tsuru, the Kagoshima West Rotary Club President and Chihoko Ueno and Keisuki Kogi who work intensively with the SRKSEP program in Kagoshima.

The couples spent 4 days touring Kyoto and Nara, the ancient capital of Japan. These cities fortunately were untouched by the war. The temples, shrines and gardens are magnificent. In Kagoshima, the tours included the volcano, Sakurajima and the resort area of Ibusuki, famous for its hot springs and hot sand baths.

Also visited was the school and grave of Kanae Nagasawa, the Samurai who became a businessman in Santa Rosa, building the Round Barn and developing the Fountaingrove vineyards and winery, the first in the area.

But most of all, the richest value of the trip was the strengthened bond between the sister city Rotary Clubs. The Japanese people were warm, hospitable and generous. It was an unforgettable experience.

*Shown in the photo, left to right: Keisuki Kogi, Kathleen Scott, Bob Scott, Kathleen Amend, Steve Amend and Kensuki Tamari.*

## CALENDAR

### Board Meeting

April 7  
Interiors Inc. Offices

### Environmental Project

April 12th  
Contact John Dolinsek

### Rebuilding Together

April 27th

### Blood Drive

May 3rd

### District Conference

May 1st-3rd  
Eureka

### GOLF FUNDRAISER

May 30th  
Fountaingrove Golf Course

### EYE GLASS PROJECT

July 12-20, 2003  
Managua, Nicaragua

### CULINARY CLASSIC

October 11