Our speaker next week will be Jorjan Powers, who is the Community and Public Relations Director for Assistance Dog Institute. The Assistance Dog Institute’s mission, “Helping Dogs Help People”, has three primary objectives.

**Research**—The Assistance Dog Institute studies a variety of assistance dog applications. This is done through the Institute’s own programs and in cooperation with other assistance dog programs. The Institute also works with assistance dog users and programs in experimental studies to explore new concepts and techniques.

**Development**—The Institute works with internationally recognized experts in the field to develop and improve assistance dog methods and materials, and to create new directions for the placement of assistance dogs.

Staff from assistance dog organizations around the world are brought together to discuss strengths and weaknesses in current technology in order to accelerate program development.

**Education**—To enhance assistance dog programs throughout the world, the Institute provides consultation services and holds workshops and seminars to teach new and varied approaches to assistance dog training and placement.

Animal Planet was here last week filming for a new show that will air in the Fall titled “Adoption Tales”. The Institute also promotes the increased awareness and acceptance of assistance dogs by the general public.
Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary

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Bruce O’Krepkie: Greeter
Mike Kelly: Pledge
Bob Tidd: Inspirational Thought

Wayne Stefani won a drawing for a free round of golf for the golf tournament.

Stan Walker spoke about the recent Rebuilding Together. Special thanks to those who helped: Russ Lockner, Archie Julian, Del Raby, Warren Smith, Mike Kelly, Bruce O’Krepkie, Eve Nighswonger, Larry Martin, Jim Kirkbride, Hugh Helm, Ken Coker, Steve Zwick, Jim Henderson, Ken Petro, Steve Amend, Kristen Walker (Stan's daughter) and Karen Flock (Stan's employee). A special thanks to Stan Walker, the team captain.

Ross Jones was fined for a birthday and family vacation (via automobile – a brave man) to Southern California.

Scott Holder was fined for an Edward Jones training session that he went to in Arizona.

Leroy Carlenzoli was fined for his son's wedding in Arizona.

Vicki Lockner, who picked Paul Harris' nose before, was given an opportunity to pick another part of him.

CALENDAR

Board Meeting
May 5th
Interiors Inc. Offices

Glen Oaks Project
May 10th
Call Doley for info.

Glen Oaks Picnic
May 18th

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Vocational Talks

Rolf Wessman gave a vocational speech. Rolf was born in Sweden, moved to Spain, then back to Sweden. At 13 years of age he moved to Ireland and lived there for 14 years before coming to California. He has been in Santa Rosa since 1989. His company provides computer services to businesses to improve their profitability through service, tech support, installation and training of computer systems.

Frank Cercone also gave a vocational speech. Frank is an orthodontist in private practice for over 20 years. Frank spoke about invisible braces that are becoming popular with adults (but not recommended for children). Invisible braces use computer technology to straighten teeth.

President’s Message

“Trust men and they will be true to you; treat them greatly and they will show themselves great.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson
John Dolinsek was the guest speaker. His topic was the club’s proposed environmental project -- Glen Oaks Ranch. John believed that preserving the ranch would require five to six work parties a year with each work party being four to six hours. To day, the club has had several work parties (clearing trees, roofing old out buildings) and have donated approximately $1,000 worth of equipment. The project would be in conjunction with Sonoma Land Trust, a non-profit organization selected because they are financially secure, well established and experienced in this area. The goal would be to make Glen Oaks Ranch a highly visible example of a working landscape that integrates diverse natural resources with agriculture, historical perspective and nature. John mentioned that there will be a work party on Saturday May 10th. Members interested in participating should plan on meeting at the Safeway parking lot (on Hwy 12 and Calistoga Rd) at 8:30 am on the 10th.

Glen Oaks Family Picnic

Glen Oaks is a 240 acre ranch located in the Valley of the Moon across Highway 12 from Glen Ellen. Mark your calendar for 2 important dates:

Family Picnic
Sunday, May 18th
11:30-4

Come for food, fun, games, hiking, fellowship and relaxing. We are offered the chance to use it for events such as our potluck picnic. If your last name is A-M, please bring Salad; N-Z please bring dessert.

Work Day Event
Sunday, May 10th
8:30 am

You are also invited to join our upcoming work day on May 10th. Contact Jim Moir and John Dolinsek for info.

Living Treasures Introduction

This is to introduce you to “LIVING TREASURES” (L.T.), an ongoing Rotary community service project. The program recognizes people in the community that contribute their talent and spirit for the betterment of those around them.

The community nominates Living Treasures by submitting ballots to the sponsoring Rotary club. The club’s selection committee screens the nominees and selects one. That nominee becomes a mentor at large and offers to share their talent with any interested persons.

Over the next few weeks Ed Carrette and Ross Andress will be talking about this face to face with members as the program picks up steam.

For detailed information visit the L.T. web-site at http://www.livingtreasures.org.

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Sunrise Rotarians John Jones and Ed Carrette are recognized at the district conference for their outstanding contributions.

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MAY 15th PROGRAM

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Announcements & Events from May 8th

Greeter - Jim Moir
Pledge -- John Stark
Inspirational Thought -- Linda Hauck

Eve Nighswonger announced that she would like people to donate to SOS for the upcoming Human Race (Saturday, May 10th).

John Bly/Golf Tournament -- still in need of corporate sponsors and more golfers

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Jim McCracken -- Elsie Allen High School Interact Club is sponsoring a school-wide canned food drive to support Redwood Empire Food Bank. Canned goods will be collected at our club meetings through the end of May.

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Ed Carrette then auctioned-off a pack of Iraq playing cards. Shauna Lorenzen was the winning bidder at $60.00 (Ed matched her for $25.00).

Del made the announcement that the District Conference was a success and very well attended this year.
Hugh Helm was recognized for his 20th anniversary to Christine. He and Christine plan to enjoy the Real Cancun next week with their trip to Mexico.

Susan Perlman was recognized for her 1 year club anniversary, and shared her thoughts on how much this club has meant to her.

Steve Herron was recognized for an air-brushed photo and well-edited article in North Bay Business Journal.

Ken Coker was fined for no longer having a PG&E bill due to the new solar electric system that he installed in his house.

Vicki Lockner gave a high five for her ten days in Mexico and presented President Steve with a nutritious and well-balanced sack lunch of tequila and Cheetos.

Max Bridges gave a high five for the birth of his grandson. Russ Lockner was fined for his "business" trip to Missoula, Montana, but then gave President Steve a flag from a local Rotary Club.

The program speaker was Jorjan Powers, the Community and Public Relations Director for Assistance Dog Institute. Jorjan was joined by Norton, a very well behaved assistance dog. Assistance Dog Institute's mission is "Helping Dogs Help People." The institute was founded in 1991 by Dr. Bonnie Bergin, who also helped found Canine Companions for Independence. Jorjan talked about how the dogs assist disabled individuals and help enhance their daily lives. The institute has a "college" for service dog trainers, who teach the dogs over 90 different commands -- from opening and closing kitchen cabinet doors to picking up a pen that has been dropped on the floor. Jorjan says that a dog's demeanor is a very important trait for an assistance canine. The dog should be calm and relaxed around crowds and a variety of social situations.

The Nicaragua Trip is on track for a departure of 7/12 and return on 7/20. It looks like we'll have at least 12 travelers, but we could use more. The Club's board approved the acquisition of the autorefractor which will increase the number of patients we can see so ... we need your help. Estimated costs per traveler are only $800. See John Jones for info.

New Member—Don Floriani

Jim Moir and Dave Brown welcomed a new club member – Don Floriani, general manager of Smile Business Products. Welcome to the club, Don.
But Safari West is more than a preserve. We are dedicated to raising awareness of our exotic neighbors and promoting understanding through in-person contact. That's why we offer public tours year-round. If your only experience with a zebra or giraffe has been at a zoo, you should see these beautiful animals in their natural habitat. You owe it to yourself, and to them.

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Faster is not always better. In a world increasingly dominated by technology, instant communication and instant gratification, Safari West stands as a tangible testament to the joy of the natural world, where the pace of life is dictated not by deadlines, but by nature.

Nestled on 400 acres in the heart of California's wine country, Safari West is home for over 400 exotic mammals and birds. Not a zoo, not a drive-through park, it's a wildlife preserve where the whole family can experience some of nature's most beautiful animals in a natural habitat.

Established by Peter Lang in 1978, Safari West gained membership in the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, one of only six private facilities in North America to belong to that prestigious organization. The ongoing mission of Safari West is wildlife preservation through breeding, education, research and public interaction.

What happens at Safari West?

Safari West serves two important functions: first and foremost, we are a wildlife preserve, with several important ongoing projects such as:

- The propagation of endangered species. Safari West is the home of zebras, giraffes, cheetahs and many more exotic creatures
- Under the directorship of Nancy Lang, Safari West is breeding several endangered bird species
- Conservation programs are in place for two species of Saharan Desert antelope now extinct in the wild

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Announcements & Events—May 8, 2003

**CALENDAR**

**GOLF FUNDRAISER**
May 30th
Fountaingrove Golf Course

**Joint Board Meeting**
June 2nd
Interiors Inc. Offices

**Debunking**
June 28th
Details to Follow

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**CULINARY CLASSIC**
October 11
Friedman Center

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Greeter: Penny Millar
Pledge: Scott Holder
Inspirational Thought: Tom Eakin

Announcements: President Steve reminded those interested in helping out at the May 31st pancake breakfast at the senior center to contact Hugh Helm.

John Bly: Golf Tournament – we still need more golfers.
Jerry Johnson: Golf Tournament – need help with the tee sponsors. He needs a few people to take down the signs after the tournament is over.

Steve Olsen: Mark your calendars. June 27th from 6:00 p.m. will be a special “meeting” on President Steve Amend’s behalf (details are forthcoming)

Leroy Carlenzoli: A new project at the Earl Baum Center will be to build a new garage. Please contact Leroy for more details. If you don’t, Leroy will volunteer you himself.

Jim Moir: Talked about the recent May 10th work party at Glen Oaks Ranch. There was good turnout and the fire road was cleared, picnic tables were rebuilt and firewood stacked.

Special thanks to Del Raby, Steve Herron, Shauna Lorenzen, Dan Lambert, Ed Carrette, Hugh Helm, Russ Lockner (and grandson), Max Bridges, Larry Martin, Warren Smith and Peter Wolfe.

Jim Moir: Talked about the upcoming May 18th picnic at Glen Oaks Ranch from 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be a shuttle/car pool at Dunbar School from 11:30-12:30. This will also be a welcoming for our visiting Swedish students. People with names ending in A-M are to bring salads and those ending in N-Z are to bring desserts. Jim is hoping that more people from the N-Z group show up.

Dan Lambert: Made a brief announcement thanking the families that will be hosting the Swedish students.

Stan Walker: Offered another thank you letter from Corby-Olive Action Committee for our club’s recent work at Rebuilding Together.

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Recognition and Assembly

President Steve recognized Keith Taylor for his double sustainer donation, along with Ken Coker and Eve Nighswonger (who were not present).

Peter Wolfe was recognized for two weeks in Arizona, where he let his students track him through the wilds.

Steve Davis was recognized for his trip to Palm Springs where he tracked his girlfriend for about a week. Steve mentioned that they didn't speak to anyone for the entire time (except each other, of course). Steve was fined $25.00 but received a $5.00 discount for being brave enough to golf with Nancy Aita during the golf tournament.

Ross Andress gave a high 20 for five years of good health.

Tux Tuxhorn gave a high five for his recent successful Sonoma State Entrepreneurial Program – which had 43 businesses participate over a three-day period. Tux was also recognized for his wife’s new car.

Jim McCracken thanked all those who donated canned goods for the Elsie Allen Canned Food Drive. There are still two more weeks to go.

Steve Olsen gave a high five for the first carriage event of the year.

John Bly was recognized for his recent golf trip to Scottsdale, Arizona, where one of his golf mates scored a hole-in-one. John enjoyed Scottsdale so much he returned with his wife for a round of shopping.

Nancy Aita made a $100.00 contribution to her dad's Paul Harris. A friend of her son’s is very ill and it makes her thankful for what she has.

Club Assembly: A club assembly was then held. Brian Rondon and Penny Millar discussed the proposed changes to the club’s bylaws – which were approved. President Steve then spoke about the selection of the club’s 2005 Rotary Centennial Community Project. President Steve proposed as our club’s project, a program to provide dental and medical care to shut-ins and other persons who do not have regular access to such services. The program would be done in conjunction with the Santa Rosa Junior College, with Ezbon Jen as the liaison. As proposed, the club would make arrangements to transport persons in need of medical/dental care to clinics at the SRJC. A mobile medical/dental unit would be available for those persons who could not be transported (e.g., children of West County farm workers). President Steve then opened-up the discussion to club members.
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Living Treasures Introduction
NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM
GOLF FUNDRAISER IS HERE!

John and the Golf committee will be organizing the day's events for May 30th and assigning club members to help make the day a great success!

LAST WEEK'S NOTES
Greeter: Dave Lorenzen
Pledge: Steve Davis
Inspirational Thought: Ralph Harriman

Announcements:
John Dolinsek reported on the recent picnic at Glen Oaks Ranch. About 75 people were in attendance and everyone had a good time.

John reminded everyone that the golf tournament is quickly coming up -- Friday, May 30th. Next week's club meeting will be primarily about the golf tournament.

Dave Lorenzen addressed the club regarding the recent District Conference Awards. The district recognized that we are the first club to have 100% Paul Harris Fellows. Dave noted that Del Raby was recognized at the District Conference as a Major Donor (a member who has surpassed the $10,000 amount) – Dave then presented Del with a very nice crystal memento and the club showed their appreciation for Del with a standing ovation.

Recognition:
Russ Lockner was recognized for his wife's recent birthday. Russ celebrated by going fishing in Montana – alone. Russ will be making up for that by taking his wife to Hawaii next week.

Ralph Harriman celebrated his wife's birthday with a golfing get away at Benbow Inn (not bimbo) and became a double sustainer with a generous $203.00 contribution.

Steve Zwick celebrated his birthday with a nice dinner and a round of golf.

Finally, Steve Herron was recognized for 7 years of wedded bliss.

Guests:
President Steve acknowledged our visiting students from Sweden. Each student had the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Several of the students talked about some of the differences between Sweden and the United States. In Sweden you can drink when you are 15 years-old but cannot drive until your 18. More important to the students, is that sporting goods shoes and apparel are half the cost in the United States compared to Sweden. If you want to know the similarities between the countries, the students said you would have to visit Sweden to find out.
The students' chaperones, Chris Sondergaard and Ann Marie Ormsiup also said a few words about Rotary, the student-exchange program and their country.

A special thanks to Dan Lambert was given by Chris, Ann Marie, as well as President Steve, for all of his hard work.

One of the Swedish students was particularly happy about attending Thursday's Rotary meeting - he won the raffle worth $170.00.

**Speaker:**
The speaker was John Roberts, the naturalist and manager for Safari West Wildlife Preserve and Tent Camp. The preserve has been open since 1989 and is located on 400 acres here in Sonoma County. The preserve offers tours throughout the year, as well as overnight lodging in luxury tent cabins. All of the tents are close to, but separated from, the exotic wildlife that inhabits the surrounding hills and plains area. The preserve has over 80 species of animals. John shared a very interesting slide show presentation with a running commentary. For instance, a female zebra has a 11.5-12 month gestation period -- so it is almost continuously pregnant (no comment). A male ostrich, because of its black coloring, will sit on the baby ostrich eggs at night while the female (with grey coloring) will sit on the eggs during the daylight hours. John also brought in Mr. Bajeebers, an 11 week-old baby porcupine (which is a member of the rodent family). John pointed out that porcupines do not actually "shoot out" quills but, instead, release them when they back into an object.

**GLEN OAKS RANCH PICNIC HIGHLIGHTS**
We had about 75 or 80 folks there, including the Danish students and their sponsors. John Dolinsek and Steve Herron cooked up a whole bunch of chicken, Dan Lambert, Tom Eakin and Keith Taylor ran the shuttle and Steve Amend, Don Floriani, Merle Hayes, Susan Pearlman, Del Raby, Dave Brown, Jim Moir and Peter Wolf helped buy the supplies, set-up and clean-up. We had a beautiful day, with lots of interaction between the Rotarians and the Danish students. Nathan Boone, one of the caretakers of the property, gave a short history of the Glen Oaks Ranch and then a number of folks hiked the property—viewing Stuarts creek, meadows, and the more adventurous got a great view of the valley from a mountain top at the back of the property.
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**Announcements & Events—May 29, 2003**

**Greeter:** Mike Panas  
**Pledge:** Mike Downey  
**Inspirational Thoughts on Golf:** Dan Davis

Joint board meeting will be held on June 2nd and President-Elect Steve Herron’s home.

The Senior Pancake breakfast was held on May 31st—thanks to all who participated. The next Senior event will be the Senior Picnic on July 2 from 10 am to 2 pm. Hugh Helm would appreciate your support.

**New Member:**

Austin O’Malley was admitted to the club as a new member. Austin works for Wells Fargo and his sponsor is Ken Petro.

**EYE GLASS DEADLINE IS TODAY!**

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Recognition and Golf Tournament Highlights

Jerry Johnson was recognized for a recent birthday. Jerry started his birthday morning by looking at Mike Kelly's smiling face (on a giant billboard).

Peter Wolf was fined for seven years of wedded bliss.

Eleanore Webster gave a high-five for the birth of her sixth grandson (and a new car).

Bruce O’Krepkie and Jim McCracken both took separate vacations to Hawaii. Ken Petro returned from the San Juan Islands and Larry Martin from Ashland's Shakespeare Festival. Larry also donated $100.00 to Bob Tidd's Paul Harris for Bob's commendable handling of Larry's refinance.

Hugh Helm was recognized for his trip to Cancun where, thanks to Ed Carrette, he was treated to VIP accommodations. Hugh presented President Steve with some very nice Cuban cigar bands (sans the cigars).

Nancy Aita gave a high-10 for raising $1,500 for the Human Race and for finally receiving permission to start the remodeling on her home.

Warren Smith contributed $100.00 to his son's Paul Harris. Warren's son recently graduated from college in Vancouver.

Finally, Vicki Lockner gave a high-5 for being relieved that last week's earthquake was not a burglary.

Ross Andress, John Stark, Jim Henderson and Mike Downey had the pleasure of announcing and introducing the recipients of the Michael Scott De Shields scholarships. (Three of the recipients pictured above.)

Thanks to everyone for their tremendous support of the golf tournament!

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: The only ones among you who will be truly happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.— Albert Schweitzer