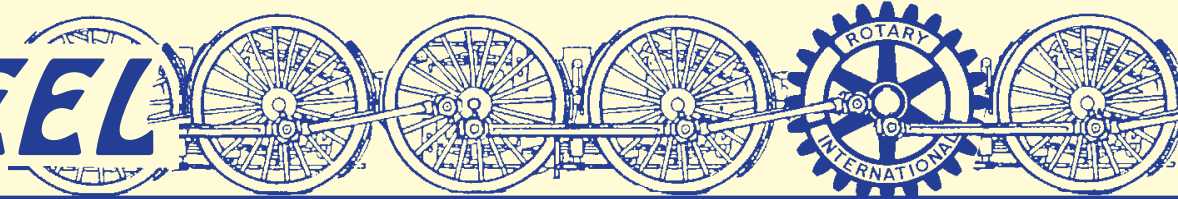


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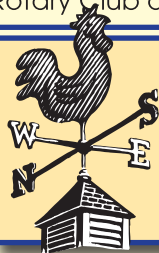


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In The Valley of Gentle Seasons



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The End...

For the very last time in his Rotary year, **President Tom** called a meeting to order. **Craig McCurdy** led us in the pledge and provided a thought for the day.

We enjoyed appetizers, beverages, buffet dinner, and dessert, wonderfully prepared by **Debbie Ghiringhelli Catering** ~~Dee's Catering~~. A big thank you to the **Bar Crew** and **Marsha Molloy** for their work getting the beverages and food organized.

After dinner, **Patty Dougherty** led things off with the introduction of new members who joined our Club this Rotary year. Outgoing **President Tom** introduced and recognized his Board for their service over the last 12 months.

Next up was **President Elect Lynn Dawson** to introduce her new Board, for the next 12 months.

Past President Al Angulo (Lynn's Sponsor) had the honor of installing those new Rotary Board members for 2025-26.

Next, **President Tom** gave **President Elect Lynn** the Presidents Pin and Gavel. **Tom** also handed off to **PE Lynn**, for safekeeping during her Rotary year, the Ukrainian glass crystal torch originally presented to **Dr. John Elloway** (Club President 1991) who traveled repeatedly to Ukraine to deliver and administer the Polio

vaccinations to the children.

With the transfer of leadership complete, **Past President Phil Dougherty** recognized out going **President Tom** with a gift (a **Joe Montana Jersey**) and a Past President's Gavel and Pin.

As the official **Past President, Tom** made his farewell remarks and thank yous. Then it was "on to the show".

The Debunking

This year's Debunking Team was composed of **Dean Heffelfinger, Phil Dougherty, Peter Pelavin, Larry Mazzotta, Marty Wickenheiser and Craig McCurdy, Eliza Roesler, Rene Prado and Susie McCurdy** (Susie made the slide show).

Dean introduced **Phil Dougherty** as the narrator of **Tom's** life history. **Tom's** life was re-enacted with clever skits and familiar tunes sung with lyrics especially crafted for **Tom**. They also showed a video of **Tom's** daughter, **Grace**, who did a bit of her own roasting of dear ol' dad.

...And a Beginning

After the final curtain, **President Lynn**, in her white Calgary hat, made her way to the podium. She gave her first Presidential remarks and thank yous. Then she picked up the gavel, rapped the bell and adjourned the meeting.

That's All Folks...

In typical fashion, the Debunking Team did a great job of roasting our outgoing president with skits and songs to bring our Rotary year to a light hearted end.

We Just Can't Get Enough: A Who'z Dat Rotarian Redux

*Ed. Note: A couple members have asked who the character was in the **Steve Jobs** movie trailer that **Past President Tom** is related to. The character was: **Steve Job's** first girl friend, **Chris Ann Brennan**; Mother of **Steve's** first child, **Lisa**; It is hard to believe but **Chris Ann** refused to marry **Steve Jobs**, because he was "Too Flaky" (Coulda, shoulda); **Chris Ann** is a cousin of **Now Past President Tom**.*

In case you missed it, below is the original published copy.

One last time, Who'z Dat Rotarian – totally flummoxed the entire club.

Despite good guesses by **Dean H.** and **Gary B.** no one knew who:

Got the highest performance rating in the State for playing the saxophone;

Ran Bay to Breakers ten consecutive years;

Was related to one of the characters in a trailer of the movie "Jobs"

The answer was **Almost-Past-President Tom Rickey**.

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The Four-Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Keena Turner

The Secret Behind the 49er Super Bowl Championship Run

Thurs., July 24, 2025 • 7 pm to 8:30 pm

In 1980, Keena was drafted in the second round by the San Francisco 49ers and played outside linebacker with the "Team of the Decade" until his retirement in 1990. His eleven-year contribution to the team resulted in four Super Bowl wins and a trip to the Pro Bowl. He championed the 49ers to victory as Captain of the 1984 team and was subsequently chosen by his teammates as the "Len Eshmont Award" recipient for his courageous and inspirational play.

Keena Turner, legendary #58 and 4-Time SUPER BOWL CHAMPION for the San Francisco 49ers, will join us to discuss sportsmanship, teamwork, the championship mindset and what it took to win and sustain dominance during his 11-year professional football career. Now, Vice President and Senior Advisor to the General Manager, Keena will field questions about his "Team of the Decade" and the future of today's Niners squad.

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Upcoming Programs & Events

July

July 4	No Meeting
July 11	RCN Board - 2025-26 Strategic Plan
July 18	Scholarships
July 24	Novato Speakers Series: Keena Turner The Secret Behind the 49er Super Bowl Championship Run
July 25	President Lynn's Welcome Social

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JULY

Special Dates

7-8	Carl Dawson
7-9	Jacqueline Janssen
7-11	T.J. Neff
7-12	Burt Hoffmann
7-15	Jeff Slavitz
7-18	Ashley & Randy Baker
7-19	Jacqueline Janssen & Mike Morrissey
7-20	Brian Durwood
7-25	Karen & Bruce Palmer
7-25	Peter Pelavin
7-27	Christina Stroeh & Brody Stewart-Stroeh
7-29	Marsha Molloy
7-31	Sara Gabriel



NEW MEMBER NOTICE

The application for membership of the following was (were) approved by the Board of Directors and the Membership Committee:

- **John Christman: Chiropractor**

If there are no objections by:

Thursday, July 3

he/she/they will be inducted on or about:

Friday, July 11

Peian Harness
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Almost Past President Tom called us to order, to start the evening.



Past President Al Angulo inducted the new RCN Board for the 2025-26 Rotary year to be led by President Lynn Dawson.



President Lynn Dawson was passed the crystal Ukraine Torch, by outgoing President Tom, for safekeeping during her Rotary year.



Past President Phil Dougherty presented Tom with his Past Presidents Pin and Gavel, as well as a Joe Montana jersey.



Craig McCurdy portrayed Tom in skits, including this football skit.



Tom's daughter, Grace, help with debunking her dad via a pre-recorded video.



The Debunking team in action, providing great entertainment.



President Lynn Dawson gave closing remarks and then adjourned the meeting in her Calgary hat.