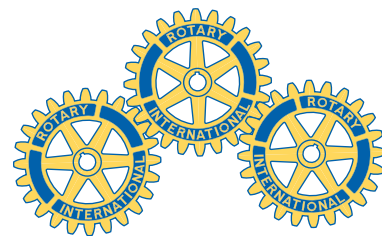




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FLAMINGO RESORT HOTEL, WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH, NOON

Back in the summer of 2004, when KSRO, Santa Rosa’s oldest radio station, set out to find a new “live and local” morning talk host, they publicized the job opening on the air and received more than 75 applicants from all walks of life here in Wine Country. The qualifications were simple—a local person who was passionate about life in Sonoma County.

Marcy Smothers got the job because it would be difficult to find anyone else as bright, talkative, intelligent, with as much passion about living in Sonoma County.



Marcy Keriker began her show business career 20 years ago when she graduated from UCLA with a degree in film. She worked in television production and as a casting director. She worked on “MAS”H during it’s last season, then the short-lived sequel “After MASH”, and in 1987 she got a job on “The Smothers Brothers 20th Anniversary Reunion”. That’s where she met her future husband Tom. Three years later, now more than 15 years ago, they married and she set up housekeeping down the road a piece in Kenwood.

This summer Marcy convinced KSRO to move her talk show to an afternoon time slot so she could spend more time at home before school with their two children, Bo, 13, and Riley Rose, 11. KSRO is letting her skip the first hour of her 3-hour program so she can share her adventures with us at Rotary’s Wednesday luncheon meeting.

Upcoming Programs...

- February 1, 2006: Rotary’s 11th Annual Public Safety Awards
- February 8, 2006: Kenneth Fishang, Sonoma County Tourism Bureau
- February 15, 2006: George Perez, President and CEO of Memorial Hospital
- February 22, 2006: Club Assembly

Our weekly pledge was lead by **Pete Lescure** and the Invocation given by the right Reverend **Don McMillan**.

Sonaya Stevens introduced visiting Rotarians including the reformed lawyer **Bo Kirschem** of SR West and **Josephine “Sandwich Sign” Thorton** of Petaluma.

Guests were once again plentiful today. No doubt due to the speaker of the day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Santa Rosa Rotary Ski Team is building some downhill momentum for a great time in Tahoe Friday March 3rd. You going to be there with **David** and **Wayne** and others? **Murphy** promises to go, and maybe show the team mates the naughty pictures on her cell phone!

Membership Moment today was done by **Don McMillan**. He wanted to give Members some ammunition for prospecting new Members. Some of the reasons why to join Rotary could be:

- Effecting change within the community
- Developing leadership skills
- Gaining an understanding of—and having an impact on—international humanitarian issues.
- Developing relationships with community and business leaders

Jim Johnson is looking for help and ideas on the new Club Brochure to be out soon. He is looking for the Top Ten Reasons to join Santa Rosa Rotary. How about seeing Jim’s hair color change like the seasons?

As much as your Editor enjoys writing the weekly Santa Rosan, it may be time for me to step away and try other avenues of service for our Club. We’re looking for a replacement for myself as co-coordinating editor and also for a hand full of contributing editors to handle writing 3-4 bulletins every six months.

Club Email! ourclub@sbcglobal.net is an email everyone can use to contribute who’s sick, who’s well, and who really deserves to get fined! Let’s all use it! Send your thoughts and ideas to the address.

Ray Dorfman asked that we all think of connections with prominent speakers (entertainers, athletes, other

celebrities...can I get a Scarlett Johanson?) to help **Wayne** continue fielding excellent weekly programs.

FLAMING O! UPDATE

The Club went with the El Cheapo option and kept prices the same and eliminated extras from our forthcoming lunches.

SECRET GREETER

Today’s lucky winner was **Ray Foreaker!** Ray shook the lucky hand of **Tom Benefiel** for a free lunch.

MAGAZINE QUESTION

The excitement in the Club for this event is staggering. You can feel electricity build when **John Riley** stands with the microphone to query the Club. Or that could be the sound of **President Les** drooling into the microphone. **Steve Olsen** saved the class today and answered the question! Want to know what it was? Read page 18 cheater!

SUNSHINE

Knick Knickerbocker has entered the London House to heal up from some hip complications.

Judith Hall was back! She gave a heart-felt salute of thanks to the folks in SRRC that helped her through her harrowing ordeal and she says she could not have done it without us. She really wants everyone to know how much our support meant to her.

PROGRAM

Burton H. Fohrman discussed current political, economic and social issues in Japan, China and Vietnam. Burt’s opinions and commentaries are based on his experiences as an attorney who lived and worked in Asia for many years. In addition Burt has family in Asia providing him with insights and experiences not usually available to foreigners. Burt’s 42 year legal career includes 35 years of international work in 26 countries.

Burt is currently senior counsel to Perry,



Johnson, Anderson, Miller & Moskowitz LLP here in town. His talk was laced with humor and it is clear he is a virtual knowledge base of the three countries he was asked to speak about.

He spoke of Vietnam's up and down emergence as a modern nation and how over 65% of the people in the country today were born after our war there. Most of the youth have seen, via TV, what the US is all about and they want it. A small, older contingent pulls the Communist strings still and, in Burt's belief, will soon be inevitably marched over by the powers of freedom and capitalism.

Today's China reminds Burt of Japn of 20 years ago. Poised to take over the world, and the fear and admiration that inspires from everyone else around the globe, Burt thinks China is going after their stated 'rightful place in the world.' That would be to become the world's dominating country.

\$12 billion in infrastructure improvements in Beijing in the last two years and \$20 billion in foreign investment flowing into Shanghai each month support the theory that China is on track to rule the world, at least economically.

He went on to detail foreign policy challenges with both Japan and China and thoughts on the way their economies and governments will interact with our own in the coming years. A very interesting and excellent talk from a man who is clearly a master of his understanding of Asian issues.

Of all he spoke about today, the most interesting related story was one where he visited a tiny village on the Mekong Delta 10 years ago that was not really much different, technologically speaking, from 1795. Save for the one generator running to one TV in the village. All the villagers had gathered around a make shift living room to view Bay Watch of all things. It shocked him to think this was the message they were getting in these primitive settings.

The same occurrence happened to me while traveling in Zimbabwe in 1999. One TV, run by one generator that the entire village gathered around. I was embarrassed to see that Bay Watch was their show and that I actually came from where Bay Watch is filmed and produced. Horrifying to realize this is the image of America that most third world countries see first, isn't it?

ROTARIAN MAGAZINE QUIZ

Answer: Start small. You'll find the answer in the January issue.

UK ROTARIAN'S MEDICAL VOLUNTEER WORK SAVES LIVES IN ZAMBIA

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga; Rotary International News
January 4, 2006

Due to a severe shortage of medical personnel, more than 56 percent of expectant mothers in Zambia give birth without the help of trained health workers. As a result, each year, 75 out of every 10,000 women in the impoverished southern African country die in labor.

Dr. Peter Blackwell-Smyth, of the Rotary Club of Perranzabuloe, Cornwall, England, has channeled his passion for medical volunteering into an effort by the Zambian government to address this dire situation.

Since 2002, he has traveled twice a year to Monze Mission Hospital, in southern Zambia, to help train medics who are licensed to work in place of gynecologists and obstetricians in a country where the doctor-patient ratio is 1 to 10,000. The 274-bed hospital is especially well suited to host the training program because it has modern equipment and specialist staff and serves as a referral center for smaller hospitals.

Dr. Blackwell-Smyth's November 2005 training mission was typical of the three- or four-week sessions he holds for six licentiates, as the medics are called. As soon as he arrived, he introduced the trainees to the hospital routine of making ward rounds to examine and prepare patients for surgery, in addition to teaching the basics of gynecologic and obstetric care. Toward the end of the program, trainees participate in the repair of fistulas and perform Caesarian sections. The successful licentiate is allowed to perform surgery unsupervised.

"The really good thing about the program is that quite a few of the licentiates come from very remote parts of Zambia, so they go where they are really needed," explains Blackwell-Smyth. "In a country with a scarcity of skilled medical personnel, the value of these licentiates cannot be overestimated."

Read more on this article by visiting rotary.org and clicking on "newsroom".

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Nearby Clubs To Make Up Your Attendance

Monday

Eureka, 12:10
Healdsburg, 12:15
San Rafael, 12:10
West Santa Rosa, 12:15
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
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
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
Gualala, 12:15
Petaluma Sunrise, 7:15 am

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