

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

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Please hold your applause until the speech contest speakers have finished.....

By Scott Bartley

Beginnings

Well having been expelled from the **Marigo** table for my leftist political leanings, I took a seat at the friendly **Hall/Galazzo/Johnson/Young** table for the day. After a sumptuous Los Robles buffet lunch...(did that olive just move???) where the chicken was not overcooked for a change, I got pen and paper ready for the illustrious comments of our fearless leader, **President Jim**. You know, come to think of it, we are probably safer with food that is overcooked (given recent history) but perhaps not... we need to ask **Bob Harris** for some detail on the hazards of pathogens in food. Hey that is a great topic for a lunch meeting, (and to quote **Robert "Rasputin" Harris** himself, "**s**t is my bread and butter.**" Come to think of it..... perhaps it has been all of ours for a while.....

Well on to the meeting of the BEST CLUB WITH THE BEST MEMBERS!!!

President Jim "Sling Gavel" Hinton managed to whack the bell and lead us into yet another stellar example of Rotary at the ground level –Ed ☺



Janet Coddling did a great imitation of the statue of liberty holding up **President Jim's** gavel as a substitute flag. **President Jim** was puzzled that the flag disappeared. Someone at the **Marigo** table offered that the rats probably took it, when they were moved out a couple weeks ago. Hopefully they will bring it back when they return.



John Meislahn who has just been batting 1000 lately with his wit and wisdom, finally proved that he really is **Bob Marigo's** love child with an invocation that stirred reaction among the ladies at my table. We knew you could do it **John!!!!**

Bill Dodson did an admirable job of introducing the visiting Rotarians.

Among the several visitors today, were **Ken Prouty's son, John & Louie Capuano's wife Linda.**



And **Jimmy "The Cop" Guerin** who came especially to bless all of the food at the Italian table before today's meeting. Thank you **Jimmy!** 10-4 Elenore!



Announcements and Such:

The District Conference is coming up May 19th through the 20th. **President Jim** urges all members to attend at least one function there to support our club. He suggested that members consider the Friday night event where the Flags of the Nations are presented. The Conference organizers are also looking for assistance from Club members to help with taking tickets etc. at the events themselves. Check with **Chris Parr-Feldman** or **President Jim** for more details.

Chris Young gave a report of the Habitat For Humanity event this last weekend and passed photos around. Everyone who signed up for the event made it, except for **Tarina**...who must have had an excellent excuse. The event went off without a hitch with **Chris' wife Linda**, providing lunch for everyone.



That event was a warm up to the Rebuilding Together event this coming weekend. Terry Galazzo is looking for good participation from club members. On a sad note, Eunice, last years recipient of the rebuilding project, passed away recently after unsuccessful surgery.

Harry Rubins made his last plug for Foundation, if you are reading this it is too late! His hard work has really boosted our club's contribution to the Foundation! Thanks, **Harry!!**

President Jim wanted to give some special recognition to some of our hard working members:

John Meislahn for his incredible directorial skills in producing the DVD for the Anniversary Celebration two weeks ago. As one of the ones interviewed I can't tell you how impressed I was at his yelling at the top of his lungs..."CUT CUT!!!! That stank! Let's try this again and TRY to give me some emotion this time!!!! OK, Roll em! Take 23!"

Bill Fisher for adding his fatherly aid to the organization of the event!!

Chuck Stark with the assistance of all of President Jim's committee and Avenue of Service chairs in putting together the applications for club awards at the district conference. Chuck coordinated all the submissions. Let's see us sweep them!



President Jim presented member **Louie Capuano**, and the Sonoma Valley Children's Home with a check for \$25,000 for the equipment for 4 of the play areas at the new facility on Highway 12. This is the culmination of a 3- year project for the Club, which is our Centennial Project. The equipment is being installed professionally and there will be a work party of Rotarians set up in the next few weeks to help finish the landscaping of the playgrounds. **Louie** is also working on a special private tour of the facility for our Club in the next few weeks.



Jimmy Underhill was given a check for \$1200 from our Club for the RYLA program at Westminster Woods which Jim has been involved with since its beginning here. **Jim** does an outstanding job working with high school seniors from throughout the District at this 5-½ day leadership-training seminar. Keep up the great work, **Jim!**



Recognition

During a break in the speech contest, **President Jim** had time to recognize **Ken Prouty** for turning 105. **Ken** denied that and said his actual age is somewhat lower... the fine... the difference between his actual age and 105. According to stand-in Sgt. At Arms **Bob Zeni**, **Ken** put \$65 in the pot. Hmmmmmm.

Let me do some math here....
105 minus 65 minus the age of **Ken's** son, **John**... my gosh! He should have been arrested years ago for statutory ****!!! I am shocked; **Past President Ken**; a *** offender!!



And Judging from **Gail Johnson's** anniversary date, **Don** is guilty of the same thing!!! But no fine for her!

Program :

This week's program was the annual Speech contest. Program coordinator **Jeri Arnold** really did an outstanding job this year, along with assistance from **Carson Mitchell** with some modifications to the format.

There were four speakers this year all of which were excellent and gave the judges (seen here around the back of this table, Carson was hidden in this shot), a work out in evaluating them I suspect.

This year's theme... "Man is born free, yet everyone lives in chains." Let me guess... **Carson** picked the theme....



The Speakers:



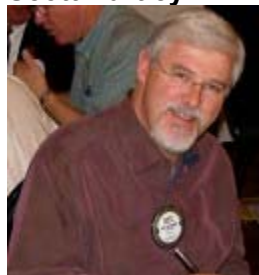
The Judges:



The topic definitely brought out the passion in the students, and in the Judge's final evaluation the winners demonstrated the importance of strong Republican values over the impassioned Berkeley protester values.

All the students did a great job, and I think they learned something today.... Never come to a Rotary meeting with strong liberal leanings.....rule one: Know who your judges are!

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