

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for December 20, 2004 Sounds of the Season

By Barbara Larson

### Beginnings



When **President Jim Hinton** called the meeting of the Santa Rosa West Rotary to order at 12:28PM, he received quite a bit of attention over the Christmas tie he was sporting. Reportedly he was wearing the tie as a special "penance" for a shortcoming that he had previously been recognized for at another meeting.

**President Jim** also extended his and First Lady Carolyn's thanks to all of our members who attended the SRWR Club's Christmas party at their home on Sunday evening past (12-18).



He also made mention of, and gave a very special thanks to our members who provided the incredible array of hors d'oeuvres that also helped to make it such a wonderful evening for us all. Of note was the ever popular **Capuano Cajin Gumbo** and a new entry this year, **Valinoti's Seafood Civeche!** YUM! There were however, some leftovers ... and **President Jim** brought one of them to today's meeting...more on that later though -☺ Ed)

**Richard Pratt** led the gathering in the pledge of allegiance. **Bill Dodson** had our thought for the day.

**Ed Burr** gave us our visiting Rotarians – 4 in all.

#### Guests:

**Susan Nowacki** introduced **Dan & Connie Earl** and **Paula Wrenn**.



**Bill Dodson** introduced his wife **Toodie**.



**Gail Johnson** introduced **Nancy Gersham** and **Hafa Magalhaes**, a former exchange student from Brazil.

**Judith Light** introduced **Triston**, her grandson.

### Announcements and Such:

**David Mc Donald** announced that the deadline to submit grant requests for charitable organization is December 31<sup>st</sup>. Make sure to give them to David promptly.



**Tarina Hall:** Happy Holidays from **Tarina**. There are only about 4 weeks left before the Crab Feed. We have 89% participation at this time. A special recognition to **Janet Codding** for her \$1,000 donation and we are still looking for more silent auction items. There will be a crab feed meeting on January 3, 2005.

**Bob Zeni:** There are only 22 tickets left out of the 600 available. So if you haven't gotten your ticket, now is the time. Also please return your money and ticket stubs from what you have sold for the crab feed. This would include the Crab Feed entry tickets and the raffle tickets as well.



**Ed Burr:** There are lots of great auction items including a Yacht Cruise and dinner for 30 on the San Francisco Bay, lots of dinners, **Chuck Baker** with a race car ride round Infinity Raceway, and a \$2,500 Home Improvement Package. Please come ready to bid often and bid high.

**Jim Hinton:** We will be dark Monday, December 27, 2004. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the New Year will be January 3, 2005.



**Chris Young:** The Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army brought in a total of \$407.16. Everyone showed up but **John Meislahn & Ed Burr**, they were about 20 minutes late. They tried to use the excuse that the bell ringers they were relieving were doing so well they did not want to interrupt. At that time **President Jim** asked Ed Burr if this passed the 4-way test. Ed made the comment that they were so involved in Rotary business that they were late and he was thankful for the phone call so at least they made it. They were relieving **Bob Marigo** and **Mike Moore**. They were both fined \$20.00.



**Jim Hinton:** He made an announcement that there were a few things left at his house from the Christmas

Party. He found whom the glass dish and basket belonged to but there was one item for which he could not find the owner. It was a shoulder pad from a ladies dress or blouse. **President Jim** admitted that he was a bit confused as to how it could have been disassembled from the garment. He requested that the owner please see him privately to claim their lost item.



**Jim Hinton:** The basket will be passed around once more to tip our wait staff.

## Recognition



**Ken Kushnir:** Celebrated his birthday on December 20<sup>th</sup> and everyone in the group wished him a Happy Birthday. **President Jim** mentioned that he had fined him pretty heavily the first of the year so he let him go with a \$5 fine. **Ken** added an additional \$95 to the Foundation.



**Chuck Baker:** **President Jim** thought this might have been the first time in the last 17 years that he had been recognized for his anniversary that will be coming up on December 28<sup>th</sup>. And since Chuck & Barbara have been married for 39 years he thought \$39.00 for 39 years was appropriate. **President Jim** agreed and another 39 went into the hat.

## Service Above Self Award



President **Jim Hinton** presented the "Service Above Self Award" to **Dan Earl**, who has been a major influence on the lives of thousands of Santa Rosa High School students. He taught music for 12 years and has also been involved with the marching band, jazz band and the SRHS orchestra. He has taught for over 39 years and will be retiring shortly.

The Coral Groups under his direction have received numerous awards for the Chamber Singers and Concerts. They have placed 1<sup>st</sup> many times and have traveled to Europe 4 times; they were in Rome in 2001. In 1997 he received the highest honor possible for a high school chorus. Dan has received many awards and recognitions including the Santa Rosa City Schools, and Sonoma County, Teacher of the Year Awards in 1982, 1998 and 2004.

President Jim also stated that he had read a number of letters and testimonials from students, parents and music professionals that showed his commitment to the Santa Rosa High School Choral Program.

## Raffle

**Toodie Dodson** did not draw the black marble, and **Thomas Laengle** chose to donate his bottle of wine to honoree Dan Earl.

## Program: Santa Rosa High School Chamber Singers



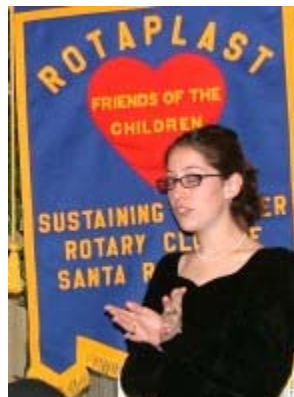
The Santa Rosa Chamber Singers arrived singing a variety of wonderful Christmas Songs.

A special song, "Danny Boy" was sung by the Chamber Singers for **Mr. Dan Earl**.



**Dan Earl** said "Thanks for the kind words, [he is] touched by his students. It has been his desire to give back what was given to me by my band & choir teaching high school, I wouldn't be here without them. I am deeply honored and I thank you."

**Jessie**, the leader for the Chamber Singers came back in to speak about an upcoming performance "Les Miserables" and left order forms for tickets.



**Jim Hinton:** The grant from our club for the Santa Rosa High School Booster Fund in the amount of \$1,500 will help fund the Earl groups. There is an organization that will match our grant by triple. The check was given to **Connie Earl**.

**Connie Earl** said, "The Coral group will be going to Prague, Poland and Vienna. It is so great for the students to go on these trips and it also creates great friendships. The community should know that this money will help but the trips are getting expensive. The trips will cost each student \$3,300 each. If you know anyone who would like to donate to the cause, please have them contact Connie".

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30PM.

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## Duty Roster

Task	1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31
Cashier	Kim	Kim	Kim	Kim	Kim
Set-up	Chris Y	Chris Y	Louie C	Chris Y	Chris Y
Greeter	Chuck B	Steve W	Carl V	Barbara	Gail J
Tickets	Fred Z	Gary L	Harry R	Gail J	Carl V
Moment	Gary L	Bill F	Janet C	John M	Ken P
Photos	Bob H	Bob H	Bob H	Bob H	Bob H
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