

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for December 6, 2004 Festival of the Brotherhood

By Barbara Larson

Beginnings

President Jim Hinton called the meeting of the Santa Rosa West Rotary to order at 12:30 PM.



Chris Parr-Feldman gave us our visiting Rotarians – eight in all.



Guests: **Harry Rubins** introduced his son **Mark Rubins**



Paul Stychno led the gathering in the pledge of allegiance.

Carl Vallejos had our thought for the day.

Announcements and Such:

Tarina Hall: Crab feed Live Auction items – 18 are confirmed and there is still a need for 7 more items. There still is also a need for numerous silent auction items.

Arne Carston & Gary Lucas: Raffle tickets are now available for a 4 night Baja Cruise to Mexico. Donations are appreciated. You will need to fill out the form with donor name and value. There are raffle tickets for every one to pick up; you get 10 tickets for \$80.00.

Bob Zeni: Tickets are still available for the crab feed. **John Palmer, Brian Herndon and Arnie Carston** have purchased tables for the crab feed. Ticket sales have reached 450, if you haven't bought your tickets you had better hurry because they are only selling 600.

David McDonald: Selling advertising for the crab feed program. Pricing varies so contact David for more information.



John Meislahn: Don't forget about the Christmas Party at President **Jim & Carolyn Hinton's** home on Sunday, December 12th at 5:00PM. Parking is an issue, so please car pool if you can.

Jim Hinton: There is a meeting on December 20th but we are dark on the 27th. The next board meeting is Tuesday the 14th at 11:45AM at Josef's.



Chris Young: Don't forget that Thursday, December 16, 2004 there will be the bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Make sure to arrive early if you have volunteered and it will be at Coddington in front of Narsi's Hof-Brau .

Janet Coddling: Rosters are available for your binder. See Janet if you don't have a binder. There may be possible errors, please contact **Bob Harris** if you find any so they can be corrected. Bring corrected page to next meeting.

Mike Moore: Past President **Mike Moore** said the mission statement when he was president was "Sow the seeds of Love", he asked President Jim what was his mission statement for this year? Jim replied, "This is an opportunity to get a new mission statement".

John Meislahn: Auctioned off a bottle of Tequila, the proceeds will go the Foundation for the benefit of the Festival of the Brotherhood. The front of the bottle has the Rotary Emblem on it. John Withers won the bid at \$110.00.



A special thanks goes to **Harry Rubins**, and PDG **Mike Merrill**, for their donations to the foundation. **Mike** gave a message that Rotary has come along way to support various programs and the Paul Harris Awards mission is for more world community service projects.

Paul Harris Award Presentation

Foundation Chair (and "Keeper of the Paul Harris Fellowships roster) **Harry Rubins**, along with Past District Governor **Mike Merrill**, then presented the following members & or their recipients with their PHF recognitions:

Sophia Markowsky –
(Gail Johnson)

Ryan Quinn –
(Bob Marigo)

Gayle Carston –
(Arnie Carston)

Mark Rubins –
(Harry Rubins)



Paul Harris Pins (Additional Paul Harris)**Janet Coddling +2****Gail Johnson +1****Scott Bartley +3****John Hathaway +1****Gary Leopold +1****Harry Rubins +4****Marvin Hyman +2****Chris Parr-Feldman +1****John Withers +6**

Harry Rubins: Harry is giving a 2 for 1 match. The \$140.00 District goal, Harry will match with an additional \$100. There will be a total of 9 matches. We had two initially who said yes, **Jim Valinoti** and **Susan Nowacki**, we needed 7 more people. The seven who later stepped up to the plate are **Brian Herndon, Louis Capuano, Tarina Hall, Chris Parr-Feldman, Chuck Stark, Chris Rosell** and **Gary Leopold**. Bravo!

Recognition

Ever the articulate and exacting attorney, **President Jim**, equipped with corroborating evidence in the form of what appeared to be an issue of the Press Democrat took **Chuck Baker** to task over his recent rise to fame... something to do with not being able to get it out of second gear??? Clearly Chuck, Barbara and the boys at AAA Transmission continue to get it right! Bravo **Chuck!**



Apparently, **Steve Wright** was also recognized for.....something, however your reporter didn't catch what it was. *Ed note: No matter, this was Barbara's first Bulletin and she did an exemplary job! Brava **Barbara!!!***

Raffle

Mike Moore did not draw the black marble, and **Scott Bartley** chose the Chardonnay.

Program: Festival of the Brotherhood



Lupe Leone & Natalie Cloug



Introductions by **Susan Nowacki**

Lupe Leone & Natalie Cloug went to Mexico for the Festival of Brotherhood in Guadalajara, a collaboration of District 5130 (Northern Calif.) & District 4150, which covers four states in Mexico. Lupe took us through a slide show of their trip and what the Festival of Brotherhood is all about.

- Building better fellowships and friendships within our district.
- Rotary club 4150 has 27 clubs that covers 4 states.
- The trip was a total of 10 days including travel time.
- Goal is to create brotherhood between the two districts 5130 & 4150.
- Participate in international service projects and to have fun.
- Traveled to Tepatlitlan, Jalisco and Guadalajara.
- A trip to Leon for some fun shoe shopping.
- The second part of the festival took place in Guadalajara and Jalisco.
- While in Jalisco they went to a tequila factory and learned about how tequila was made and the proper way to drink it.
- Attend dinners, concerts, and live auctions. Went on museum tours, seen the sites and also attended concerts and Mariachi shows.
- Reviewed and visited local projects
- DG Bruce Campbell and DG Manuel Martin
- Un-veiled the Rotary Wheel at the main tower entrance in Tapa and attended the welcoming ceremonies held there.

- Sites that were visited: Poncitlan, Cathedral in Tepa, Tequila Factory, Yahualica project in Arandas, Yahualica, Templatlan in Jalisco.
- Guadalajara service projects include a rest home for the elderly, an orphanage, post cancer treatment recovery center, and the Plis Rhad rehabilitation center. In addition computers for needy schools and orphanages, a medical clinic, special education services, X-Ray equipment, an Aids awareness program, a mobile medical clinic and wheelchairs that have the Rotary Logo on them.
- They went and seen the Poncitlan Fire Engine that was donated by the City of Pam Dale in 1954 and this is the only fire engine they have.
- The orphanage in Tepa house 40 children, not all are orphans, some are from bad households. The orphanage is over 50 years old and it is only for boys.
- The trip builds fellowship with Host Rotarians, Rotarians and Rotarians in our district.
- There was a private "Charriada" held for District 5130 and 4150. A Charriada is like a rodeo but a little different. Attending was the 4th time national team from Mexico.
- Flags were exchanged from the Rotary Districts.



District 5130 brought back 31 projects at a total cost of \$232,000. District 5130 contributed \$50,000 and the remainder will come from local clubs and the Rotary Foundation.

President Jim Thanked Lupe & Natalie for their presentation and adjourned the meeting.

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