

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for February 6, 2006 Suzanne Bangham

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### Preliminaries



And now for the Pledge.... Um... ok, where's the flag? **President Chris** stood in for the flag dressed in red, white and black... and the club pledged allegiance to her. Under God even!

#### Coming Up

2/13 - A Special Valentines Program with the Silvermans

2/20 - DARK

2/27 - Meeting at CHOPS, a special place for young people

3/6 - Asia with Burt Forman

3/13 - Aging, Jim Kovach, The Buck Institute

Next, came the Rotary moment by the one and only.. **Gary Lucas**. Wow Gary sure knows how to turn a phrase.. had me weeping it was so beautiful. Sniff, Sniff, Sniff.....

Visitors were introduced by **Fred Zmarzly**. Visiting Rotarians included the one and only **Mark Burchell** who graciously donated the use of his house in Bodega Bay as an auction item for the Crab Feed.

In the guest of Rotarians department, **Dale Sipe** brought his spouse **Teddy** with him.

**Susan Foster** had the last parts of the Directory updates on the tables for members.. and what can she say except 'thank God that is done!!!' Now should I tell her about the error on the Rotarian of the Year page? I mean it's not that I am sensitive about it or anything like that.... Sniff, sniff, sniff.....



**Bob Zeni** introduced **Brian Cox** who is the new fulltime counselor at Piner High. **Brian** use to be the counselor who coordinated our scholarship programs with Ridgeway Continuation High School. (The former Administrative Ace from Piner, **Bob Zeni**, also introduced our two students of the month, pictured below, unfortunately our reporter was distracted by all of the excitement at his table and didn't catch their names.....-Ed)



### Announcements and Such:



**Chris Young** announced that March 11<sup>th</sup> is the date for this year's work day with Habitat for Humanity. Give **Chris** a call to sign up to help out on this worthwhile cause! **Chris** also passed around thank you notes from the students who received dictionaries from our club last fall.

**Bill Fisher** announced that we will be meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> at Chops, the city's teen center in Railroad Square. For those who are new to this town it is at the site of Lena's. I have not been in there, but hear they saved the old bar from there. Some of our older members should be able to make themselves at home there and toss some dice before the meeting... but no drinks.....

**President Elect Chris Rosell** announced that the District Assembly is going to be on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the College of the Redwoods in Ukiah. All new and continuing Board members should plan on attending. It is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge of Rotary. If any other members wish to attend, just let **Chris** or our secretary, **Janet** know.



**Ed Burr** gave the club an update on **Print** (our exchange student from Taiwan). She is now attending Windsor High and is taking some tougher classes. Ed is testing his grey matter in helping her with her homework. Also, **Print** just got back from a ski trip, the first time she has seen snow. **Ed** said she had a great time and really wants to do that again. If any members are planning a ski

weekend, why not ask **Print** to come along! Also, anyone who wants to spend some time, taking her to movies or sightseeing, you are more than welcome to. Just talk to **Ed**!

## Recognition

**President Chris** (damn but there are a lot of **Chris**' in this club!!!!) wanted to know if **Arnie Carston** could vibrate.. um.. I don't want to go there... Arnie might, but he also just got back from a trip to Antarctica. Wow... he is now in Withers territory, trip wise. He also got the chance to see Argentina and Chile, and also his wife **Gayle** seasick... apparently a rough crossing to the continent. He said to just ask **Bob Zeni**....



Seems **Bob and Dolores** were on the same trip. Bob made up at the southernmost Rotary club... but he was underdressed... **Bob** in parka and everyone else in Tuxedos. How embarrassing, I mean to not have packed a Tux for a cruise! The trip cost both of them **\$100** for the Foundation.



**President Chris** then moved to **Richard Standard** who was just sitting quietly there. She grilled him on what he has been up to. **Richard** is working with school children at the Multi-Cultural Child Development Center, teaching the children and teachers how to play the dulcimer.

**Anne Abrams** sang **Richard's** praises for the work he is doing... which wound it's way into a **\$25** fine for **Richard**!



Across the room to **Ken Prouty** who was recognized for his work with the water project in Peru, and being featured in the Upbeat Times.

**Ken** had some difficulty identifying the people standing with him in the picture, but luckily **Joe Perez** was there to help... at \$20 a name.... well **Ken** said

just make it \$100 for the foundation.

And **Joe** didn't get fined a thing! How does that work? **Ken** was also able to squeeze into that contribution forgiveness for his trip to the Virgin Islands. Virgin??? Man that got **Marigo** to wake up! **Bob** was expecting to hear that **Ken and Marty** attended the Passion Play there!



Fines were finished off with a chorus of Happy Birthday to **Janet Coddling**, as it was her big day. Not a big year but a big day... the big year is next year apparently! But for a little year, it still cost her \$20!

### Program: Suzanne Bangham



Today's speaker was **Suzanne Bangham** who told us of her story. She has done an amazing amount of things with her life, starting as a teacher and moving on to PR work. Then stints doing interior design and moving on to development.

Her work with redeveloping properties led her to Sonoma County where she renovated a house in Glen Ellen and then developed several houses in Kenwood. That led to her purchase of a Victorian in Sonoma and opening The General's Daughter restaurant, and developing the Ramekins cooking school next door.

To keep herself occupied she then developed MacArthur Place hotel and conference center in Sonoma. Enough to fill an afternoon I would say!

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