

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for February 13, 2006 Valentines with the Silvermans

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### Preliminaries



#### Coming Up

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

What a "heart-felt" meeting it was. Past President **Jim Hinton** greeted each of the ladies with a beautiful red rose to celebrate Valentine's Day. Loved That!! And so did the fifteen visiting brides of our Rotarians – each of whom was introduced with more and more flair and appreciation.

**Bill Dodson** introduced his lovely Valentine, **Toodie**

The only sour note was when **Chris Young** introduced our **Darling David**.

Not to be out done, **President Chris**, scattered heart shaped chocolate candies at each of our tables to sweeten us up. Loved that too! Uncharacteristically, she also dispensed with fines – How Sweet It Is.



### Announcements and Such:

**Chris Young** reminded us that on March 18<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Habitat for Humanity project day. The fun begins at 0730 so set that alarm and come on out for a day of good fun and good work. See Chris for details and location.

**President-elect Chris Rosell** announced that District Assembly will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> (no pun intended) and invited all to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what is happening in the District and meet new Rotarians

**John Withers** proudly announced that he and his lovely wife Pat would be celebrating their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on the following day, Valentine's Day. That Pat is one strong woman!

## Raffle

Today's pot was \$425 and **Anne Abrams** tried really hard to find that elusive black marble, but it was not to be. Then **Mike Moore** stepped up to claim his bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon which he promptly traded **Bob Marigo** for a Diet Pepsi. In further celebration of this special day, **David McDonald** claimed a cute little vase and flowers which he wisely presented to visiting wife Kim.

## Program: Tokyo & Beijing with Neil & Susan Silverman



**Past President Jim** introduced our very own **Neil and Susan Silverman** who once again delighted us with a pictorial journal of another one of their fabulous trips.

**Neil and Susan** are both master photographers, teach photography classes and lead photography tours.

Today we were able to go along on one of those tours Tokyo and Beijing where, coincidentally their sons reside. Tokyo was characterized by bright lights, heavy traffic and pachinko arcades. A cacophony of sights and sounds!



Then on to Kyoto by Bullet Train where they took in a fantastic parade with exquisitely decorated floats. It was an interesting contrast of the modern vs. the ancient as the floats we all people-powered.

The Fish Market was another highlight. It is open six days a week from 0430-0700 and is held in a building the size of several football fields. Some of the fish are so special that they sell for between \$10,000 and \$12,000 each. Now that is one special fish.

Beijing was the next stop on our tour. Here we observed the frantic construction as the city prepares for the Olympics. Everywhere you look new buildings, roads, and parks are under construction. This is also the home to a large Muslim community and the Kashkar, Muslim dress can be seen.

Editor's note: No Photos of Neil & Susan's trip appear in this publication as they just couldn't do justice to it. You just had to be there!

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