

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for March 20, 2006 The Medical Reserve Corps & Rotary

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Preliminaries



Madame President **Chris** double-dinged the bell bringing the meeting to order at 12:31 PM.

President-elect Chris Rosell led the salute to the flag.

Coming Up

3/27 - Travels to Turkey,
Bergen Johnson

4/3 - Speech Contest

4/10 - GSE Team

4/17 - Earthquakes

4/24 - Roseland Prep University

Gary Lucas read the inspirational message for the Rotary Moment with only a slight amount of help from others due to advanced age (see below), short arms, and the lack of glasses.

Bo Kirschen introduced three visiting Rotarians. Two more late arrivals introduced themselves near the close of the meeting.

Rich Pratt introduced his guest, **Matt Delaney** of JDH Assets Management.



Ginny Pitts had two guests, **Mark Christensen** with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, and **Bill Barrett**, manager of Coddington Firestone.

President **Chris** acknowledged the Habitat for Humanity volunteers. There were some 20 present last Saturday including DG **Charlie Kelly**. Not present and also not acknowledged was **Lina Young** who produced an excellent lunch. Thanks, **Lina**. It was great!

President **Chris** also recognized and acknowledged the volunteer

members who made today's meeting possible.

Announcements and Such:

President **Chris** noted that the Speech Contest on April 3 would start at 12:50 PM, a correction to the time given on the announcements flyer.

Santa Rosa East Club promoted their "Swing Into Spring" event on April 22 at the Flamingo. Black tie optional, \$75 per person with lots of great prizes.

Terry Galazzo was seeking volunteers for the upcoming Rebuilding Together work project, April 29. Contact Terry at 545-0783. We are joining with Sunrise Rotary to work at the Women's Recovery room on a variety of tasks.



Chuck Stark, chairman of the nominating committee, announced the committee's nomination of officers and directors for the coming year.



Officers

- Chris Rosell, President;
- Fred Zmarzly, 1st Vice President;
- David McDonald, 2nd Vice President;
- Chris Parr-Feldman; Immediate Past President
- Janet Coddling, Secretary;
- Barbara Larson, Treasurer.

One-year Term Directors

- Geri Arnold
- Ginny Pitts
- Jim Valinoti
- Brian Herndon
- Susan Nowacki.

Two-year Term Directors

- David Darling
- Chris Young
- Bo Kirschen
- Ron Malnati
- Bryan Fikes.

President **Chris** recounted her own personal experience, and those of others, in being leaders and members of Group Study Exchanges, and encouraged members to take it on. GSE is only one of the many fine programs of The Rotary Foundation, and she repeated her plea for 100 percent participation by the club in the Foundation drive for funds. Even \$10 would be appreciated. Harry Rubins noted that the end of March is the drop-dead day for contributions for this year. Do it now. Contribute your ten bucks or more...



Recognition

Barbara Larson announced that the American River Bank Fund committee, of which she is a member, has just made a grant of \$15,000 to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) in Sonoma County. Funds are granted to organizations benefiting battered women and children throughout Northern California. This was one of only four grants, totaling \$60,000, from over 60 requests.



David Darling turned in his ratty old Red Badge and got a shiny,

new Blue Badge, and it only cost him \$10. What a deal, and congrats, David.

Gary Lucas and wife **Carolyn** have made it through 37 years of marriage, undoubtedly due largely to the good nature and patience of Carolyn. Gary also confessed to celebrating his 60th birthday. Gary celebrated both events with a \$100 contribution towards his Paul Harris.



President **Chris** announced that VP **Chris Rosell** would be doing the honors at next meeting while she soaks up the sun (and what's that famous beverage?) in Acapulco!



Raffle

Don Ling held the lucky number, which gave him a chance at one of 16 marbles and \$475. Sorry, **Don**. Having more luck, visiting Rotarian **Norm Malenberg** got the bottle of gold medal winning Cab. Norm is a member of the Scotts Valley club in District 5110.

Program: The Medical Reserve Corps & Rotary

Susan Nowacki introduced **Mike Doyle**, guest presenter, whose program was entitled, "The Medical Reserve Corps & Rotary." The MRC was created as an outgrowth of 9/11 and is conceived as a vehicle for the community to respond to emergency situations.



It consists of two primary groups, the medical professionals who treat the condition, and non-professional volunteers from the community who assist in many ways.

Only Sonoma County and the County of Los Angeles have reached a state of readiness with Sonoma County's program serving as a model to other areas. The three-year goal of the local organization is to recruit and train 1500 health professionals and 500 technical support staff. Rotary is looked upon as being a primary source of the latter.

Volunteers will be asked to serve a single seven or eight hour shift at one site, one time. In case of need, volunteers would be notified by telephone, and training would be on an ad hoc basis at the site on the day of need. As a bonus, volunteer family members would accompany the volunteer to the site for appropriate treatment and then return home.

Volunteer forms were distributed and many were filled out and returned to Mr. Doyle at the meeting.

"Dibba, dibba, dibba, that's all folks!"

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