

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for April 3, 2006 Student Speech Contest

By Bill Dodson

Preliminaries



President **Chris Parr-Feldman** eloquently called the meeting to order amidst great applause.

Pledge: **Jim Hinton** told us the flag was in front of **Janet Coddling** and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment: **David Darling** provided us with an inspiring Rotary Moment.

Coming Up

4/10 - GSE Team

4/17 - Santa Rosa's 1906 Earthquake

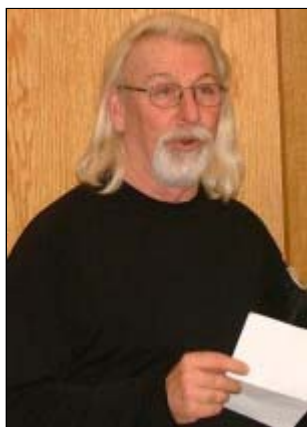
4/24 - Club Assembly

5/1 - Becoming Independent, John McCue

5/8 - Buck Institute on Aging, Toast Coley

5/19 - [District Conference](#)

Our Greeter: **Bashful Susan Foster** introduced Bill, Don, Steve and former SRWR member **Curtis Reinhardt** as our visiting Rotarians. **Mary Farha** forgot to sign in but we knew who she was anyway. Welcome to all the visiting Rotarians!



Guests:

President Elect Chris Rosell introduced his guest David Paulson who is running for City Council and may be a future Rotarian. I think he shook everyone's hand at sometime during the meeting.



Brian Herndon introduced his daughter **Alicia Cronbach** who was in attendance as one of our Speech Contest judges.

Jim Benoit introduced his guest as former member **John Meislahn** who was also in attendance as a judge.

Jim Valinoti was remiss in that he was so busy doing the photography, he forgot to introduce his **guest Carl Munoz**. (Moon-Yoze) Apologies **Carl!**

Announcements and Such:

Susan Nowacki passed around a get-well card for **Lou Jacometti** who is recuperating from an illness. We wish Lou a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him soon.



Bryan Fikes requested donations of white wine for the Fireside Social on April 11 at KZST/KJZY.

I think our President fined anyone who wasn't wearing a Rotary Pin five dollars but I didn't notice any big round up of money so we must have all had our pins on and visible.

(Chuck Stark led us through the formal acclamation of the newly elected Board of Directors. For the record, that list of lucky folks will appear in a later bulletin when I receive it from Past President Chuck. – Editor)

Recognition

President **Chris** had so much on her plate today she couldn't find time to recognize anyone. She'll save up for next week.

Raffle

David Darling had the winning ticket but not the winning marble.
Steve Amen got the great bottle of wine to take home.

Program: Student Speech Contest



Jeri Arnold, as she has the past five or six years, has coordinated the annual Speech Contest among our high schools. She introduced the rules, the judges, the high school advisors and, ultimately, the contestants.

Each student was to speak on this year's theme: 'Civilization'. As it turned out, they all showed us a fantastic ability to convey their messages. They were truly the best group of speakers we have seen to date.

Our congratulations to each and every one!

We had six students (all girls, by the way) from three high schools: Piner, Analy and Santa Rosa High. The student advisors were **Art Hoyer** from Santa Rosa High, **Jay Berry** from Piner and **Lynette Williamson** from Analy.



Jay Berry



Lynette Williamson

The judges were the aforementioned **Alicia Cronbach** and former member **John Meislahn** and our own **Bo Kirshen**. They had a tough job to do and did it well.

Speaker No. 1 was **Alicia Bullock**, from Santa Rosa High. **Alicia** talked about finding your own path and illustrated her point by speaking about famous people who may well have been afflicted by Attention Deficit Disorder but made huge contributions to civilization by finding their own path. Mozart, Martin Luther King, Einstein and Ghandi were examples she shared.



Speaker No. 2, was **Tina Goulart**, from Analy High School. **Tina** contended that music captures our culture yet it is suffering in our educational system because of a lack of funding alternatives. Band programs have been reduced by 50% in recent years. She mentioned that Einstein played the violin to relax and help himself mitigate complex problems. Music helps us understand hard work and mathematics and, as such, should become a larger priority in our schools.



Speaker No. 3 was **Emily Martinsen**, from Piner High School. **Emily** advocated inspiration in small places and teens should be open to reality and change. She contends that a great potential is present in education that is not being seen by young people. The media and pop-culture are negative influences that would be better avoided. Embrace your family and friends and grasp life's potential today!



Speaker No. 4 was **Hayley Mc Nab**, of Piner High School. **Hayley** quoted William Butler Yeates relative to her contention that unity is the solution to 'the problem'. Einstein reduced complex problems to simple equations toward universal unity. Marriage, parenting and family unity can help youth see and understand the whole picture and thereby participate in this unity.



Speaker No. 5 was **Elora Ocampo**, from Piner High School. **Elora** suggests that time management is of major importance to our civilization. Time is gold, it goes by fast among young adults, should be cherished by family and friends, when it is lost it is lost forever, it is the key to understanding the meaning of life and it should be invested wisely. Einstein incorporated it into his notion of the universe relative to space and time.



Speaker No. 6 was **Sarah Mich** from Analy High School. **Sarah** wondered what Einstein had for breakfast the day he resolved the matter into the equation $E = MC^2$. She maintained that everything is incredibly interrelated. Six billion people on the planet are all interrelated and the product of chance. There is much that we cannot determine but we can make wise decisions. The universe continues despite our efforts to unravel it.



All the presentations were wonderful and the judges had a difficult task to select the best.

Speaker No. 6 **Sarah Mich** from Analy High School was our **First Place Winner**

Speaker No. 4 Haley McNab of Piner High School was our **Second Place Winner**

Speaker No. 3 Emily Martinsen from Piner High School was our **Third Place Winner**

Our congratulations to what we believe was the most excellent group of contestants we have had yet. We wish you all the best as you journey through your youth.



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