

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for April 17, 2006 A Force of Nature

By Scott Bartley

### Preliminaries

President **Chris** began the meeting with her usual chant: the best rotary club, with the best members.....you had to be there.



And starting off this beautiful sunny day's meeting was **Louie Capuano's** stirring rendition of the pledge. Brought tears to my eyes!



That was followed by **Harry Rubins'** invocation.. in honor of the baseball season.

**Louie** pulled double duty today, by introducing the visiting Rotarians.

### Announcements and Such:

[Announcements & Dates to Remember - Details \(PDF\)](#)

#### Coming Up

4/22 - Santa Rosa East "Swing into Spring"

4/24 - Club Assembly

4/27 - SRW hosts SCARC Dinner

4/29 - Rebuilding Together, Contact Terry G

5/1 - Becoming Independent, John McCue

5/8 - Meeting at Hilton - Buck Institute on Aging, Toast Coley

5/12 - SR Sunrise Golf Tournament

5/19-21 - [District Conference](#)

6/11-14 - [Rotary International Convention](#)

Lets see where to we begin with the announcements? One announcement is that the new space we are in has very good acoustics. You can hear people chatting with each other tables away!



President **Chris** thanked **Bryan Fikes** for the outstanding job he did of arranging the most recent Club Fireside. Brian and his employer, The Redwood Empire's leading Radio Stations KZST/KJZY "put on the dog" for our members with refreshments, fellowship and a tour of the facilities. Thank You **Brian!**

**Tarina Hall** Reminded us that the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Club would be at the Hilton up the hill and not at Fountaingrove. Make sure you bring cash or check, as they will not be accepting plastic for lunch that day.

**President Chris** urged all members to send off cards to Louie Giacometti, who is at home now, but not doing well. ***(A sad note from your Editor, since the writing of this bulletin, Louie Giacometti has passed away. A fun and gentle man, we will all miss Louie –☺)***



The District Conference is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup> at Konocti Harbor. Rooms there are sold out apparently, but members are still encouraged to attend!

## Recognition

**President Chris** started right in with recognition, as it appeared that we were going to be leaving early since at this point in the meeting there was apparently no program or Program Director for that matter. Is it true that **Susan Nowacki** is in Fiji right now? Or perhaps she is visiting Nicaragua like **Ginny Pitts**?

**Bill Dodson**, or as he is known among friends now, Mr. Board of Building Permit Appeals... or perhaps Santa Rosa Mainstreet Design Committee Chair.... Well he sure impressed President Chris with his titles!

As she was winding up for the fine, **Bill** fesses up to another slight offense... a trip down to Oaxaca Mexico for a little

international diversion, where he happened to run into **Mr. Bob Zeni** at the same performance of the ballet folklorico. It's a small world after all..... oh wait, that's Disneyland... Well the combo price for all that was a mere **\$20**.



OK, now **President Chris** was on fire! man she was moving so fast I couldn't keep up with the fines... hmmm the rent must be due!

**Ken Prouty** had a birthday.. or rather will have a birthday this week.

**Jim Sullivan** was treated to a lunch at Willie Birds for his birthday by his wife.. **\$20!** That cost him more than lunch!



**Louie Capuano** celebrated his birthday in Healdsburg.. oh and also happened to buy a new house in Louisiana.. only 5000square feet. Now it just needs furnishing... **\$20** to foundation.

**Carson Mitchell** was recognized for his 41 years in Rotary.... And offered to pay **Louie's \$20** to the foundation.. the club took his money but didn't give **Louie** back his... hmmm



**Joe Perez** was recognized for flying around just having a good time... damn retired people! He covers a lot of ground with those planes... Palm Springs, Las Vegas, Sacramento... well.. Palm Springs and Las Vegas sound good at least.... Also a 53 birthday for him....

**Jim Benoit's** wife **Lynn** just celebrated a birthday as did **Jim Valinoti's** wife **Mary**, on the same day as **Lynn**, (April 16<sup>th</sup>), **Jim B** declined to say which one.....but he was even more excited that his son has a job! And is winning awards working for Technicolor! He was so proud.. (or is that relieved?) he gave **\$75** to the foundation to complete the PHF for his son. Bravo **Jim!**



**Jack Bill** was suppose to go to the House of Prime Rib for his birthday dinner, but weather kept them in SR... \$20 to Foundation.

Visiting Rotarian **Tom Patterson** offered a donation of \$20 to the Foundation in honor of the plug he got for Hansel RV.



## Raffle

**Ken Prouty** got the black marble! **\$575**. He gave half the winnings to the Foundation and half towards next year's dues. Congratulations **Ken!**

**John Hathaway** won the bottle of wine... dang and he was so close to winning the money!



**Harry Rubins** gave a quick review of some options for estate planning with regards to charities while our program set up. Then **Bo Kirschen** filled some time with a couple Irish jokes...and then though the wonders of modern technology... the program was ready!



## Program: A Force of Nature



**Trisha Watts** from the Sonoma County Museum gave us a PowerPoint presentation on the 1906 earthquake exhibit opening this weekend at the Sonoma County Museum in Santa Rosa.

The museum will be featuring a number of events over the next few months focusing on the 1906 disaster. Santa Rosa received more damage per capita than any other North American city because of the earthquake. The exhibit opens April 22<sup>nd</sup> and closes July 9<sup>th</sup>. Check out the website <http://www.sonomacountymuseum.com> for more details.

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