

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for April 24, 2006 Club Assembly

By Chuck Baker

In memory of
Louis Giacometti
1916 – 2006



Preliminaries

Our meeting of the greatest club with the finest members, in usual style and panache, was called to order by President **Chris Parr-Feldman** at 12:30 Post Meridian.



The pledge to the flag was led by????

A moment remembering **Louis Giacometti**, our member and friend, recently departed, was conducted by **John Palmer**.

Past President Louis Capuano introduced visiting Rotarians.



Guests of Rotarians included **Ruth Lincoln** of Sonoma County

Coming Up

5/1 - Becoming Independent,
John McCue

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

5/12 - SR Sunrise Golf
Tournament

5/15 - SOS

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

5/22 - Roseland Prep University
Amy Jones Kerr

Health Services, guest of **David McDonald**; and **Alicia Hodenfield** of Investors Trust Mortgage, guest of **Chris Parr-Feldman**, introduced by PDG **John Withers**.

Announcements and Such:

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

Volunteers are needed for our Rebuilding Together project on April 29. Volunteers will assemble at Findley Center. Call **Terry Galazzo** at 528-9201.



Jim Hinton announced that there would be a meeting of the board of directors of the Community Fund immediately following the current meeting.

The same **James Hinton**, Esq., Past President announced that there probably would be a debunking on Sunday, July 9, probably at 5:00 PM, and possibly at Wikiup Tennis & Swim Club, this latter point to be confirmed. Volunteers to participate in the many activities necessary for success were asked to sign on the dotted lines. Don't worry, if you missed the form, there will be another chance.



President **Chris** reminds us that the club is hosting the April 27 meeting of the SCARC. No host cocktails at 6:00 PM at Latitude Restaurant, 5000 Roberts Lake Rd., Rohnert Park, dinner at 7:00 PM. Thirty-five bucks a pop. Please sign up and show the flag.

Recognition

Phil Talamantes was pleased to announce the birth of a new granddaughter and contributed \$25 to the club coffers in her honor.



Ginny Pitts described the drink selections at the bars in Nicaragua.

Twenty bucks again.

Gail Johnson was fresh back from a trip to Florida, a cruise, and a 17th wedding anniversary. The above are not as expensive as granddaughters – only \$20.



Duncan Holt graced our presence with one of his infrequent visits to the old stomping grounds and helped the cause with \$20.

Notwithstanding the glowing reports about Florida weather from **Gail Johnson**, affirmed by **Duncan Holt**, **Mike Moore** said the weather in Orlando was god awful, cloudy, overcast, and that was just the first day! Bugs are so big they drive their own cars. \$20.



President Chris recognized **Bob Zeni** who perceived himself to be "the designated Rotarian to find Bill Dodson", a task he accomplished in Oaxaca after having looked for him in Guadalajara and Mexico, DF. Twenty bucks at whatever is the current exchange rate.

Janet Coddling had no tan to show for her days on Maui marrying off her youngest daughter to some lucky fellow. \$25.

Ray Mattison's cell phone ring tone cost him \$10. Oops!



Raffle

Chuck Stark got the chance at the new jackpot, \$250 and 25 marbles. Aww, tough luck, **Chuck**, but **Bo Kirschen** had much better luck with the bottle of Award winning Windsor Vineyards Meritage.

Program: Club Assembly

Treasurer's Report:

Barbara Larson reported on revenue from the crab feed and investments, and on our current equity.

(Barbara has taken our books by storm, rassed with them, and emerged the victor, you don't want to mess with her! –Ed ☺)



Club Service:

Tarina Hall allowed as how she had the largest committee in the club – everyone, but singled out individuals who have made a continuing contribution such as program chair, Susan Nowacki, her "Bulletin Buddies", and bulletin editor, **Jim Valinoti**. **David Darling** will serve as Club Service Director next year.



International Service:

Ken Prouty reported on the several projects worked on during the past year: **Robin Marrs** and **Paul Stychno** on the diabetes project; **Joe Perez** on the Amazon clean water project, a cooperative project involving Rotary International; **Richard Pratt** on a coop project in Mexico; and **John Hathaway** has worked on several projects. **Bo Kirschen** will serve as International Service Director next term.



Community Service:

Chris Young made it sound easy coordinating the book projects, the Habitat for Humanity workday and others. He noted that he is always looking for other ideas.



Vocational Service:

Bob Zeni in behalf of the absent **Geri Arnold** noted that we fund scholarships for students from Piner and Ridgeway High Schools. **Ken Dansie** handles the Ridgeway scholarships and reports that over 60 percent of those recipients do go on to the JC. We are the only club still holding the communication contest. This years contest involved six students from three high schools. Kudos were given to **Carston Mitchell** who instigated the contest.

**Rotary Foundation:**

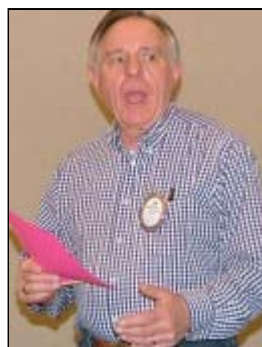
Harry Rubins reminds us that the money we contribute to the Foundation comes back to us in three years, and as an example of this he noted the donation given to the Multi-Cultural Child Developmental Center. He also noted that all proceeds from the annual Bartley BBQs go to the Foundation, the sponsors, **Ginny Pitts** and **Scott Bartley** picking up the tab for the costs.

**Membership:**

Co-chairs **Jim Benoit** and **Ginny Pitts** encouraged all members to bring potential new members to club meetings. Current membership as of March is 81 members including four honorary.

**Community Fund:**

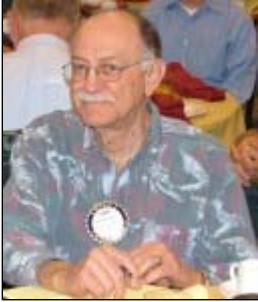
Fund President **Jim Hinton** reminds us that the Fund is our club's charitable, 501C3 arm with its own board of directors and officers. The Fund disburses our annual contributions to the community, which this year are to be some \$44,400. The committee has recommended distribution to 24 projects. A recommendation coming out of the recent meeting of club past presidents is that we focus on a single larger scale project. The board will discuss this idea during **Chris Rosell's** term.



Carson Mitchell took a few minutes to re-introduce us to a fellow Charter Member & Past President, **Ken Davenport** ('66-'67), who comes back from his cattle ranch in Montana to visit us.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 PM

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Your Bulletin Editor:
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Duty Roster

	1-May	8-May	15-May	22-May
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GREETER	TERRY G	GAIL J	JEFF R	TERRY G
TICKETS	FRED Z	DALE S	HARRY R	MIKE M
MOMENT	GARY L	CHRIS R		DAVID Mc
PHOTOS	JIM V	JIM V	JIM V	JIM V
BULLETIN		JIM B	ROBIN M	
PROGRAMS	SUSAN N	SUSAN N	SUSAN N	SUSAN N