

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for June 19, 2006 All About Horns

By Tarina Hall

Preliminaries

Past President and Past District Governor **Mike Merrill** officiated our meeting today while the outgoing **Chris** & the incoming **Chris** were out globe-trotting, partying and being inspired by the Rotary International Convention.



Today's *Greeter* was **Jeff Ray**; raffle tickets were sold by President Elect-Elect **Fred Zmarzly** and our *Rotary Moment* was offered by **David McDonald**, who cleverly explained why Wednesday was going to be the longest day of the year. (*We did Pledge Allegiance to the flag.....but I can't recall who was asked to do that -Ed ☺*)



Our guests today included **Ruth Lincoln**, **Scott Anderson**, **Print**, our exchange student, and visiting Rotarian and Past President of the Rotary Club of Windsor, **Don Johnson**.

Coming Up

6/26 - President Chris Parr's Last Meeting

7/3 - DARK

7/9 - President Chris' Debunking

7/10 - Starting A Winery - Fred Zmarzly

7/17 - GSE Team to Argentina - Richard Powers

7/24 - Ending Poverty One Village At A Time - Frank & Kathleen Mayhew

7/28 - [11th Annual Golf & BBQ Social](#)

7/31 - District Governor Erna Stevenson Visits

Announcements and Such:

Past President Jim Hinton reminded us that the debunking would be on Sunday, July 9th at the Wikiup Swim and Tennis Club. He also announced that after forty plus years we will be breaking tradition and there will be no dunking at the debunking.

And after some cajoling the following fans volunteered to join team leader **Gail Johnson** to don grass skirts and serenade President Chris: **David Darling , Janet Coddling, Gary Lucas, Bo Kirchen, Ken Dansie, David McDonald.**



Just a reminder that our cashier, **Dorothy Armstrong**, will be leaving us at the end of the month. We will miss her very much and we may even miss lunch if we can't find someone to help with the cashiering. Any suggestions?????

Doing what Rotary Does Best – Giving to the Community

Show Me The Money...

Today we were able to present two more grant checks to organizations that we are supporting from the proceeds of our last Crab Feed.

First was to **Scott Anderson**, Executive Director of the Humane Society of Sonoma County, accepting for their Forget-Me-Not Farms program that support at-risk youth. Due to the generosity of another donor, our contribution will be matched.



Scott Anderson for Forget-Me-Not Farms Program



Robin Marrs for Ukraine Diabetes Program

The second recipient was the Ukraine Diabetes Program. Our own **Robin Marrs**, who has traveled to Ukraine for this project, accepted the check and assured us that despite the political and financial challenges of the country that the work will continue.

Good-bye Print

Print was able to join us today. She took the opportunity to thank the Club for it's generosity and hospitality and shared some of her experiences with us. Special thanks went to **Chris & Lena Young** and **Ed & Suzanne Burr** who were kind enough to have shared their homes with her. And, to **David McDonald** for having provided her with a cell phone!



Print is joining many of the other exchange students later this month for a Rotary Safari. They will be going to Disneyland, the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas. She will be returning home to Thailand on July 15th.

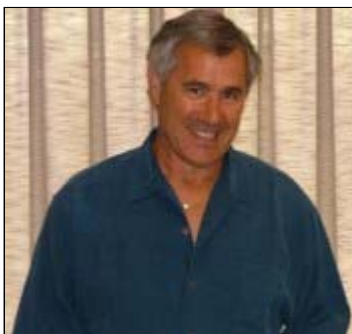


The Club then presented her with a charm bracelet to commemorate all the wonderful memories and experiences she has had with us.



Recognition

A "Fine Time" Was Had By...



Chuck Stark had a busy Sunday – Father's Day, his Birthday and his official retirement from the Army. \$5 to the kitty and \$50 to the Foundation

Peter Lamonica celebrates 41 years of marriage to **Exine** - \$40;

and yes, he still has to buy her flowers

Phil Talamantes donated \$10 in celebration of his 8th anniversary

Raffle

Today's pot was \$425 and **Ray Mattison** tried really hard to find that elusive black marble, but it was not to be. **Presiding President Mike** did take the opportunity to fine him a cool \$10 for his 10 years in Rotary. Then **Ginny Pitts** held the winning ticket for a bottle of Chardonnay. Ginny winning wine.....hmmm!

Program:

Bo Kirschen, a member of the Symphony Board, introduced our guest speaker **Doug Martin**, a computer geek, trumpeter for the Symphony and a fellow Board member.

Doug comes from a horn family. His father played the trumpet in the Big Band era and his mother played the clarinet so he was drawn to it from birth.



Doug began his presentation with the blowing of a ram's horn – perhaps the first single note instrument. As a point of history, he explained that in ancient times the horn was used primarily for signaling and warding off evil spirits. The military adopted it as a way of denoting time, call to events, etc. It was not until 1840 that pistons/valves were introduced to the instrument, which provided the ability to create more sounds, but only in one key.

It is said that "the trumpet is the easiest horn to learn and the hardest to master". Even today it can only play one note. This being the case, while playing in the Symphony one experiences long periods of tedium followed by moments of extreme stress. To be successful the artist must be in a good physical and spiritual space.

By self-admission, **Doug** recognizes that trumpeters are a bit of an odd breed. They have a bizarre set of jargon that includes such terms as monster, animal, mojo, blow your head off, and deadly man-eating calm; and a great sense of humor – What does a trumpeter use for birth control? His personality.



What is the difference between a trumpeter and a US Savings Bond? The bond will eventually mature and earn money.

Why can't a gorilla be a good trumpeter? They are too sensitive.

Thanks to **Doug** for an entertaining and enjoyable program that included a few examples of different examples of his expertise.



[See & hear Doug play](#)
(.avi audio file)

A great time was had by all.

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