

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for September 26, 2005 Club Assembly

By Jim Benoit

### Preliminaries



**President Chris** called the meeting to order in the manner of a diminutive lightning bolt. She charged Past President **Jim Hinton** with leading the assembled masses in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Gary** ("Chapter One") **Lucas** with the Confucian Rotary Moment.

#### Coming Up

10/3 - Red Cross Disaster Preparedness

10/10 - Katrina Relief Efforts, Mark Weston, Disaster Medical Assistance Team ([dmat6.org](http://dmat6.org))

10/17 - Getting to Know Print; Rotary Council on Legislation

10/24 - China, Susan Nowacki

11/19 - [Rota Rock Cafe](#): District 5130 South Foundation Celebration



**Chuck Baker** introduced the Visiting Rotarians.

Guests included **Dale Sipe's** one and only, **Teddie**.

**Lynda Partone**, who **Charlie** confessed brought him to the meeting. Charlie announced that he and Lynda are headed back to the desert until next year.

**John Meislahn's** cousin **Jochim** from Germany and son **Max** from Santa Rosa.



## Announcements and Such:

The Mighty Mite arced into announcements, and **Ginny Pitts** reminded us of the Veterans Day celebration at the Veterans Memorial Building on November 3, from 11:30 to 1:00. See Ginny for tickets.

**Susan Foster** announced that she is superintending the update of the club roster, and she need us to give her any updated information to keep our listings current. ASAP.

President-elect **Chris Rosell** is collecting funds for the club for Hurricane Katrina Relief. The donations will be forwarded to Rotary International, to be applied through Rotary Clubs in the affected areas to get maximum bang for the buck. **Mike Merrill** got the fund off to a good start with a check for \$100.



## Recognition

**President Chris** electrified the fine group, to each of whom she delivered a charge:

**President-elect-elect John Meislahn** was asked to make a deposit by President Chris and he promptly gave \$100 toward his Paul Harris fellowship for his promotion to manager of the downtown branch of Exchange Bank after returning from banking school in Seattle, before heading off on vacation to Manhattan.



**Ron Malnati** (10 the hard way) and **Bob Marigo** (don't ask) each paid \$25 for having birthdays on the same day. **Chris Rosell** (also 10 the hard way), and absent **Ken Dansie** and **Robin Marrs** also have September birthdays.



**Jeri Arnold** paid \$20 for her trip to Cabo San Lucas with three 19 year-old girls.

**John Hathaway** paid \$25 for his 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary, to celebrate which he relaxed.

**Susan Nowacki** drew a non-winning marble on relinquishing her winning ticket. Marv Hyman won the wine.



### Program: Assembly

**President Chris** then lit up the crowd by seguing into the Club Assembly portion of the meeting:

She called first on Secretary **Janet Coddling**, who reminded us mikelessly to turn in our makeups to her so she can count them toward our club attendance number.



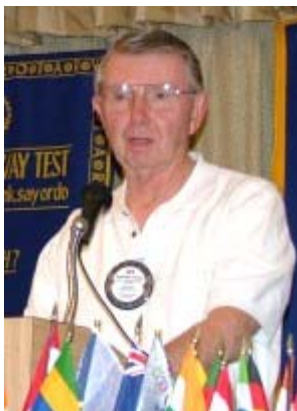
Treasurer **Barbara Larson** reported that the books are balanced, but she needs a volunteer to help with the tax returns. The Community Smart Card earned the club \$132 last month.



Club Service chair **Tarina Hall**, a dynamo in her own right, asked that we sign up for the club meeting jobs in the coming months. She reported that we will be moving our meetings to the Fountaingrove Inn as of December 5, 2005. The facility is smaller, which will require some adjustment. The lunch price will be probably \$17 or \$18, and we will be able to pay with our Visas or Mastercards.



International Service chair **Ken Prouty** told of some of the International projects of the club, including the Costa Rica school project and the Mexican Festival of Brotherhood.



Community Service chair **Chris Young** noted the number of volunteer hours donated by various members of the club to non-Rotary projects, including **Bill Fisher, John Palmer** and **Terri Galazzo**. He is distributing [280 dictionaries](#), including 50 Spanish-English dictionaries to the schools. He touched on some of the community service projects of the club.



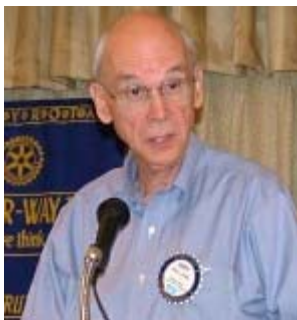
**Jeri Arnold**, Vocational Service chair, acknowledged **Bob Zeni** [Bob was not present because Dolores just had hip surgery, and he was caring for her] for the Piner High Student of the Month Program, with which **Robert Foster** will be helping. She thanked **Ken Dansie** for his work with the Ridgeway Student of the Month Program, and Carson Mitchell for his assistance with the Speech Contest. She also cited **Ron Malnati** for his work with the Roseland College Prep program.



Membership co-chair **Ginny Pitts** reported that the membership committee will be calling members to jog our memories about those friends and acquaintances that would be good fits with our club. We all know people who are good candidates for membership, and it is win-win to invite them to a meeting or two to give them a sense of who we are. Membership is at about 84 now, and we are looking at the 100 goal originally articulated in Jim Hinton's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary presidential year.



Go-go Foundation chair **Harry Rubins** announced the receipt of a Simplified Grant from the Rotary Foundation to Anne Abrams and the Multi-Cultural Child Development School, an example of our Foundation dollars at work. He broke the news about the paperless raffle for the district Foundation effort, under which all contributions to the Foundation between July 1, 2005 and the district Foundation Dinner on November 19, 2005 will buy raffle tickets for the drawing at the Foundation Dinner at the rate of one ticket for every \$10 donated. Last year, thanks to the great generosity of some of our members, our club averaged \$250 per member in Foundation contributions, far eclipsing the district goal of \$140. We also had a participation rate of 80%. Harry would like to beat those records this year. Even \$10 or \$20 helps the participation percentage.



**David McDonald** reported on the Crab Feed, which will occur at Grace Pavilion at the fair grounds on January 28, 2006. This year's theme is the Birth of Rock 'n Roll. David thanked the committee chairs, whom he named. There will be a disc jockey this year, advancing the theme by allowing us to hear the old hits in their original sounds. David plans to send out personal invitations to potentially generous bidders, and will put out sheets on the tables next week for us to suggest names of people to contact.



Past President **John Palmer** drew out a very nice summary of the Save Our Student (SOS) program, which is a joint effort of the four immediate Santa Rosa area Rotary Clubs. **John** recognized the contributions of the two Bobs, **Marigo** and **Zeni**.

Live wire **Chris** sparked Past President **Jim Hinton** to stand and deliver, and Jim opined that the job of a past president was to be seen and not heard, which he accomplished by promptly sitting back down.



President-elect **Chris Rosell** reported that **Ron Malnati** is working with **David McDonald** this year as Crab Feed co-chair, preparatory to grabbing the claw by the shell next year. **Chris** confessed that the Rotary International Convention at which he will represent the club next year will be in Copenhagen, and he will follow that with a two week vacation in Italy. Awwwww.



Our neon president closed out the meeting by calling on **Jim Underhill**, whom she fined \$25 in recognition of **Jim and Carol's** 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and then asked Jim to talk a bit about RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). **Jim** provided a stirring account of the super District 5130 program now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year, boasting nearly 1000 graduates, many of whom say it was the best experience they ever had. Future leaders in their high school years convene for a five-day, live-in session that is intense and fulfilling, keeping them active and involved from early morning until 11 o'clock at night in projects designed to enhance their leadership skills. They are culturally diverse, and frequently make lifelong friends. Jim credited the late past district governor Duane Blackwill for getting RYLA going.



**President Chris** announced before ringing the bell that she would be away next week, and President-elect **Chris Rosell** will preside. A Chris-cross?

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**Duty Roster**

TASK	26 Sept	3 Oct	10 Oct	17 Oct
CASHIER	Adam	Adam	Adam	Adam
SET - UP	Chris Y	Scott W	Chris Y	Scott W
GREETER	Chuck B	Ginny P	Fred Z	Ray M
TICKETS	Ron M	Dale S	G Lucas	Ginny P
MOMENT	G Lucas	G Lucas	John M	David Mc
PHOTOS	Jim V	Jim V	Jim V	Jim V
BULLETIN	Jim B	Anne A		John M
PROGRAMS	Susan N	Susan N	Susan N	Susan N