

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for November 7, 2005 China and Its Treasures

By Jeri Arnold

### Preliminaries



President **Chris Parr** returned to us this week full of that undefeatable enthusiasm that makes her just a delight to be around. Fortunately, she shares that enthusiasm with all of us each week.

We were led in the pledge by **Bill Fisher**.

Our **Rotary Moment** was given to us by **John Meislahn** with a few very appropriate thoughts in light of Election Day tomorrow (and no doubt which side of the fence John sits on!)

- Democrats can't get elected unless things get worse – and things won't get worse unless they get elected. ~ Jeane J. Kirkpatrick
- The only difference between Democrats and Republicans is that the Democrats allow the poor to be corrupt, too. ~ Oscar Levant
- Instead of getting married again, I'm going to find a woman I don't like and give her a house. ~ Louis Grizzard

### Coming Up

11/14 - The Future of Two Koreas, speaker from the Korean Economic Institute

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

11/21 - Petaluma's Old Adobe, Sara Skinner

11/28 - 40 Years at Los Robles - Bill Fisher and Others Reminisce

12/5 - Steroid use and the pain of losing a son - Ray & Denise Garibaldi





**Bill Fisher** was multi-tasking today as he also welcomed our visiting Rotarians. He had a smile and a joke for each one and was looking mighty dapper in his fancy suit!

We also welcomed guests, spouses, relatives and one prospective member.

### Announcements and Such:

**Ginny Pitts** announced that we sold 60 tickets to our Veterans lunch. The club had committed to purchasing 100 so the other 40 were donated to veterans to attend the lunch. A good time was had by all.



**Ed Burr** gave us our weekly Crab feed update. We received a Zap scooter donated by **Bill Fisher** (boy have we seen his name a lot today). We really need live auction items as this is the largest source of revenue at the crab feed. Call Ed as soon as possible with your donations!

**Ed Burr** also has **Print** (our exchange student) staying with him. He reminded us that we need to find another family in late January and then another one at the end of April. This family does not necessarily have to be a Rotary family, so get the word out.

**Harry Rubins** reminded us that we only have one more week to make a donation to Foundation and get entered in the drawing at Rota Rock event.

Speaking of Rota Rock-**John Meislahn** and some others will be performing a lively Lip Synch. You have to go see them at Rota Rock.



**Terri Galazzo** made a great announcement that Citibank donates to the Literacy Program and she was able to get \$1000 directed to our dictionary program.

**Jim Hinton** talked about next week's meeting with 2 Korean diplomats as our speakers. He respectfully asked that no one leave early so it won't be misinterpreted.



**Susan Foster** needs updated information for this year's roster; otherwise it will be in next year's roster! She also mentioned that today her salad had a little extra protein in it, and that's not a bad thing when you're a vegetarian..... unless the protein is green, and \*moving!

Monday November 28 will be the last Monday the Santa Rosa West Rotary eats at Los Robles lodge. Don't miss it!

**Auction: Bryan Fikes** did a great job auctioning off the sale of the back of the Crab Feed Tickets (maybe a career change in your future Bryan?) The back of the entry tickets went to **Jim Valinoti** for \$400 and the back of the raffle tickets went to **Chris Young** for \$300.



## Recognition

**John Meislahn** got tagged for the huge picture in the paper. I guess his whining finally worked with upper management.



**Barbara Larson** was recognized for the beautiful vase and bowl she brought from Mexico. This of course was donated to the crab feed.



**Chuck Stark** paid a \$100 fine for his recent Hole in One! He made that great accomplishment on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole in Fountain Grove which is 205 yards. Wow!



**Scott Bartley** contributed \$140 to Foundation for his recent Birthday trip to Mexico where he grave sat and partook in the local tequila. It was the Day of the Dead after all.

**Richard Pratt** also recently went to Mexico but no grave sitting for

him as he went the week before the Day of the Dead. For his trip, he also donated \$140 to Foundation.



**John Withers** was sporting a black eye from some recent surgery. President Chris wanted to know if the surgery was to take something out or put something in.

President **Chris** also gave her \$140 to Foundation!

### Raffle:

**Barbara Larson** was the lucky ticket holder but not so lucky marble drawer. **Carl Vallejos** was even more unlucky because his ticket was drawn but there was no wine to give him!

### Program: China and Its Treasures

Our program was given by, **Susan Nowacki**. She recently took a trip to China and gave us a great narrative and beautiful pictorial of the trip. Some of the facts I found fascinating:

20,000 people a day still stand in line for hours to view Chairman Mao's body!

The nation is undergoing huge changes in its struggle between control and freedom.

The pictures she took of the great wall were breathtaking.

The 2008 Olympics should be a great show based on the amount of work that is already under way! As I have thought all along-our best programs are given by our own members.



Thank you **Susan!**

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TASK	14 Nov	21 Nov	28 Nov
Cashier	Adam	DARK	Adam
SET - UP			Chris Y
GREETER	David Mc		Fred Z
TICKETS	Jeri A		David D
MOMENT	David D		G Lucas
PHOTOS	Jim V		Jim V
BULLETIN	John M		Jim H
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