

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

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**We get the "big" room...
the saga continues**

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Preliminaries



Coming Up

1/28 - CRAB FEED!

Second week at the new location and I don't know what to write about. The food was great. Damn I miss the Los Robles... when all else fails you could write about the food!

Dang, now what to write?

Well I could mention the game of musical tables as everyone tries to find a new 'home' in the new space. One word of caution to those who this week seemed to think it was a good thing to be sitting right up front next to where the speaker sits..... when you nod off after eating lunch the whole room is looking straight at you.... Just something to be aware of. And luckily this week the program was at the opposite side of the room.

Well, on to important things like the Pledge by **Harry Rubins** and the Rotary moment by **Gary Lucas**.

Then there was the excitement of visiting Rotarians by **Fred Zmarzly**. Wow two visitors! That is more than we have had in a long time!

Susan Foster's daughter, **Salina** was here acting as a surrogate for her father (more on that later).



Announcements and Such:

CRAB FEED!! : **David McDonald** reminded the Club that the annual Crab Feed is rapidly approaching!. We are looking for donations and expect each club member to come up with **AT LEAST** one donation item (more are always welcome).



Remember this is our one big fundraiser of the year, generates all the money with which we do our projects. Not interested in donating?..... then you can be in charge of the Santa Rosa West Rotary rummage sale at the Roseland school (ah the good old days). Without a moment passing after David's announcement, PDG **John Withers** stood and pledged his support of the crab feed.

Further incentive... if you don't come forward **Ginny Pitts** will be after you!

The Crab Feed is January 28th so make sure to talk to **Rich Pratt** and reserve your table before they are all sold. This event sells out every year, so don't wait. **Mr. Dodson** assures me that he has found a new source for the crab this year, and guarantees it will be as good as it comes!



Susan Nowacki is in charge of decorations this year and with the 50's theme is looking for some classic cars to display in there that evening. She has 2 cars lined up but could use a couple more. If you know of someone who would let us display them in there let her know.

If you are interested in advertising in the program for the evening the cost is \$100 for a business card sized ad. Just let **Dave** know and

give him your card!

Chris Young announced that the 280 dictionaries were distributed to the elementary school children last week. Good job **Chris!** And all the other members who helped out. **Chris Rosell** mentioned to me that he was amazed at how thrilled the kids were to get their own dictionary.

Jim Hinton has a lovely collection of recently acquired servingware, which he is carrying around in his car trunk. If you attended the Xmas party at his house and appear to be a plate short, look in his trunk. Anything not claimed by the beginning of next week's meeting will be auctioned off at the meeting.



Harry Rubins announced the latest of this year's Paul Harris fellows. **PDG Mike Merrill** talked about the importance of the Rotary Foundation and all the good things that our donations to it do.



Susan Foster and her husband **Robert** (a part played today by their daughter **Salina**) are our first dual PHF's at the same time (at least in recent memory).

You may remember that **Robert** donated his winnings from the raffle to the foundation a while back. His winnings were added to by the club, and the transfer of some unassigned PHF dollars from your's truly (Sir Scott "The Benevolent" Bartley, yes you can do that and it doesn't hurt a bit). Susan has been working on hers since 1989!!?? Or was that 1998? Congratulations.





Also receiving his 7th PHF today was **Mike Moore** and **Harry Rubins** got his 6th. Remember you get one for every \$1000 you donate... do the math... congratulations to both **Mike** and **Harry** for their terrific support of Rotary Foundation.

Harry also announced that his matching grant program where he will add \$100 in any Rotarians name to the Foundation for contributions of \$100 over the club minimum of \$140, up to \$1000. A flurry of raised hands took care of that offer in a few seconds. These guys know a good deal when they hear it.

Recognition

Busy Day today according to **President Chris**... either that or she is just full of it... the Christmas spirit that is..... so no fines this week. Merry Christmas (of course she will make up for it next week).

Raffle:

Scott Weiss had the opportunity to draw the marble and after a lucky rub on **Ginny** (I am not going to touch that one) he managed to draw the wrong marble. The bottle of wine (a rich velvety buttery chardonnay according to the Prez and countless others to whom Jim V has sold it) went to **Joe Perez**.

Program:

This week's program was our own **Louie Capuano**, who gave a presentation on the effects of hurricane Katrina. **Louie** took us to the NOAA (North American Atmospheric Administration) web site <http://www.noaa.gov/> which has some amazing pictures of the destruction there.



Louie also had photos taken by himself and his family of the destruction in Biloxi, his hometown. His wife and daughter along with most of his family were back there when the hurricane struck and while all of them survived uninjured, they suffered a great deal of property loss. He was lucky in that his immediate family including his mother suffered minimal damage, but cousins and other relatives lost among them 20 to 25 homes.



On a lighter note, the Santa Rosa High School Choral group

entertained us with holiday songs again this year. They were excellent as usual, and we rewarded them with a contribution to their group.



Hey! Who was caught snoozing?

Mike Moore found the music of our guest performers particularly soothing, so much so that he was inspired to give us one of his best impressions of **Bob Marigo**.



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