

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for December 19, 2005 Child Life program

By Tarina Hall

Preliminaries



President Chris dressed as a happy little elf, scattered colorful candy canes on all our tables for the last meeting before the holidays. I guess we are all still kids at heart!

Coming Up

1/9 - Gangs - Problems & Solutions

1/16 - Relief International's work in Pakistan, Caroline Upton

1/23 - History & Future of Railroad Square

1/28 - CRAB FEED!

2/6 - Suzanne Brangham, founder of The General's Daughter, Ramekins, McArthur Place

Ron Malnati did double duty by leading us in the Pledge and offered the Rotary moment by asking us to remember all of those who will be spending the holidays on foreign soil in the service of our country.

Phil Talamantes introduced our three visiting Rotarians. Other guests included the lovely **Teddy Sipe**.

Behind the scenes **Gary Lucas** sold raffle tickets, **Bryan Fikes** no-showed his set-up duties and **Terry Galazzo** was our cashier.



Announcements and Such:

Ginny Pitts announced that Crab Feed raffle tickets are now available for sale. They are \$10 a piece or 15 for \$100

And while we are on the subject of Crab Feed, **Ron Malnati**, called our attention to the flyers on the tables that listed the few things we have received for the Live and Silent auctions. To those of you who have already brought in items – a hearty Thank You. And we will look forward to receiving everyone's participation upon our return.



Ed Burr invited us all to make the effort to entertain our exchange student, **Print**. She is currently staying with the Burr's and is looking forward to meeting us all and getting to know a little more about our lives and our beautiful country.

Recognition

Brian Herndon was fined \$20 for his recent visit to the Paso Robles area where he attempted to visit the 100 bonded wineries in the area.



Paul Harris Fellows a pair, are **Bo Kirschen & Robert Foster!**

When prompted by **President Chris, Richard Pratt** announced that he had moved his business location to 110 Stony Point Road. That sounding a little familiar, **Prez Chris** was able to ferret out the real story...**Rich** will be joining forces with



Anderson Co LLP on January 1st where **Ken Dansie** is a Partner. Good decisions all the way around and \$30 each. Good luck guys!

Significant dates around the club included birthdays for

***Don Ling** had his entire table stand to recognize him for his birthday.



Serious recognitions for a 40th anniversary for **Chuck Baker**.

Ken Kushnir also had a birthday, and recognizing him (successfully) is no mean feat for anyone, but once the foils come out it's usually a pretty good show. President Chris held her own with the ever wily and always witty master of "back at cha!"



Judith Light was recognized for her work with the Red Cross and developing our new Club Brochure. Appreciation was also offered to **Mike Moore** for having printed the brochures. Good work!

Hey! Who was caught sleeping?

President Elect **Chris Rosell** was observed sneaking in a few winks today ☺



Raffle:

...and the winner is

Unfortunately, **David Darling** had the right ticket but the wrong marble. **Susan Foster** took home the "buttttttery" chardonnay and **Bob Marigo** won a jar of President Chris' famous bourbon balls.

Program: Child Life Program



Mike Moore introduced our guest speaker **Diane Cowan** who is the Child Advocate at Sutter Medical here in Santa Rosa. **Diane's** "Child Life Program" provides support and comfort to the children and their loved ones during the child's hospital stay for medical or surgical treatments.

Her patients are generally underprivileged, Latino and in high risk and/or foster care situations.

Facing a hospital visit these children, like most of us, are frightened and in pain or discomfort. **Diane** works closely with the children to make them feel as safe and comfortable as possible. In order to create a bond and develop the little patient's trust she is the only one to relate to them when they arrive. At check in, they receive a full explanation of what to expect on a level that they can understand – "What is going to happen to me?" "Where will my family be?" They are involved in the process, given choices, and assured there will be no needles. Elliot, the Muppet puppet, is even available to talk with

the children.

And **Diane** is always there when they wake up. She sees to it that they have a "Good Job" certificate on their pillow when they awake as well as a small stuffed animal and a book...all of which they get to take home with them.

This amazing woman is truly making a positive difference in the lives of the children she touches. What could be a terrifying experience is lessened. Trust and safety are created. As mentioned earlier, **Diane Cowan** is the Child Advocate at Sutter Medical, and her program is sustained solely by volunteers and charitable donations. At the suggestion of **Louie Capuano**, we are all hoping **Diane** applies to our Projects Committee for support from our club.

President Chris closed our meeting with warm wishes for our holiday season and a prosperous and happy new year.

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