

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for January 16, 2006 Relief Efforts in Pakistan and Kashmir

By Chuck Baker

Preliminaries



President **Chris** (staff....er pen, in hand) brought the meeting to order at 12:30 PM on this holiday in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Susan Foster (our latest courageous member to tackle the ever daunting duty of "bringing in the roster") led the pledge to the flag, and **Ginny Pitts** shared the thoughts and words of Martin Luther King.

Coming Up
1/28 - CRAB FEED!
1/30 - San Francisco - Rags to Riches, 1836-1906
2/6 - Suzanne Brangham, founder of The General's Daughter, Ramekins, McArthur Place
2/13 - A Special Valentines Program with the Silvermans
2/20 - DARK

Four visiting Rotarians were introduced by **Fred Zmarzly**. (Some members reported that they actually saw Fred's eyes during his introductions) There were no guests of Rotarians. One would think people were on holiday!

President **Chris** expressed the usual, but sincere thanks to all who participated in the meeting.....you know who you are.

Announcements and Such:

Crab Feed announcements were led off by **David McDonald**, followed by **Chris Young**, **Richard Pratt**, and **Jim Benoit**. The bartender sign up sheet was making its way around the room. Shifts are for one hour. Any questions, contact **Chris Young**. **Rich** indicated that we are still about 200 persons shy of a full house

whereas we were sold out at this time last year. Let's sell those tickets, folks, this is our only fundraiser. **Jim** pointed out our high-flyer raffle ticket salesman, **Harry Rubins**, who has sold \$600 worth. **Harry** shared his sales technique – giving the tickets to clients, especially female clients. Better than chocolates, eh **Harry**?



President **Chris** announced the forthcoming Association Dinner sponsored by The Valley of the Moon Club. Direct questions or responses to **Chris** or **Janet**.

All members should have received their copy of the proposed revision to the Bylaws. If you have not, contact President **Chris**. Club membership will be voting on the proposed changes soon.

Chuck Stark reported on the recovery of his father, and fellow member, **Tony Stark** from a respiratory infection. Tony was out of commission during the holidays. Get well, Tony, we all wish you the best.

Recognition

Barbara Larson was recognized for, well, just for being **Barbara Larson**. **Duncan Holt** was even back for a visit. Newer members may not know that **Duncan** and wife **Nancy** were egg ranchers who retired to own a motor-home park in Maine, but are now warming up in balmy Florida, with occasional visits to the old sod to see friends, play golf and the like. **Duncan** demonstrated his usual style by donating \$100 to the club. Thanks **Duncan**, nice to see you again!



Brian Herndon and **Sharon** did the deed 40 years ago (got married that is), and **Brian** contributed 40 bucks in memory of all those happy years. Likewise **Roger Olson** tied the knot with **Donna** 25 years ago (\$25), and **Chuck Stark** and **WinAnn** recited vows 39 years ago – I'm beginning to see a pattern to all this, \$39, but **Chuck** doesn't like odd numbers so he rounded it off to \$100.



Tarina Hall celebrates her birthday tomorrow and **Jim Valinoti's** natal anniversary was yesterday which he celebrated with a \$100 contribution to another Paul Harris.

His "Retired" Honor **Brian Jamar** had hip replacement surgery November 29, was back to Rotary last Monday, and played golf on Tuesday. He's definitely making up for all that time he spent sitting around on the bench.



President Chris recognized **Brian Ling** as an old buddy from Windsor Club, and **Brian** kindly donated four tickets to a Giant's game for the Crab Feed silent auction. Thanks, **Brian**.

Raffle:

Brian Ling got the chance at the marble, but chose the wrong color. Awww. **Gary Lucas** came up with the right number for the bottle of wine. Hey, wasn't he selling the tickets?

Program: Relief Efforts in Pakistan and Kashmir



Our program on the relief effort for the victims of the recent earthquake in Pakistan and Kashmir was presented by **Caroline Upton**, a volunteer with Relief International. **Caroline** is a member also of the Napa County Search & Rescue and Canine Search teams. She sincerely hopes that 2006 will be a better year than 2005, which had more than its fair share of disasters. She spent the year bouncing from tsunami relief in

Southeast Asia, to Katrina to Pakistan.

The 7.6 quake in Pakistan, touted to be the worst natural disaster of the year, was clearly felt at the Southern tip of India and throughout the area. It destroyed entire villages and infrastructure, and the rural nature of the area; the altitude and the inclement weather have combined to make relief in the area extremely difficult.

Because the quake occurred at 8 AM most children were inside schools and mothers were at home with small children where the buildings collapsed on and around them, thus insuring that the majority of victims were women and children. Over 3.5 million persons have been displaced and over 90,000 have been killed. Weeks and even months after the event and wounds and illnesses have gone untreated.

The area of greatest destruction is rural and at altitudes of over 5000 feet with snow on the ground commonly eight feet deep. Roads, primitive to begin with, have been impaired making relief on the ground very difficult, so most effort has been from the air. The Pakistani military has been the primary and most effective agency in the distribution of aid.

The most basic commodities of relief – food, water and tents for shelter are in critically short supply partially due to the tsunami relief, which has drained many of the resources, both cash and material, of agencies and governments. Aid has been promised, but delivery is lacking. Another case of talk is cheap.

Ms. Upton complemented Rotary for its ability to "get the job done." She reported on her own experience and observations of Rotary clubs acquiring and distributing aid in disaster areas.

Meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM

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Duty Roster

	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb
CASHIER				
SET - UP				
GREETER	BOB Z		PHIL T	
TICKETS	BO	BOB Z	G LUCAS	
MOMENT	FRED Z	GARY L	BRYAN F	G LUCAS
PHOTOS	JIM V	JIM V	JIM V	JIM V
BULLETIN	JIM B	SCOTT B		
PROGRAMS	SUSAN N	SUSAN N	SUSAN N	SUSAN N