

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for January 9, 2006 "Santa Rosa's Measure O"

By Bill Dodson

### Preliminaries



President **Chris Parr-Feldman** eloquently called the meeting to order amidst great applause.

**Pledge:** **Bill Fisher** found the flag and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment:** **Gary Lucus** provided us with a Rotary Moment designed to remind us that being a Rotarian is a constantly rewarding experience.

**Our Greeter:** **Jim Sullivan** introduced Barbara, Karen, Dan, Ruth, Linda, former member Eleanore Webster, and Jack Levar, as our visiting Rotarians.

**Guests:** **Dale Sipes** introduced his wife "**Teddy**" as his guest, President **Chris** introduced her friends **Pearl, May** and one other friend from Hawaii.



### Coming Up

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

1/23 - History & Future of Railroad Square

**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

### Announcements and Such:

January is Rotary Awareness Month and we have a new brochure to prove it!

**Dave McDonald** gave us a Crab Feed update. We need more live and, especially, silent auction items. Remember, cash works too!

President-elect **Chris Rosell** announced that March 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date for this year's Rotary Ski Challenge at Tahoe. He is putting a team together; beginners to advanced are welcome. It's for a good cause and it's a lot of fun.



Friday, May 19, before Memorial Day will be the Texas Hold-em Tournament at the Tap Room for 30 people. There will be beer with food by Johnny Garlic's with a \$150 buy in. Contact **Ed Burr** for reservations.

On January 26 the Sonoma County Association Dinner, hosted by the Valley of the Moon Rotary Club, will be held at the Quail Inn at Oakmont. There is a \$35 cost and you can let **Janet Coddington** know that you will be attending.



**Brian Fykes** coughed up \$10 (again) for a blue badge. Congratulations!

## Recognition

Our Pres recognized her Hawaiian girl friends that are contributing highly prized Tori Richard Shirts to our Crab Feed. She bestowed upon them pins recognizing their service above self.

Our guest **Jack Levar** was recognized for his continued support of our Crab Feed. President **Chris** wisely did not fine him.



Mr. "Prince of a Guy" **Jimmy Underhill** was at Rotary today. Say hello Jimmy!

**Gail Johnson** (and husband **Don**) are back in town after trying to live in the mountains. Didn't work; they missed their friends, culture and their Rotary Clubs. It only cost her \$20 to come back.



**Bo Kirchner** is back from Hawaii. Then he is off to Acapulco but he will be short twenty bucks.

**David Darling** has been married five years and he and his wife will celebrate by taking dance lessons. That cost him \$20.



**Ginny Pitts** and **Bob** have been married so long (36 years!) that they forgot their own anniversary on January 2. Our president didn't forget to fine her \$20.

**Ron Malnati** was fined \$20 for being married for 31 years.



**John Meislahn** dug into his pocket for \$5 to compensate for being in the Exchange Bank's downtown office.

**Lou Capuano** went to the Gulf Coast for the holidays and paid \$20 which, we hope, will find its way through Rotary to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

## Raffle:

When Pres **Chris** announced that number 169607 ticket holder could draw a marble, **Lou Capuano** was sure it was his because he couldn't find his tickets. Several minutes later he found it but he didn't pick the right marble. However, he also had number 169606 which was the ticket that won the bottle of wine.

## Program: Measure "O"

**Susan Nowacki** introduced **Dawn Dolan**, from Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks Department and Sgt. **Steve Bear** from the Santa Rosa Police Department to talk about Measure 'O'.



**Steve** began by telling us about his work in the violent / gang crimes section who's budget shrunk several years ago due to the state budget crunch. That put more detectives back on the street, thereby hindering the department's ability to deal with gang activities. Violent deaths increased somewhat. **Steve** suggests that it could have been worse but for three reasons: bad guys are bad shots, they are bad planners of their crimes and we have very good medical care in our community.

Now, thanks to Measure 'O', we have ten more new recruits and we are building the force up again. We now have a specialized task force as the Violent Crimes Investigations/Gang Crimes Investigations Team (VCI) that includes four officers and a sergeant. They target gang activity as high profile figures and undercover work as well. They are also part of the Mayor's Gang Task Force. They are looking forward to developing a 'Gang Intelligent Officer' position to work with the community.



**Dawn Dolan's** position in Recreation and Parks was created by the passage of Measure 'O'. She works with local schools and Burbank Housing with a grants process for intervention programs. These programs target youth developmental access, graffiti removal and counseling for skills training, anger management and tattoo removal, among other things.

She is also conducting a community based organization survey to determine what is being provided locally and what needs are not being met. She noted that seven to nine percent of middle school students have been or are involved with gangs.

Currently there are approximately 3,000 gang members in Sonoma County. Sgt. Bear and Ms. Dolan's efforts, due in part to the passage of Measure 'O' continue to be an important part of maintaining the quality of life we enjoy in Santa Rosa.

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*(Bill really takes these bulletins seriously – Ed ☺)*



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