



# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for June 2, 2008 The Centennial Celebration of The Rotary Club of San Francisco

By Susan Nowacki

### Preliminaries



**President Fred** opened the meeting at 12:30, **Susan Nowacki** led us in the flag salute, and **Chris Rosell** asked for a moment of prayer for **Bob and Delores Zeni** who were injured in a car accident over the Memorial Day weekend.



**Ginny Pitts** introduced our visiting Rotarians: **Paul Hamilton** from the Downtown club, **Jurgen Mollers** and **Roberto Giamicola** from San Francisco.

**Chris Young** introduced **Bonnie Wood** from The Living Room.

### Preliminary Recognitions (Club Anniversaries):

In addition to recognizing **David McDonald's** 50th birthday on May 24th, there were several club anniversaries acknowledged. Among whom were:



Happy 50th,  
**David!**



**Brian Jamar**  
32 yrs.



**Jim Sullivan**  
35 yrs.

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### Coming Up:

6/9 - River Rock Casino  
Expansion Project, Eugene  
Dvorak

6/16 - Rotary GSE Team to  
Nigeria, Augustino Orozco

6/23 - Beyond Vietnam, Rotarian  
Gary Lucas

6/30 - TBA



**Phil Talamantes**  
32 years



**Jim Underhill**  
40 yrs.



**Henry Von der Mehden**, 31 yrs.



**Richard Pratt**  
35 yrs.



**Chuck Olsen**  
30 yrs.

#### **Announcements and Such:**

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It was announced that the next board meeting would be on June 10th at Joseph's and current as well as new board members should attend.

Further information was provided about the **Zeni's**. **Bob** is at home now. However, **Delores** is still in the hospital with serious injuries. They were hit head-on by a vehicle which crossed over the divider and a passenger was killed. Cards were circulated for members to sign.

**Chris Young** handed out a \$2,000 check to Bonnie Wood from the Living Room. She explained this is a daytime facility for women and children who are homeless and staying in shelters. The Living Room provides assistance to get them self-sufficient.



**Mike Moore** announced to the club that **Bill Dodson** has been selected to be the President Elect Nominee to serve in 2010-2011. Bill told about taking his wife to Holland and France for their 25th wedding anniversary. He generously gave the club \$40.

**Chris Rosell** announced the debunking of **President Fred** to be held on Sunday, June 29th at the Wikiup Swim Club. The BBQ and festivities start at 5pm and spouses are invited.

#### **Recognitions**

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**Barbara Larson** was congratulated for her new job at First Community Bank where she will be Vice President of Commercial Lending. She will start next Monday.



**Jim Underhill** was recognized for his ad in the paper endorsing Sonoma County Supervisor candidate Sharon Wright. And **Jim Hinton** was recognized for joining the SR Symphony Board. **Jim Benoit** was given his check for winning the \$400 raffle at the last meeting.

### Raffle

**David McDonald** had the raffle ticket to try for the marble but didn't get the black one. And **Ken Dansie** won the bottle of wine.

### Program: The Centennial Celebration of The Rotary Club of San Francisco



**David Wattell** introduced our speaker, **Roberto Giamicola**, an Environmental Consultant, who joined the San Francisco Rotary Club a year ago. He is Italian, grew up in Switzerland and now lives in The City where he's also a tour guide. His program focused on the Centennial Celebration of the San Francisco Rotary Club.

When Paul Harris founded Rotary it began as a business club. Later he realized the need for promoting friendship and service. In 1908 he met with Homer Wood in SF and together they founded Rotary's 2nd club in what has become a world wide organization. In 1916 they helped found the Boys Club and later expanded it to include girls. A school for handicapped children was started in 1924. In the '70's Rotoplast began.

The San Francisco club boasts 4 past presidents who later became International Presidents. Their international projects include building wells for clean water, bikes to African girls to enable them to come home earlier and be safe, cataract surgeries and cleft pallet surgeries, and wheelchairs for the disabled in India. The Rotarian paycheck is in the smiles and thank yous they get back from people they've helped.

There will be 3 days of events for this celebration and all Rotarians are invited to join in the festivities. On November 9th there will be a dinner at the St. Francis with Past Rotary International President Rick King and Rotary International President D.K. Lee. During the day there will be a Veterans Day/Rotary parade. November 10th will feature a Rotary exclusive evening at Beach Blanket Babylon. Wine tours and SF City tours and special luncheons will round out the celebration.

For details log on to [www.sfrotary.com/CentennialCelebration.cfm](http://www.sfrotary.com/CentennialCelebration.cfm)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

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