



Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for June 16, 2008 GSE Team Sees Legos, Nigeria

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Coming Up:

6/23 - Edward Piasta, Army
Captain with JAG - Iraq

6/30 - Gary Lucas - "Making It
Work"

Our guest speakers today, **Agustino Orozco**, sponsored by Santa Rosa West, and **Bridget Hayes**, sponsored by the Windsor Club, recently traveled to Nigeria as part of the GSE team.

There is a strong Rotary presence Nigeria with 84 clubs. The team was able to visit almost 25% of them and presented us with colorful flags from eight of the clubs.

Nigeria is populated by three primary ethnic groups the Igbo, Heisa and Yoruba and over 250 languages/dialects are spoken. The people have a very positive outlook on life and a common greeting is "you are welcome" as in this place. The country's primary export is oil, which is exported crude and imported refined, a liter of which costs about \$3.65 US. Much of the country is without electricity so major population centers are run by generators. Bicycles, motorbikes and small cars are the mode of transportation.



The climate is arid and temperatures average between 87-115degrees F. Needless to say the clothing is light and loose. For special occasions such as weddings, funerals and the like, it is the custom that each invitee be given 9yards of fabric. The fabric is the same color or pattern, selected specifically for that event by the host family. The guests select personal patterns and "looks" and then make their own outfits for each event. The result is a myriad of different styles and uses of the fabric and a distinctive and coordinated outcome.

During their stay the team also had the opportunity to visit may rural villages as part of the "Adopt a Village" program. In the schools, using the universal language of song and dance they interacted with the children. Backyard farms were seen where fish are raised in tanks for sale and personal use, fruits and vegetables grown and animals raised. A visit to the Point of No Return, an original slave deportation port, was particularly moving.

And back to the mechanics....

The Worker Bees:

Ray Mattison – Pledge; **Harry Rubins** – Moment; **Chris Young** – Cashier; **Bill Fisher** – Set Up; **Ken Dansie** – Greeter; **Bo Kischen** – Tickets; **Ray Mattison** – Photos; **Tarina Hall** – Bulletin

The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say & do

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Guests:

Our guests of Rotarians included **Allison Segura** and **Ruth Lincoln's** daughter **Camilla Lincoln**. The young ladies will be traveling to Lima, Peru in July to participate in "Un Vaso de Leche," a service project dedicated to providing at least one glass of milk a day to young children who are no longer supported by government programs. In conjunction with this, they will be teaching the 45+ children ABCs, numbers, colors and arts and crafts. To support these efforts the Board voted to donate \$500 toward their supplies.

**Announcements and Such:**

President Fred awarded the **Silent Rotarian Award** to **Anne Abrams** for her constant support and participation in the many activities of Rotary. When not running the Multi-Cultural Center, she can be found writing our bulletins, setting up for every Crab Feed and behind the scenes on many other projects. **Congratulations Anne!**



Chris Rosell announced that the debunking for **President Fred** is June 29th at the Wikiup Swim & Tennis Club. Festivities begin at 5:00pm and spouses and SO's are more than welcome. Be sure to let **Janet** know how many guests you will be bringing so there is sufficient food and beverage for all!

Chris Young asked us all to "save the date" for our next Crab Feed which will be held on January 31st at Grace Pavilion. We will be hearing more from **Chris** and **Bill Dodson**, so stay tuned!



Bob Zeni was back and lookin' pretty darned good! He thanked the Club for the many cards, phone calls and e-mails and expressed how much they meant to he and **Dolores**. Dolores is still recuperating in Brighton Gardens where she is getting excellent care and appreciating the pleasant, sunny surroundings.

Recognitions

Wedding anniversaries included **Dale & Teddie Sipe** – 64 years and **Bob & Dolores Zeni** - 54 years. That's a lot a lovin'!

Club anniversaries included **Jim Hinton** and **Ray Mattison** – 12 years; **Chris Rosell** – 15 years; **Dave Wattell** – 17 years; **Harry Rubins** and **Dale Sipe** –19 years; and **Bob Zeni** – 28 years! And that's a lot a Rotary!

Raffle

As "luck would have it" **Chris Young** was unable to find the illusive black marble in our drawing, but **Ray Mattison** took home a bottle of wine.



Have a great week!

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