



# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for July 16, 2007 Cancer Survivors Support Group

By Tarina Hall

### Preliminaries



**President Fred** opened his second meeting in a very presidential style. His quick wit and dry sense of humor are a real treat and set the tone for what should prove to be an exciting and fun year! **Fred** also took a moment to remind us that there will be no dues increase for this year and that **Janet** will be sending out bills next week that will include dues, fines, Bartley BBQ and debunking.

**Mike Moore** led us in the Pledge and **Harry Rubins** was asked to share a moment... a little stunned he shared a moment of silence – yes, silence is golden.

No visiting Rotarians today, but other guests included **Neil Silverman's** son, **Josh**.

And accompanying **Gail Johnson** today was **Raffa**, our past exchange student. Dale Sipe's constant sidekick, the ever-lovely **Teddie Sipe** was present and accounted for, and finally, **Danny Holmes**, who makes a visit to our club each year to invite us to attend the Sonoma County Fair, and more particularly to come out to the horse races and attend his very special and informative horse race betting seminars.



Behind the scenes, **Dale** sold raffle tickets and did set-up, **Phil Talamantes** was our friendly greeter; **Jim Valinoti** took the pics, and **Jeff Ray**, our cashier.



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#### Coming Up:

7/23 - Physical Fitness

7/28 - Fireside & BBQ at The Geysers

7/30 - Reducing Global Warming

8/6 - Preparing for Long Term Care, Helen Pachynski

8/13 - District Governor Visit

8/20 - Girls on the Run, Catrina Derke

8/24 - [Golf Tournament](#)

8/27 - Santa Rosa City Councilwoman Susan Gorin

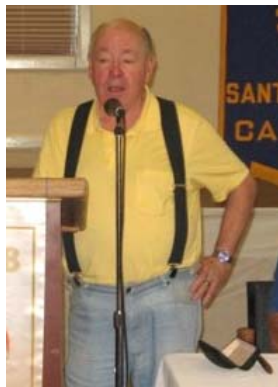
## Announcements and Such:

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- **Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>** – the Association Dinner will be hosted by Sebastopol Sunrise at Dutton Ranch
- **Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>** – our Fireside and BBQ at the Geysers hosted by **Louie Capuano**. Twenty-four people have already signed up!
- **Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** – **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf and BBQ Social**. Once again a totally fun day planned by **Jeff Ray** and his loyal band of merry-makers. Mark your calendar, whether for golf & BBQ or just the BBQ. You will be hearing more about this fun event!!

### A Little Discussion....

**Danny Holmes**, who has visited with us before, reminded us that the Sonoma County Fair is here! This year's theme is Bee Cool and celebrates Charles Schultz, Snoopy and the Gang. As always Danny will be conducting his Wine County Racing Seminar each race day at 11:15 in Miller Shade Park and invited us all to enjoy a "day at the races" with a Bonus Horse Race Week: August 1-6.



## Recognition

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This is a busy month for birthdays and anniversaries - **Barbara Larson, Charlie Partone and Hugh Coddling** are blowing out the candles, while **Ralph Lassa, Mike Merrill, Neil Silverman, Ken Prouty, and Dave Wattell** celebrate anniversaries.

## Raffle

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And the winner was not .... **Peter Lamonica** who could not find the elusive black marble; but, **Diane Winsby** went home with a lucky bottle of vino.

## Program: Cancer Survivors Support Group

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This year's Program Director is **David Wattell**. David took the podium and gave us a brief bio on our Program speaker.

Today's speaker was **Ed Mattson**, Director of the Rotary Cancer Survivors and Support Group, President and Executive Director of the **Linda Mattson Cancer Foundation**, and author of *Say No to the Undertaker*.



**Ed** is on a speaking tour of Rotary Clubs across America, bringing the word of cancer survivors and the many new treatments for cancer that have been discovered over the

many years of research that have been done in this field. Today, **Ed** was accompanied by his new wife **Irena** whom he met while traveling and working on projects in Eastern Europe.

The goal of the Rotary Fellowship of Cancer Survivors and Supporters is to provide unique support services for Rotarians and Rotary families fighting cancer both here and in underdeveloped countries. Their mission is to:

- Provide new clinical information on the latest in treatment protocols
- Answer questions patients may have regarding treatment
- Helping patients with transportation needs for specific treatments
- Provide an active website for information on complementary treatments and break-through in both drugs and clinical studies



And if that is not enough great work he also sells Teddy Bears in varying sizes!

To learn more go to [www.ricancersurvivors.org](http://www.ricancersurvivors.org)

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