



# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for July 30, 2007 Environmental Activism

By Mike Merrill

### Preliminaries



**President Fred** called the club to order promptly at 12:30 p.m. **David McDonald** led us in the pledge and gave us the Rotary Moment...once again showing the "genius" of football players.

**Harry Rubins** introduced our visiting Rotarians, **Janet Hamilton** of Santa Rosa Sunrise, and of the Santa Rosa club. **Dale Sipe** noted that our sole guest was "just" **Teddy Sipe!**

**President Fred** noted a couple of additional July birthdays, including his (age 68), **Paul Stychno**, and **Tony Stark** (age 92). Congratulations **Fred**, **Paul** and especially **Tony**. **PP Chris Parr** presented **PDG Mike Merrill** with his HOT new Rotary Fellowship Bicycle Outfit – no modeling, however!



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### Coming Up:

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

### Fellowship

Following a somewhat questionable episode of humor -- involving dads and granddads of excessive age, **President Fred** imposed his first "table fine" tapping **Phil Talamantes** for \$10.00 as a reward for recovering from a stroke that he had several weeks ago and **Chuck Olson** \$20.00 for drinking too much good wine. Somehow the rest of the table escaped attention?



### Raffle

**PDG John Withers** failed to draw the lucky marble (1 out of 10 for \$625) and **Gail Johnson** drew for the bottle of wine -- but no bottle was forthcoming!

### Announcements and Such:

**President Fred** reminded us that **District Governor, Ken Moulton**, will be visiting our club on August 13, 2007. The GUV will be meeting with the club's Board of Directors at 10:00 a.m. that morning.

PP and District Membership Chair, **Chris Parr**, is giving a membership seminar for the District on August 4, 2007 [Part of a program that covers BOTH Foundation information and Membership information – at the Cotati Room,

203 West Sierra Avenue, Cotati [next to the police station] the events start at 9am with a round table discussion. Any questions call **Chris** at: 707-544-3004 or e-mail at [icur4rotary@aol.com](mailto:icur4rotary@aol.com).

**Jeff Ray** is putting together our annual club golf tournament for August 24, 2007 – a FUN CLUB EVENT – not to be missed...and the always super Bar-B-Q to follow!

Crab Feed Chair **Peter LaMonica** gave us an update on our "Evening in Tuscany"



**President Fred** ended his announcements, making reference to the Rotary magazine, The Rotarian, and its "spitting image!"

### Program: Environmental Activism

Program Chairman, **Dave Wattell** introduced **PP Richard Standard**.



**Richard** shared that he had become an environmental activist with the coming of his first grandchild and his nearing 60 years of age! Solar panels were too costly to purchase, so **Richard** looked into saving gas as a way to address environmental concerns.

**Richard** is currently the local distributor for EthosFR@fuel re-formulator; a non-toxic, non-petroleum based fuel additive. Ethos saves about \$7.00 per tank with the consistent use. The cost is \$38.66 per bottle, which works out to about \$.15 per gallon. A number of fleet users have adopted this product and locally the City of Petaluma is testing Ehtos for they use it in their city fleet. Users have touted Ethos as saving on gas, limiting maintenance problems and curbing pollution. Something easy to be done for planet earth!

Although not generally accepted by the oil companies, the Petro-Ecuador has adopted it as a universal additive for their product.

Further information can be gotten from **PP Richard** or at the product website <http://www.ethosfr.com/>

### Endings

**Past President Jim Hinton** inquired of **Fred** as to how the product would taste over ice cubes and tonic.

On that note, **President Fred** closed the meeting.

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