



Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for September 10, 2007 Avenues of Service

By Pamela Davis

Preliminaries



At the prompting of **Past President Chris Parr** (Chris was chompin' at the bit to get this meeting started), **President Fred Zmarzly** called the meeting to order.

Pledge: **Chris Rosell**

Moment: **Chris Parr –Feldman**

Moment of silence for the passing of Tony Stark. Memorial will be this Thursday.

Guests of Rotarians: **Carol Nelson**, VP of Larkfield Branch of Exchange Bank; **Teddy Sipe**, bride of **Dale Sipe** and **Janet Kirschen**, wife of **Bo**.



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Coming Up:

9/17 - "Lingering County Issues,"
Supervisor Tim Smith

9/24 - Sonoma County Economy,
Ben Stone

10/1 - Earl Baum Center for the
Blind

10/8 - Sonoma County Recycling,
Pam Davis

10/15 - SR Rescue Mission, Jeff
Gilmore

10/22 - Greenhouse Gas
Emissions, Sam Pierce

Service:

Set up: **Ginny Pitts**

Cashier: **Will Richards**

Tickets: **Bill Fisher**

Program: **Dave Wattell**

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Announcements and Such:

Happy Birthday to **Chris Rosell** (Sept 10) and **Bob Marigo** (Sept 26).

Acknowledgement of **Janet Coddling** for 20 years in Rotary

Richard Standard has an Art Exhibit at the Pelican Gallery in Petaluma opening September 25. President **Fred** promised to fine him later for the commercial

Board Meeting Tuesday 11:45 am at Josefs. Everyone is welcome. Red badgers are encouraged to attend.

Bartley BBQ at **Ginny's** on October 15.

Peter LaMonica promised a crab feed update next week.

Susan Nowacki solicited promises from 12 members for restaurant gift certificates for the silent auction.

Nov 8 (Thurs) is the Veteran's Day lunch. We will be dark that week.



Recognition

Ken Dansey- Article in NB Biz Mag \$10; **Bill Fisher**- Trip to Donner Lake \$10.



Peter LaMonica- Trip to Alaska and UK \$15 (Paid \$20); **Richard Standard**- Art Show commercial \$10.

Raffle

Will won the chance at \$750 and drew... a blue marble. Darn! **Tarina** won a fine bottle of wine.

Program: Avenues of Service

Chris Parr Feldman introduced today's program: A Rotary Informational Meeting

Five speakers each took five minutes to describe the committee work they do for Rotary at the local and international levels.

Group Study Exchange - Chris Parr-Feldman

GSE is a cultural exchange program that fosters international cooperation and helps promote the development of business skills in an increasingly global community. Chris visited Manila, numerous club member have been part of this international exchange of ideas and people. This year's program is an exchange with Nigeria.



Vocational Committee - Gail Johnson

Vocational Service began with the idea of bringing together people from various professions and to apply high standards to the workplace. Each Club or District defines their own Vocational Programs. In many cases, community service is tied in with the vocational work. Our club is currently working to set up a Career Day at Roseland University Prep. Other work has included: Helping to fund the Ridgway High School Library; Academic Project at Piner High School- recognizing exceptional students; Scholarship Program at Ridgway High School for JC bound students; Speech Contest open to all westside schools, providing cash awards.



International Service - Bo Kirshen

Projects include:
 Clean Water project in Peru
 Festival of Brotherhood
 Project Amigo
 Sponsorship of students at the University of Colima
 Purchase of a cerebral endoscopy machine for a Guadalajara Hospital
 Purchase of a brick making machine for a community group in Guadalajara



Community Projects - Chris Young

The dictionary program was **Chris'** introduction to Rotary. He heads up the distribution of dictionaries throughout Santa Rosa every year.

Graffiti Abatement at the City contacts Chris and he gathers a team to paint over the graffiti around town.



Rotary Foundation - Brian Herndon for Harry Rubins

Rotary Foundation is designed to secure project funding through an endowment process. 50% of donations come back to the district and the rest is invested for three years. Money is then available through matching funds and grants for local and international projects. The club goal this year is \$140 average per member and 100% participation at any level.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - Jim Underhill

RYLA was started in 1952 to assisted young people in developing leadership skills. Locally young people attend a week-long camp AT Westminster Woods aimed at developing personal and leadership skills. Keynote speakers provide motivational presentations and "grab bag" projects and activities provide practical experience and development of skills.



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