



# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

**Bulletin for October 29, 2007**

**John Samples on Children's Language/ Learning Center**

By Diane Winsby

## Preliminaries



**President Fred** called the meeting to order.

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### Coming Up:

11/5 - Safari West

11/12 - Global Warming, Fred Zmarzly

Visiting Rotarians were introduced: **Max Bridges** from the Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary, **Knowell Owen** from the Santa Rosa Downtown Rotary and **Susan Cole** from the Windsor Rotary.

Guests were also introduced.

**Chris Parr** introduced **Augustine Orozco** who will be our club's new GSE team member to Nigeria and **Susan Cole** shown here with **Augustine**, is the local GSE Team Leader.



**Karen Door** from Fountain Grove Mortgage was also introduced as a guest.



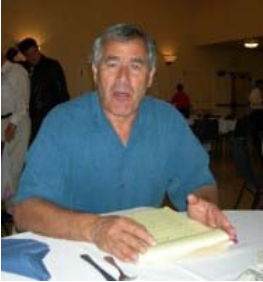
## Announcements and Such:

**President Fred** announced that he had received an email from the Southwest Eureka Rotary Club regarding their website to help victims of Southern California fires. **Susan Nowacki** gave a short report on the cemetery route.

Fifteen members attended the interesting docent led historical tour of the old cemetery in Santa Rosa.

**Harry Rubins**, Rotary Foundation chair gave a report on Paul Harris Foundation donations to date. He said that the club had just over 50% participation with the goal of 100% still needing to be met. **Bob Zeni** reported that KJZY CDs were for sale at \$17.00 each and that Support Our Students will receive \$5.00 for each CD sold.

**Pete LaMonica**, led a discussion on planning for the annual Crab Feed in January, 2008. A raffle was held to place advertising on the back of the event tickets and the raffle tickets: **Ken** won the event tickets and **Diane Winsby** won the raffle tickets, each bidding \$350.00. Requests were made for each member to donate items for the silent auction. Tickets will go on sale sometime in early December.



**Diane Winsby** announced that she and **Jim Valinoti** will be updating the Membership Roster onto the computer soon and asked everyone to complete a form she provided for the update.

**Ruth Lincoln** gave a \$100 donation to the club to celebrate her daughter's successful 4.43 GPA.

**Jim Underhill** reported that a fund raiser dinner for Piner High School field lights would be held soon and to see him about tickets. **David Macdonald** reported that **Bo** was in the Marin General Hospital for surgery. Sign-ups were requested to ring the Salvation Army bell on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Raffle

Past District Governor **John Withers** reached, but didn't pull the correct marble to win the cash, while **Barbara Larson's** lucky ticket for the wine was pulled.



### Program: John Samples on Children's Language/ Learning Center

The speaker for today was **Dr. John Sample**. **Dr. Sample** has been working with speech & learning disabled children for over 40 years, 25 of which he has been in private practice. He currently leads the Scottish Rite Mason's clinic located at 625 Acacia lane in Santa Rosa which specializes in helping children with reading, writing and spelling as well as building vocabulary. He said that language is very important in our society. A well developed vocabulary is essential to success. Children unable to read/write/spell are at a big disadvantage.



The organization, which is not-profit group, was established in the 1950'2 in Denver, Colorado and now are all over the United States.

Sonoma County's group was established in 1985 as the 100<sup>th</sup> site. There are 15 locations located in California. Children served determined "at risk" due to their learning disabilities and potential to become involved in gangs, etc. Many of them prove to have dyslexia, reading problems; about 15% of the US population suffers from this disability.

**Dr. Sample** went on to say that English has become the international language and that it is rich in vocabulary having nearly 36,000 words making it very complex compared to other languages. He said that many people have reading problems because of this.

So far the local program has helped over 1,000 children in Sonoma County. Their target age group is 3 to 21 years of age that are not receiving adequate services at their schools. He said that no one is turned away from the program; they do request donations from participant families if possible. He said to look up their website at: [www.srclc.com](http://www.srclc.com). Their phone number is 707-539-3003.

President Fred closed the meeting at 1:30 PM.

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