



Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for November 19, 2007 Artrails with Artist Jewel Kishmirian

By Pamela Davis

Preliminaries

Richard Standard led us in the pledge
Barbara Larson inspired us with a Rotary Moment
Jim Sullivan introduced two visiting Rotarians from Santa Rosa East, **Steve and Phyllis Raboux**. There were no guests of Rotarians.

President Fred thanked the following for club service:

Set-up: **Dale Sipe** and **Tarina Hall**

Tickets: **Chuck Olson**

Photos: **Jim Valinoti** (in absentia)

Bulletin: **Pam Davis**

Program: **Dave Watell**

Cashier: **Chris Young**

Fred recognized several birthdays and anniversaries:

Bob Marigo- 50 yr wedding anniversary

Scott Bartley for a birthday

Anne Abrams for a birthday

Ruth Lincoln for 25th wedding anniversary

Jeff Frey for a wedding anniversary

Fred shared some thoughts from the Board including:

-- Reviving the Aloha Day (Hawaiian shirt theme) for some meetings.

-- Having and occasional evening dinner meeting and including spouses.

Announcements and Such:

Petaluma Sunrise Rotary is hosting a cioppino feed on Dec. 1.

Christmas Party at **Susan and Dean's** on Sunday Dec 9 from 5-8 pm

Support our Schools Fundraiser: **Phil Talamantes** has KJZY samplers available.

Diane is updating the membership roster. Please get any changes in to her soon.

Habitat for Humanity has invited Rotarians to a dinner and programs on Dec 5th.

Salvation Army bell ringing schedule is filled out.

Crab feed committee meeting on Tues November 20 at **Jim Hinton's**.

At the December 3rd meeting, **Harry Rubins** will donate \$100 each towards a Paul Harris for up to ten members who have met the club goal of a \$140 contribution to the Foundation.

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Coming Up:

11/26 – Pam Chanter, “Rotary in Peru”

12/3 - Lisa Longhearst (Avalon Assisted Living)

12/10 – Jeff Gilman, SR Rescue Mission

12/17 – Michael Frank, SR Asst City Manager

12/24 - Dark

12/31 - Dark

Recognition

Fred turned the meeting over to **Mike Moore** for a little lighthearted fining:

Matt Delaney was fined for accompanying Mike Merrill to Mexico for the Festival of Brotherhood.

Pete LaMonica was fined for picking 2000 lbs of olives and delivering them to Sausalito to be pressed. He offered to donate some olive oil to the crab feed and put some green in the Sergeant-at-Arm's basket as well.

Ginny Pitts got dinged for having an olive press. She suggested Pete bring future batches to Harvest Moon to be pressed.

Bo was fined for being able to attend two meetings in a row with no trips to the hospital in between (yay!)

Mike Merrill was either fined for his trip to Mexico or more likely for drinking the wine Mike Moore gave him for safe keeping.

Barbara Larson was not fined for her trip to Cabo. She was very ill for the entire time. It was a sad story that swayed even Mike Moore.

Program: Artrails with Jewel Kishmirian, Painter

Dave Wattell introduced our speaker, **Jewel Kishmirian**, who is an artist involved in Art Trails.

Jewel's family has been touched by Rotary in several ways:

- Her kids attended the Rotary Learn to Swim Program, she brought the swim bag that was given to one of her children.
- Another child received a dictionary (which she also brought) that has been used in her family for many years.
- Her daughter was involved with RYLA.

Jewel spoke about the many types of styles of art and artists in Sonoma County including paint, ceramic sculpture and pottery, textile art, woodworking and more.

She mentioned several local artists who use different mediums, for example:

Patrick Aumian in Sebastopol creates giant folk art using scrap metal. Many folks have no doubt seen the giant cow on Highway 12 just west of Fulton Road. He has many pieces on display in Sebastopol on Florence Avenue. It is worth the drive to see!

Charles Beck paints great landscapes.

Robert Gauthier stacks wood and creates large wooden vessels.

Jewel talked about the creative experience and her rules for success. She believes we all have the ability to draw or express creatively, it is a matter of training, not innate talent. She recommends persistence and encourages budding artists to keep going- use all your resources including classes, books and buddies. Her golden rule is "Be stubborn, not stupid".

She says that art is a process, creating something you don't like may just be the process to get you to the next step.

Rule #1 - It is all valid

Rule #2 - It is your job to do the work, not to criticize it

Rule #3 - Never ask your spouse to critique your work

Rule #4 - See rule #1. It is all valid

Jewel suggests our creative selves get stepped on as children and we need to open the door to that creative part of ourselves.

Listen, listen, listen.

Make a space to work.

Get a critique book. Make notes on your feelings about each piece.

Jewel recommends **The Artist's Way** by Julia Cameron. She also sings high praises about the art classes and teachers at the Junior College.

Her parting words reminded us that to get creative we need to train our brain and be stubborn, but not stupid.

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