



Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

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Preliminaries

Act One.

As the curtain rose on today's meeting, the following cast of characters could be found center stage:

Chuck Baker – Set Up Crew

Rich Pratt – Cashier

Mike Moore – Greeter (a last minute cast change from **Ken Dansie**)

Harry Rubins – Raffle Tickets

Gil Lucas led us in the pledge

Diane Winsbey's moment reminded us to "stay in the moment today, and tomorrow will take care of itself."

While we had no visiting Rotarians, a rather dapper-looking **Jim Underhill** introduced his lovely wife **Carol**.

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Coming Up:

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

Announcements and Such:

Act Two

President Fred offered a special thanks to **Jim Hinton** for having hosted a Crab Feed meeting in his home featuring his energetic and knowledgeable daughter, **Laura**, who was able to share with the team some wonderful and creative ideas about fund raisers in general and auctions specifically. Great info and new ideas!

And speaking of Crab Feeds, **Peter LaMonica** announced that the tickets and raffle tickets were back from the printer – a real first – and would go on sale next week. Dinner tickets will remain at \$60 and raffle tickets would be \$20 apiece or 3 for \$50. This year's raffle prizes will be \$2000. cash, a \$500 PGE credit and \$100 cash. Show me the money!

AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN THOSE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Significant dates for our Rotarians included birthdays for **Don Ling** and **Gail Johnson's** husband **Don. Matt Delaney** and **Tarina Hall** celebrated Rotary anniversaries.

12/03/07 - **Harry Rubins** will again offer his Club match for Paul Harris

12/03/07 – Food Drive for FISH

12/09/07 - **Susan & Dean Nowacki** are hosting our Holiday Party

12/12/07 – Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Coddingtontown

Recognition

Next up was the man with the mike, **Mike Moore**, who added a little money to the coffers by visiting with some

of the gang.

Phil Talamantes offered \$100 toward a Paul Harris in honor of what would have been his Dad's 100th birthday.

Don Ling just returned from a cruise to Egypt, Dubai and the Red Sea – understandably he only had \$5 left.

Gail Johnson having just returned from a delightful cruise on the Danube and Rhine and a side trip to France offered \$50 in honor of Don's 50th BD.

Von von der Mehden announced that his daughter, Heidi, became engaged – how fun is that! (oh, \$5)

Raffle

Intermission

John Withers held the lucky ticket, but couldn't find the evasive marble.

Gary Lucas won the bottle of wine.

Program: Fernando Lores Clean Water Project in Peru

Act Three

Ken Prouty introduced our guest speaker **Pam Shantner**, vice chair of the Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation, who made an excellent presentation about the Fernando Lores Clean Water Project in Peru. This project is focused on improving the water conditions in this area along the Amazon River and is locally sponsored by APECA and the Iquitos Sur Rotary Club. In the US 5 clubs support these efforts – Santa Rosa West, Sunrise, Sebastapol and two clubs in the LA area.

There are no sewage treatment plants along the Amazon and multi-national companies pulling valuable resources out of the area (tin, oil, timber, etc.) have no restrictions to their activities creating a significant run off of pollutants. The problem was so severe that 1 in 5 children die of Cholera, Dengay Fever and Malaria as a result of poor water quality.

Pam learned of this problem while doing some other projects in the area where she met Gina Lowe, Executive Director of APECA. Her concern was so great that she promised Gina she would help and upon her return to Santa Rosa she was able to enlist the support of one water filtration company, three water quality engineers, and an international health consultant within five days.

The result was that they returned to the Fernando Lores area and by gaining the support, approval and assistance of the local people developed a plan to provided clean water to villages for drinking, cooking and bathing. Since there was no way to purify the river water, the used the roofs of the village school houses to collect rain water in the down spouts and store it in large concrete containers that the locals built.

To date they have implemented this system in twenty villages and are able to serve 20,000 people. With a matching grant of \$45,000 from Rotary International, they will be able to continue their valuable work. This is yet another example of the power of Rotary and the difference we make everyday.

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