

Bulletin for January 7, 2008 "Santa Rosa Concert Association" with Jack Lawrence

By Anne Abrams

Preliminaries



President Fred Zmarzly welcomed everyone to the meeting at St. Rose and wishes everyone a Happy New Year under full power. *(Fred's power was out from Friday morning until Saturday night due to our stormy weather.)*

Thanks to the following Rotarians for their assistance with today's meeting:

Cashier: **Phil Talamantes**

Set-up: **Dale Sipes**

Greeter, **Jim Hinton**

Tickets: **Tarina Hall**

Rotary Moment: **Bo Kirschen**

Photos: **Jim Valinoti**

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Programs: **David Wattell**

and thanks to our Secretary, **Janet Codding** and our Prez **Fred Zmarzly**.

The Pledge: **Gail Johnson** us in the salute to the red, white, and blue.

The Rotary Moment: **Bo Kirschen** told a humorous tale about the grandfather in a restaurant, upon seeing a youthful character with spiked, multi-colored hair, asked the young fellow if he was the son of the peacock he had dated long ago...! That got everyone's attention!

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

We welcomed **Jeff Boal**, Classification; Insurance, from the Sebastopol Club.

Announcements and Such:

Barbara Larson was recognized for her 4th anniversary as a member of the Club.

Harry Rubins announced the Foundation Dinner is Saturday at Friedman center. Tickets still available so call him to get yours.

There is a board meeting Tuesday at Josef's restaurant. All board requested to attend and all membersv are welcome.

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Coming Up:

1/14 - Chris Parr Rotary Membership

1/26 - [Crab Feed](#) @ 5 PM

Pete LaMonica wrestled the microphone from Mike to give us an update on the upcoming Crab Feed Event.



The good news is that we have collected some wonderful auction item (nearly 250 items!!!) for the live and silent auctions. We will hear more about them next week.

What we need now is to concentrate on TICKET SALES. It doesn't do any good if we have lots of items, if we don't sell our 600 tickets to people who will bid on the items. 500 tickets are out now and we still have 100 yet to sell. See Bob Zeni for more tickets. Pete has sent out a direct mail of tickets to 100 people who might be interested. He hasn't checked the mail box yet for any replies.

We have obtained a professional auctioneer (John Bane) who agrees to donate his services! Great going, Pete!

Jeff Ray is in charge of the bar which is a very important part of our success but we need bar-tenders to step forward and volunteer for 30 minute shifts, keeping three tenders there at any one time. Also Jeff needs help setting up the bar and take down. Please give Jeff a hand if you are well and able.

Jim Benoit has handed out 10 tickets to each member to sell for \$20 per ticket or 3 for \$50. So you owe him \$170 for all tickets. The Raffle grand prize is \$2,000 CASH and \$500 credit on your PG and E bill. Great prizes.

Gary Lucas is in charge of clean up. He's going to need help. One year he had NONE! Lets give him a hand. Let him know you can help.

Gail Johnson has great decorations planned but needs someone with a truck to move lattice and plants as well as removing them. Call her if you can help out.

Susan Nowacki needs baskets for the silent auction returned next week. She can decorate them and plastic wrap them. She recommends "Re-gifting Together" if you have seasonal gifts you really can't use like that bread-maker... etc.

Scott Bartley is arranging for the Boy Scouts.....

Traverso's has agreed to sponsor a wine tasting for 1 hour at the event. Pete got him to agree to volunteer his services!! It will be Tuscany wines. Other recent donations are a SF overnight and dinner for two at Caesar's and I think a week stay in Tuscany, Italy.

Jim Hinton took the mic to explain the hundreds of hours Pete has spent on this year's Crab Feed planning. He's literally lived, breathed, and slept Crab Feed for a number of months. Pete received a well-deserved standing ovation! He also needs our support so get out there and SELL some tickets!

Tarina Hall is working on the program, thanks Tarina!!!!

Chris Parr-Feldman is working on planning the music for the event. Thanks Chris.

There is a Crab Feed Committee meeting after the program as well as a Projects committee meeting.

Recognition

Mike announced that **John Palmer** is home from the hospital after breaking a leg and that will teach him to drink and walk says Mike,.....ok, well we wish you hasty recovery John.



Jim Valinoti was asked to explain his absence of several weeks (or months?). He enjoyed a trip to China, Beijing, Shanghai, saw the terracotta soldiers, air pollution, and Shanghai is no longer "the Manhattan of the orient." Since returning he has recovered from a bout with Asian flu of which he suffered for 10 days. Before the trip it was malaria (Vietnam)...oh Jim, get well already! Welcome back! I believe a token was extracted.

Louie managed to announce the LSU game is on tonight, we know where Louie will be...and darned if they didn't win!

Jim Underhill was recognized for his photo in a magazine, something about a helicopter and a historic meeting on Fred Mc Murray's ranch. Then we heard about Mike Moore's deer hunting...etc...Jim says "it was an interesting place to hang out for a few hours".



Tarina Hall was congratulated for becoming the new Executive Director of "Rebuilding Together". Fantastic, Tarina! And happy birthday!

Raffle

\$450 and 17 marbles

Our speaker won a chance at the raffle this week but was not lucky at getting the right marble. **Pam Davis** won the wine with the correct ticket number.

Program: Santa Rosa Concert Association with Jack Lawrence

David Wattell introduced our speaker, **Jack Lawrence**, who is the current president of SR Concert Association, a non-profit 501(3)(c) whose sole purpose is to put on concerts with musicians of international renown in our community. Performers also provide educational workshops for the music programs of high schools around Sonoma County.

David Wattell read a letter written by **Vance Regan** of the Analy High School Band program in Sebastopol. The workshops are excellent ways to enhance the education of youth musicians from performing artists. David Wattell recalled one of the lessons given at a workshop on "importance of breathing" for brass players as well as vocalists. Musicians can actually be trained to breathe from first just one lung and then the other in order to sustain a note for a long time. WOW! Who knew????!!! (don't try this at home alone, ok, well.... go ahead and try)

The SR Concert Association has a budget of \$80,000 all of which is spent on putting on concerts. The music workshops are sponsored through donations that cost \$600-\$1500 per workshop.

There are 15 members on the board and more board members are needed and welcomed.

Five concerts are planned for this 07-08 season. January 18 is the Italian Saxophone Quartet, February 10 will be the Slavyanka Men's Russian Chorus, March 4 is the Proteus 7 Brass, Wind Percussion and April 27 is Stephen Prutsman, pianist and the American Philharmonic. Concerts are held at Well's Fargo Center for the Arts in an auditorium that seats 1500 but they usually attract a crowd of 900. There's plenty of room for new comers! Tickets are for sale Tues through Saturday 12-6 PM at Wells Fargo Center box office or online. Tickets are reasonable \$10-\$30 depending on the seat. There are invitation only receptions after the concerts to meet the musicians.

Jack Lawrence has agreed to donate to the Crab Feed four tickets to each of two concerts in February and March!! Thanks **Jack!** He also gifted tickets and invitation to the reception to Pete Lamonica for his hard work on the Crab Feed.

More information about Santa Rosa Concert Association is available at: <http://www.srconcert.org/>

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