

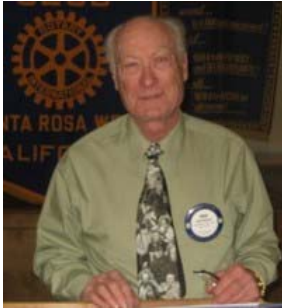


Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for March 24, 2008 Safari West Comes to Santa Rosa West

By Mike Merrill

Preliminaries



President Fred brought the meeting to order and promptly announced that the Club's Quiet Rotarian for the Year had been selected and that it was definitely not **Mike Moore**.



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Coming Up:

3/31 - Pacific Coast Air Museum,
Roger Olson

4/7 - Life Under Hitler, Claus
Newman

4/14 - Life & Times of J.S. Bach,
Bob Worth, SSU Choral Director

4/21 - TBA

4/28 - Rotary Speech Contest,
Carston Mitchell

5/5 - TBA

5/12 - GSE Team

5/19 - Planning Commission
Overview, Scott Bartley

Bo Kirshen led the club in the pledge and **Gary Lucas** treated us to three pieces of wisdom including the gift of "the present!"

Mike Moore greeted and introduced the following Visiting Rotarians; former member **Dennis Wilkinson** from the Windsor Club, Assistant District Governor, **Barbara Beedon** from Sebastopol, and **Jerry Johnson** from Santa Rosa Sunrise



Announcements and Such:

President Fred then reminded us of his trip to Pasadena for the purpose of pouring wine, which led to a discussion of passing by the town of Los Banos and a discussion of the Hispanic use of that term applying to toilets or bathrooms.

David McDonald gave us a sunshine report on **Richard Standard**. Rich has completed his bypass surgery and is still in the hospital recovering but is expected to be home in the next several days— and the club get well card was sent!

Barbara Beedon, our Assistant Governor, announced the upcoming events of the district that being the *District Assembly on April 12th in Ukiah*, the *District Conference on May 17th in San Francisco* and the *Rotary International Convention June 15th in Los Angeles* in early June—All great opportunities to expand your understanding and enjoyment of rotary.

Dennis Wilkinson reminded us that there would be an opportunity to enjoy the District Golf Tournament at the Presidio Golf Course in San Francisco this year *at the District Conference* and to sign up early for that event.



PDG John Withers read a letter from a military physician from Iraq sharing the trials, tribulations and successes that he was encountering in his tour of duty in the new "wild west." The letter ended with a thank you for the care package that he had received.

Recognition

Our club fine-master **Mike Moore** took the opportunity to greet a number of Rotarians.

Phil Talamantes was recognized for his wife's receipt of the "Shinning Star Award" as the most outstanding woman in the lumbar industry. Go Faye!



Ginny Pitts paid for her "Girls Gone Wild" time in Panama where she caught Wahoo, ate, drank and watched ships passing through the canal.

Ken Kushner was recognized for his traveling itinerary throughout California, Hawaii and Mexico and recognized for his second visit to the club this year!



Retired Judge **Brian Jamar** was recognized for continuing to ride with the Trailblazers and visiting St. George, Utah simply to play golf.

Chris Young was commended for his classy attire and the fact that everything was going well in his life: His kids are 4.0 students; his son is student of the year and his daughter president of her class. **Chris** reciprocated by acknowledging a team of Rotarians who had assisted him in getting out another successful Club dictionary drive for our students.



Raffle

Club Treasurer **Barbara Larsen** pulled the black marble and won \$650!



Jim Valinoti, our Club Bulletin editor, went home with the wine.

Program: Safari West Comes to Santa Rosa West

Programs Chair, **Dave Wattell**, introduced a presentation on **Safari West**, a wildlife adventure preserve on Mark West Springs Road.

The preserve sees some 65,000 people annually from all over the world on a 400 acre preserve with over 400 different species of birds and animals. They also provide Youth Programs and accommodate group events and overnight stays – in authentic African tent-cabins – Luxury models!

John Roberts, the animal coordinator for the preserve, took us through a fascinating program focusing on the variety and characteristics of the "residents" of Safari West and invited us to take advantage of this fantastic facility which is located within a few miles of Santa Rosa.



www.safariwest.com/contact/

The meeting ended promptly at 1:30 p.m.

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