

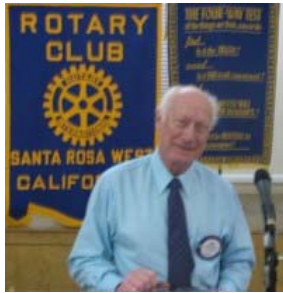


Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for March 31, 2008 Pacific Coast Air Museum and Wings Over Wine Country

By Susan Nowacki

Preliminaries



President Fred Zmarzly opened the meeting at 12:30 and the pledge of allegiance was led by **Tarina Hall**. **Gary Lucas** provided a brief moment.



Phil Talamantes introduced our 2 visiting Rotarians from the Downtown club, and **Sam McMillan** (was just one of them).

President Fred thanked our members who made this meeting possible:

Cashiers: **Dale Sipe & Chris Young**,

Set-up: **Dale Sipe**,

Tickets: **Gail Johnson**,

Photos: **Jim Valinoti**,

Bulletin: **Susan Nowacki**,

Program: **David Wattell**.

Jim Sullivan was recognized for his birthday, which will be April 5th.

Announcements and Such:

The Crab Feed Projects Committee provided a list of recommendations which were approved by the board. The library at Roseland University Prep school received our largest monetary gift of \$20,000 which consisted of our live auction request as well as an anonymous donor's matching gift.

A newspaper advertisement from the Santa Rosa East Rotary Club was noted by **President Fred** and it was suggested we might consider doing something similar.

The GSE team from Nigeria will be coming to our district May 10th thru 12th. They will be presenting a program at our club Monday, May 12th. The team members are not Rotarians but represent an exchange of business and cultural information sponsored by our district. We in turn have, or will be, sending our own non-Rotarian people to Nigeria to learn about their ways of living and doing business.

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Coming Up:

4/7 - Life Under Hitler, Claus Newman

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

4/21 - "Being Myself," Gary Lucas

4/28 - Rotary Speech Contest, Carston Mitchell

5/5 - Jim Forkum, SRJC Athletic Director

5/12 - GSE Team

5/19 - Planning Commission Overview, Scott Bartley

Recognition

Harry Rubins told about his recent trip to France and was recognized for publicity about his work in investments and trusts. **Harry** generously gave \$20 to the club.

The microphone was turned about-face to **Gil Lucas** who reported Joe Perez's airplane was still in pieces and being worked on.



Mike Moore recognized **Larry Miyano** for his frequent attendance at our club.



Chuck Stark and other avid golfers in our club are looking forward to winning back the golf trophy at the Presidio during the upcoming District Conference in San Francisco.

Terry Galazzo pitched the March of Dimes fundraiser where tickets are being sold to win a Toyota Camry Hybrid.



Chris Parr has been busy this past week with several Rotary events including an Extreme Membership Workshop. She mentioned her birthday will be in April and she plans on celebrating the entire month starting April 1st. Our club is proud to have her hat in the ring for a future District Governor. She generously gave us a check for the Foundation.

Mike next visited with **Will Richards** who has been studying the feasibility of ferry service from the Port of Sonoma, which he concluded was a bad proposal. Will said he will continue to support the SMART rail service.



Raffle

Time for the raffle: **Gail Johnson's** ticket was called but she didn't pick the black marble. The next number called was Jeff Ray who won the bottle of wine.

Program: Pacific Coast Air Museum and Wings Over Wine Country

Past member **Roger Olson** provided the program today about the Pacific Coast Air Museum where he is the current marketing director.



The annual air show called Wings Over Wine Country is held on the 3rd week-end in August, which will be August 16th & 17th this year. Before the program we were treated to a silent video of aerial acrobatics from a prior event. What makes this air show unique from others is that it is a combination of military planes as well as private planes.

Roger and his fellow PCAM members are so dedicated in their efforts to bring to Sonoma County, interesting, and sometimes rare and unique planes of the past, that recently when an opportunity came up to have a little piece of the now famous SR71 Blackbird (our first very high altitude spy plane) they jumped on it. For those of you who want to read a really fantastic account of this extraordinary plane click here:

<http://www.snopes.com/rumors/shul.asp> (read this one first)

<http://www.wvi.com/~sr71webmaster/j-58-1.htm> (And if you're interested in some even more incredible details read this one too!)

PACM was founded in 1989 and is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the acquisition, restoration, safe operation and display of historical aircraft, and provides an educational venue for students and the community. They also honor those heroic aviators who have contributed so much to the growth and defense of the aircraft industry.

History comes to life when you get up close and personal with these historic aircrafts. Planes seen only in old photos or from a distance become truly awe inspiring when you are close enough to touch them. The adventure of aviation awaits you and your family at the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

It was great to have Roger back at our club once again and the meeting ended at 1:30pm.

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