



Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for April 14, 2008 Sonoma County Bach Choir

By Susan Nowacki

Preliminaries



President Fred opened the meeting promptly at 12:30 Pacific Vineyard Time.

The pledge of allegiance led by **Gail Johnson**. **Gary Lucas** gave us a brief moment and was followed by visiting Rotarian introductions. **Steve Caffery** came from the Novato Rotary Club and Shishir Doctor from the Santa Rosa Club. Guests of Rotarians were **Shawn Hanna** from Boy Scout Troup #125.

Worker bees today were: **Will Richards** - Cashier & Set-up;

Chris Rosell - Tickets; **Jim Valinoti** - photos; **David Wattell** - Program; **Susan Nowacki** - Bulletin.

Birthdays for **Diane Winsby**, **Mike Merrill**, **Brian Jamar** and **Doug Angelo** were acknowledged. Club membership anniversaries for Bill Fisher and Carson Mitchell for 43 years in our club were met with great applause.

Announcements and Such:

President Fred thanked **Chuck Stark** for completing and sending in several club applications for district awards, and Communications Director **Jim Valinoti** for completing the applications for our Club Website and Club Bulletin. We'll hear the results at the district conference in mid-May.

Carson Mitchell was recognized for his work on the communication contest (formerly known as the speech contest). We'll hear our student speakers April 28th when they discuss the physics experiment currently under construction. Additionally, both **Carson** and fellow Charter Member **Bill Fisher** were also recognized for celebrating yet another anniversary; their 43rd as members of The Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West.



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Coming Up:

4/21 - "Being Myself," Gary Lucas

4/28 - Rotary Speech Contest,
Carston Mitchell

5/5 - Evening Cinco de Mayo
Celebration @ Harvest Moon
Winery (details TBA)

5/12 - GSE Team

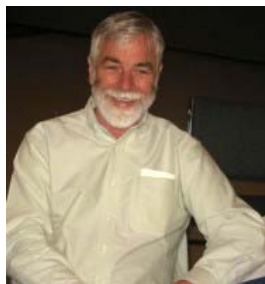
5/19 - Planning Commission
Overview, Scott Bartley

Gail Johnson announced she and Diane Winsby will chair membership next year.



The Association Dinner will be hosted by the Sonoma Valley Rotary Club on April 24th. Those interested in attending should see **Janet Coddling** for reservations.

It was also announced that **Chris Young** has agreed to chair next year's crab feed with co-chair **Bill Dodson**. The event will be held on February 14th at the Veterans' Building which has been reserved.



Harry Rubins announced the Foundation goal of \$140 per member with a limited time for club match.



Incoming President, **David McDonald**, is having his board retreat next Saturday the 19th starting at 9am and including lunch and a steak dinner.

Susan Nowacki invited everyone to our Cinco de Mayo party at Ginny Pitt's house on May 5th. It will take the place of our lunchtime meeting. Party starts at 5pm and bring your spouse or significant other. It's a buy 1 get 1 free. In other words, pay for your dinner (\$20) and your spouse is free. The event will be catered and the margarita machine will be flowing.



Susan also told of going to the District Assembly in Ukiah. The speakers were inspiring and lots of good ideas for club projects, membership, and programs were shared by other club attendees. She likened the assembly to the Energizer Bunny and the District Conference as a celebration of the District Governor's year. By the way, the District conference will be in San Francisco in mid-May with a golf tournament and dinner bay cruise on the Hornblower as well as keynote speakers and the youth exchange presentation. Space is still available at the hotels with a discount price of \$139.

After our fabulous fund raiser, the Crab Feed, where we brought in over \$135,000 and netted in excess of \$85,000, **Chris Young** was pleased to start handing out the money. We gave a check for \$3000 to the Boy Scouts, \$10,000 to Rebuilding Together (where Tarina is now the Executive Director), and \$10,000 to the Multi-Cultural Center. Tarina and Anne shared with us how important this amount is for the continuation of their projects.



Recognitions

Mike Moore recognized himself as having been in the desert which caused him to miss last week's meeting. **Von** told us about upcoming surgery he will have with steel plates and titanium screws (that sounds like fun).



Brian Jamar said the news clipping of his wife and her work with the Volunteer Center's Human Race is really old. Oh well, anyway, Brian is going on a trail ride next week and then reached for his wallet for an undisclosed amount to be contributed to the club.



Doug de Angelo recently returned from Cabo San Lucas where he vacationed after winning a business contest. He is in commercial lending with Wells Fargo. His wallet was empty because he and his wife stopped by a yard sale which took all his money. So he gave us \$20 in the form of an IOU.

Raffle

There were 23 marbles and \$300 available if the lucky ticket holder could claim the black marble. Alas, your bulletin writer, Susan, got the blue one instead. And the bottle of wine went to lucky **Bill Dodson**.

Program: Sonoma County Bach Choir

Dave Wattell introduced our speaker **Robert Worth** who also brought **Melanie Dodson** with him.

Robert is a professor of music and choral director at Sonoma State University where he has taught since 1983. At SSU he directs chorus, the Sonoma County Bach Choir and the SSU Chamber Singers. He is a graduate of SSU and UC Berkeley and was honored as the outstanding professor for 1996 & 1997.





We were treated to a brief listening of Johann Sebastian Bach's Mass in B Minor. This sacred magnum opus glorifies both voice and instrument, with this grand, compositional challenge. Although parts of the Mass in B minor date to 1724, the whole was assembled in its present form in 1749, just before the composer's death in 1750. It is considered Bach's summary statement of his life's work. The entire Mass will be performed May 2nd at St. Vincent's in Petaluma, May 3rd at St. Eugene's in Santa Rosa, and May 4th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Windsor. Originally masses were only sung by boys or men in the choirs as no women were allowed.

Bach, who was born in 1685, was a prolific German composer and organist whose sacred and secular works for choir, orchestra and solo instruments flourished in what is known as the Baroque period. Bach was a committed Lutheran and to compose a Latin Mass of this magnitude, part of the traditional liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church, seems unusual. However, Lutheran Churches of his day frequently retained Latin masses.

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