



Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for August 25, 2008 The Membership Drive Express

By Bill Dodson

Preliminaries



President David McDonald eloquently called the meeting to order of this very fine chapter of a great (the best!) organization at the St Rose Meeting Hall.

Pledge: **Bryan Jamar** did a fine job of leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rotary Moment: **Harry Rubins** offered a JFK quote: "America will reach the moon by standing on each others shoulders."

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Coming Up:

9/1 - Dark

9/8 - District Governor's Visit

9/15 - Bartley BBQ @ Harvest Moon

9/22 - Speakers from CHOPS & The Children's Museum

9/24 - Strictly Social Nite at the new Mary's Pizza on 4th St, downtown. 3:00 to 6:00pm. Half price appetizers.

Our Greeter: Jim Sullivan

We had three Rotarians from the downtown club today: **Larry Myano**, **Shishir Doctor** and **Mark Burchell**.

Guests: Our only guest was **Mike** and **Maureen's** daughter, **Catalina!**



Announcements and Such:

Sunshine Report:

Tarina Hall noted that **Von Von der Mehden** and **Gary Lucas** both have rehabilitated enough to not have to wear their cumbersome neck braces. But, alas, **Ruth Lincoln** had a traffic accident last Wednesday and is back to work with a, you guessed it, neck brace.



President David wanted us all to know how very easy it is to be a **Bulletin Reporter**. As many of you can attest,

it's also a lot of fun to be the official club scribe for a day. Just imagine the creative license that you get.....hey I get major creative license with my camera, especially if you're unfortunate enough to walk in front of me when I am taking a photograph! –Ed ©



There will be a social on September 7 from 4-6PM at Harvest Moon Winery for our District Governor who will also attend a pre-meeting with the board on the following Monday and our regular meeting. Remember to wear your Hawaiian shirt!

Harry Rubins reminded us that applications are available for every thing upcoming for the Rotary Foundation Drive this fall, just call Harry at his office. You'll find his number listed on our site www.sr-rotary-west.org under the Member Center section for which you all have the password.

Chris Young announced that the list of committee leaders for the January Charity event is on each table. There is a major meeting scheduled for 7:30 AM at the Four Play Café on Cleveland Avenue on September 12. The focus will be on the theme, who we are supporting and urgent needs.



September 1 we will be dark.

Gail Johnson noted that we now have a guest book for visitors to sign in. She will follow up with membership encouragements.

President David says we're still on for our visioning process on October 22 which will occur at the main conference room above Barnes and Nobles Bookstore. If you are interested in being a part of this process, please let **Dave** know as soon as you can.

Recognitions

Bryan Jamar will celebrate his and Gail's 50th wedding anniversary by taking a trip to Ireland. Sounds like a good way to celebrate! Cost him \$20.



Joe Perez flew his plane to Oshkosh, Wisconsin and other equally forgettable places around the country and returned to help with the Wings over Sonoma event at the Charles M Schultz Airport. Cost him \$20.

Janet Coddling (not her real name!) went to the Dominican Republic on her honeymoon after enjoying a splendid bridal shower thrown by our own Chris Parr-Feldman. Cost her \$20.



Brian Herndon has been gone in his motor home using \$4 per gallon diesel at its price peak. He saw eleven shows in seven days in Branscom, Missouri and visited Mt. Rushmore on his way home. Cost him \$20.

Raffle

Chuck Olson had the winning ticket but managed to avoid the winning marble. Jim Sullivan won the great bottle of wine.

Program: Membership: It's everyone's responsibility!



Gail Johnson, our Co-chairperson of the Membership Committee with **Diane Winsby**, introduced **Chris Parr-Feldman**, our District 5130 Membership Chairperson and **Maureen Merrill**, District 5130 Chair of Institute for Leadership. They did a tag team review of Rotarian membership basics.

They defined who is a prospective Rotarian: someone who is independent, of good moral fiber, in control of their time and able to commit to Rotary's financial and service responsibilities. As to how we define Rotary, there are many definitions, including giving back to the community, members who are leaders, improving the quality of our communities and living the fellowship opportunities of Rotary.

What keeps us in Rotary? Fellowship and giving back to our communities and there are many other reasons as individual as Rotarians themselves.



Did you know that only 20% of the typical Rotary club members actually bring in new members? This led to a group exercise in team building: each table determined who was an Inviter? Who was a Manager? Who was an Orienter? And who were Mentors? The point was that we are all a part of the team and together we can bring in new members. With a show of hands, **Maureen** was able to determine for us that we could get ten new members in our club BEFORE the October visioning process. What a way to go!

For more information, check out the following link from Rotary International:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/JoiningRotary/ProspectiveMemberForm/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

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