



Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for September 8, 2008 The District Governor Visits

By Jim Hinton

Preliminaries



President David McDonald opened the meeting with a clang of the bell at 12:30 pm and welcomed everyone to "*The Cool Club of District 5130*," evoking lots of "yeahs" and "hurrahs" and much applause from the members.

Past President Louis Capuano led the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Past President Richard Standard** gave a thoughtful Rotary Moment.

Visiting Rotarians: Assistant District Governor Helaine Campbell from the Sebastopol club introduced District Governor Ed Fullerton on the occasion of his official visit to our club. He was greeted with a standing ovation.

Greeter **Gail Johnson** introduced our club's First Lady, **Kim McDonald**, **David's** lovely wife, a member of the Santa Rosa East club; and **Tom Boylan**, a member of the Windsor club and a former member of our club.



Guests: President Dave extended a thank you to **Dale Sipe** and **Chris Young** for today's set-up; to **Matt Delaney** as cashier; to **Gail Johnson** as greeter; to **Ray Mattison** as ticket seller; to **Gary Lucas** as Sergeant-At-Arms; and to **Jim Valinoti** as photographer.

Announcements and Such:

The Board meeting is tomorrow at 11:45 am at Josef's Restaurant.

The SCARC dinner this month is September 18 at the Sebastopol Memorial Hall, hosted by the Sebastopol club. If you're interested, sign up this week.

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Coming Up:

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.

9/29 - Bob Erlach, Colonel in the US Army Reserves, Dentistry in Iraq.

10/6 - Santa Rosa Main Street and Courthouse Square Reunification, Bill Dodson

10/13 - Bringing the Best Independent, Classic & Foreign Films to Sonoma County, Ky Boyd, Owner of the Rialto Theater

The chairs of the Crab Feed committees will meet this Friday at 7:30 am at Sam's For Play.

A work party is needed on Saturday, September 20 to do some rehab work at a house owned by a 32 year old woman who is blind. Contact **Doug Angelo** this week to sign up.

The Extreme Membership Seminars facilitated by **Maureen Merrill** are on September 10 and 26.

The Bartley barbeque is next Monday, September 15 at 5:30 pm for members only at **Wikiup Swim Club--not at Harvest Moon Winery**. Chef **Ken Kushnir** will create a feast. You've got to be there.



The Rotary Foundation dinner is Thursday, November 15 at the Petaluma Sheraton Hotel.

The Veteran's Day Celebration lunch is Thursday, November 6 at the Veteran's Building. ([Details](#))

Gary Lucas needs someone to replace him as Sergeant-At-Arms for two months. Call him or **Dale Sipe** or even **Dale's** heir apparent, **Matt Delaney!**

Recognitions

Very Important Awards:



Past Presidents Phil Talamantes and **Michael Moore** have become major donors to The Rotary Foundation. They were honored today by **District Governor Ed Fullerton** on behalf of the Rotary Foundation Board of Directors for their contributions. DG Ed read a citation of recognition from the Foundation's Board, and Foundation Chair Harry Rubins presented each of them with a special recognition pin and a crystal award.

Phil and **Mike** joined our club's other major donors: **John Withers, Mike Merrill, Harry Rubins, and Gail Johnson**. Phil and Mike received a well-deserved and enthusiastic standing ovation.

Raffle

Gary Lucas had his raffle ticket number called for the opportunity to draw the black marble for \$425.00. Alas, he didn't.

Jim Hinton had the right number for the bottle of wine, a cabernet sauvignon. He may share this with **Cesar Castelain**, our visitor from France.



Program: District Governor Ed Fullerton with Intro by ADG Helaine Campbell

With a stellar introduction by **Assistant District Governor Helaine Campbell**, our distinguished **District Governor Ed Fullerton** was our speaker today.



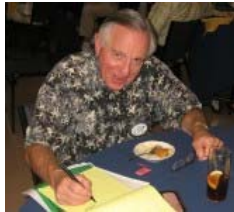
Wow, what a life he's had. He is a former Marine Corps officer, F8 Crusader fighter pilot, flight instructor, Pan American Airways international flights co-pilot, flight navigator, Captain, and finally Chief Pilot of Pan Am's Atlantic Division in New York. He and Carol have lived a life of adventure around the world. They lived for 13 years in Berlin and witnessed the collapse of the Iron Curtain and the fall of the Berlin Wall. They have been married 48 years, after a courtship of just three months, and they have four grown children and 10 grandchildren.

In 1997 Ed was invited to join the Rotary Club of Petaluma and became its president in 2002-2003. Now, as District Governor, he is asked by Rotary International President D. K. Lee to accomplish some important goals: increase every club's membership by 10 percent; encourage clubs to engage in an international project which will reduce child mortality from pneumonia, diarrhea, and malaria; and continue to participate in the last phase of polio eradication.

Ed also has a full plate of district goals, including raising the bar of contributions to the Rotary Foundation to \$250.00 per member of every club with 100% member participation.

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Editor's note: With each annual visitation of the current District Governor comes a pre meeting visit with the Club Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. We met with ***DG Ed, First Lady Carolyn and Assistant DG Helaine Campbell**, this same day at 10:00 AM. DG Ed shared with us his goals for the District and had a chance to hear from each of our attending Board Members what their planned goals and activities for this Rotary Year of 2008-2009. We had a chance to exchange ideas and listen to the ideas that DG Ed brought to us as a result of his traveling the District to 38 clubs before finally reaching The Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West. It was a fun and educational exchange which we all enjoyed.



Details for November 6, 2008

The Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Santa Rosa
Proudly present the

8th Annual
TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS

A Special Luncheon Honoring America's Veterans
Thursday, November 6, 2008
11:30 am - 1:30 pm



Veterans Memorial Auditorium
Santa Rosa, CA

-Keynote Speaker-

S.R. FOLEY, JR.
Admiral USN (Ret.)
Former Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Music by the Santa Rosa High School Band

Rotary and Kiwanis members are requested to host a veteran.
Contact your club's representative for tickets and/or the name of a veteran to invite.
Veterans may contact any Rotary or Kiwanis Club to obtain tickets.

Tickets \$15.00 each

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