



# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for November 10, 2008 Santa Rosa Symphony

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### Preliminaries



**President David MacDonald** called the meeting to order.

**Jim Sullivan** led the group in saying the pledge of allegiance and **Ken Prouty** gave the Rotary moment.

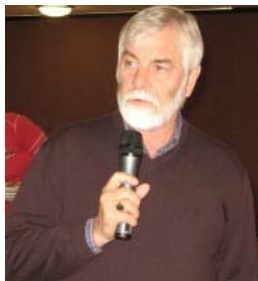


**Bob Reinking**, greeter for today's meeting, introduced two visiting Rotarians; **Jim Allen** from the Santa Rosa East club and **Mark Burchel** from the Santa Rosa Downtown club. **President David** said that we've had visitors from other Rotary groups at every meeting lately.

Guests were then introduced: **Oliver Keller** a guest of **Gail Johnson**, **Laura Buhner** who has been proposed as a new member and **Tracey Kline** a guest of **Tarina Hall** were welcomed by the group.

### Announcements and Such:

**Susan Nowacki** reminded the group that next week's meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Flamingo in partnership with the Santa Rosa East Club. The guest speaker will be **Mr. Bob Magic** who has written a book titled "Courage & Catastrophe on Half Dome."



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#### Coming Up:

11/17 Meeting rescheduled to joint meeting on the 18th: Bob Magic, "Shattered Air, a true account of catastrophe and courage on Yosemite's Half Dome." The meeting will be at the Flamingo at 11/18 @ noon.

11/24 - Nicholas Sensley, Human Trafficking

12/1 - David McDonald, Review of Club Visioning Session

12/8 - Amelia Lincoln & Allison Zegara, Un vaso de leche/ Peru

12/13 - Holiday Party @ David McDonald's

**Susan** also told the group that she will be handling the silent auction at the upcoming Crab Feed in January once again. She asked that everyone start thinking about what they can donate to this cause, she especially asked for wine and baskets.

**Chris Young** and **Bill Dodson**, co-chairs of the Crab Feed, announced that there would be a short meeting of the event's committee chairs after this meeting.

**Gail Johnson** gave a short membership update. She stressed the importance of everyone participating on the membership drive.

**Jim Valinoti** announced that we already have one bid on wine that has been put on our website and encouraged everyone to donate items for the online auction.

**President David** announced that the membership roster is now being printed and should become available sometime next week.

**Harry Rubins** announced that donations to the Paul Harris Foundation can still get raffle tickets for their donation. The drawing will be held at the Foundation Dinner on November 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Diane Winsby** invited members to attend a Fireside get together at her business on Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup> at Drapes & More Interiors on Cleveland Ave here in Santa Rosa from 5:30PM – 7:30PM.

## Recognitions

**President Dave** then left the podium to recognize several members: **Henry "Von" Von Der Mehden** was first on the list. He and his wife have just completed a water conservation re-landscaping job on their front yard at home.



**Bill Dodson** and **Scott Bartley** were in Mexico to celebrate the Day of the Dead and **Scott's** birthday at **Ken Kushnir's** home in Mexico. **Scott** told President David and the membership that he and **Ken** had waited at the bus stop for a long time to pickup **Bill** and his wife but they didn't show up. The next day they received notice from **Bill's** office that he and his wife were lost somewhere in Mexico but luckily they found them safe and sound about 14 hours later than originally planned.

**Barbara Larson** was also in Mexico. She spent two weeks on the beach at Cabo San Lucas. All these fine people were fined \$20 each for their "recognition."



Scott Bartley, Susan Nowacki and Bill Fisher had a group birthday hug, and were duly recognized.



### Raffle

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The drawing to pick the marble was won by **Darcey Fellows** and the bottle of wine was won by one of our guest speakers **Allen Syler**.



### Program: Santa Rosa Symphony

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Our guest speakers today were from the Santa Rosa Symphony. **Bruno Ferrandis**, Music Director and Conductor of the symphony, was introduced by **Alan Silow**, Executive Director of the Santa Rosa Symphony.



**Mr. Silow** spoke of the fine reputation the symphony has built in the music arena and how the symphony has become a valuable part of our community's experience.

He said that in an isolated society being able to participate in a live musical performance far exceeds sitting with an iPod just listening to a recording. The Santa Rosa Symphony is the second oldest symphony in California, 81 years old, and is the largest regional orchestra in the state. He said that the symphony's vision is to become the leading regional orchestra in the United States. To that end they are developing young musicians and currently have four youth orchestras; for the first time one group of 55 young musicians will be touring Europe in June, 2009. Mr. Silow spoke about the new concert hall that is under construction on the Sonoma State University campus. This

performance hall the Green Music Center will be a world-class arena and will have a huge impact on the area. There will also be a recital hall, a music facility building, a restaurant and a hospitality center which will seat 1,400. In warm weather the back wall of the center will open up to outside seating of another 3,000 guests on the grass.

**Mr. Bruno Ferrandis** complimented our group as the most relaxed Rotary Club he has ever visited. He said that his first music instructor was a Rotarian and proudly wore his Rotary pin.

He said that this is his third year as Music Director and Conductor of the Santa Rosa Symphony. He was originally from Paris, France and received some of his musical education at Julliard in New York City where he received his Masters in Conducting. **Mr. Ferrandis** said that music critics are very important to the music world and they help to make musicians see new and daring ideas to proceed in new and exciting ways. His personal goal is to always try to blend new artists and their music with the old masters to give a broad musical experience to his audiences. It is very important, he said, to include new people, new talent and musical intellectuals to encourage their talents and work. He detailed the new season's offerings and plans and invited us to visit the symphony's website at [www.santarosasympphony.com](http://www.santarosasympphony.com) for all the details of upcoming events. In December of this year the symphony will give an out of the area concert for the first time in its history. The concert will be at Stanford University. A question was asked about the musicians of the symphony. **Mr. Ferrandis** said that nearly 98% of the musicians in the orchestra come from the Bay Area at large and all of them are professional accomplished musicians. He invited everyone to come to a concert to enjoy their music.

**President Dave** thanked both speakers for their interesting presentation and adjourned the meeting promptly at 1:30 PM.

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