



# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for November 18, 2008 West Meets East

By Susan Nowacki

Our Rotary Club joined forces on Tuesday, November 18th with the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East for an East-West meeting at the Flamingo. The event was pretty evenly divided with equal turnouts from both clubs. President Dan Drummond opened the meeting and traded the microphone back and forth with our President David McDonald who asked for guests from any other clubs to be introduced.

Brief announcements were made, and our Charity Event, otherwise known as the Crab Feed, was promoted. President David and President Dan agreed to hold off on fining and just do bragging bucks which would all go toward The Food Bank. Lots of Rotarians stepped to the microphone and \$121 was raised.

Susan Nowacki introduced our program speaker, Bob Madgic and his wife Diane. Bob was a high school teacher and later assistant superintendent in the Los Altos High School District. His passions are fly fishing, conservation and writing. And they currently live on the Sacramento River in Anderson, just south of Redding.

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### Coming Up:

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

12/15 - Jane Bender/Ernesto Olivares, State of the City

12/22 - Tanya Narath, Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy

12/29 - DARK

Bob is the author of **Shattered Air, A True Account of Catastrophe and Courage on Yosemite's Half Dome**. He and the book were featured in a National Geographic special, **Secret Yosemite**, which was aired in April, 2007.

Beautiful projections of photos of Yosemite were shown on the large screen in front. The story was told of 5 hikers who made a fateful choice to climb Yosemite's fabled Half Dome on the afternoon of July 27th, 1985, even as the sky darkened and thunder rolled. By night's end, two would be dead from a lightning strike, three gravely wounded, and desperate EMT's would be overseeing a harrowing post-midnight helicopter rescue. It was a haunting account of recklessness, tragedy, courage and rescue.

The joint meeting was so well received we've decided to invite the East club to our Monday meeting sometime in the spring.

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