

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for January 11, 2010 Club Assembly

By Chris Young

Preliminaries



President Susan just couldn't wait to get our meeting started right on the button at 12:30.

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Coming Up:

1/18 - Efren Carrillo - 5th District Supervisor

1/25 - Jennifer Sloan, Executive Director, Arts Council of Sonoma County

1/30/10 - [Crab Feed](#)

2/1 - Tim Anderson, Government Affairs Coordinator with the Sonoma County Water Agency

Players for today:

Set up: The well dressed and handsome, **Chuck Baker**.

Photos: **Jim Valinoti**, as usual. This week is **Jim's** Birthday, I think he is 39.

Greeter: **Dr. Ralph Lassa M.D.**

Cashier: Scientist **Dr. Will Richards**

Tickets: **Gary (The Bear) Lucas**

Sergeant at Arms: **Gil Lucas**

Flag Salute: **Bill Fisher**, once he found the flag. Nice Job **Bill!**

Bulletin: **Chris Young**

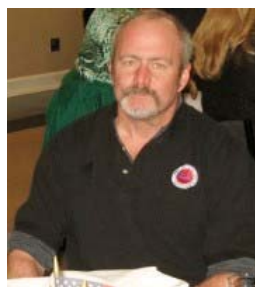
Rotary Moment: **Darcy Fellows**, a well thought out moment. "The greater the loyalty of a group toward the group, the greater is the motivation among its members to achieve the goals of the group, and the greater the probability that the group will achieve its goals."

Joke: **Chris Rosell** provided us with yet another off color joke..... Remember the joke about the old man and the frog. Frog says, "Kiss me and I'll turn into a beautiful princess and make love to you all day long." Frog says, "Well, aren't you going to kiss me?" Old man said, "At my age I'm better off with a talking frog." :)



Visitors: With the assistance of **Pres Susan**, **Mike Merrill** introduced his guest, **Julie Nation**.

Darcy Fellows brought **Viola Huang-Beck**, who may be a potential new member we hope.



Chris Rosell once again introduced his guest, **Billy**. **Billy** is owner of Hahn Automotive located at 940 N Dutton. **Billy** is a prospective member.

Announcements & Such

Crab feed chair **Casey Williams** gave us an update on the progress of the Crab Feed. **Casey** reports that the auction items are coming in although still he does have a wish list that includes: a destination trip and a Vintners Inn stay. **Chris Parr** and **Casey Williams** will be on the radio to promote the big event. Tune into KSRO 5:30 Tuesday, January 19th.



Ticket Sales for Crab feed: **Janet Coddling** reports that ticket sales are going well, but pleads for the ticket stubs to be returned quickly. We can now accept credit cards to purchase tickets. **Janet** will need credit card number, name, address, and expiration date. This should make it easier to sell tickets. Go get 'em gang!

Raffle Tickets: **Harry Rubins** reports "all is ok" with ticket sales. Keep pushing on, not much time remaining.

Kris Lapore is out due to an emergency appendectomy. We all wish **Kris** a speedy recovery.

Getting to Know You

Jimmy ("Coach") Underhill told us his story of growing up in Santa Rosa. His father would take **Jim** and his brothers fishing and hunting in Santa Rosa. What a wonderful place and time to grow up in Sonoma County. **Jim** has had an extensive career in education, starting with his own while attending Santa Rosa High, Santa Rosa J.C. and San Jose State University. He was hired by our own **Al Biella** to work at Piner High School in 1966. He spent many decades at Piner High School teaching and coaching Track and Field. **Jim** has been involved for over 40 years. Other involvements: Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) for 21 years, and as **Jimmy** characterizes it, his 35 year "blended" marriage with **Carol**. They have two kids, **Steve** and **Cheryl**, 10 grand kids, 3 great grand kids. You can tell that **Jimmy** loves his family and appreciates his parents influence. **Jim** is owner of a Sport Speed Training company that has been training athletes in Nevada, Northern California, and at the Maritime Academy in New York State, as well as training a baseball team in China.



Doug Angelo, who was a competitive water skier while in high school and college, was born in Santa Maria, California and then moved to Sonora at the age of five. He spent time at the Santa Rosa J.C., where he met his wife Sylvia. He has been in the banking industry since 1986. **Doug** started off with humble means, living in a trailer in the desert with the wind howling most of the year. While busy working and raising two kids, **Doug** has worked for a few financial institutions, including his first "desert living" job for 6 long years with Morris Plan. He then worked in his father's bank for five years in Sonora and for the past three and one half years **Doug** has been in Sonoma County working for Wells Fargo Bank. Last year **Doug** was rated number one in Sonoma County and ninth in the nation for Wells Fargo Bank. Great job!

Recognition

Birthday guys and gals acknowledged for January were:

Jim Valinoti & Tarina Hall, along with **John Hathaway, Pam Davis, Peter LaMonica, Mike Moore, Jack Benny** and **Henry Von Der Mehden**, all of whom claim to be 39 years old. Sadly, only those pictured here actually are 39.



Chuck Baker has been married for 44 years and fined \$44.00.

Raffle

Marbles: 24 marbles and \$250.00. **Bo Kirschen** was not a winner this time with ticket number 478111. **Bryan Jamar** won the bottle of wine with his ticket number 478037.



Program: Club Assembly

President **Susan Nowacki** shared with us her "visioning process" for our club. We are in a growth process and need to recruit new members. "The future of Rotary is in your hands." Targets for our club:

- Big Fund Raiser is our Crab Feed.
- Multicultural Center managed by Ann Abrams.
- Polio eradication project.
- Clean water projects.
- Proposed Rotary Stage in Rail Road Square.
- Rotary Foundation participation should be 100%
- Rotary Public image project.



Barbara Larson: Treasurer

As of January 1st, our investments are up to \$165,000, that's \$26,239 up from last year. Bank accounts are with **Barbara** at First Community Bank. Nice job Barbara.



Tarina Hall: Club Service:

She is the self described nuts and bolts person for the club. She handles serious issues like food with Sally Tomatoes and the sign up sheets for the club. A special thanks to **Gary Lucas** for all of his assistance.

**Doug Angelo: Community Service**

- Bell ringing raised \$396.76 for the Salvation Army.
- Dictionary program for third graders. We are adding new schools.
- Service projects in mobile home parks with **Tarina Hall**.

**Diane Winsby: Membership Chair**

We all have a responsibility to recruit new members to our club. We have a program in place with ten teams of three to invite new members to visit our club. Diane has identified seventy people in our community to send letters to visit our club and follow up with telephone calls and emails. We have a challenge from **Mike Flanagan** and the Sunrise club to increase our membership. Sunrise was able to secure five new members. **Diane** feels we will give them some serious competition.

**Ginny Pitts: Fellowship Chair**

We have a social affairs committee who are creating new ideas for fellowship. A great way to meet our fellow Rotarians is to attend our club get-togethers: Cinco de Mayo, St. Patrick's Day Dinner, **Mike & Maureen Merrill's** Garden Party, our August Golf Event, The Annual Bartley Barbecue, our numerous different socials, and our ongoing Friendship Dinners. Also our Firesides and by the way, anyone can have one at your office or home, late afternoons from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, just contact **Ginny**.

**Chris Parr: Public Relations Chair**

No shrinking violet, **Chris** woke us all up with her infectious enthusiasm for life in general and Rotary in particular. Some of the tools that **Chris** likes to use to promote our club in the community are our Club brochures, an information table each year at our annual Crab Feeds, and also during the many events in which we participate: Dogs for Diabetes, The Food Bank fundraiser (\$1,000 was raised by our "Birthday Babes"), at bike aid stations at Duncan Mills during biking events in which she participates, at our club's participation in Rebuilding Together projects, by arranging public relations pieces in local news media like an article on our Crab Feed that appeared in North Bay Biz magazine, and others as well. Thank you **Chris**!



Mike Merrill: International Service

A participating Rotarian for the International Festival of Brotherhood. District 4150 projects include: The Ecuador Clean Water project and they also provided matching funds for a disabled children's school, clean water projects in Guadalajara, careers in agriculture in Puerto Vallarta, the construction of a facility to feed children before they go to school, and in District 5100, creating the Mobile Book Clinic in Costa Rico.

Mike, Maureen and Chris Parr will also be leaving soon to work on the "Adopt a Village" program in Uganda.

**Chuck Baker: Vocational Service**

Chuck is involved with several projects which include:

- Roseland University Prep
- Project civilization speech contest run by **Carson Mitchell**.
- Academic Scholarship for Piner High School. Headed up by **Bob Zeni** to fund scholarships and student of the month programs.
- Ridgeway scholarships for Ridgeway Graduates who are entering Santa Rosa J.C. Organized by **Ken Dansie**.
- Career forum which involved fifty students and Rotarians who gave talks about their career choices.



Nice work **Chuck!**

Great meeting! Thanks everyone. It's a wrap!

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