

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for January 18, 2010 A Visit from 5th District Supervisor Efren Carrillo

By Bill Dodson

Preliminaries

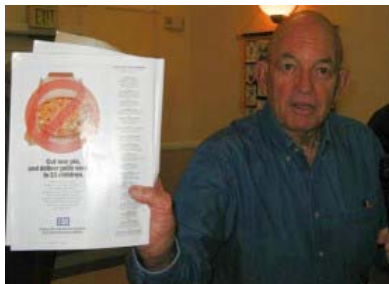


President **Susan Nowacki** called the meeting to order on time and with her usual exuberance.

Pledge of Allegiance: **Brian Jamal** was recruited for duty and served honorably.

Rotary Moment: **Bill Fisher** educated us to the fact that the cost of one half of a New York Pizza Pie is enough funds to inoculate 33 children.

Bo Kirschen told a joke about some mum nuns.



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Coming Up:

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

Visiting Rotarians:

Phil Talamantes introduced our two Rotarians from the SR East club, **Marilyn** and **Kim** who were very stylish in their Roaring Twenties dresses to promote their club's big event on March 27th. See **Dave McDonald** if you need tickets.



Guests of Rotarians:

Pam Davis introduced us to Paula Cook who works with community housing. Former member **Arnie Carston** dropped by to catch up on Rotary friends. He is enjoying his retirement.

Announcements & Such

Kris Lapore is back following appendicitis.

Janet Coddling needs more ticket stubs returned.

Casey Williams has 18 live auction items but would like more silent auction items.



Tracy Kline circulated a sign up sheet for crab feed duties.

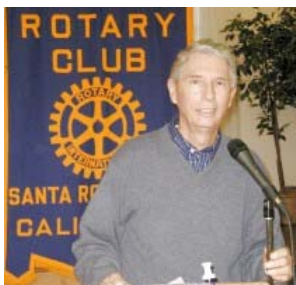
Jim Benoit wants to sell more raffle tickets.

Pam Davis explained our club's efforts in Ecuador to provide clean water to those in need. **Chuck Baker, Chuck Stark, Kris Lapore, Rich Pratt** and **Pam** will fly down and scope it out. If you would like to go, please talk to **Pam**.



We understand that **Dale Sipe** is not in good health presently. Your good thoughts will help.

Getting to Know You



Jim Benoit was **Pres. Susan's** next 'Getting to Know You' volunteer.

Jim grew up in Core d'Alene Idaho and nearby Sand Point. He attended prep school in Seattle then became a bus boy while putting himself through Princeton. He joined ROTC Air Force, received his officer's commission and deferred his active duty to attend Hastings Law School in San Francisco during the flower child era. His active duty was in Greece and later at McClellan AFB.

He chose Santa Rosa as a place to settle down, opened his law practice and married **Lynn** in 1975. He joined our club on 1977, was President in 1987.

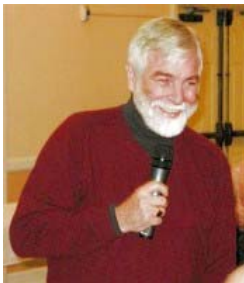
He now enjoys a reduced law practice schedule and is learning Spanish, playing golf and researching the family genealogy.

Recognition

This bulletin writer blathered something about the City's new interactive web site for city parcels on the phone to a newspaper reporter who promptly put the blather in quotes on the front page of the local newspaper. It cost **Bill Dodson** \$40.

Matt Delaney was recognized as the father of Carolina who recently joined the family as the young sister of her 3

½ year old brother who can't seem to find the mute button on his sister.



Rich Pratt confessed to being in Minnesota where the temperature went from a high of minus 3 degrees to a high of minus 18 degrees below zero. \$20.



Lou Capuano paid \$20 because he got to ring the bell in NYC at the close of the NASDAQ trading day.

Raffle

24 marbles; kitty amount \$300. **Ralf Lassa** didn't pick the right marble but **Terry Galazzo** got the bottle of wine.

Program: A Visit from 5th District Supervisor Efren Carrillo



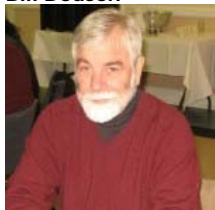
Efren was born in Southern California, raised briefly in Mexico City before moving to Santa Rosa with his family and attending local schools. The family was the first to move into a Habitat for Humanity house where his family still resides.

As Supervisor to most of west Sonoma County and Roseland, he has had his hands full of county issues and demands. The budget is the big one and projected to get worse before it gets better. There will be more layoffs, reduced service and land use and water use challenges ahead. The criminal justice system is half of the county budget. **Efren** is concerned with the gang problems and recognizes that more needs to be done to help Hispanic youth avoid the gang traps that pull them into the lifestyle. He very much encourages mentorships with today's youth.

Other issues to deal with are solid waste disposal, Dutra asphalt plant and the future of Sutter Medical's proposed facilities adjacent to the Wells Fargo Center.

Our county representatives have their work load expanding and Efren Carrillo seems intent to tackle it head on.

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