

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for March 22, 2010 New Member Goal... Here We Come!

By Darcie Fellows

### Preliminaries



Susan called the meeting to order early at 12:25 pm.

Pledge was led by **Brian Jamar**. Rotary Moment offered by **Bill Dodson**: "Be happy today." from Groucho Marks. **Pam Davis** provided the humor: "Why did the mother cat pick up her kittens? Cause she didn't want to litter...." bud ump bump.



Recognitions for today's crew: Door: **Janet Codding**; Tickets: **Chris Young**; Greeter: **Bo Kirschen**; Set up: **Gary Lucas**; Bulletin: **Darcie Fellows**; Photo: **Jim Valinoti**.

Visiting Rotarians were: **Dominic Parino**, Sunrise Club and **Rodger Olsen**, Healdsburg Club.

Guests of Rotarians are: **Brian Goodwin & Nicole Hydner** were guests of **Jim Underhill**. **Maureen Merrill** was **Mike Merrill**'s guest. **Brian Cox**, along with students from Piner HS, **Rebecka Dowdy & Danny Zohl** was guests of **Bob Zeni**.



**Julie Nation** was **Mike**'s guest, too, for the last time!!!! **Smita Martinez** was **Diane Winsby**'s guest for the last

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#### Coming Up:

3/29 - Rotary Projects in Uganda  
– The Pearl of Africa, Chris Parr  
and Mike Merrill

4/5 - Santa Rosa Mayor Susan  
Gorin

4/12 - Rick Call, President of the  
Santa Rosa Junior College Board  
of Trustees

4/19 - Keith Woods, CEO of the  
North Coast Builders Exchange

4/26 - High School Speech  
Competition: "Project  
Civilization."

time also! **Lidio Trapeano** was introduced as everybody's guest, also for the last time!

### Announcements & Such

Its **Gary Lucas'** Birthday!!! Happy Birthday big boy! **Anne Abrams** and **Jeff Ray** also have birthdays this month.



**Chuck Baker** announced the Piner HS Career Forum happening on Tuesday March 23rd from 9-12:20 at the Piner Library. 12 Rotarians are speaking to High School students who are disadvantaged or in risk. We are hoping to give them information on the different careers and give these kids some guidance and hope into the future.

**Bob Zeni** introduced the students of the month from Piner HS, **Rebecka Dowdy & Danny Zahl**. Both students gave us a nice speech about themselves, interests and goals for the future. **Rebecka** wants to go into interior design and **Danny** wants to go into either engineering or teaching. Both were very well spoken and were a pleasure to listen to.



We welcomed 3 new blue badge members into SRWR today: **Lidio Tropeano**, **Smita Martinez**, and **Julie Nation**.

**Smita** is a community volunteer, currently Project Coordinator with Wells for Life. She is married to Glenn and has a 9 year old son.

**Julie** is owner of Julie Nation Academy providing modeling and career training. She is married to Joe Bowman and has 4 children.

**Lidio** is owner of Natural Clean Cleaners, an organic method of non-dry cleaning. His wife is Linda and they have 3 children.

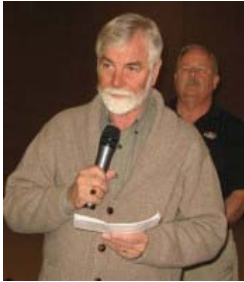


**Tarina** reminded everybody about rebuilding together on April 24th. There are 3 ways you can help....participate in

the workday, registration, or deliver lunches. Please help, we are working on a mobile home on Journeys End.

**Harry** announced that there is one more Monday before the Foundation end, we are almost there!

**Jim Hinton** counted how many people are going to assembly. **Susan** tried to get more people to go, even our new blue badgers. Check out the website for information. If you need a ride see **Bill Dodson**.



**Carson** announced April the 26th is the Speech Contest.

#### Raffle:

**Mike Merrill** won the raffle for the chance for \$475, 14 marbles but yet, a non-win! For the wine...**Harry Rubins** won!

#### Program: RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Academy

RYLA Started in 1959.

**Jim Underhill**, was the first director of the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) camp in 1990, told about this fabulous training experience for young people..... "Of all the things Rotary does in the world, the commitment to youth is the best!"

In 1988 the RYLA program was started in Santa Rosa. Along with Mike Merrill, Jim Underhill helped make the program a success. This was made to be more of a hands on program than what was done in the past. Currently there are 13 counselors that work for RYLA and help with the annual camp. They are great motivators and go-getters who run the program. The Rotarians advise and help with what the counselors have set up. There are currently 11 local clubs that participate in RYLA.



**Brian Goodwin**, student and member of RYLA, spoke about his start and involvement in the program. He recalled his first RYLA camp, how that first camp changed not only his life but another campers life who confessed he would have committed suicide if not for the friendships and support he got at the RYLA camp.



**Nicole Hydner** also spoke about her experience in RYLA. She says "RYLA has completely changed my life!" She treasures her friends she met from the camp, and still keeps in contact with them. She loved the presentation from speakers at the RYLA camp, it made her think of life and herself in a different way. She spoke very highly of her counselors, how motivating and understanding they are. Nicole says she didn't know what she wanted to do for her life, but after RYLA she decided she wants to become a lawyer, and is very passionate about it!

**Ken Dansie** spoke about the RYLA Career night. After a dinner, they circle up and talk about their professions.

They answer questions and help these kids to get motivated in their lives and careers. Ted says that there are 65 Seniors coming for the upcoming year. He encouraged SRWR Rotarians to come to RYLA and get involved in career night, about 8 raised their hands to say they would come. Go Rotarians!

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