

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for April 5, 2010 A Visit with Our Mayor Susan Gorin

By Chris Young

### Preliminaries



President **Susan Nowacki** started the meeting today (Hawaiian Shirt Day) at 12:25.

*Pledge* lead by Past President **David McDonald**.

*Moment* by **Bill Fischer**: "We often find time for everything we want but we make excuses for the things we do not want".

*Joke* by **Terry Galazzo**: Why men shouldn't write advice columns, unless you want a male perspective.



Visiting Rotarians: **Clarice Bowles** introduced by **Bill Fischer**.

Guests: **Ron Clark** invited guest of **David Mc Donald**; **Betty Tanary** invited guest of **Diane Winsby**.



Sponsor **Darcie Fellows** with new member **Kerry Rego**, and Sponsor **Bo Kerschen**, with new member **Brian Rickerson** were issued their New Member Red Badges today!

A note of thanks to our volunteers for this meeting:

Cashier: **Terry Galazzo** (makes cents ☺)

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#### Coming Up:

4/9-10 - [District Assembly](#)

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 - School Garden Network, Larry Martin from the Santa Rosa Sunrise Club

5/14-16 - [District Conference](#)

Set-up: **Chuck Baker**

Greeter: **Bill Fisher** (now that's scary!)

Tickets: **John Hathaway**

Rotary Moment: **Bill Fisher** (moment – Fisher? Oxymoron)

Photos: **Jim Valinoti** (hmmm, some things never change)

## Announcements & Such

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### Don't Forget:

**Rotary Assembly in Ukiah this Friday and Saturday.**

**Rebuilding Together** April 24<sup>th</sup> talk with Tarina Hall if interested.

**Stanford Basketball Game**, talk with Jim Hinton if you give a hoop.

**Rotary Ladies lunch group**, Italian Affair April 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00

**Rotary Men's lunch group**, Wagon Wheel April 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00 (Scott B. for info)



**Janet Codding** said a few nice words regarding Hugh Codding's passing. **Janet** attended the institute for Leadership training and gave it an **A+**.

**Clarice Bowles** announced the **Jack LeVar Memorial Golf Tournament**. Please contact **Clarice** for information. Or click on the link, <http://guyfieri.blogspot.com/2010/03/guy-fieri-to-emcee-jack-levar-golf.html>, and then on to The Rotary Club of Santa Rosa's home page link, for more details.

**Italian Cabernet** April 23<sup>rd</sup> Berger Center, ask Susan the president about this one.

## Getting to Know You: Pam Davis, who is always talking trash

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Born and raised in Marin County, **Pam** attended **Tamalpais High School**. She spent many summers assisting her father on construction jobs. With this experience she can build a home from the ground up. As an outspoken high school person **Pam** campaigned against Prop 6. She has been an active environmentalist and active in Rotary Latin America programs. While involved in Recycling education and outreach programs in Sonoma County, Pam was offered her current position with Santa Rosa Recycling. **Pam** loves her garden and is the self proclaimed **compost queen**. Pam has two sons 26 and 28 years old, who are a big part of her life, as is her Grandson.



## Recognitions & Bragging Bucks

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**Chuck Stark**, who uncharacteristically had nothing to say made up for his silence by telling the group about his upcoming trip to Nigeria where he will be supporting orphans. He will be schlepping suite cases of children's clothing across two continents. \$20.00

**Ginny Pitts** returned from a week in Panama, visiting with friends and traveling to a quiet island called Contra Dora Island. She had a lovely time with her friends and antagonizing the locals.



**Anne Abrams** spent her spring break in Death Valley where she ran into Neil and Susan Silverman of all people. This was a great time to go as the flowers were in bloom. She also spent some time in Santa Cruz visiting her son and grandson who happens to be only ten months of age. \$30.00



**Diane Winsby** announced that she and her husband Walter had changed their business location to their home. Diane and Walter have been in the same location for seventeen years. They are planning a Caribbean cruise very soon. \$30.00

#### Raffle:

*Raffle:* Ticket number 479456 was selected by **Ginny Pitts**. Oops, not a winner this time, but nice try **Ginny**.

*Raffle for the bottle of wine.* Ticket number is 479515 the winner, **David Mc Donald**.

#### Program: A Visit with Our Mayor Susan Gorin



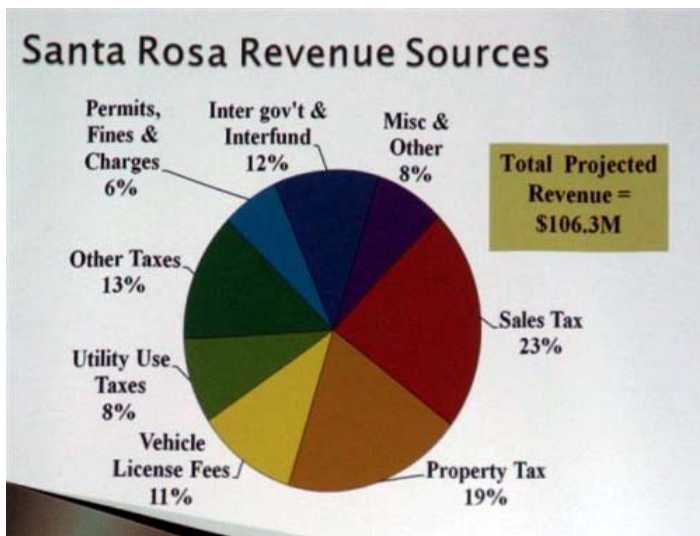
Santa Rosa Mayor Susan Gorin



Program Chair **Matt Delaney** introduced the Mayor

**Susan** has a challenging job as Mayor of Santa Rosa.

One of the biggest hurdles is the city budget and generating enough revenues to cover expenses. We have deficits and they are attempting to find areas to cut. Revenues come from many sources, 23% from sales tax, 19% - property taxes, 13%-other taxes. Revenues are down and \$16,000,000 is needed in budget cuts for 2011. The city was hit with an ADA audit by the Federal Government and cost Santa Rosa \$500,000. In addition, the Regional Water Agency needed retrofits of \$300,000 to \$500,000 per year.



Positive activities in Santa Rosa are projects like the newly acquired AT&T building, Rail Road Square improvement site and Round Barn improvement. The many other concerns that Susan has to work with are the Water Supply, Climate Change, Budgets, Public Safety Challenges and economic development.

**Susan** has her plate full and we wish her the best of luck and our support. Thank you for sharing these issues with Rotary of West Santa Rosa.

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