

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

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Santa Rosa Junior College: Current State and Expansion Plans

By Anne Abrams

Preliminaries



President Susan Nowacki opened the meeting at 12:25. She thanked the following for making our meeting possible:

Cashier: **Terry Galazzo**
Greeter: **Phil Talamantes**
Set- up: **Scott Bartley**
Tickets: **Chris Young**
Rotary Moment: **Gary Lucas**
Photos: **Jim Valinoti**
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Program: **Matt Delaney.**

The Pledge: **Mike Merrill** led us in the salute to our flag.



The Rotary Moment: **Gary Lucas** spoke from the podium about the loss of two great leaders and builders in our community. We've recently lost **Hugh Coddling**, builder, developer, and community booster and **Rev. James Coffee**, pastor of the Santa Rosa Community Baptist Church. Both esteemed gentlemen were honorary Rotarians in our club. Both by their life's example gave to their community the gifts of hope, faithfulness, and impacted our world in many positive ways. **Gary** spoke about the contributions of each in their different careers as well as their devotion to non-profits organizations.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Pam Davis introduced **Jill Ravitch**, candidate for District Attorney, as her guest. **Laura Buhner** introduced Veterinarian **Sylvia Newman** who specializes in animal eye care. **Janet Coddling** introduced for the last time as her guest, Rotarian-to-be **Christie Cooley.**

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Coming Up:

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

4/26 - School Garden Network - Larry Martin

5/3 - Cinco de Mayo Party (in lieu of noon meeting)

5/10 - High School Speech Competition: "Project Civilization."

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

5/17 - Dr. Robert Eyler, Chair of the Economics Department at SSU

5/24 - Magdalena Ridley, Program Director for Land Paths

5/31 - DARK



Jill and Pam



Janet and Christie



Christie

New Red Badge award: **Sponsor Janet Coddling** assisted while **President Susan** awarded **Christie Cooley** her red badge with words about "what is Rotary?" (Good reminder for us all) as the worlds oldest service club whose goal is to help serve both our local community and international community as well as promote peace and goodwill among people of all nations. Afterward, **Christie** gave us a quick look at how she came to be here in Santa Rosa and our newest member. We all lined up to personally greet and welcome her to our club. **President Susan** reminded us **Christie** is our 7th new member this Rotary year!

Announcements & Such

There is a board meeting tomorrow at Joseph's. That will be the last board meeting at this location. Board Meetings are moving to the Third Wednesday of the month in order to accommodate the meeting moving to the Italian Affair and later to be able to receive more accurate financial reports.

David Wattell is recovering from a bout in the hospital (7 days) and thanked everyone for the cars and good wishes. He reports he was very well cared for at Memorial hospital and glad to be out!

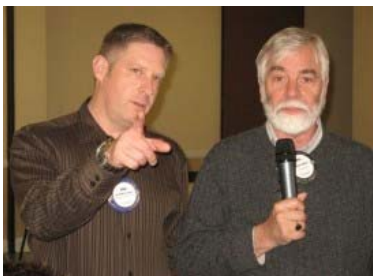
President Susan thanked our Website crew for their constant help and assistance with a difficult, time-consuming and never ending job of keeping our website current and interesting and informative. She advises us all to check it out. Special thanks to **Jim Valinoti!**



President Susan Nowacki announced our final result from our crab feed fundraiser. After all expenses we netted \$49,100. The proceeds will be used to fund our many worthy community projects. Thanks again to **Casey** for taking the leadership. Fantastic!

Ginny Pitts announced that we will have a social next week either Wed or Thurs at Rendez Vous Bistro at 614 4th Street at Riley just east of Mendocino. **Ginny** recommends their fresh raw oysters. We'll meet from 3-6 PM April 21 or 22.

President-Elect Bill Dodson announced the next Crab Feed Chairperson for the upcoming event as **Kris Lapore**. Congratulations **Kris**. **Casey Williams** has agreed to take on the kitchen job and **Tracy Kline** has agreed to help as well. Thank you all for taking the challenge.



Jim Hinton announced that he attended a seminar at Rotary assembly on the role of secretary of the club. He discovered new duties and agrees to "step it up". In one workshop on the function of the brain **Jim** learned that female and male brains ARE different. Thanks **Jim** for attending and for taking on a difficult job in the club.

President Susan announced two changes to the bylaws that will be voted on by the membership at the meeting in two weeks. They have to do with the moving of our board meeting time and notice of prospective board members.

Chuck Stark is off to Nigeria on Saturday with a limit of 50# luggage including a bundle of clothing for an orphanage. Best luck in your travels and thanks for representing Rotary and the Polio Eradication Program. Chuck anticipates dining with the emir of Nigeria at a luncheon.

Getting to Know You



Julie



Smita

Julie Nation talked about her inspiration to form a modeling and self-esteem academy that prepares youth for modeling occupations. She related the trials and tribulations of doing so as a single parent with four children. She feels very blessed to have found what she truly enjoys and for the support she had in pursuing her dreams. Julie Nation Academy, founded in 1972, teaches acting for TV and film, and fashion and photo modeling. The Bank of America took a risk and provided financial support to open the school. Julie lives with Joe Bowman, her husband of 9 years.

Smita Martinez moved to Sonoma County from Silicon Valley and Fremont in 2006. She was in "culture shock" that our community was so nice and friendly here. Her family moved to the USA from India in 1960 and settled in Pennsylvania. Her father was a Rotary member for 40 years beginning when she was 8 years old. He was a founding member of Rotaract-Interact Club. **Smita** received a Degree in Business Administration in Miami. She moved to California with her five year old son with the help of her brother. She worked for Sun Micro Systems, her best job where she slept and ate Excel. She enjoys working with people and likes the Executive Assistant role over all aspects of business. Smita has lived in Sonoma County with her husband for four years. She has enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and volunteered at Family Connection, the YMCA, Kids Street, Redwood Empire Food Bank, and others.

Raffle

Bill Dodson drew a blue marble. **Janet Coddling** won a bottle of wine.

Program: Santa Rosa Junior College: Current State and Expansion Plans

The Santa Rosa Junior College was established in 1917, opened in the spring of 1918, and first offered classes at the Santa Rosa High School using High School instructors during an epidemic, WWI and with borrowed books. SRJC is the 10th oldest community college. There have been just four college Presidents in the college's history: Floyd, Newman, Michelson, and the current President Agrella (1990 to the present). This indicates the strength of the administration of our fine college.

Rick gave many facts about the enrollment and how many students have graduated from SRJC (50,000).

The mission of the college is reflected in its offering of over 200 Certificate Programs in fields ranging from bookkeeping to auto mechanics.



Rick Call
President of SRJC Board
of Trustees

SRJC now has two campuses: Santa Rosa and Petaluma. They also have training sites at: The downtown brickyard

(Culinary Arts), Shone Farm and a Public Safety Training facility in Windsor. They also have an ESL program teaching English at Wright Elementary School in Santa Rosa.



Rick told us that recent construction at SRJC has been accomplished with bonds passed by voters for a four-story 1100 space parking garage, the new library, and just recently opened Lawrence A. Bertolini Student Service Center of 78,000 sq ft. with a state of the art dining café. It was named after Larry Bertolini who has been a trustee of the SRJC for 17 years and has more volunteer time in than anyone and was founder of "Day under the Oaks."

A renovation of the Petaluma Campus added 80,000 sq to the original 64,000 Sq ft. facility that opened in the 60's. A new 22,000 Culinary Arts facility is planned for Mendocino Avenue where the old Patio World was located. The Pepperwood Preserve is now under the auspices of SRJC providing the preserve with educational services. There is a \$5-

\$10 million reserve for technology upgrades remaining from the building funds.

The SRJC is becoming more "green" and environmentally friendly as the new Bertolini building is heated and cooled partially using 150 wells 250 ft deep under the building. The geothermal system circulates air at a constant 58-61 degrees therefore requiring less heating. It is anticipated to save 40% on energy use. The Windsor facility parking lot's solar-paneled roof produces more photo voltaic energy than the facility uses.

The SRJC supports numerous athletic opportunities for students and its athletes have a high GPA relative to other athletic departments. They have great coaches and winning teams. The SRJC Bear Cubs are named for the Cal Bears with the assumption that many students would go on to graduate from Cal.

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