

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for May 24, 2010 LandPaths' Bayer Farm

By Diane Winsby

Preliminaries



President Susan Nowacki opened the May 24th meeting promptly at 12:30 PM. She thanked the volunteers responsible for helping out at the meeting today.

Our Greeter was one of our new members, **Smita Martinez**. Ticket Sales: **Janet Codding**; Rotary Moment: **Ralph Lassa**; Photos: **Jim Valinoti**; Program Speaker Introduction: **Matt Delaney**; Bulletin Reporter: **Diane Winsby**; Today's Humor: **Terry Galazzo**.

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Coming Up:

5/31 - DARK

6/7 - Monica Savon, Assistant Director of COTS

6/14 - Alan Petty, Teacher and Rugby Coach at Elsie Allen High School

6/21 - End-of life Choices, Carole Van Aelstyn

6/27 - Prez Susan's Debunking - Wikiup Swim Club @5 PM

6/28 - Trivial Pursuit - Fun and games with big \$ prizes

7/12 - Club Assembly

7/19 - Speech Contest

Visiting Rotarians were: **Mark Thayer** from the Cloverdale Rotary and **Mark Burchill** from the Santa Rosa Downtown Rotary. Member's guests were introduced: **Pamela Domino**, and **John Lemon** who is a candidate for Judge on the Superior Court was introduced by Chris Parr.



Smita



Terry



Pamela

Announcements & Such

President Susan announced that we will be dark for the Memorial Holiday on May 31st.

Bill Dodson announced that a sign-up sheet for writing the bulletin is circulating for his term as President for the next year and that every member is going to be required to do just three (3) bulletins during his year. He also read a thank you letter he received from Matthew, a 3rd grader at Evergreen school, thanking Rotary for his dictionary.

Visiting Rotarian **Mark Burchill** announced that the Santa Rosa Downtown club has added a business development segment to their club. He stressed that the original founders of Rotary tried to develop members'

businesses and his club wants to do this, too. Their theme is "Rotary Means Business" and they will hold their first networking in a social setting at his place of business – Advent Office Furniture, 1849 Piner Road in Santa Rosa on June 3, 2010 – 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. He invited our members to participate. For further information contact **Mark** at MarkB@adventoffice.com or call him at 575-7000 X204.



Bill



Mark



Ginny

President Susan said that a member has given a donation to start a fund to honor **Dale Sipe**. She said that the Board had discussed this and they decided a one time scholarship should be set up with any donations members might like to add to the fund for someone who wants to pursue a career in the court reporting sector. Please contact **Jim Hinton** if you would like to contribute towards this scholarship.

Ginny Pitts gave an update of the Social Committee's plans for future events.

Gail Johnson announced that a new Youth Exchange Program is to be reinstated next club year. Given that we are restarting this program it is probably too late to have our own student so we will meet with another club to see how we can share a student during the school year. Jeff Ray has already joined Gail on this new committee.



Gail



Carson



Darcie



Chuck

Carson Mitchell announced that the speech contest Project Civilization will be rescheduled to July 19th and asked the judges to prepare for this date.

Darcie Fellows asked her fellow Rotarians to bring needed auction items for the Dogs 4 Diabetics charity event and silent auction. The event will be held on July 17th from 6 to 9 PM at the Santa Rosa Gymnastics on Bluebell Dr. in Santa Rosa. She also encouraged members to purchase their tickets, which are \$40 per person, for the event. You can purchase the tickets at www.srgymnastics.com paying with a credit card or Paypal or call Santa Rosa Gymnastics at 525-1720. If you would like to also give a donation for the event you can click the "Buy Now" button on the website.

Chuck Stark announced that the free exhibit "Step Into Africa" put on by World Vision Experience: AIDS was opening at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in the Garrett Building, 1350 Bennett Valley Road. The event will open on May 25th through May 31st.

Birthdays: **President Susan** asked the birthday celebrators to stand: **David McDonald, Gail Johnson, Smita Martinez, Julie Nation** and **Casey Williams** who were serenaded with the Happy Birthday song.



David



Gail



Smita

Recognitions & Bragging Bucks

This was an outstanding recognition day...the fines just flew into the coffers of the club today! **Bill Dodson** was recognized for his architectural firm being voted "The Best of..." in North Bay Business magazine. **Ken Prouty** told the group about his 'extra vacation' in Europe due to the volcano in Iceland. He was delayed for days in Venice and when finally starting for home had to change planes in London, and guess what, he was stuck again for an unscheduled vacation in London. **Terry Galazzo** said that she had been busy with her grandchildren...3 of them in 1-1/2 years.



Bill D.



Kris



Bill F.

Kris Lepore has had family and childhood friends visiting him and next week he will be in Las Vegas. **Bill Fisher** recently played a round of golf with **Jim & Carolyn Hinton** at the Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club where he finally birdied a hole there after being a member for 30+ years. **Gil Lucas**, always ready with the basket, had to put a few dollars in it himself.



Gil



Diane



PDG Mike

Diane Winsby bragged about her grand-daughter earning the Gold Star award from the Girl Scouts of America and all of the congratulators letters she received (one from the President and First Lady of the United States and one from the Governor of California, plus ones from Senators and Representatives of the US Congress). **PDG Mike Merrill** turned to tables on our **President Susan** and asked her to fine herself for the wonderful Egypt trip she just got back from where **Susan** rode a camel, saw the great pyramids and visited Luxor in 120 degree heat.

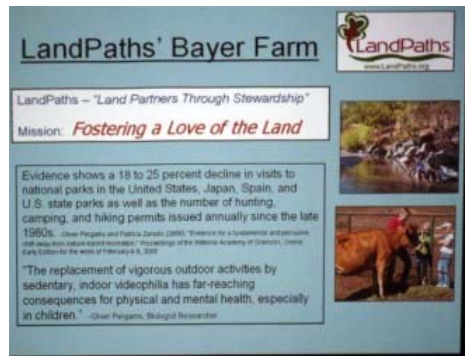
And the winner is...

The raffle chance to pick the right marble went to **Jim Sullivan** but he didn't pick the right one. **Darcie Fellows** won the bottle of wine.



Program: Magdalena Ridley, Program Director for Landpaths' Bayer Farm

Matt Delaney showed off our new projection screen that he purchased before he introduced our speaker **Magdalena Ridley**, Program Director for Landpaths' Bayer Farm in the Roseland area.



Landpaths was founded in 1997 and its purpose is to connect people to nature and foster love of the land. The organization strives to educate people in the Roseland area about how food affects their health and wellbeing. Being inside too much is creating growing rates of obesity and mood changes. Landpaths works at getting the area's needy children education about good nutrition and exercise by holding outdoor events at parks and at the community garden at 1550 West Avenue on a 2 acre parcel that will become a City park eventually. These community gardens are tended by residents of the area helping to create a broader awareness of the natural world. The garden honors agricultural history while growing local nutritious food. Landpaths is trying to inspire tomorrow's leaders and work force to care for the land.

Community gardens are an old idea. Victory gardens were popular in WWI and WWII as a way to connect to the land, but also to provide a fresh source of food and a variety of vegetables for the participants. The extra foods grown in the Landpaths community gardens are sold to area residents at a veggie stand at a reasonable cost. Community events also have access to the vegetables to share for special events in the community. Classroom presentations are given to teach the young children about good nutrition, on how to collect seeds for planting and how to plant and maintain gardens. Landpaths has a free membership, a mailing list of over 5,000 people and a Board of Directors.

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