

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for June 7, 2010 Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness

By Tarina Hall

### Preliminaries



**President Susan** opened the last Aloha Shirt meeting of her term which has always been a tribute to past Rotarian **Arnie Carston**. Sally Tomatoes spoiled us with a Hawaiian themed lunch.

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#### Coming Up:

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

**Lidio Tropeano**— led us in the pledge. **Betty Tenret**— shared a thought-provoking moment. **Ginny Pitts** – did our set-up. **Diane Winsby** – our Greeter, introduced visiting Rotarian, **Casey Roberts** from the Sunrise Club. **Bo Kirchen** – effectively hawked Raffle Tickets as the pot continues to grow and the black marble becomes even more elusive... tick tock tick tock! **Jim Valinoti** –as always was our dedicated mug shot maker! **Bob Zeni**— raked in the big bucks as our cashier while trying to wrestle the card machine into submission. **Chris Young**- read a joke about a Rottweiler, a parrot and burglar that made everyone laugh. **Tarina Hall** – recorded these special moments in SRW history.



Betty



Diane



Casey

## Celebrating the future

**President Susan** inducted three more new members into our club today – a total of 11 for her term!! No wonder our club won "Most Improved Club of 2010" and what a treat to have this new and dynamic talent among our ranks.

**Dennis Loveland** – sponsored by **Brad Leslie**. **Dennis** is a principal with Reid Loveland Insurance. **Pamela Domino** – sponsored by **Diane Winsby**. **Pamela** is a Nursing Director for the Indian Health Project. **Sylvia Neuman** – sponsored by **Laura Buhler**. **Sylvia** is a veterinarian specializing in animal ophthalmology.



Welcome **Sylvia, Pamela & Dennis** to the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West!



Mike and Bill

## Understanding our roots...

**President Susan** shared some of the history around one of our foundational principles: **The Four Way Test**. Of the things we think, say, or do... Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

She then honored Rotarian, **Mike Merrill**, a past President and past District Governor, and **Bill Fisher**, a charter member of the club and our first President for their long term and deep commitment to Rotary and the support and counsel they have each provided during her term.

## Announcements & Such

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**Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> the Sunrise club will be joining us for a joint meeting.** We have been involved in a membership drive contest with them and this event is designed to celebrate all the wonderful new members that both clubs have inducted and the future of our clubs. A spirited game of Trivial Pursuit, moderated by **Ray Dorfman**, past president of the downtown club, will be held and the winning tables will walk away with some cold hard cash!!

**Ginny Pitts** reminded us that the **next Social will be Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Villa from 4-7 PM.

**Darcie Fellows** shared that the next annual fundraiser for **Dogs for Diabetes (D4D)** will be held **July 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Santa Rosa Gymnastic Center. Information and ticket purchase is available on line at [SRGC@sonic.net](mailto:SRGC@sonic.net)



Ginny



Darcie

**President Susan** also announced that our **Rotarian of the Year** will be honored at our **6/28 meeting**. How fun is this?

**Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** is **President Susan's last Board Meeting** – 11:45 at Italian Affair

**Debunking of President Susan** will be at 5:00 at Wikiup Swim & Tennis Club. Spouses and SOs are welcome!

### Recognitions & Bragging Bucks

As the year winds down, we are closing in on the last of the recognition opportunities:



Chuck



Bob



Doug

\$60 from **Chuck Olson** for golfing in Hawaii; \$45 from **Bob Zeni** for his recent trips to Kauai and Shasta; \$20 from **Doug Angelo** for the ugliest Aloha shirt and his 1960 Jeep Commando.



Bo



PDG John



Scott

\$50 from **Bo Kirschen** for having completed both Chronicle crossword puzzles; \$75 from **John Withers** for having attended his granddaughter's graduation from grade school. Wow \$250 for a whole lot on nothin'!

Our very own **Scott Bartley**, second generation Rotarian, past President, two-time Crab Feed Chair and all-round good guy, announced to the Club his candidacy for Santa Rosa City Council. **Scott** has served on the City Planning Commission for a number of years and, a pro-business candidate, wants only the best for Santa Rosa. Be sure to speak with Scott to learn more about his platform and his vision for our future. In appreciation of this recognition, he donated \$100 to the Paul Harris Foundation.

## And the winner is...

### Black Magic & Grape Juice!

**Mike Merrill** gave it a try for the pesky black marble and \$700 but, presto! No luck! However, **Chuck Olson** picked up a bottle of wine for his next golf game in Hawaii.



## Program: Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness, COTS – Committee on the Shelterless



Brian



Guest Speakers

**Brian Dixon**, an associate of **Brad Leslie**, and a member of the Board of Directors for COTS – Committee on the Shelterless – introduced our guest speaker, **Monica Savon**, Assistant Director of COTS.

Sonoma County is the fourth least affordable housing markets in the nation. The average wait for affordable housing in SoCo is up to one year. 85% of homeless families are headed by single mothers with an average annual income of \$8,000. Over 1 million children are homeless nation-wide. Most homeless people have come from adverse childhood experiences and many test positive for substance abuse.

COTS offers help and hope to homeless persons in Sonoma County by providing safe shelter and housing, helping people develop steady incomes and helping them get back under a roof of their own. They help homeless families become stable and break the cycle

of homelessness by teaching homeless parents to make their children's needs a high priority and to provide a safe, loving and secure home for their children.

The objective of the organization is to break the cycle of homelessness, justice for all, and assist individuals and families transition back into traditional society. This is accomplished through, what they call the four Pillars – CHII – Connection, Hope, Intention and Integrity. To learn more about COTS, view their website at [www.cots-homeless.org](http://www.cots-homeless.org)



Our meeting was adjourned at 1:30. See you all next week!!

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