

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for June 14, 2010 Rugby, The Friendly Sport

By Kerry Rego

Preliminaries



President Susan almost forgot the Pledge of Allegiance today, Flag Day, ironically enough.

Pledge: **Matt Delaney**

Rotary Moment: **Harry Rubin**, "Life is a canvas and you should throw all the paint on it you can!"

Joke: **Terry Galazzo**, a groaner

Jobs of the Day: missing many names, they went too fast

Bulletin: **Kerry Rego**

Programs: **Matt Delaney & Pam Davis**



Harry



Terry

Visiting Rotarians: **Dennis Loveland** announced **Dave Lorenzo** from the Sunrise Club and **Mark Burchill** from the Santa Rosa Club.

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Coming Up:

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

8/13 - [Golf & BBQ Social](#)



Dennis



Mark

Introduction of Guests: **Kris Lepore** introduced his guest, **Justin Harris** of Prospect Mortgage.

Announcements & Such

At the District Conference, we were struck with "board envy" after seeing the large display board that the Sunrise Club had for their pictures. We came back and now have our own mammoth size display board. **Joe Perez** shared an observation: "We can in fact say, 'Size matters'."



Birthdays are **Gil Lucas, Chuck Stark, Betty Tenret & Chris Young**.

Our new rosters will be out next week. Anyone that needs the small ring white binders, let Susan know. She has plenty for the Red Badgers and some extras.

RYLA, supported by our club and the Rotary Club of Guerneville, has a dinner on Monday 6/21. **Harry Rubin, Kris Lepore & Tracy Kline** volunteered to help.

The Poker Tournament that was a prize from the crab feed is this Saturday 6/19 at Wikiup Country Club. It's a \$150 buy in (including food & beverages) for a \$500 first prize. Call **Kris Lepore** or **Casey Williams** to play.

Mark Burchill, visiting Rotarian, had a final announcement for the Rotary Means Business networking event. It's Thursday 6/17 5-7pm at Advent Office Furniture 1849 Piner Road. It's a new event featuring structured networking for Rotarians with a hat pull to see who will get featured time to speak. Bring brochures and business cards. It has been announced to the majority of the Sonoma County clubs and if it goes well, he hopes other clubs will continue to use the model.

Jeff Ray reminded us the Annual Golf & BBQ is taking place Friday 8/13. BBQ is at Galvin Park and Golf at Bennett Valley Golf Course. Fliers will come later. ([details here](#))



Jeff



Tracy

Tracy Kline spoke about Dogs for Diabetics taking place on 7/17. She had tickets with her for purchase, they can also be bought online as well as donations of any amount at www.srgymnastics.com

Jim Underhill accepted a check from the club for \$1200 to RYLA. RYLA is in it's 21st year, has graduated 1200 students, is 6/21-6/25, and has changed lives. He thanked the club for supporting the program and the students.



Jim



Bob

Bob Zeni accepted a check from the club for \$4000 for the SOS program. Support Our Schools offers counseling for at risk kids.

Craft Talk



Sylvia Neumann Owns All Animal Eye Care. She was born in Frankfurt, Germany while bombs were falling from the sky. You can call her "bunker born." Her family moved to Montreal, Canada then to Toronto where she took most of her schooling. She attended veterinary school in Colorado. She stated that 78% of vet college admissions are now women. She owned Santa Rosa Vet Hospital before returning to graduate school in '78. Then she owned the Santa Rosa Animal Eye Center until her mom became ill. She sold her business so that

she could care for her mother and after her passing, Sylvia had a non-compete policy and was a rotating doctor until that ended. She is now the proud owner and President of All Animal Eye Care.

And the winner is...

Chris Young took a shot at the black marble. There were six marbles left for \$725 pot but no luck.

Lidio Tropeano won a bottle of wine.



Lidio

Program: Rugby, The Friendly Sport, Alan Petty

Pam Davis introduced **Alan Petty**, History teacher/athletic director/rugby coach at Elsie Allen High School, and his wife Joy.



Pam, Joy and Allan



Alan

Mr. Petty is a UC Berkeley alum, a member of the Marine Corps Reserve, and passionate for rugby. He has taught History at Elsie Allen for 14 years and formed their first rugby team in 1997. It quickly turned into one of the elite teams in the nation, winning the Division II national boys club championship in 2004. The next year the team also advanced to the national championship, this time in Division I, and finished second.

He is founder and current vice president of Rugby California, the governing body for all youth rugby in California. He is the head coach for the Santa Rosa Men's Rugby Club. He is the driving force behind the creation of the Jesse Williams Cup, a rugby match benefiting a college fund for the 4 year old daughter of Jesse Williams, a Santa Rosa native who was killed in the Iraq War in 2007. Williams was a rugby player and former student of Coach Petty.

"Rugby is an organized sport that encourages moral and physical strength."

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