

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for June 28, 2010

By Tarina Hall



### Preliminaries



**President Susan Nowacki** opened her last meeting of the year a little early today and with the President of Santa Rosa Sunrise **Peter Hoberg** by her side.

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#### Coming Up:

7/12 - Club Assembly

7/19 - Speech Contest

7/21 - Board Meeting, 11:45 am,  
at Italian Affair

8/9 - District Governor's Visit

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

Without a doubt, what a year it was!! Kudos to **Susan** and the entire club for making this such a memorable year filled with accomplishments, awards and accolades. And what fun we had hosting the Sunrise Club at this joint meeting celebrating the 18 new members the two clubs brought in this year!!!

#### The Dream Team:

**Kerry Rego** – led us in the pledge

**Laura Buhler** – shared a thought-provoking moment helping us to understand that the easiest path is sometimes the most difficult

**Ginny Pitts** – did our set-up and dished out \$5 bills with great abandon

**Louie Capuano** – our Greeter, introduced our visiting Rotarians, Mark Burchill from the Santa Rosa Club, who also brought his lovely wife Mel, and Maureen Merrill from the Windsor Club

**Chris Parr-Feldman** was our cow-costumed additional greeter and extended the debunking celebration from the day before

**Jim Valinoti** – recently returning from the International Convention was again our dedicated mug shot maker and played a much larger role!

**Kris Lepore** – raked in the big bucks as our cashier

**Tarina Hall** – recorded these special moments in SRW history

## Rotarian of the Year

Our 2009-10 Rotarian of the Year, Past President **Jim Valinoti**, took the podium to introduce and celebrate our 2010-11 Rotarian of the Year. As Jim said in his opening remarks, "This is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a fellow club member." It is an opportunity to express the Club's enduring appreciation of the many contributions an individual makes on a local – and in this case, District and International level. This year's ROY is Past District Governor **Mike Merrill**! To many of us it is hard to believe that this committed, dedicated, creative and humble individual has yet to receive this honor. But the reality is that it is not unusual that those who care and give the most spend more time in the background making a difference rather than leading the parade. **Mike**, we are so fortunate to have you as a part of our history, our future, our club and continually making a difference for Rotary on so many levels. Congratulations!!



2009-10 Rotarian of the Year PP Jim Valinoti



2010-2011 Rotarian of the Year PDG Mike Merrill

## Looking to the Future - Celebrating the past!

Being **President Susan's** last meeting, she and President-elect **Bill Dodson** exchanged pins. **Susan** bestowed on **Bill** the President's Pin and **Bill** gave **Susan** her Past-president's pin. The baton was passed and a new term begins with our Club Assembly on July 12th!



## Special Announcements

**Darcie Fellows** and her team are hosting the next annual fundraiser for [Dogs for Diabetes \(D4D\)](#) on Saturday, July 17 at the Santa Rosa Gymnastic Center. Information and ticket purchase is available on line at [srgymnastics.com](http://srgymnastics.com). As committed Rotarians, we all need to support this important effort. Be there or be square – it is a ton of fun! **Tracy Kline** is putting together the Silent Auction, **Casey Williams** is spoiling us with his catering, and **Kris Lepore** will be behind the bar.

Wednesday, July 21st is our next Board Meeting – 11:45 at Italian Affair. Red Badgers welcome!

**Jeff Ray** has reserved Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> for our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tourney and BBQ social at Bennett Valley Golf Course. This is all for fun and fun for all so don't even think about your skill level! We will be doing a 2 person 9-hole best-ball scramble – first tee-time @1:30. If you don't want to golf, please join us for the BBQ. King **Louie** will be behind the grill, **Cheryl Ray** will be providing some of her special recipes and the "grunt squad" will fill in the rest. BBQ & Golf is \$65, carts \$8.50 per person; BBQ only is \$20 per person. Reservations required by 7/25

### Back to the Future...

As you may recall, we engaged in a membership competition with the Sunrise Club. At the beginning of the year each club had 69 members – the challenge was to see which club would end the year with the most members. Success was a combination of retention and growth. In reality it was really more about growing the two clubs and inducting talented, energetic and committed new Rotarians into each of our clubs.

In the end the two clubs have inducted 17 new members! Generously, **President Peter Hoberg** (far left) presented our club with a plaque recognizing our larger number of new members. But.....me thinks the challenge continues! How fun is this?!? There is room on that plaque for several years of competition. Let's hope that our new Presidents, **Bill** and **Ken** will continue the challenge.



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### Program: Let the Games Begin!

What a fun and energetic way to end our year – with a spirited game of Trivial Pursuit! Past President **Ray Dorfmann** from the Santa Rosa Sunrise Club, led us in several rounds of the game.

There were 11 teams of 8+ players. Most tables were peppered with members from both clubs as we vied for the elusive pot. The speculating whispers as each question was posed added to the energy and excitement.



Mr. Trivial Pursuit Ray Dorfmann

In the end it came down to a competition between Table 6, headed by **President-Elect Ken** from the Sunrise Club and table 9 headed by **Past President David McDonald**. Let's hear it for Table 9 who split \$380 and Table 6 who split \$160 – whatever! It was so much fun and let's do it again!!



The Winners of Table 9



The almost-winners of Table 6

Thanks to all of the members of the Sunrise Club for joining us at this celebration of a fantastic year for both of our clubs. Kudos to **President Susan** and the entire Santa Rosa West Club for a fantastic year.

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