

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for August 3, 2009 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

By Tarina Hall

Preliminaries



President Susan called our meeting to order with a hearty ring of the bell and her infectious smile.

Jeff Ray led us in the pledge. **Gary Lucas** once again gave us pause for thought with a quote from Harriet Beecher Stowe.



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Coming Up:

8/9 - DG Reception at Harvest Moon Winery
5-7pm. Join Us!

8/10 - District Governor Kirk Brown

8/17 - Bill Silver, Dean of the Sonoma State School of Business

8/24 - Past DG Mike Merrill, Adventure Biking in Western China - Out of Tiger Leaping Gorge!

8/31 - Cathryn Couch, Founder and Executive Director of The Ceres Project

Gail Johnson, today's Greeter, introduced our one Visiting Rotarian. **LaGourge** from Sebastopol.

Guests of Rotarians included **Brad Leslie**, a potential new member, and **Ed Burr** who was taking a quick holiday to visit friends and family in the Wine Country – we miss you Eddie.



Photos today were taken by **Bill Dodson**

Ruth Lincoln introduced her guest, **Christina Revel** from Ridgeway High. Christina took a moment to thank the Club for our continuing support with scholarships and our generosity towards the students and their families during the holidays. In typical "Cool Club" fashion, we responded by donating lots of cold, hard cash when the basket was passed and several folks committed to providing gift cards to Target – another friend of the community.

Announcements & Such

Sunday, August 9th is our DG Reception at Harvest Moon Winery 5-7pm. Join Us!

Monday, August 10th **DG Kirk Brown** will be visiting our Club and be our guest speaker. This should be great meeting! And remember it is ALOHA Shirt day. Board Members are requested to be there by 10:00 for a special meeting with our DG

Tuesday, August 11th is the Board meeting at Josef's at 11:45

Ray Mattison reminded us that the PCAM Air Show will be August 15th and 16th



PP David Mc Donald reported that the SCARC dinner was a huge success and that SRW turnout filled an entire table

Harry Rubins announced that GSE Team Leader applications are due by 9/10/09. The next GSE excursion is to India. If you are interested in being a Team Leader or want to nominate a team member, please see **Harry**.



Phil Talamantes told us that **Jim Valinoti** is recovering from his accident that took a toll on his tibia and his Mercedes. The leg will heal, but the car will not. **Dale & Teddie Sipe** are feeling better and should return next week.

Fundraiser Update: Crab Feed Chair **Casey Williams** announced that our next Crab Feed will be Saturday, January 30th at the Grace Pavilion. This year's theme will have a Wild West twist. Tickets will be available in November. The good news is that **Casey** and his team, have already collected 100 crabs that are currently residing in his tub where he is feeding them lobster. There will be plenty of crabs to go around by January. If you have crabs, please let Casey know.

Getting To Know You

Jim Sullivan shared his youthful adventures watching the Paddlewheel Petaluma, military career, chasing and catching a beautiful stewardess and the complex art of watching grapes grow.

Anne Abrams began her career in Fort Bragg cleaning shrimp. This provided many valuable skills that transferred to the Multi Cultural Center where she oversees some 80+ 4 year old shrimps. (There seems to be a bit of a crustacean theme here.) Having been a High School cheerleader and equestrian has come in handy as well.



Recognition

For a mere \$20, **Gail Johnson** was able to tell us she has 2 homes for sale in Lake County and that her best friend from Hawaii is arriving for a visit.

Carson Mitchell just met an 18 year old girl who made quite an impression on him. She ran into his classic Mercedes and did some serious damage - \$20 for pain and suffering.

Harry Rubins recently returned from a trip to the Big Apple where he was able to visit with his mother, see Judy Collins in concert and the play Chicago. Still feeling a little giddy \$140 to the Foundation and \$60 to the Club.



And the winner is...

While **Harry Rubins** had the lucky ticket, he was unable to find that darned black marble. **Bo Kirschen's** ticket garnered him a bottle of Randy Zin.

Program: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Today's Program was presented by **Tiffany O'Neill** from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and **Jeff Clark** from Wells Fargo Bank.



Tiffany became involved with the Society when in 2004 her son was diagnosed with Leukemia. He is now 10 and doing well, but the ordeal motivated her to become more involved and personally see how she could make a difference for others. She is currently the Campaign Chair for Light The Night Walk for the Redwood/Wine Country Region.

Light The Night Walk is the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's annual walk and fundraising event – and the nation's night to pay tribute and bring hope to people battling cancer. Teams of friends, family and co-workers raise funds for cancer research being conducted throughout the world and for services for blood cancer patients right in their community.

A little more about LLS...

- There are 68 chapters of LLS serving over 13,000 patients
- Every 10 minutes someone dies of blood cancer
- 338 LLS-funded researchers are exploring new ways to predict and lessen the adverse long-term effects of blood cancer treatments
- LLS is accelerating the development of new discoveries in its pipeline by finding and funding applied research, paving the way for FDA approval
- LLS funds more blood cancer research than any other voluntary health agency. Many LLS –supported advances help beyond the blood cancer patients for whom they were first developed
- Only LLS provides individualized information to patients and their caregivers about blood cancers, resources, treatments and other critical issues
- LLS provides financial support and co-pay assistance helping them access treatments and drugs they might not otherwise be able to afford

For more information about the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society contact Tiffany O'Neill at 707-303-4800 x2009 or Tiffany.O'Neill@LLS.org

Our meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm. See you all next week.

In the mean time... **"Have Fun and Get Things Done!"**

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