

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for October 19, 2009 Where were you when the lights went out?

By Chris Young

Preliminaries



President Susan Nowacki began the meeting promptly at 12:30 but not long after that we continued our meeting without the benefit of our PG&E fired lighting. During that time we made do with "natural lighting."



Pledge by **Fred Zmarzly**, Tickets sales by **Doug Angelo**, Set up by **Chuck Baker**, Photos by **Ann Abrams**, Cashier **Janet Codding**, Joke by President **Susan Nowacki**: The Christian Grizzly Bear. Moment by **Ken Prouty**: Being beautiful at 16 and 60.

Greeter and Introduction of Visiting Rotarians: **Phil Talamantes**, **Clarice Bowles**, from the downtown club, **Ralph Harriman**, pharmacist from the Sunrise Club, and **Steve Amend**, who is also from Sunrise Club.



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Coming Up:

10/26 - HOORAY FOR ROTARY
Special program - Members are encouraged to wear their Rotary shirts

11/2 - Jean Irwin, a speaker from PETS who will discuss her experience teaching the deaf to speak.

11/5 - Veteran's Day Celebration with all clubs

11/9 - Dark (due to Vet Day change of venue)

11/16 - North Korea with Rowland and Beth Fellows

11/23 - Disabled Awareness with Liesel Magnuson

11/30 - TBA

Announcements & Such

Past President David Mc Donald reminded us of the up coming joint meeting of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Santa Rosa will once again be honoring our American Veterans on Thursday November 5th at 11:30 AM in the

Veteran's Memorial Auditorium in Santa Rosa.



Don't forget:

- Christmas Party at **Susan's** house on December 19th. More information to follow.
- SCARC dinner October 29 sponsored by Rohnert Park Rotary.
- November 2nd Jean Irwin from PETS will be our speaker
- Santa Rosa Junior College library tour. Oct 21st Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 meeting on the second floor by the reservations desk. Talk with **Chuck Baker** if you need a parking pass.
- Rotary dues are now due. **Jim Hinton** is ready to accept your money. Cash, check or credit card will be accepted.

Recognition ...Bragging bucks

David Mc Donald and **Bill Dodson** attended the District Institute of Leaders. \$5.each.



John Hathaway \$30.00 for his trip to North Carolina, Tennessee, and two hot weeks in Florida.

Gary Lucas \$20.00 for his Dao trip to Vietnam. **Gary** took a thousand photos and said the construction business is booming in Vietnam. He also lost forty pounds, good job Gary.



Harry Rubins donated \$140.00 for his trips to Boston, Toronto and Hawaii. He had a "great time" in Oahu.

Pam Davis donated \$25.00 for her ten day trip to Greece. She took a lot of photos and spent ten days with friends in Athens. She didn't appreciate the uncomfortable furniture.



Tarina Hall joined Rotary because it was the "Party Club" and we all know **Tarina** is a Party Animal.

And the winner is...

\$650. **Diane Winsby** gave it a try but no cigar. Wine drawing. Won by **Marv Hyman**.



Program: Shelter Boxes, Jim Carriere



Jim Carriere from the Rotary Club of San Rafael presented a program on Shelter Boxes, developed by a Rotarian in the UK, which provides shelter & essential equipment for survival victims around the world. Jim has been a Rotarian for six years and President of his club in years 2007 and 2008. **Jim** is also a graduate of Louisiana State University and he now works in the banking industry.

Shelter Boxes started as a Millennium project for a Rotary club in England and headed up by an ex Navy Seal named Tom Henderson. This organization has contributed Shelter Boxes to ninety nine disasters in fifty different countries.

They have provided over 54,500 boxes to help people in need. The boxes contain tents, blankets, cooking materials, "water straws" (to sanitize drinking water) just to name a few items.

S.R.T. is the Shelter Response Team. These are the people who are trained in distributing these items and to show people how these items are to be used.



Shelter Boxes cost the club \$1000.00 per box. Some disasters require custom items for the specific geographic area. For example, Mosquito nets in Africa and more tents for a China disaster. Boxes are shipped out of Cornwall England using DHL shipping services.

Jim said that this organization can be the first to respond to a disaster with response times from 24 to 72 hours. If you wish to be trained as a SRT person the requirements are that you spend one week in training and two weeks living out of a Shelter Box. Any takers?

Jim closed with the motto: " To those we serve and never know, God bless you!"

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