

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for December 21, 2009 The Fabulous Youth of Our Community

By Darcie Fellows

Preliminaries



President Susan rang the meeting to order, and immediately introduced our special guests, the Youths Symphony Orchestra, who were here to entertain us with the music of Christmas.



They began with a flute and violin version of "O! Ye Faithful", while members and guests consumed their lunch in silence. This number was followed by a beautiful rendition of "Silent Night", and the abnormal silence of our meeting room continued to rein. The Youths Symphony Orchestra's special entertainment of this fabulous Christmas music went on until 12:40; during which we ate, and enjoyed the left over wine and Champagne from the Holiday Party.

After the music finished, these very talented teenagers spoke to us a bit about their musical experience and how it has enriched their lives.

On Duty today for some Service Above Self:

Cashier- **Laura Buhner**
Tickets- **Fred Zmarzly**
Greeter- **Janet Codding**

Set up- **Chuck Baker**
Bulletin- **Darcie Fellows**
Photos- **Chris Parr-Feldman**



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Coming Up:

1/4 - Petaluma History, Katherine Rinehart

1/11 - Club Assembly

1/18 - Efren Carrillo - 5th District Supervisor

1/25 - Jennifer Sloan, Executive Director, Arts Council of Sonoma County

1/30/10 - [Crab Feed](#)

Pledge done by: Raymond Mattison; Rotary Moment by: Mike Merrill--Something about character; Today's Humor provided by Bo Kirschen. Visiting Rotarians are: Paul Hamilton from the downtown club, Insurance; Maureen Merrill from the Windsor Club.



Guests of Rotarians are: Cheryl Sipe, daughter of Dale & Teddy Sipe; Judge Brian Jamar's wife, Gale; Spencer & Ryan, Grandkids of Ken Pouty

Announcements & Such

President Susan talked about the Holiday Party, what fun we had! Please take or get your leftover trays and bowls.

Maureen Merrill announced the Rotary Club of Windsor's club's fundraiser on March 13th, selling raffle tickets for \$20 only!



A reminder about **Crab Feed Raffle** tickets.

Matt and Alison's baby is almost here, to be born any day now! More standing on her head to get the baby turned right side up....

Joe Perez has a new red Corvette Convertible! No Fine, Merry Christmas! But he gave \$20 anyways, way to go Joe!

Barbara Larsen and **Ralph Lassa** told funny stories (some not so) about one of their Christmases.

Raffle

For the chance to win \$825.....**Ken Prouty** had his grandkids draw.....The Black Marble!!!!



We have a winner! **Ken** is giving half the money each to his grandkids education account.

Winning the wine.....**Tracy Kline!**

Program: The Boys & Girls Club, Mary Bates



For 60 years running The Boys & Girls Club (a recipient of some of the money from our crab feed) has had a mission of keeping kids safe, active, having fun and off the streets!

They have 5 locations in Santa Rosa: Hahman Drive, Timothy Rd, Creek Park land, Meadow Way, and West Oaks Circle.

They have over 1500 youths, ages 6-18 in their programs. Kids get transported to the facilities, fed a snack, and given help with their homework before all the fun happens.

Successes shown are: 100% stayed in school, 96% improved their grades, 95% increased their school attendance, 90% increased attendance in after school programs, 100% had no adverse contact with juvenile justice authorities, and 100% of the girls avoided teen pregnancy.

Since 1949 they have offered 5 Core Areas of programming which meet the diverse needs and interests of all members.

These are the themes of the daily activities.....

1. Character & Leadership
2. Education & Career Development
3. Health & Life Skills
4. The Arts
5. Sports, Fitness & Recreation

The Boys & Girls Club offers fun, a safe place to be at, opportunities, great activities, and age-appropriate Services.

After School Hours are Mon-Fri 2:00pm-6:00pm, and summer hours are Mon-Fri 7:30am-6:00pm. They gave SRWR a wish list on every table, that included help with purchasing things for Social Recreation and Athletics, Environmental Education, Technology, Homework Club, Arts & Crafts, Teen, Kitchen and Miscellaneous. Check the list and see what you can donate!

To run the Club it costs about \$500 per child per year. Because a lot of the children come on scholarships, they need help with funds and more donations.

Be sure to think of them when making your contributions. To join, you can stop by the headquarters at 1011 Hahman Dr. SR 95405, or call the Boys & Girls Club at 707-542-3249, or visit the web site at www.bgcsr.org. Membership fees are low to keep facilities accessible to everyone.

Happy Holidays to All

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