

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for July 12, 2010 Club Assembly

By Chris Parr

Preliminaries



President Bill arrived early for his first day on the job!

President Bill Dodson opened his first meeting promptly at 12:30 PM with the ringing of the bell! He told us that he is honored to be our club president and was grateful for the trip to RI Convention in Montreal. Bonjour! Next year be ready to travel down south to New Orleans, "Naw... lens" to be sure. Mr. Pres introduced his **First Lady Toodie**.



President Bill



First Lady Toodie

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Coming Up:

7/19 - Speech Contest

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

7/26 - Rogelio Roman, Gangs in
Sonoma County

8/2 - Gary Wysocky, SR City
Council Member, Santa Rosa
Budget

8/9 - District Governor's Visit

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

8/16 - Ben Stone, Executive
Director, Sonoma County
Economic Development Board

The Pledge was led by new member **Betty Tenret**. The Rotary Moment became the "moment of truth" by **Ken Kushnir** starting with a booming voice, "Oh Lord, protect us from the wrath of our new leadership team." (I have never heard **Ken** speak so loudly before. What the hey?)



Ken



Ralph



David & Kim

Ralph Lassa introduced the Visiting Rotarians:

From Santa Rosa Club we had new member **Eddie LaVash** along with **PP Fred Levine**; **Gordon Freedman** from the Valley of the Moon; **DGE Maureen Merrill** from Windsor Rotary Club and **Kim McDonald**, president of Santa Rosa East, was introduced by hubby Past President (and now Assistant District Governor) **David McDonald**.

Announcements and such...

Gordon Freedman announced **Valley of the Moon's annual "chance to win" a 14 day luxurious Mediterranean Cruise, or \$10,000**. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold for \$50 each. Idea: Get a bunch of friends to share in the ticket cost and have the chance of splitting the \$10,000. Wowee! Email: vom.raffle@yahoo.com

Rotary Means Business will meet on Thursday, July 15, at Sizzling Tandor, on Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa at 5:30 PM. Cost: \$10, but a great way to network with fellow Rotarians.



Club Assembly

President Bill excused visiting Rotarians from the meeting as this was going to be a Club Assembly. Everyone stayed. I think they were checking out our president and what he has planned for us this year.

President Bill's Goals for 2010-11:

- Emulate the International President, **Ray Klingensmith**, with cowboy logic (pride in work, talk less/say more, do what has to be done, some things aren't for sale.) – Clubs to become bigger, better, bolder!

- **DG Jim Flamson** – Increase membership, be GREEN.

- SRWR – hands on community (green) projects, Start an Interact Club at CHOPS, conform to youth protection policies, upgrade social media and web based transparency (budget, financials, board minutes), membership developing club leadership, provide entertaining and informative club meetings.

- Audit and Finance Committee are: **Jim Hinton, Ken Dansie, Chuck Olsen, Barbara Larson** and the president, **Bill Dodson**.



President Bill introduced and called upon his Directors to tell us what they have planned and what their goals are.



Tarina



Casey

Club Service: **Tarina** asked that we watch for the clip board so you can have the opportunity to serve under the umbrella of Club Service as a Bulletin writer, cashier, raffle sales, set-up, greeter, etc. It is so much fun! More hands make easier work. Also, the club has a new computer, screen and projector making presentations easier for guest speakers.

Community Service: **Casey** announced that we will be doing hands on projects such as Bell /ringing for the Salvation Army, delivering dictionaries to the 3rd graders, going green by assisting in a community/school garden and recycling programs. More projects will be announced as the year progresses.



Smita



Matt

Vocational Service: **Smita** is looking for volunteers to join her committee because she has a list of many exciting things scheduled. Her goal is to implement 5 projects:

- Vocational opportunities/scholarships
- Mentor small business: career information
- Micro-credit program
- Academic Programs: Literacy, speech program
- Community award to a deserving individual

Smita mentioned that she and her team would be working closely with Community Service.

International Service: **Matt** is going to lead us out of the country with:

- Festival of Brotherhood in November

- Ecuador: the club has funded latrines and a trip is planned to see the project scheduled sometime in September. We have partnered up with Sebastopol Sunrise.



Darcie



Tracy

New Generations – This is a new avenue of service for Rotary and one of our newer and younger members, **Darcie**, is planning to create projects that will involve the

- Boy Scouts.
- Continue with D4D (Dogs for Diabetics).
- RYLA Promote more club involvement with RYLA and develop a team to help Jim Underhill, who is a one man show for this wonderful program
- Interact Club – establish with CHOPS
- Youth Exchange Program – Gail Johnson will chair. Right now they are looking for one family to house the incoming student for 3 months.
- Establish a scholarship for high school seniors.

Membership – **Tracy** reminded us that membership is a group effort and we are looking to increase our member base. Facebook page – Rotary Club Santa Rosa West. Internet ace **Kerry Rego** will help facilitate with other networking opportunities.

- Create a vital and vibrant downtown
- Have thriving, diverse, healthy & safe neighborhoods
- Expand breathtaking stretches of open space
- Have appealing transportation initiatives
- Build a more conclusive environment

Crab Feed – **Casey** standing in for **Kris Lapore**. Event will be on Saturday, February 12. We will be going back to Becker Hall with 400 present. The theme is based on Greece, so it's going to be a toga party! Meetings will start soon and will be every two weeks until the event date.

Raffle

With only 4 marbles remaining there we were hoping to see the black one finally emerge..... NO CIGAR! So next week, 3 marbles and almost how much \$\$\$? **Doug** got the wine.



Finale

President Bill realizing that he forgot something, thanked the following for their participation in today's meeting preparation:

Cashier: **King Louie**

Set-up: **Tarina Hall**

Greeter: **Ralph Lassa**

Raffle: **Chuck Stark**

Moment: **Ken Kushnir**

Bulletin: **Chris Parr-Feldman**

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Sgt. @ Arms: **Gil Lucas**

It's a new year and a new beginning! We are surrounded by many wonderful members who are willing to make this club continue in its successful path to greatness! Happy New Year!

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