

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for July 19, 2010 Speech Contest

By Smita Martinez

### Preliminaries



President **Bill Dodson** opened the meeting at 12:30pm. He announced the agenda for the day that included the Project Civilization 2010 high school student speech contest. The meeting also included the acknowledgement of Paul Harris award recipients.



Carson



Gary

**Carson Sumner Mitchell** introduced the rules and objectives of the speech contest. Contestants are given 5 minutes each to talk about their topic. The objective is to encourage and promote critical thinking, organization and communication of ideas that explain what the next 50 years have in store for the human race.

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by **Harry Rubins**.

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#### Coming Up:

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

8/18 - SRWR Board Meeting @ Italian Affair

Rotary Moment eloquently presented by **Gary Lucas**:

To say I will be happy, when this or that happens, prolongs unhappiness.

To say if this or that hadn't happened, I would be happy, prolongs unhappiness.

Some peruse Happiness,

Others try to create it.

The wise realize it is always within ourselves.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians introduced by **Kerry Rego: Doug Waymen** – Santa Rosa East Club, Sophia and Roxanne Johnson – Paul Harris fellows and grand daughters of **Gail Johnson, Lynette Williamson** – Analy High School teacher and mentor for speech recipients, **parents and family** of the Speech Contest contestants.



Kerry



Lynette

### Announcements and such...

Board Meeting scheduled for 7/21, 11:45am at the Italian Affair.

**Chris Parr-Feldman** will be providing an update on our PR strategy at the 7/26 meeting.

SCARC dinner at Dutton Ranch on 7/29 – hosted by Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise

Rotary Means Business – Fireside Network Gathering to be held on 8/4/10 5pm to 7pm at **Janet Coddling's** home – flyers were passed along at meeting.

**Darcie Fellows** gave us a summary of the successful Dogs for Diabetes charity event that was held on 7/17/10.

**Jim Underhill** gave us an update on the RYLA camp which was held 6/20 – 25, 2010: 66 students attended. **Susan Nowacki, Kris Lepore, Harry Rubins, Tracy Kline, Ken Dansie** and **Kerry Rego** were all speakers throughout the week. **Doug Wayman** from the Santa Rosa East club also participated.

### Recognition

In consideration of our Annual Speech Contest, **President Bill** announced that he would not be recognizing any of our members today. But next week.....

Meeting logistics team: Cashier - **Chuck Stark**; Set-up - **Ginny Pitts**; Greeter – **Kerry Rego**; Tickets - **Sylvia Neumann**; Moment – **Gary Lucas**; Photos - **Jim Valinoti**;

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## Raffle

**Doug Angelo** was the BIG winner of \$800 cash from the raffle!

**Janet Coddling** had yet again the winning ticket for a bottle of our delicious Rotary wine.



## Speech Contest: Project Civilization 2010

4 contestants in order of appearance:



**Tula Beiderman** – Analy High School -  
Final, Final Frontiers



**Jason Fauss** – Windsor High School -  
Meaning of Life



**Gordon Allen** – Analy High School -  
Transcendental Physics



**Torin Berman** – Windsor High School -  
Particle Physics

Speeches were all interesting and compelling and delivered with a huge amount of enthusiasm. It is always nice to see our youth in action.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place – **Gordon Allen** - \$1,000 check was presented to him

2<sup>nd</sup> place – **Jason Fauss** - \$600 check was presented to him

3<sup>rd</sup> place – **Tula Peterson** - \$400 check was presented to her



## Paul Harris Awards

**Harry Rubins**, Chair of our Foundation Committee, lead the Paul Harris awards ceremony with an explanation of how these Rotary International Awards are achieved, and then passed the microphone to Mike Merrill for the presentation of them.



Harry



Mike

**Mike Merrill** introduced our activities. Our District has contributed over \$1m above what the Rotary foundation contributes to the Paul Harris awards. This year alone, the Santa Rosa West Rotary club contributed \$23,000.

- Rotary Foundation has a value of \$700m, and \$100m of that comes from Paul Harris donations.
- Donation funds have provided polio vaccinations, world wide clean water, and peace scholar programs to name a few. Rotary's flag flies in 160 countries, more than the United Nations!
- Our club included two 6 time Paul Harris award recipients – incredible!

The following Paul Harris Fellowship Awards were handed out by our Past President **Susan Nowacki**:

1<sup>st</sup> time recipients: **Pam Davis, Casey Williams**

2<sup>nd</sup> time recipients: **Pete LaMonica, Chris Parr-Feldman, Ginny Pitts**

3<sup>rd</sup> time recipient: **Bo Kirschen**

6<sup>th</sup> time recipient: **Jim Benoit**



Pam & Casey



2nd, 3rd & 6th Time Recipients

Club member award recipients on behalf of family members:

**James Parr (Chris Parr-Feldman)**

**Meredith Zmarzly (Fred Zmarzly)**

**Claire Borge-Zeni (Bob Zeni)**

**Alexander LaMonica (Pete LaMonica)**

**Kathryn Pitts (Ginny Pitts)**

**Joan Reinking (Bob Reinking)**

**Gail Jamar (Bryan Jamar)**

**Esther Markowitz (aka GG for great-grandma by Roxanne, Sophie and Gail Johnson)**



Chris, Fred, Bob, Pete, Ginny, Bob, Bryan



Gail with Roxanne & Sophie

Your Bulletin Reporter:

**Smita Martinez**



Your Bulletin Editor (Edited at sea):

**Jim Valinoti**

