



Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West



Bulletin Tools for Life

Coming Up:

1/2 - Dark for New Year's Day Observed

1/9 - [Julie Bennett](#), Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program

1/13 - [Heart of Winter Benefit sponsored by Pam Davis](#)

1/16 - [Chris Cone](#), Climate Protection Campaign

1/23 - [Farhad Mansourian](#), General Manager of SMART

1/28/12 - [Crab Feed](#)

1/30 - District Governor Maureen Merrill

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[Interact Club](#)
at Chops Teen Club

December 19, 2011 by Chris Parr-Feldman

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"Tis the season to be jolly" as **President Janet**, decked out in her Santa Claus hat, rang the bell bringing the meeting to order.

Salute to the flag: ? Okay, it's been awhile since I did this.



Moment: Ken Prouty had an excerpt of the Politically Correct Universal Holiday Greeting to All, but it was so thought provoking that I have taken it upon myself to print it in its entirety for you. Thank you for the link, Ken.

Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit, our best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low stress, non-addictive, gender neutral, celebration of the winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, or secular practices of your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all.....and a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling, and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2005, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make Canada great, (not to imply that Canada is necessarily greater than any other country or is the only "Canada" in the western hemisphere), and without regard to the race, creed, color, age, physical ability, religious faith, or choice of computer platform of the wishee.

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Many thanks to the following: Cashier – **Matt D**, Set-up- **Ginny P.**, Greeter- **Bill D.**, Tickets- **Harry R.**, Moment- **Ken P**, Photos- **Jim V**, Bulletin- **Chris P**, Programs **Will R.**, Crab Tix- **Bob Z**.

Visiting Rotarians: Past Asst. Governor, **Shauna Lorenzen**, Santa Rosa Sunrise; **Dr. Leigh A. Readdy**, Rotarian Military Liaison Group, Rotary Club of Kirkland, Washington. He exchanged club flags with President Janet and announced his program for disaster preparedness.



Dr. Readdy and Janet exchange flags

Guests of Rotarians: **Rene Silvestre**, first gentleman of the club, **President Janet's** husband.



Janet honors Matt and his assistant



Sirloin and filet mignon, scalloped potatoes



French green beans (Haricot Verts)

Announcements:

Casey Williams: The crab feed will be at the Friedman Event Center, 4676 Mayette Avenue in Santa Rosa. If you have any input to share please come to the regular weekly meetings on Tuesdays at the Villa.



Casey



Jim



Susan

Jim Hinton announced that the Hintons and the Dodsons are donating a Spanish Paella dinner to be auctioned off. Yummy, yummy for my tummy, tummy.

Susan Nowacki requests that each member bring two bottles of wine to the first meeting in January 2012. That would be 154 bottles of wine if 77 members bring two bottles! Wow! That is going to be an eclectic wine collection. Also, please fill out a description form for your silent auction items. Susan is the master of silent auctions.

Will Richards gave us an update on our programs and we are booked through March 23rd. Please contact him if you know of any special speakers that you think our club would be entertained by.



Will



Rotarian of the Month Darcie

Darcie Fellows was named Rotarian of the month for service above the call of duty. Remember, Darcie started the Dogs for Diabetics that is now Scholarships for Youths. She started at the Interact Club at Chops and is assisting in the formation of the new Rotoract Club at the SRJC. All of us congratulate you and thank you so much! You are so deserving of this honor.

Carol Lueck received her blue badge. Hooray! \$10, please.



New Blue Badger Carol



Chris



Matt

Past President, **Chris Rosell** announced that the incoming Club President for the year 2014-15 will be the handsome and tall, 6'5" Matt Delaney. Let me see, our current president Janet is 6', incoming PE Chris Y. is 6'1", PEN Casey is 6'4"! I am beginning to feel that I am in the land of the giants! Congratulations Matt! Thank you for volunteering to serve this irresistible Rotary Club.

Recognition

\$20. **Pete Lamonica** is getting ready for the group trip to Mexico. I can imagine the warmth of the sun and the taste of delicious and delectable tequilas. Trente Anos Tequila comes to mind. Hmmmmm..... yummmmm..... aaaahhhh.....smooth.



Pete is ready for Mexico

\$20 from **Chuck Baker**, who forgot that it's his 47th wedding anniversary, not 46. It's a good thing that President Janet has records of important dates. We wouldn't want Chuck to be in the dog house for not remembering how long he has been married? That could cost him big time.

Raffle

Okay, now for the "great marble fiasco". Numbers 093, 493, 091, 491? Oooops, called the last two numbers instead of the entire number, so Smita tried for the black marble and then **Pete LaMonica** realized that he had the last two numbers as well. He said, "hey! I have 493". Smita says she has 093. Everyone yells, "put the marble back that Smita chose." Unfortunately neither of them pulled the black marble which ends the black marble fiasco. That was fun! Our members really pay attention to this. There was \$600 in the pot. Oooooooooooh, we all want to win!

Visiting Rotarian, **Shauna Lorenzen**, won the bottle of wine. No fiasco here.



Smita tries for the black marble



Shauna wins the wine

Program: What gift to your community will you be? Pastor Andy Springer

And our Speaker today is
Pastor Andy Springer with
a message of "Tools of Life."

Introduction: Unleashing Your Potential in Your Community
I Samuel 16:1

What gift to your community will you be?



Jessie reminds us of parents lacking the ability to direct their kids.

Samuel represents our political leaders, our religious leaders, and the town fathers -- busy doing their thing, yet forgetting why they started doing that thing in the first place.

David represents our opportunity to live beyond our life... these are our legacies that are waiting to be discovered and directed.

Every David needs a Samuel, and every Samuel needs a David.

Davids are those that have:

- Heart
- Passion
- Purpose
- Talents

These are all things that we would call core.

But Davids need mentoring and to be believed in. They need someone to grant them right of passage and a rigorous partnership.

The Davids of our community need us to:

1. Put on the search

- a. One thing worse than being lost, is the idea that no one is looking for you.
- b. Samuel left his comfort zone and ventured to Jessie's house.
- c. He met seven of Jessie's boys and did not settle for less than the best.
- d. Samuel knew what it meant to hire slow and fire fast.
- e. The interviewing process had begun while the search was on.
- f. Putting the search on
 1. Requires risk
 2. Brings results

2. Prepare yourself-- Service Above Self--begins with you. (Samuel had much to overcome.)
Know what you are looking for.

- a. Dream again.
- b. Unleash the leader in you
- c. Overcome your obstacles--Just say Yes!
- d. Open your life to others

3. Plan for success

What do the Davids need from us? They need tools and teachers.

- a. A fair evaluation
- b. A focused heart
 - mind the small things
 - master something
 - make right choices
- c. A faithful mentor

Thank you Pastor Andy Springer. That was a lovely message for the season.

That's all folks!

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanza, Happy New Year! Happy Holidays!

Or, go back and read the Politically Correct Universal Holiday Greeting to All.

Whew! I did it.....

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