



Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West



Bulletin

Understanding Medicare with Julie Bennett of HICAP

Coming Up:

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

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

1/30 - District Governor Maureen Merrill

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"Happy New Year Santa Rosa West Rotarians!

President Janet rang in the New Year with the ring of the bell at 12:30 PM. "We are the 'go to' service club of Santa Rosa, getting things done while having fun! Hooray! I love that our president repeats this every week. The more you say it the more you believe it.

Salute to the flag: **Pete Lamonica**

Moment: Julie Nation with a quote from Albert Einstein, *"True religion is real living; living with all one's soul, with all one's goodness and righteousness."*

Many thanks to the following: Cashier – **Casey Williams**, Set-up-**Laura Buhrer**, Greeter-**Ralph Lassa**, Tickets-**Bo Kerschen**, Moment-**Julie Nation**, Photos-**Jim Valinoti**, Bulletin-**Chris Parr-Feldman**, Programs Will Richards, Crab Tix-**Bob Zeni**.



Greetings by Ralph



On the menu: Beef stroganoff & farfalle pasta

Guests: Bob Zeni introduced College Early Magnet Program Counselor **Karen Costner**, and Piner High School student counselor, **Brian Cox**. **Julie Nation** introduced her daughter, **Andrea Bahr-Erwin**. **Matt Delaney** introduced his guest, **Joseph Calhari**. **Visiting Rotarian** was District Governor, **Maureen Merrill**.



Julie & daughter Andrea



Matt's guest Joseph



District Governor Maureen

Announcements:

Casey Williams: We are three weeks away from the greatest fundraiser in Santa Rosa. Remember, the event is at the Friedman Center on Mayette Avenue. **Harry Rubins** has the raffle tickets if you haven't received yours. \$10 each, 3 for \$25, and 12 for \$100. What a deal! **Jim Valinoti** volunteered to help list the live auction winners at the event. Thank you, **Jim**, we appreciate you.

Bring two bottles of wine for the auction if you haven't already done so. President Janet procured a \$1,000 shopping spree! Kudos to you madam president! And to all of you who continue bringing in more silent and live auction items. We need everything you can get your hands on, within reason, of course.



Casey provided Crab updates



Derek announced the After Crab Party

Derek Stefan announced that we will have an "after CRAB party" starting at 9:30 PM. Only \$30 and you get two drink tickets. Tell your friends who don't want to come to the entire event. We've got the Unauthorized Rolling Stones to entertain us.

Induction of a New Member: **Ron Sparrow**, sponsored by **Terry Galazzo**, was inducted by **DG Maureen** with great pomp and circumstance, as it should be as being a member of Rotary is a great honor. We know that our ideals of Rotary are safe with you. Congratulations, Ron, we look forward to getting to know you.

Rick Chaffin received his blue badge. Hooray! \$10, please.



DG Maureen inducted Ron



Congratulations, Rick.

Outstanding Students of Month:

Bob Zeni reminded us that we have given \$50,000 in scholarships over the past 26 years. That is amazingly awesome! Santa Rosa West Club is the BEST! One of Bob's pleasures is to introduce us to the students. Today we had two exceptional young people.



Lisbeth



Andrew

Lisbeth Leon is a senior at Piner High and one of the founders of the "Make a Difference Club", which promotes volunteering and involvement in the community for the younger generations. Her hope is to make a difference in the lives of the many impoverished children in developing countries who do not have the opportunities that we have in the USA. 22,000 children die each day due to poverty. She will attend UC Davis to earn a BA in biology and then move on to medical school in hopes of becoming a pediatrician. Coming from a family of humble economic circumstances she will be relying heavily on financial assistance in the form of scholarships, grants and loans.

Andrew Jones is also a Piner High School Senior. He is a sports enthusiast and is the Captain of the Varsity Baseball Team for this season. Unfortunately, he had a sports injury and isn't able to play to the end of the season. Because he knows what it takes to be a professional ball player, he realized that he would not be able to be one. Instead, he decided to go into sports medicine and become an orthopedic surgeon. He will attend Ohio State University.

Good luck to both of these bright young people. It makes my heart sing to meet them and hear their dreams of the future.

Recognition

Oh No, we are running out of time. That happens sometimes. But....what is going on with Pam Davis? Ah yes, she is having her 50th birthday celebration this Friday night, January 13, at the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center. This event benefits the CERES Community Project and the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center. \$50 fine and Many Happy Returns on your birthday! What a party that is going to be.

Raffle

\$500 in the pot and **Chris P-F** is unable to pick the winning marble. Boo-hoo.... **King Louie** won the bottle of wine and immediately donated it to the crab feed. You only have one more bottle to give, **Louie**.

Program: Understanding Medicare with Julie Bennett, HICAP

Our Speaker today is **Julie Bennett** from HICAP. HICAP is: Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program, providing seniors and disabled individuals with objective information about Medicare and other insurance issues so they can make informed decisions about their health care coverage. HICAP does not endorse, recommend, or sell health insurance plans.



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That's it folks. It was a pleasure doing the end of the year bulletin and now the first of the New Year. May all of you have a prosperous and healthy 2012!

By the way, Santa Rosa West Rotary Club is the highest in growth in District 5130 for the past 6 months. Congratulations! We are truly an irresistible club and it shows.

With a singing heart, YIRS...

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