



ROTARY CLUB
OF SANTA ROSA WEST

Bulletin - 2/12/18 - Vanessa Guevara, TLC

by Christine Schieberl - Monday, February 12, 2018

The meeting of Santa Rosa Rotary West on February 12, 2018, was opened by our fun and feisty President, Chris Parr-Feldman. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Merrill, and Harry Rubin inspired us with the following Moment:

“Trust that little voice in your head that says: “Wouldn’t it be interesting if...” And then just do it!”

Janet Coddling was our greeter, and introduced her guest today, the Director of the Santa Rosa Boys and Girls Club. Darcy fellows introduced her son, who accompanied her as a guest. Bill Gunter was our cashier. Julie Nation wrote the bulletin. Photos were done by Mike Merrill.

President Chris asked Tarina Hall to review the Coffey Park rocks project, which Tarina described as a silent auction item at our Crabfeed Feb. 17. She showed the beauty of a painted rock, with vibrant colors of a lizard, and the proceeds from the silent auction will be donated to help rebuild the children’s park in Coffey Park.

Dave McDonald then reported on the progress of our ticket sales for the Crabbed. 300 dinner tickets have been sold, and we can sell up to 400, so he encouraged us to keep selling! 350 raffle tickets have been sold, and 14 sponsored tables have been sold. The Golden Paddle tickets are \$100.00 each, and if one wins that raffle, \$2,000.00 will be credited towards the purchase of a live auction item.



Staffing for the Crabfeed includes set-up by Susan Nowacki and Janet Coddling , beginning at 9:30am. Doug Angelo will manage the bar, with Susan Nowacki assisting. Clean up will be done by Gary Lucas, and Harry Rubin...and anyone else who will volunteer! More wine is needed, so we are asked to donate from our personal wine closets. Susan Nowacki reminded us that the Silent Auction closes at 7:00pm.

The theme for our Crabfeed is “Heroes”, and we are delighted that the Sebastopol Chief of Police, a Santa Rosa Police Department lieutenant, and a Deputy Sheriff will be our guests. Of course we can all dress the part, or come as our usual selves. The Crabfeed review was then “wrapped up”.

Darcie Fellows then had us laughing to our hearts’ content, in telling her story of surviving the missile threat while she was in Hawaii. Just a hilarious recounting of being on her computer in her hotel room, and learning there was 15 minutes left to evacuate...and to where? Texting home for more information accomplished with her Jason, as he knew nothing of it, which didn’t help Darcie at all. Not knowing if she was to live or die, she eyed diving under the bed. Asking all kinds of questions did not yield information, and then the 15 minutes were up. Whew! We are glad she is home safe and sound, as well as her outstanding team of gymnasts!

Harry Rubins has turned 80 years young! And matched his age with an \$80.00 fine. Nice present to the club.

David McDonald won the first spin...and got some wine.



Denise Chaparteguy introduced our speakers today from the TLC Child and Family Services. Speaker Vanessa Guevara described the services of this transitional housing program for youth between the ages of 16-24 years old. This program includes life skills training, and teaches how one takes good care of themselves during this transition to adulthood. These individuals haven't reunited with their families in foster or group homes, and have not returned to their biological families. The program locates rooms for them to rent, and they are responsible to be good tenants. There is a 39% homeless problem in this group's history, and no matter their age, these young people are more like pre-teens in their maturity. This is due to trauma, mental health issues, incarceration, early pregnancies and emotional immaturity. Over one-half of their clientele are at the Junior College, and one of their young people actually graduated from Sonoma State, a real success story. Property owners renting rooms are paid by the Agency, and due to the 0 -1% vacancy rate in our County, the request was made to contact Vanessa or her associate if any of our members know of a room available in a home for rent. The Agency is also seeking to have a truck of some kind donated to help move their clients.



President Chris adjourned the meeting promptly at 1:30pm, and rallied us all to continue to create a great 2018 Crabfeed!

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Nation

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