



ROTARY CLUB  
OF SANTA ROSA WEST

## **Bulletin - 1/29/18 - Simply Strings**

*by Christine Schieberl - Wednesday, January 31, 2018*

Rotary Meeting Monday, January 29, 2018

Greeter: Christine Schieberl & Don Johnson

Cashier: Susan Nowacki

Photos: Milagros Ott

Bulletin: Karen O'Connor

Moment: Janet Coddling

Guests:

Jim Hinton introduced Wendy Cilman, Simply Strings, speaker

Bill Dodson introduced Toodie Dodson

Neil Silverman introduced Susan Silverman

Business:

Denise Chaparteguy & Janet Coddling attended the SARC meeting at Legends and had a wonderful time. Talked about "colors". Our President is the color orange!

Christine Schieberl announced the reveal party for our Exchange Students was a huge success and a lot of fun. Audrey Brown will be going to Denmark.

Milagros Ott read a thank you letter from one of the chosen Fire Victims who received \$1000 from Rotary. The family was very appreciative and they have 5 daughters.



Barbara Larsen is still getting applications from Fire Victims. We are getting low on funds because she and the rest of the team are doing an outstanding job by getting the interviews done and giving out the money available to the FV. There has been almost \$1.5 million already given to date.

Neil Silverman met a man at an event, when Neil complimented the man about his piano; the man began raving about Rotary and how much they helped him as a Fire Victim. The man did not even realize Neil was a Rotarian. Through the kind donations of Rotary, this man bought his piano with the money he received.

Bill Dodson & Jim Hinton are both Mentors for the Roseland Prep & Collegiate Prep. they recently attended a lecture on how the kids can receive scholarships.

#### Crab Feed

Bill can sign you up today on his computer for tickets to Crab Feed

Janet Coddling is in charge of raffle tickets

We have the list of items from the East Coast for our live auction

10 Live auction items.

Noel Bueller will be managing the kitchen for the CF. He is working on a great dish for the pasta. The Pasta King has discounted 50% & Noel; a non-Rotarian is picking up the remaining balance as his donation. Thank you Noel!

If you want your business in the program, contact Milagros Ott.

Chris Lepore – 9-year anniversary with Rotary was able to get the 10th item donated for

the Live Auction. Celebrity Chef Scott Giambastiani, is donating his time for a dinner.

Von Von Der Mehden's 88th Birthday was last week. He looks fantastic! Happy Birthday Von.

Carson won the wine in the wheel spin and Janet did not get the black marble!



Speaker: Wendy Cilman, Director of Education for Santa Rosa Symphony. Simply Strings

Santa Rosa has the best programs, known all over the country. On Saturday's they offer a String Orchestra for beginners – no experience necessary.

Simply Strings has approx. 71 young adults and some teachers going this summer to Vienna & Budapest to perform.

To raise money they have a fundraiser on April 14th, with a silent & live auction. Painted Violins will be displayed.

Outreach – grant is good for 4 years. Professional musicians will be going into every school in Sonoma County. They will be performing for the kids to enjoy. Allow kids to hear classical music on a regular basis.

Summer Music Academy – 3-week program. 5 year olds up to High Schoolers. Can learn theater, film or video game music.

Shepard Elementary in Roseland is a 5-year program. This is a Model and it goes “deep rather than broad.” 20 kids from 2nd grade up to 6th grade are involved. Soon this will go through middle school. Very successful to date. Parents 100% participate.

Before the kids get an instrument, they begin with paper violins. Kids learn to care for instruments & once it is shown they can care for it – they get a “free” violin.

This program creates self-esteem.

Chose Shepards school since it is most underserved in our community. 90% free lunch school. Additionally, the administration was very interested in this program and participating in it. Only 20 spots and the kids practice 5 days/week for 2 hours after school. They also provide a mentorship program created by other youth ensembles that have gone through the program.

Honor Ensemble from Simply Strings will be performing at the Crab Feed.

Bulletin submitted by Karen O’Connor

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