

# Rose Clippings

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## Roses Signature Concert Series Presents

### *The Redwood Chordsmen*

Santa Rosa's Barbershop Harmony Chorus

Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.  
at the Presbyterian Church of the Roses  
2500 Patio Court, Santa Rosa

**T**he Santa Rosa **Redwood Chordsmen**, chartered in 1965, is one of over 800 chapters of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Redwood Chordsmen perform throughout the year presenting an "annual" show production along with seasonal dinner cabaret performances. They also perform for various civic groups, clubs, conventions, private functions or simply a visit to a local convalescent home. The chorus is continually working to expand exposure of the enjoyment and experience of barbershop harmony. The society has also developed a "Youth Outreach" program to promote music and education to our schools.

In lieu of admission, a freewill offering will be taken.





# PASTOR'S CORNER

## We are what we think about.

One of the most interesting courses I have been involved with has been hosting Rufus Fears' lectures on the *Great Books*. Over 36 weeks, our Wednesday Pastor's Class followed the development of Life Lessons from the *Great Books*. We discovered books with great themes... written with noble language, that speak to us as individuals....

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Wednesday Pastor's Class followed the development of Life Lessons from the *Great Books*. We discovered books with great themes, that were written with noble language, that speak to us as individuals across the ages. Last week we graduated from Part One of the series.



Beginning with the biblical Gospel of John, our lectures and discussions took us through the works of Albert Schweitzer, Shakespeare, Plato, Goethe, Dostoyevsky, Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Lewis and Clark and many others. We were reminded again that we are what we think about, and that with our thoughts we make the world. So our discourse lifted us from the headlines and sound bites of partisan talk-show hosts to the carefully reasoned studies of love, patriotism, peace, war, and the destiny of humans.



Our class has grown steadily as people have spread the word about the engaging nature of the Rufus Fears lectures. So I want to acknowledge one of our best journeys that lead us to a modest sense of accomplishment as we completed our series with the writings of Teddy Roosevelt.

Yet it is from endings, that we prepare for new beginnings.

Part Two, entitled, *Books that Have Made History: Books That Can Change Your Life*, starts Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on January 6 in the Rose room. I'll be your host. We begin with Dietrich Bonhoeffer's, *Letters and Papers from Prison*, and continue with studies in the Koran, the books of Exodus and Mark, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, George Orwell, Henry Thoreau, Gandhi, and Churchill among others. Our lecturer introduces us to the books and their themes so that there is lots of thinking in class whether or not a person has read the texts.

I invite you personally to extend the radar of your mind to include the great books. Buddha reminded us, "The mind is everything. What we think, we become." Let's become something great. Join us Wednesdays for *Great Books*.



*John Cushman*  
Pastor

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8:30 Informal Service  
10:00 Regular Worship and Sunday School

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# AROUND AND ABOUT

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## DEACONS CORNER



### A Job Well Done

Many thanks to this wonderful congregation for ALL of your support with this year's *Giving Tree*. With your generosity, the Deacons were able to provide gifts to 200 children from 70 families who also received a bounty of food donations. Each bag included at least 20 items as well as a 5 lb. ham, plus an additional \$20 gift certificate. And many thanks to the Boy Scouts for all their help.

Warm appreciation also goes to our past moderator, Nancy Mason. She has done a wonderful job keeping our organization on track and our committees running smoothly. Also, many kudos to Jim Mason for his work on the Church Van Project. He committed many hours to scheduling drivers and coordinating with the church office to make sure those who needed a ride to worship service had transportation.

Please welcome Cindy Goede as our new moderator. GOOD LUCK, Cindy and congratulations!!

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### Read All About It

The 2010 Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study has arrived! It may be purchased in the office for \$8.00.

While this has always been a wonderful resource for starting off your day, it is especially exciting this year, as there is an article about our Montgomery High breakfast program on page 262.

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### Beginning January 10

#### St. Paul's Letters to the Romans

A new Sunday Morning Bible Class  
at 8:30 a.m. in the Sunday School Room  
with Dr. Peter Maier.

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### From the December Session meeting

- The new officers of the Corporation are Steve Fenner, President; Gwen Christiansen, Vice President; Delores Dewhurst, Secretary and Clerk of Session. Treasurer is yet to be determined.
- Steve Fenner distributed the proposed budget for 2010. It appears we will have a deficit of approximately \$72,000.00. A special Session meeting is called for January 5, 2010, in the Rose Room of Church of the Roses at 7:00 p.m. to look at the options available to reduce this deficit.
- The Session agreed that it is extremely important that all church members be apprised of this situation. Please plan to attend the **Annual Congregational meeting January 31, 2010**, to get a full understanding of the issues in order to make an informed decision on what needs to be done.

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# AROUND AND ABOUT

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## Norman Roddick's Film Series

Thursday, January 28 at 2:00 p.m.  
In the Rose Room Theater

Discussion time following

### Something the Lord Made

This Emmy-winning HBO film based on a true story follows white surgeon Alfred Blalock ([Alan Rickman](#)) and his black assistant, Vivien Thomas ([Mos Def](#)), who teamed in the 1940s to develop a procedure to save children suffering from a heart defect. But Thomas's status as a second-class citizen prevented him from getting recognition, as Blalock took all the credit. Their relationship, while close, was complicated by the social realities of the time. *Netflix*

*If possible, we will seek to use "Closed Captions" (CC) on all films from now on.*

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## Presbyterian Women

Tuesday, January 19, 2010  
Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Lesson 4 Lunch at Noon

### Reaching Out with Joy

Preparation of "Joy Bags" for shut-ins in our church. **Reflections by Jeanette Nichols on "Things to Keep in Mind When Visiting Someone Who Is No Longer Able to Go Out."** Marge Snater and Sue Maddox will coordinate "Joy Bags" and "Visits."

Attendees are encouraged to bring small items to include in the Joy Bags.

**The Evening Circle** meets for fellowship and Bible Study (Lesson 3) on Monday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m.

**The Sewing Group** meets Tuesday, January 12 and Tuesday, January 26 at 10 a.m.



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## ATTENTION, ALL VOYAGERS

On Sunday, January 10, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service in the Rose Room, we will meet to plan our activities and events for 2010. Please plan to attend; bring your calendars, your ideas, and let's get our group off to another great year.

Any ideas for projects or activities, or if you have any questions, please call Carole and Gene Michel, 542-5572. THANKS!

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## Thank You

Now that I am well on my way to a full recovery from my surgery in early November, I would like to thank those who helped me along with their prayers, cards, calls and offers of help. There were so many of you!

I am truly blessed to belong to such a caring church family!!

*Thank you so much,  
Joyce Cairns*



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Neil Peterson who died November 30, 2009.

# JANUARY CALENDAR



Children & Youth  
Friends are always welcome

**Friday, January 8 at 10:15 p.m.: BROOMBALL!!** Invite your friends



for this most popular event! We will be done at midnight. Many forms are needed if you're under 18; 18 & over only need the Snoopy's Home Ice waiver signed. You can find the forms on our website, [www.churchoftheroses.org](http://www.churchoftheroses.org). Call Kate Clayton at 291-5897 with any questions and to let her know you are coming.

**Saturday, January 9, 3:00 p.m.: LOST AND FOUND** performs in Carmichael, near Sacramento. Anyone who wants to go may call Kate at 291-5897.

**Saturday, January 16, 3:00 p.m.: A TWILIGHT Event**

We will get together to view *Twilight* (rated PG-13) and stay afterwards for snacks and discussion. Stephanie Meyer's *Twilight Saga* has become such a phenomenon, it's worth spending an afternoon to understand it better. Parents are invited to this event to view and discuss with us! Please call Kate with any questions, 291-5897.






LOOKING AHEAD: LOGOS BEGINS February 21!  
Stay tuned for more details in the  
*next Rose Clippings.*

THANKS to everyone who helped with our Christmas caroling outing—we loved visiting with the Nichols, the Andreasons, Jean Blackard and Dick Aloia!



THANKS also to the many folks who helped with *THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER!* First and foremost, Barbara McElroy, then the sound and tech support, set design and construction crew, and most important the kids and parents who get them to rehearsals!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>January 2010</b> 					<b>1</b> <i>New Years Day</i> Office Closed NO MHS Breakfast	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>Communion/2¢ A Meal &amp; PB Sunday</b> 8:30 Informal Worship <i>Rose</i> 8:30 Bible Study <i>Blue/Red</i> 10:00 Worship/Sunday School	<b>4</b> 7:15 MHS Breakfast 10:30 Prayer Group <i>Library</i> 2:00 Fellowship Meeting <i>Library</i> 7:30 Boy Scouts <i>Bowen</i>  <i>Rosebud Preschool Resumes School</i>	<b>5</b> 7:15 MHS Breakfast 9:00 Sexton Mtg. <i>Ad Ed</i> 10:00 B & G <i>Bowen</i> 10:00 PW Coordinating Meeting <i>Ad Ed</i> No Membership Meeting 2-3:30 Judy Timmerman <i>Classrooms</i> 6:00 Gifts and Bequest 6:30 C + Y Committee <i>Library</i> <b>7:00 Called Session Meeting</b> <i>Rose</i> 7:30 Boy Scout Eagle Review <i>Ad Ed</i>	<b>6</b> 7:15 MHS Breakfast 9:15 Staff Meeting <i>Conf</i> 10:30 Pastor's Class <i>Rose</i> 2:30 Companions <i>Library</i> 7:00 Worship & Arts <i>Rose</i>	<b>7</b> 7:15 MHS Breakfast 12:00 Domino <i>Ad Ed</i> 6:00 Bellissimo 7:30 AA Group <i>Blue/Red</i> 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 7:15 MHS Breakfast <b>9:30—10:15 Stretching Class</b> <i>Rose</i> 10:30 Art Ministry <i>Blue/Red</i> 11:00 Coffee with Cushman <i>Lyons</i> 1:30 Spanish Language & Hispanic Culture <i>Rose</i> 3:45-7 Girl Scouts <i>Blue/Red</i> <b>10:15 Youth Broomball</b>	<b>9</b>
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