

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for April 10, 2006 Happy Birthday President Chris!

By Tarina Hall

Preliminaries



So who said April showers brings spring flowers? Surely not anyone living in Sonoma County this year, but luckily we have the sunshine of President **Chris** who brings her own special kind of warm enthusiasm into every meeting...and what a meeting it was! The head table was decorated with balloons recognizing **Chris'** birthday, which added a festive fare to the day.

Ken Prouty led us in the Pledge after finding the flag behind all the balloons.

President Elect-Elect, Fred Zmarzly was our Greeter and introduced our four visiting Rotarians. Susan **Nowacki** hawked our Raffle Tickets; and **David Darling** shared a significant profundity that this Bulletin writer totally missed ...oh, well – I am sure it had major significance.



Coming Up

4/22 - Santa Rosa East
"Swing into Spring"

4/24 - Club Assembly

4/27 - SRW hosts
SCARC Dinner

4/29 - Rebuilding
Together, Contact Terry
G

5/1 - Becoming
Independent, John
McCue

5/8 - Meeting at Hilton -
Buck Institute on Aging,
Toast Coley

5/12 - SR Sunrise Golf
Tournament

5/19-21 - [District
Conference](#)

6/11-14 - [Rotary
International Convention](#)

(So as a reminder to you fine folks who take the time to research and bring us a Rotary Moment of note, pass on to the Bulletin Reporter of the day what you have shared with us, so that those who read these bulletins in perpetuity can benefit as well. –Ed ☺)

Guests of Rotarians included the lovely **Teddy Sipe, Ruth Lincola, Cynthia Connors, Gary Holmes, Carl Munoz, Brian Cox, Charlene Wardlow, and Geena Huntsinger.**

Announcements and Such:

[Announcements & Dates to Remember - Details](#) (PDF)

Bryan Fikes reminded us that we have a fun and exciting "Fireside" at the KJZY studios, located on Mendocino Avenue, Tuesday evening, April 11th from 5:30 – 7:30. This should be sooo much fun and YOU should be there!!

Tarina Hall informed us that for the upcoming **Monday, May 8th** meeting, we will be meeting at the Hilton, Sonoma County. This hotel is located just one street up on Fountain Grove. Details will follow.



Special Events and stuff...



Anne Abrams and the Multi Cultural Center received a special District Award and financial grant for the **Dulcimer Program** that teaches disadvantaged students literacy through music. Our own **Richard Standard** has devoted numerous hours to helping these students to grow, learn and explore through the

beauty of music. Our club was able to provide the additional funds to make this program a success. Congratulations to Anne and Richard for making a difference in the lives of these very special children.

Gary Lucas, the Big Guy, shared photos of our recent Habitat For Humanity effort. Jim "Big Sticks" Hinton was seen carrying.... "big sticks",.....walking softly? It's said that **Harry Rubins** can find a Rotary Foundation donation anywhere, and thankfully that's why we lead the District in giving, however, you gotta be looking in all the right places, today he found the sand box. **President Elect Chris "The Hammer" Rosell** was seen swinging the hammer,



"The Lovely" Lina Young, who prepared a fantastic luncheon for the workers, didn't have a hair out of place ... how does she do that??? The rest of us which also included **Barbara Larson, Janet Coddling, President Chris Parr, Ginny Pitts** and **Tarina Hall** to name some, were just covered with paint, sawdust or mud...oh well!



Piner High School Scholarships

Rotarian **Bob Zeni** introduced two very talented Piner students who

have been elected as "Students of the Month" and are competing for a \$1000 scholarship sponsored by our club. Today's participants were **Chris Vey** who will attend UCSD in Pre-Med and **Jenna Dockery** who will attend CS Berkeley in Biology. Both students did an admirable job in sharing their experiences and expectations. There will be four more students who will present to us and the choice will be difficult given the talent of these young people.



Recognition

.... Sort of!

Mike Merrill was given a really tacky stuffed bear that sang "When I'm Sixty-Four." None of the rest of us could relate to such a number and thought that "beetles" were outlawed in Sonoma County. So what was that about? And what will Maureen think when Mike brings the bear home....I don't want to even go there.



Bill Fisher was recognized as our Founding member and President – the club having been founded 41 years ago this week. And can you imagine, Bill has personally maintained 100% attendance for 41 years!!! (***He does have a sort of "aurora" about him doesn't he – Ed ☺***)



When was the last time you "made up"?

Oh, yes, and **Pat** told husband **John Withers** to tell everyone that he was now a great-grandfather. Okay, he is a great grandfather and that is one lucky baby!



Raffle

The Big Bucks..... Ticket sales were brisk today as the pot reached \$550. Oh my gosh, retirement is just around the corner, or around the block or ...

At any rate Mike **Moore** once again couldn't find the illusive black marble (Janet, is it really there?) **Bo** took home a bottle of Chard to **Janet** and **Chris Young** won the Easter Bunny and Jelly Bellies. A good time was had by all...well at least **Chris** shared the Jelly Bellies with us.



Program: The 1996 GSE Team

Our program today was a tribute to **President Chris** in honor of her Birthday and the 10-year anniversary of her GSE leadership experience to the Philippines. Interestingly enough, GSE was founded in 1965, the same year as Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West. Two of her teammates, **Charlene Wardlow** and **Geena Huntsinger** joined us and shared a presentation of stories and pictorial remembrances of their 1996 trip.



As with most of our power-point presentations, this one was challenged. Our hero, **Joe Perez** made every effort to recover and was pretty much successful. However, this writer noticed that there were several who nodded off during the transition.....so who had a little afternoon nap? Let's see – **Bob Marigo, Bill Dodson, Louie Capuano, Ken Kushnir, Jim Underhill, Don Ling, Peter Lamonica, and Von Von Der Mehden!**



Back to the presentation...In closing, **Charlene** was quite eloquent in her comments. Her recollection was that the learnings were around the value of friendship, service and international understanding and that it (the experience) "changed our lives" and I would suggest that it changed the lives of others.

In closing, **President Chris** was presented with celebratory flowers and a hearty singing of "Happy Birthday"



Editor's note: After our regularly scheduled meeting there was an impromptu Rotary Information given for our two prospective new members **Carl Munoz** (Moon-Yoze) and **Gary Holmes**. The Membership Committee was represented by; Chair Jim Benoit and Co-Chair Ginny Pitts, also in attendance were Mike Merrill, Bill Fisher, John Withers, Jim Hinton, Tarina Hall, President Elect Chris Rosell, President Chris Parr, and the seldom seen guy behind the camera, Jim Valinoti.



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