

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for May 1, 2006 On Becoming Independent

By Jim Hinton

Preliminaries

Precisely at 12:30 pm President **Chris Parr-Feldman** clanged the bell with her usual enthusiasm and issued a Mayday! Mayday! Alert welcoming everyone to *The Best Club With The Finest Members.*



Marvin Hyman, back from the desert, led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Gary Lucas** gave a very provocative Rotary Moment, an Einstein quote that "The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits!"

Terry Galazzo introduced four visiting Rotarians, one of whom was from Kirkland, Washington. We also had two guests today: **Teddi Sipe**, Dale's lovely wife; and, for the last time, **Carl Munoz**, our newest member-to-be in about 15 minutes.

Coming Up

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

5/12 - SR Sunrise Golf Tournament

5/15 - SOS

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

5/22 - Roseland Prep University
Amy Jones Kerr

5/29 - DARK

6/5 - Traffic & Hwy. 101
Expansion, Jason Nutt, City of
Santa Rosa

6/12 - Vets Go Back to Vietnam
to Aid Children & Supply
Wheelchairs, Corbin Cherry

7/9 - President Chris'
Debunking

Announcements and Such:

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

President **Chris** reminded that us that the District 5130 District Conference is upcoming on May 19-21 at Konocti Harbor Inn at Clear Lake.

President **Chris** also gave a brief report on the Sonoma County Association of Rotary Clubs Dinner, which Santa Rosa West hosted on April 27th, and she thanked those members who attended and assisted her. Past District Governor **Mike Merrill** was the featured speaker at this event. He reviewed the various proposals to be voted on at the District Conference.

Terry Galazzo gave a report on a very successful Rebuilding Together workday on April 29th at the Women's Recovery Center in Santa Rosa. Volunteers from Santa Rosa West and Santa Rosa Sunrise clubs spent the day there painting, cleaning, gardening, and replacing 28 windows.



Jim Hinton announced that President Chris' Debunking Party will be on Sunday, July 9, beginning at 5:00 pm, and that **Peter Lamonica** has generously again offered his Wikiup Swim & Tennis facility for this event. Put it on your calendars now. We'll hear more about it in the weeks to come.



New Member Induction:

Carl Munoz was inducted today as a new club member. Welcome, Carl! PDG **Mike Merrill** and **Carl's** sponsor, **Jim Valinoti**, officiated. **Mike** emphasized that the greatness of Rotary "changes lives in the world one step at a time," and he presented a Rotary pin, a red badge, the Four-Way Test plaque, and a club Roster to **Carl**.



Congratulations, **Carl**. The club is very pleased to have you join us.

Recognition

Carl Munoz, just three minutes into his new member status, was assessed \$10.00 for his red badge.

Susan Nowacki was welcomed back from a vacation in Hawaii. President **Chris** gave her a queen's wand as a gift in recognition of her fantastic service as Program Chair in 2005-2006. She also gave **Susan** the opportunity to pay \$10.00, which of course she did.



Jim Underhill received a well deserved and sustained applause for the honor bestowed upon him by Piner High School and reported in today's Press Democrat. **Jim** was a highly respected coach and teacher at Piner for 40 years, and a major new athletic facility there has been named for him. It cost **Jim** \$20.00.



Mike Merrill was recently featured on television and quoted in the Press Democrat concerning the newly contracted commercial air service at Charles Schulz Sonoma County Airport. **Mike** was the chair of a citizens committee that worked in concert with county officials to bring Horizon Air service beginning in 2007. He was fined \$20.00 for talking too long about this accomplishment.

Brian Herndon was welcomed back after a six-week RV expedition in the southwest, including a 3,000 people RV convention in Pomona. That really sounds like fun! **Brian** exulted about the free tickets he and **Sharon** received from Sony to attend the "RV" movie.



Marvin Hyman, who winters in Palm Desert, was also welcomed back. He volunteered \$100.00!

Raffle

Don Ling had the winning ticket for a possible \$275.00, but he failed to pluck out the black marble. Sorry about that. Lou Capuano won a bottle of award-winning chardonnay with his winning ticket.

Program: On Becoming Independent

John McCue, CEO of Becoming Independent, a Santa Rosa based organization that provides training and work experience for developmentally disabled persons, was our speaker today.



Becoming Independent has an annual budget of 11 million dollars and 300 staff employees who provide more than 700,000 service hours per year to 900 disabled persons in Sonoma County.

These services include vocational training, learning, working, creating, and counseling, all intended to promote self-sufficiency and participation in the community by disabled persons. Many local businesses have employed disabled persons to their mutual benefit, which in 2005 resulted in more than one-half million dollars in wages. Becoming Independent has facilities in Santa Rosa, Healdsburg, Sebastopol, Rohnert Park, and Napa.



Former member, Josef Keller, owner of Josef's Restaurant and a Board Member of Becoming Independent, introduced him.

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Duty Roster

	8-May	15-May	22-May	29-May	5-Jun	12-Jun
CASHIER	DOROTHY	DOROTHY	DOROTHY	DARK	DOROTHY	DOROTHY
SET - UP	DAVID D	DAVID Mc	TARINA		TARINA	TARINA
GREETER	GAIL J	JEFF R	TERRY G		FRED Z	JIM S
TICKETS	DALE S	HARRY R	MIKE M		DON L	CHRIS Y
MOMENT	CHRIS R		DAVID Mc		DAVID Mc	GARY L
PHOTOS	JIM V	JIM V	JIM V		JIM V	JIM V
BULLETIN	JIM B	ROBIN M				
PROGRAMS	SUSAN N	SUSAN N	SUSAN N		SUSAN N	SUSAN N