

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

Bulletin for June 12, 2006 Corbin Cherry, US Army Chaplain, Retired

Rotarian of the Year

By Bill Dodson

Preliminaries

Past President **Mike Moore**, substituting for President **Chris Parr-Feldman**, eloquently called the meeting to order amidst great applause and fond memories.



Pledge: **Tarina Hall** did a fine job of leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment: **Gary Lucas** provided us with an inspiring Chinese proverb from JFK as a Rotary Moment.



Our Greeter: **Jim Sullivan** announced **Shirley Ward** as our only visiting Rotarian from the Downtown Club.

Coming Up

6/19 - Doug Morton, Santa Rosa Symphony Trumpet Player

6/26 - President Chris Parr's Last Meeting

7/3 - DARK

7/9 - President Chris' Debunking

7/10 - Starting A Winery - Fred Zmarsly

7/17 - GSE Team to Argentina - Richard Powers

7/24 - Ending Poverty One Village At A Time - Frank & Kathleen Mayhew

7/28 - **11th Annual Golf & BBQ Social**

7/31 - District Governor Erna Stevenson Visits

Guests: Dale Sipe introduced his wife **Teddy** as his guest.

Announcements and Such:

July 9 is the Debunking of Pres **Chris Parr-Feldman** at Wikiup Swim and Tennis Club at 5:00pm. It is Hawaiian themed; bring your ukulele.

Jeff Ray announced that the Golf Tournament would be at the Bennett Valley Golf Course on July 28 with a BBQ at Galvin Park thereafter. [Click here](#) (pdf) for details & signup sheet.



Rotarian of the Year: TARINA HALL

Past President **Scott Bartley** introduced our Rotarian of the Year as a person who exemplifies the principles of the 4-way Test and demonstrates the true dedication to Rotary and our club. She has one problem: she has trouble saying "no". This person has accomplished a great deal since joining in 2001. She ran the silent auction at one of the crab feeds, chaired a subsequent crab feed, is on the Board of Directors and holds the position of Club Service Director. She likes to travel, enjoy fine wine and good friends.



This person we are honoring today has accomplished many things in her life. After graduating from Arizona State she worked for Western Airlines, moving up the corporate ladder. She then returned to the College of Notre Dame in Marin to reach her goal for her master's degree in Human Resources and Development. She was in charge of

HR at the corporate office of the Gap. She has traveled worldwide; including climbing mountains and going down the Amazon River. A member of Zonta International, a women's rights organization she accomplished many efforts to promote fairness and equality to women worldwide.

She is currently President of the Sonoma County Humane Society and was instrumental in putting in place a new employee handbook for the society.

This valuable member of our Rotary club has has many important

positions. She has been chairman of our Crab Feed and worked many years on the silent auction. She currently holds the position of Club Service. When you ask her to help out she always says "what would you like me to do"? This person is one of our most valuable members and that is why we honor her today with the Rotarian of the Year Award: **TARINA HALL**.

Doing what Rotary Does Best – Giving to the Community

Ex-Pres **Mike Moore** presented to **Bob Zeni** and the always loveable **Bob Marigo** a check for \$4,000 for our own SOS program.



SOS Program



Troop 125

He then presented a \$2,500 check to **Carol Davis** of Boy Scout Troop 125 to further their causes. The Scouts help us with our crab feed each year and **Carol** organizes the Moms to get fresh crab to the tables and manages to keep it coming.

Tarina Hall accepted a check for \$1,500 for the Sutter Hospital program that provides seriously ill children with comfort, stuffed animals, quilts and anything else the program can think of to make the kids stay at the hospital as bearable as possible.



Recognition

Past President **Mike Moore** hasn't forgotten how to recognize fellow club members, starting with **Jack Bill** who was fined \$50 for winning at the Kentucky Derby.



He then fined **Harry Rubins** \$50 for being in the Press Democrat business section twice on one edition.

Neil Silverman found that traveling to Patagonia, Utah, Arizona, Columbia and Washington, DC costs \$50. (Are we starting to see a pattern here?)



Jeff Ray went to Williamsburg Virginia and Washington DC and had a 17th anniversary of joining Rotary (with **Mike Moore**, no less!) so **Mike** fined him \$50.

Gil Lucas' daughter gets married June 17; he's celebrating his 53rd birthday and will celebrate his 33rd anniversary to his lovely wife **Mara** next month. Guess how much he was fined.



Susan Foster was fined \$50 for going to Tahoe for two days.



Roger Olson was caught gazing skyward.....

Yet another announcement for his "other mistress" PCAM?

Raffle

Ken Prouty had the winning ticket but not the winning marble. Don Ling got the great bottle of wine to take home.

Program:

Susan Nowacki introduced **Corbin Lee Cherry** as our program speaker for the day.

Chaplain Cherry began his program by reminding **PP Mike** of the virtue of practicing humility.



Corbin graduated with a Masters of Divinity and Master of Pastoral Counseling from Emory University and has a PhD in Human Behavior from Southwestern University.

His military career includes time with the 82nd Airborne, 101st Airborne, Walter Reed Medical Center and Letterman Medical Center in San Francisco. He has worked most recently, prior to retirement, with the Veterans Administration as a Chaplain.

He retired on May 12, 2003 and embarked on a 157-day trip around the USA and played 156 rounds of golf in the process. At a tournament in San Diego he met Nguyen Cao Ky, former Premier of

South Viet Nam. (www.answers.com/topic/nguyen-cao-ky) for you younger members.)

After much coaxing via phone calls, Mr. Ky finally convinced **Corbin** to accompany him on a return trip to Viet Nam.

Upon arriving at the airport in Saigon, 4,000 people greeted Gen. Ky and those accompanying him, including **Corbin Cherry**. Their visit was inspiring and included a trip to Hanoi where they met with the current Minister of Hanoi. The Minister embraced the group, including a number of U.S. veterans when he became aware of their desire to help the children of Viet Nam. That meeting lead to subsequent trips to Viet Nam, to bring wheelchairs to kids who where victims of land mines and the effects of Agent Orange.

In January of 2006, **Corbin** returned to Viet Nam with more veterans and more wheelchairs: 50 from the states plus 50 more from the Viet Nam government. He plans on returning again soon with more vets and more wheelchairs.

If you - or anyone you know - might be interested, please call him at 415-388-8221 or by email at corbin4613@msn.com.

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Duty Roster

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