

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for July 11, 2005 "YEAR OF THE PARR-FELDMAN"

By John Meislahn

### Beginnings



With her normal wheel-barrel full of enthusiasm, our new President **Chris Parr-Feldman** called to order her first meeting at 12:28 PM.

**Pledge:** PDG **John Withers** filled this role.

**Moment:** Most Immediate Past President **Jim Hinton** couldn't find a microphone and finally got one to tell **Chris** congrats on her new year and wished her good luck.



**Visiting Rotarians:** **David McDonald** did the honors of introducing our visiting Rotarians, of which there were many from President **Chris**' previous club; The Rotary Club of Windsor. Speaks volumes of the support they showed for their former member!



**Guests of Rotarians:** Pres **Chris** had a big group. Notables being her husband **Rick Feldman**, **John Meislahn** brought prospective member **Bo Kirschon**, **Brian Fikes** and **Jose Aringoli** our exchange student from Argentina.

## Announcements and Such:

Past President **Louie** gave a report on the recently deposed **Hinton's** debunking. He wanted to thank the crew who helped set up the bar and decorations, and of course the wonderful slide show performed by **John Meislahn**. And as always our many thanks to **Pete Lamonica**, for his generous hospitality in the use of his Wikiup Swim & Tennis Club.

**Jim Hinton** then took the mic and addressed the crowd to announce the budget committee had met and agreed to raise the annual dues to \$250 and fines to \$75. He then presented it as a motion with **Jim Valinoti** giving it a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members voted to pass this motion.

## Important dates:

**Aug 14-15** will be **DG Charlie Kelly** visit.

**Aug. 20-21: Air Show at Santa Rosa Airport**  
**Roger Olson** spoke to the crowd about the upcoming show. Sponsors are welcome to call Roger Olson or Joe Perez for more info.

**Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wine Tasting and Bocce Ball Game**  
The Windsor Club is hosting this event at Windsor Vineyards. See **Maureen Merrill** or **Don Johnson** for tickets.



**July 28<sup>th</sup>: Sonoma County Association of Rotary Clubs meeting**  
hosted by **The Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise**. It will once again be held at the **Dutton Ranch** and you won't want to miss this wonderful dinner. Come for the fellowship, the food, the wine, the beautiful West County and the fabulous Dutton family folks that really know how to make you part of the event!

**August 15<sup>th</sup>**: District Governor **Charlie Kelly** will be visiting the our club.

**September 12<sup>th</sup>: Bartley Barbecue**  
Hosted by **Ginny Pitts** and **Scott Bartley** at the now famous Harvest Moon Ranch and Vineyard (the date is almost firm.....more later)

**President Chris** then gave us a rundown on the new board and gave out the new Rotary International theme buttons. **Jim Hinton** was left off this list and asked if he was excused.... **Chris** apologized and said no; he is on the board as Past President.

## Recognition



The Prez then strolled the crowds and found her first victim - PDG **Mike Merrill**. **Mike** was blessed with a new grandbaby- **Jaden Michael** -7lbs 13 oz on July 1<sup>st</sup>. His son **Chris** also made a recent trip from DC to visit. **Maureen** tried to tell **Mike** one more item but he shushed her and spilled the beans about their recent Wedding Anniversary of 17 years. He coughed up \$35 for all this and **Chris** wanted even more money ....so **Mike** pledged another \$10 for **Carlena's** accomplishments in Rotaract and the JC.

**Scott Bartley** was the next one to be given a chance to tell us about his recent trip with **Ken Kushnir** to Spain and Italy. Seems like they ate good food and local wine....paid \$15 for bottled water and had a crazy cab ride.....**Chris** charged **Scott** only \$20. Then came to **Ken** who offered \$20 if he could remain quiet. The sneaky Prez said it would be \$40 if he wouldn't tell us about the adventure.....he then offered \$30 but was inquisitive as to what **Chris** would do if he gave her \$50.....



**Fred Zmarzly** was also present in the SB Journal for his Albertina wine. He only offered \$10 for this acknowledgement which did not go over very well...he brought 3 bottles to debunking and it was gone in 20 minutes...thus the fine was bumped to \$35.

She moved on to **Harry Rubins** who spent an exciting time in San Diego....at an IRS conference...He gave \$50 for this wonderful time spent in sunny S. CA and an ad in the Sonoma Business Journal.

**Chris** then brought a present for PP **Jim Hinton**.... A new badge that listed him as past president (\$10 fine) and then a gift from the International convention in Chicago (\$15 fine for receiving gifts.....) total out: \$25.





President Elect **Chris Rosell** also got a gift from her and was reminded he will be taking the podium in a short 51 weeks....\$25 for gift getting and President electing...

**Chris** was all finished and headed to the podium when up jumps new member **Susan Foster** who told her she would like to complete her Paul Harris in honor of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.



The Prez finally made it back to the top step when **John Withers** asked what **Mrs. Parr-Feldman** was doing in the MEN's bathroom at debunking.....We too wanted to know. **Chris** had a lame excuse in which she blamed **Barbara Larson** for the miscue.... No harm, no foul and..... Chris promises to stay out of men's rooms....at least when **Withers** is present..

## Raffle



**Scott Bartley** didn't win the raffle cash, which was about \$400, but you couldn't tell that from the look on his face as he beat a hasty retreat to his chair after his unsuccessful marble grope.

## Program: Hot Rotary

**Gail Johnson** then introduced our guest speaker who is very near our family already - **Maureen Merrill**, a Past President of the Windsor Club on the topic of HOT ROTARY.



**Maureen** first spoke at a Rotary meeting in 1981 when she had her own health club and was also an amateur weight lifter. She said our club has changed a lot in the last 24 years as today there are all women up on the dais. She remarked that "Men can make excellent Rotarians....." (those of us who were near Marigo heard the grumbling ☺)

She also told us a tidbit of her first date with **Mike** who taught her the 4 way test and showed her his rotary socks.....?!!!??

She joined the Windsor club at it's inception in 1987 as a charter member with **Chris Parr** and **Janet Coddling**.

**Maureen** asked us if our CLUB WAS HOT! We are deemed hot as we support S.O.S, the Ukraine Diabetes project and other ventures as well. Rotary is about Peace and Understanding what makes your club hot is the guests, the members, the parties and the enthusiasm.



Enthusiasm is the key-as **Chris Parr** exudes this quality and our club has merit for helping to fund projects like:

#### **A Place to Play**

Past President ('98-'99) **Rich Standard's Dulcimer Project**

**Ed Burr** and his contribution for **Fishing in the City**,

Past President **Louie Capuano** for spearheading the **Valley of the Moon Centennial Project**.

And all of us for contributing to the Rotary Foundation and supporting all the club offers.

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