

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for July 18, 2005 Rotary Tsunami Relief Efforts

By Tarina Hall

### Preliminaries

Our past presidents have all said that the year went by faster than they could ever have imagined. But our new **Prez Chris** may break all records! This gal is faster than a speeding bullet. She may get everything done before the Bartley Barbeque!



**Susan Nowacki** led us in the Pledge followed by a Rotary Moment by **Gary Lucas** offering the insight into why life seems so short – we have to wait so long for it to begin!

Behind the scenes **Louie Capuano** sold raffle tickets, **Chris Young** handled set-up and **Terry Galazzo** was our cashier.



Red Badge **Susan Foster** introduced three of our four visiting Rotarians leaving the oft-visiting **Mark Burchill** from the Downtown Club to introduce himself. Sassy **Susan** recovered well with kind words and a warm smile. Other guests included **Linda Partone** and our speakers **Amanda** and **Gary**.

### Coming Up



8/5 - 9th Annual Golf & BBQ Social - [Details & Sign-Up Form](#)

7/28 - Sonoma County Assoc. of Rotary Clubs @ Dutton Ranch

8/1 Meeting: "A Sailor and His Ship," author Daniel Grow

8/14-15 - DG Charlie Kelly visit

8/20-21 - Air Show at SC Airport

9/12 - [Bartley BBQ](#)

10/2 - Wine Tasting & Bocci, Windsor Club

11/19 - [Rota Rock Cafe](#): District 5130 South Foundation Celebration

## Announcements and Such:

Final sign-ups for the Annual Golf Tourney will be next Monday. **Jeff Ray** is once again managing this fun event, which will take place on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Bennett Valley Golf Course. Volunteers are still needed to help with the barbeque following golf. If you don't want to play golf, be sure to celebrate our duffers at the barbeque. See Jeff for details.

**President Chris** introduced the remaining Board Members for her term:  
 Information Officer – **Brian Herndon**  
 Senior Advisor – **Bob Marigo**  
 Program Chair – **Susan Nowacki**



Proud Papa, **Bill Dodson**, announced that his daughter, Susie McBride will be taking over as Program Director for the Boost Camp after a 3 year training program.



Guess what? We're going to have another Crab Feed and Chair **David McDonald** announced that his first meeting will be Monday 7/25 immediately following our regular meeting. Care to join us?



Past President **Jim Hinton** got a chance to try out his new BBQ this last weekend and said it performed well and again thanked the membership.

**Susan Nowacki** shared with us that **Lou Giacometti** is home and doing well after a brief hospital stay. A group card was passed around that Susan will deliver to Lou.



## Recognition

Birthdays abound in July!! **President Chris** had one big celebration

by having all of our Birthday Babies (more than this Cub Reporter could keep track of) stand and then proceeded to fine them each between \$10 and \$25...with one exception.

**Paul Stychno** having reached the big 60h generously donated a dollar for every one of those special years. Happy Birthday to all!



Birthday recognition #2 was represented in the form of recently returned to the fold member: **Bob Coleman**. Short and sweet (oops I used the "S" word Ed-☺) pay an go!



**President Chris** also visited with **Charlie Partone** as **Charlie** has managed to achieve 84 and still look many years younger!



Seems as though our new Treasurer (HOO RAY!!!) **Barbara Larson** must have been close by and also fell prey to the President's birthday stalk!



If you were wondering why we haven't seen **Susan Nowacki** for some time, well there is a very good reason for it – let's call that 5 very good reasons. Lucky **Susan** has been doing a nice amount of travel. She and **Dean** have visited Tahoe, Oregon, Discovery Bay, China and Japan! What fun.....and \$50 to the Club.



A special "Howdy and Thank You" to visiting Rotarian **Jack Lavar**. Jack is a wonderful supporter of our Crab Feed and often sells more tickets than any one of us!



President Chris then visited with **Fred Zmarzly** to speak with him about.....wine?



Yes! Fred's Albertina Winery ([www.albertinawinecellars.com](http://www.albertinawinecellars.com)) is running at full tilt, and speaking of running.....Fred has been running to keep up with the demand for his newest release. The 2002 Mendocino County, Waddington Ranch Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon. Apparently **President Chris** wanted to visit with him about the very successful impromptu tasting he did for us at Past President Jim's "demise" ☺ - Ed

## Raffle

And the winner is .....

**Ray Mattison**, who took home the bottle of wine. Let it suffice to say that ticket holder 015, **Ginny Pitts**, couldn't find the elusive black marble. Next week the pot goes up to \$525...big money. Be sure to buy lots of tickets and take your chances at sudden riches.



## Program: Rotary's Tsunami Relief

**John Meislahn** introduce our program speakers, **Amanda** and **Gary**, who have been participating in the Tsunami Relief programs in Thailand supported by Rotary and other concerned groups.

The program began with a very dramatic, graphic and moving video of the tsunami that struck the small community of Khao Lak.

The area was hit by three waves, the largest of which reached 35 feet. Due to the relative flat terrain of the area the waters penetrated far inland and completely devastated the community. The loss of lives, homes and infrastructure was beyond belief.



Through the courage and determination of the survivors and the assistance of numerous volunteer groups within 2 months inroads

have been initiated into rebuilding the area.



A new Volunteer Center has been erected which serves as the headquarters for most of the reconstruction, identification and communication efforts. A major focus has been the infrastructure; to date over 60 homes, schools and village playgrounds have been built by hand. Significant effort has also gone into the repair of water wells to provide clean water and reduce disease. With all the income from tourism lost, the Volunteer Center also serves as a small shop where locals can earn a little money by selling their crafts.

Our guest speakers are returning to Khoa Lak next week for another 7-week stay where they will redouble their efforts around well repair. All the labor is being donated and each well requires between \$100-400 in materials. If you would like to learn more about these efforts you can go to [www.Rotary.butan.com](http://www.Rotary.butan.com).

Meeting was adjourned at 1:28

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