

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for July 25, 2005 Harris finds his Blue Booby

By John Meislahn

### Preliminaries



**President Chris Parr** brought a full room of Rotarians, and their guests to order at the appointed time.

**Pledge** performed by **Charlie Partone**.

**Moment** by **Ken Prouty** who tells us: "Laugh at yourself first, before anyone else can."

**Visiting Rotarians:** **Ginny Pitts** introduced 3 people from the downtown club. Larry M., Mark B., and Paul H.

**Visitors:** **Bill Fisher** had the whole Fisher Family: Kids Jim, Robert, Darien and Barry, with Wife Ann.

**Paul Stychno** brought his son David, who thanked us for his exchange student experience that he had some years ago as a teen, when he participated in our to "Holland Kids Exchange" program with our sister club in Heerhugowaard-Langedijk, The Netherlands.

Coming Up
8/14-15 - DG Charlie Kelly visit
8/20-21 - Air Show at SC Airport
9/12 - <a href="#">Bartley BBQ</a>
10/2 - Wine Tasting & Bocci, Windsor Club
11/19 - <a href="#">Rota Rock Cafe</a> : District 5130 South Foundation Celebration



**Ed Burr** introduced an out bound student, **Hanna** who is going to Thailand, and **Kami** from the Windsor club.



**Dale Sipe** brought his wife **Teddy**.

**Chuck Stark** had his son, daughter, wife, and Grandson Maxwell present.

**President Chris Parr** then introduced our new cashier **Adam** (we're all holding our breath - 😊 Ed)



### Announcements and Such:

**Jeff Ray** announced today is the last day to sign up for the Golf tourney on August 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Roger Olson** announced the Air show coming up August 20 and 21.



**Ginny Pitts** announced a late arriving Guest, PDG John Blount from Sebastopol.

**Ed Burr** then reintroduced Hanna who has been taking Thai language classes to prepare for her trip. She is a recent grad from Mario-Carrillo who is excited about her journey. Chris then gave her some flags, pins and a gift from the club.



**Paul Stychno** was called to the podium to receive a check for \$3000 to the Ukraine Diabetes Project.

**President Chris** reminded us to keep checking the tables for the calendar of events. On November 19<sup>th</sup> we will have a Foundation Dinner at Friedman's with a Rock n Roll theme.



During this time **Andie Skrypta** had arrived and thanked the club for all the support once again on the Ukraine Diabetes Project.

## Recognition

**PDG John Blount** was then called up with **Bill and Darien Fisher**. PDG John spoke of the merits of the Rotary Foundation and the joyful gift of a Paul Harris Fellow. John then gave Darien the Paul Harris on behalf of Bill. Then Fisher's other family members (the remainder of the "Family Fisher Foundation" was called up-Ann, Barry, Robert, and Jim. They were surprised to learn that Bill has made all of them Paul Harris Fellows as well.



We then were asked to stand up and sing Happy Birthday to **Tony Stark** who turned 90 on this day. We then had a big cake roll in and **Tony** and great grandson **Maxwell** blew out the candles.



We had a small lull in time while **President Chris** announced the Wedding Anniversaries of the following Rotarians: **Ralph Lassa, Don Ling, Gil Lucas, Robin Marrs, Susan Nowacki and John Meislahn.**

We were then surprised with some exotic music and a young woman dressed in a purple belly dancers outfit came in to start dancing for **Tony's** birthday. She danced for him then to other tables.....she was a little startled when **John Withers** jumped up next to her. We thought **John** was going to dance with her but instead he decided to place a dollar bill under her belly outfit. You can see our exotic dancer at Tahini Grill where she will perform during the week for patrons and maybe **Withers** some time soon...



## Raffle

**Paul Stychno** was called up to pull 2 tickets for the raffle. **Chuck Baker** had the marble pull for \$525 but came up blank and **Susan Foster** got the buttery chardonnay.



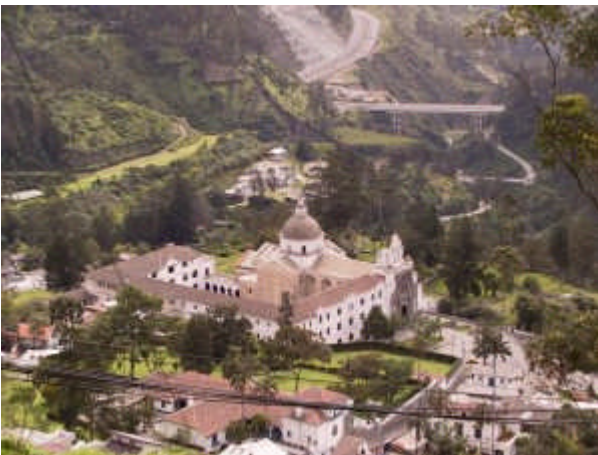
## Program: Galapagos

**Susan Nowacki** introduced a 20 year member of the SRW Rotary who recently resigned from our club in pursuit of things Galapagos.....one **Bob Harris**.



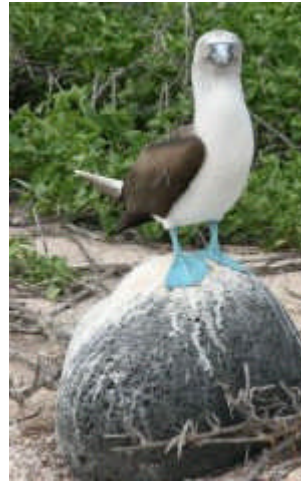
**Bob Harris** (our former member and resident technophile) had a slide show up and running to give us a first hand look of his recent trip to the Galapagos Islands. *(Before his retirement as a member of our club, save one or maybe 2 other folks in our club, (past or present) **Bob** is probably the single most scientifically minded individual to whom we were ever exposed on a regular basis. For that, and his acerbic wit, and his great sense of humor, he will be missed! ☺ -Ed)*

**Bob's** presentation was a fascinating and instructional journey into the recent political problems in Ecuador and the many animals to be encountered. Among the fascinating and very interesting water fowl, reptiles and ocean crustaceans that were observed on the beach during Bob's visit to the ancient islands of Galapagos was this rather hirsute bipedal fellow that emerged from the surf.



We saw many pictures of the famous **Blue Footed Booby**, sea lions, lots of iguanas, crabs and birds.

**Bob** had some great pictures and a fabulous knowledge of the volcano-strewn landscape. (You can always see the live full length version in Technicolor at Bob's home anytime, it plays daily.....just give him a call ☺ Ed)



Thanks for the History Lesson **Bob**....you will be missed greatly by the Club!!!!

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