

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

**Bulletin for August 1, 2005**

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration marking  
the end of World War II**

By Chuck Baker, Retired Person

## Preliminaries



**President Chris Parr-Feldman**, from her exalted high podium rang the bell at 12:30 PM, a bell by the way which has a shiny new glow to it thanks to Gil Lucas. Thanks **Gil!**



### Coming Up

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

And speaking of new, how many of  
you noticed the new  
clock.....?



### Pledge:

**Louie Capuano** did lead us in the pledge, in spite of **President Chris** not being able to see him!

### Visiting Rotarians:

**Ken Dansie** warned the anti King's English hecklers in advance before announcing our 3 visiting Rotarians.



Several guests were introduced, including a welcome back by **Susan Nowacki** to **Mlle. Sarah Castelain**, former exchange student and honored house-guest of several member families. She had pleasant memories of her stay here and looks forward to staying once again with **the Hintons, Rays, Nowackis, & Benoits**.

### **New Member Induction:**

**PDG Mike Merrill** officiated at the induction of new member, **Bo Kirschon**. **Bo**, also a retired person, was welcomed into our midst, "the Best Club with the Finest Members".



### **Auction:**

**John Meislahn** was the auctioneer, and **Chris Young** was the successful bidder for four tickets to the races at the Sonoma County Fair that same day. Thanks for the support, **Chris**.



### **Announcements and Such:**

**Jeff Ray** thanked everyone in advance for the excellent response to the forthcoming golf tournament. A good turnout of golfers and 57 signed up for dinner. Yes, **Jeff** could use some help in setting up, etc.



**Roger Olson** touted the Pacific Coast Air Museum air show August 20 & 21, including the announcement that the lone surviving propeller driven "flying wing" will make a fly-over. PCAM supports Rotary – let's support PCAM by attending the air show!

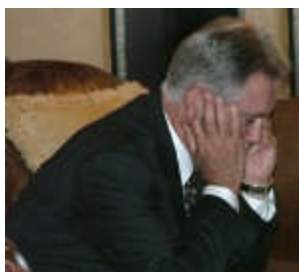
## Recognition

Today was anniversary day. Here they all are, best that I can remember them: **Ralph** and **Barbara Lassa**, \$27 for 27 years; **Gil** and **Mara Lucas**, \$50 for 32 years and a new car; **John** and **Michelle Meislahn**, \$15 for 15 years (do you see a pattern here?); and **Ken** and **Marty Prouty**, \$53 for as many years and a dinner celebration in Paris (not Georgia, either).



**Mike Moore** and **Bob Marigo** each received a \$25 surcharge for their recent Alaska cruise, and since said cruise was arranged by none other than **Suzanne Burr**, **Ed** donated a similar amount.

We had a "pre-program" presentation by **Mike Moore** as he extolled the downside of going on a cruise with his best traveling buddy **Marigo**. Later **Mike** escaped a major fine when he made a hasty exit from the room upon receiving a cell call that must have really depressed him... probably regarding **Marigo's** on-board activities! - ☺ -Ed)



**Janet Coddling** was happy to donate \$20 of her recent horse race winnings, and **Louis Capuano** was recognized for something and fined some amount (or not). Sorry, I attribute this lapse to being hearing impaired. That's not all that's impaired, but that's another

story.



## Raffle

A dejected **Mike Moore** came away empty handed from the weekly marble pull. Someone did however get some of that highly awarded and "kissed by Sonoma Sunshine" **Windsor Vineyards** Chardonnay, although that person escaped my vision.

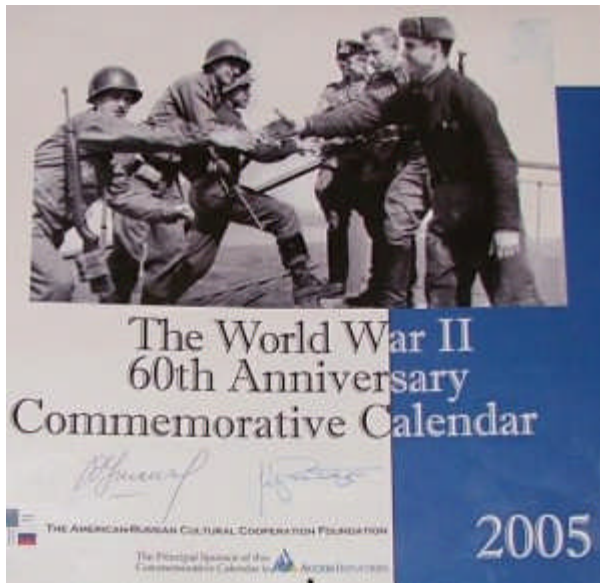


## Program: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration marking the end of World War II

**Jack Bill** introduced our program presenter, **Daniel E. Crowe**, author of "A Sailor and His Ship."



**Mr. Crowe** told of his recent experience in representing the Navy at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration marking the end of World War II held in Moscow. Like most volunteers in the military, **Mr. Crowe's** selection owed much to being in the right place at the right time.



All expenses were paid for by the Russian government. He left home with X-dollars in his pocket and returned home with the same X-dollars. First class airfare, state dinners, rubbing elbows with Premier Putin and President Bush, concert at the Bolshoi, and room at the Defense Ministry Hotel (not the BOQ) all included. He obviously had a great time, and we are sure he represented his country well.

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