

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for August 15, 2005 "The Power of One" Vision for District 5130 District Governor Charlie Kelly

By Anne Abrams

### Preliminaries

**President Chris Parr** grandly displaying her recent award winning medal proclaimed the meeting to order in her inimitably enthusiastic style. She invited **Paul Stychno** to lead us in the pledge.



#### Coming Up

8/29 - Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

9/5 - Dark

9/12 - [Bartley BBQ](#)

9/19 - The Peru Water Project

10/2 - Wine Tasting & Bocci, Windsor Club

10/3 - Red Cross Disaster Preparedness

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

President Elect **Chris Rosell** was surprised that it was his "Rotary Moment". He hopes we all feel just how fortunate we all are for being where we are. (We later were to find out how fortunate, indeed, Chris was feeling...)

**Brian Herndon** greeted our visiting Rotarians.



Several visitors were introduced including most notably **President Chris Parr's** guest, **Susan Windlow**, who participated in **Chris's** big bike ride. "**Charlie**" as she is called, swam the 1.2-mile river course in just 33 minutes. **Chris** called her to the podium and presented her with a medal for her efforts. **President Chris** rode 56 miles (on a small bike with short legs) in just 5 hours, keeping an average 147 heart beat rate during the ride. So, fellow Rotarians, we are going to have to pedal hard this year to keep up with **Prez Chris**. Great job **Chris**, and congratulations!



**Chris** thanked **Jeff Ray** for organizing a fantastic 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf and Social event! 66 diners, and 38 golfers attended the event. Several of you participated in a delicious BBQ including a Tri Tip Capuano Special and something about margaritas.....Someone asked, "who won" and the reply, a good one, was "Everyone won something". Unfortunately just 25 Rotary members from the club attended. **Jeff** would like to see greater participation by members next year. Congratulations **Jeff**, on a successful event!

### Announcements and Such:

**Ed Burr** announced that we are beginning to collect Live Auction items for the Crab Feed. The first item is a Clam Bake at Bodega. (Fun idea!) Time to get the wheels turning on live auction ideas and donations.



Our exchange student from Thailand, **Print**, it was announced, is accepting invitations from Rotarians to points of interest in and about Sonoma County and beyond. Please share some time with her: a movie, concert etc. **Ed Burr**, our Youth Exchange Chair can assist you with details.

*(And speaking of youth exchange, our exchange student to Thailand, Hannah Manfredi is sponging up the culture of her new*

*family and their country. You may have seen some of her letters on yellow paper that Ed Burr has provided on the tables at our meetings. Look for a special section that will be appearing on our club web site featuring "The Hannah Chronicles" as Hannah shares with us her day to day experience of living with her host family in her new home in Thailand. – Ed J )*

**Joe Perez** announced the coming 15<sup>th</sup> Annual PAC Air Show for August 20 and 21, "Wings Over Wine County". For information: **Roger Olson** at 838-8958. Please attend this Rotary favorite event next weekend.

### Craft Talk:



**Susan Foster** was invited to the podium to give her craft talk. From Dayton, Ohio and Memphis roots, Susan moved to Phoenix. She realized she wanted to live life "every day as her last" and began traveling the world "by myself". After her travels she returned to Phoenix where she and her husband developed a business, which later we know as Mailbox, Etc. Eventually she settled in Healdsburg and Sonoma County.

She became a Rotarian in the Windsor Club before joining SRWRC. When asked "are you in Rotary" she realized "Rotary is in me" and is very happy to be welcomed to our club. Great talk, Susan, and welcome indeed!

### Recognition

**Pres Chris** with a quick "let the fun begin" grabbed the microphone and joined us for fun and fines.

She approached **Chris Rosell** of "Rotary Moment" who described a visit to San Juan Islands in Washington where he is settling arrangements for a second home! Not only that, but in "blessing" the new home he also married his long-time companion, **Susan Carpenter**. Congratulations **Chris** and **Susan!** For "becoming an honest man", he gave up \$100. to the club.



**Jim Valinoti** came clean about a 29<sup>th</sup> year anniversary that he and **Mary** will celebrate later this month, a trip to visit their daughter **Angie** in New York coming in September, and for attending the

Eagles Concert. (Fabulous and amazing) Not only that, but also he and his partners sold a start up business, "Worldwise," that they began in 1989, so... "life for us will be different, but not any different really". Worldwise, guided by the concept of sustainability, creates and markets products from recycled, reclaimed or certified organic materials at 25,000 stores nationwide. Sounds like a concept we all can embrace. Congratulations **Jim!** (\$100) J

**Jim Benoit** and wife **Lynn** celebrated their 30-year anniversary for \$30.00. This fall they plan a celebratory trip to Hawaii. Mahalo and congrats, Jim.



**Bill Fisher** was fined \$20.00 for his recent anniversary. (Cash, credit or check! We take them all, so if your dues aren't yet paid have Secretary **Janet** swipe your card.)

**Susan Nowacki** became a grandmother for the first time with a 6 lb. 14 ounce baby girl, Samantha Jean, and volunteered \$6.14 for her weight. Cute name!



**Phil Talamantes** announced that stepson **Steve Click** has opened a restaurant and Tapa Bar (not topless, thank you) in Spain called "La Opion de Malaga". **Phil's** wife, **Faye**, is part owner. **Phil** may be washing dishes there soon. (\$25)

## Raffle

After **President Chris** had someone draw a dozen or more unlucky numbers, unclaimed by anyone, she announced we would save it until next meeting. As **Bob "The Ticket King" Marigo** was selling tickets this meeting.....I think I sense a set up...but maybe not. Whatever, great fun was had for this extraordinary un-raffle that sounded more like bingo....Has anyone got a 359? Bring your tickets next meeting for an exchange and another chance at the marble.

## Program: District Governor Charlie Kelly

### "Vision for District 5130: The Power of One"

**Assistant District Governor Shauna Lorenzen** took the podium to introduce **District Governor Charlie Kelly**.



**Charlie** introduced us to a book he brought along "A Century of Service" documenting the first 100 years of Rotary. He challenges us all to fill the first chapter of the next 100 years in Rotary's second century book, with our own names and accomplishments. Rotary was the first service club and still is going strong with more members, clubs, and countries.

The District Governor discussed the District Assembly theme "The Power of One" - by finding ways that each one of us can do "just a little more" for ourselves, our clubs, our neighbors, our communities, and our world. Put into practice - decisively - our organization's motto and this year's theme "Service Above Self" - in each of Rotary's Avenues of Service.

He mentioned points of general knowledge of our history and its relevance to our future. He encourages increased participation of members in Club events and Rotary programs. He lauded the support we provide to the Rotary Foundation, both in total contributions and in the number of contributors. He showed that the Family of Rotary is strong, that it is growing, that it not only stands for noble purposes, but that it does noble things.



**DG Charlie** prefaced his remarks by hoping to "educate, entertain and inspire". He accomplished all three with stories and anecdotes about Rotary's beginnings, purpose, and projects.

He told of traveling to Ghana to administer polio vaccines to young children and being fearful at first but being welcomed by the smiles of mothers with babes in arms. He told of a young child on his knees, crippled with polio, thanking him for saving his baby sister from this life-altering disease. He and colleagues vaccinated 2 million of Ghana's children. In one huge effort 17,000 volunteers vaccinated 175 million children in India in one day.

**Charlie** encouraged us to build those relationships that truly build world peace one by one. "Countries make treaties, but people make the peace". He described a Sebastopol program to "adopt a village". Never has a greater need existed for us to work toward world peace and understanding.

Another focus for Rotary is in the field of Literacy. Over 2 billion people around the world cannot read or write their own language. Almost 1 in 5 Americans are functionally illiterate!

Rotary's last name is International. He encouraged each of us to make an international friend. If everyone makes that effort we can stop war and violence one relationship at a time. We share an awesome responsibility to honor our past with this and other opportunities to serve.

He asks that each of us look for just one new thing we can do for family, club community and for the world: The Power of One. We each can make a difference.

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**Duty Roster**

TASK	22-Aug	29-Aug	5-Sept	12-Sept
CASHIER	TARINA/ADAM	ADAM	DARK	DARK
SET - UP	RON M	SCOTT W		
GREETER	BRIAN H	TERRY G		
TICKETS	MIKE M	CHUCK B		
MOMENT	CHUCK B	DAVID Mc		
PHOTOS	JIM V	JIM V		
BULLETIN	SCOTT B	BILL D		
PROGRAMS	SUSAN N	SUSAN N		