

# Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West

## Bulletin for August 22, 2005

By Scott Bartley

### Preliminaries



Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye,  
**President Chris** calls this meeting of the Best Club with the Best members to order! (what club is she referring to??)

**Jack Bill** started things off with the pledge. Or is that **Bill Jack**? No I am sure it's **Jack Bill**... hmmm wonder if people that don't know him well call him **Jack William**?

**Chuck Baker** gave the club a double header of quotes for the day... both from Albert Schweitzer. **Chuck** speculated that if Mr. Schweitzer wasn't a Rotarian, he should have been. I have it on good authority that he was a Rotarian. I know this because I read the Rotarian magazine! (Oooooo Rotary points for Scott -☺ Ed)



**Jeff Ray** introduced the visiting Rotarians.

Coming Up
8/29 - Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods
9/5 - Dark
9/12 - <a href="#">Bartley BBQ</a>
9/19 - The Peru Water Project
10/2 - Wine Tasting & Bocci, Windsor Club
10/3 - Red Cross Disaster Preparedness
11/19 - <a href="#">Rota Rock Cafe</a> : District 5130 South Foundation Celebration

Visitors to the club today included **Neil Silverman's** son **Josh** visiting from Japan and **Sarah Castelain** our exchange student from France who stayed with a few of our members two years ago, back for a summer visit.



### Announcements and Such:

Well sort of a fine announcement, but **Susan Foster** has completed all of the requirements of turning a Red Badge to Blue and was presented with it today by her friend, **President Chris**, who promptly fined her \$10 for the accomplishment. (Gee everyone else only gets fined 5 bucks.....)



**Harry Rubins** announced that there are grants available from the District for up to \$1500 for projects. He asked anyone who may know of a project that may not have been funded by the Crab Feed to let him know. The Deadline for application for the grant is August 31st.

**Jeff Ray** is looking for some fellow Rotarians to put together a foursome or two from our club to play in the Valley of the Moon Children's Home Golf Tournament on September 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining in let **Jeff** know.

Also District 5130 is working on a trip down to Guadalajara Mexico as a part of the Festival of Brotherhood in early October. **Harry** and **PDG Mike Merrill** will be going and if anyone else is interested in

going to visit the Rotary District down there. It will take place in November 6 through 13.

**Tarina Hall** announced that after 40 years the club is negotiating with the Fountaingrove Inn to relocate our meeting there. The move date will be mid-October.

I don't know about everyone else, but I am going to miss the vermin. Let's just hope that the Los Robles can hold off the bulldozers that long. And yes there is a bar. It is a bit of a walk from it to the meeting room, but **Ginny** has informed us that she plans on starting every meeting with a glass of wine there! Good thing she will stick to wine. I have seen what she can do with martinis there, as **Bill Dodson** will attest! (Hmmm, tmi Scott – Ed)



## Recognition

Speaking of **Ginny**...she did it today! She hit the BIG 60! And isn't ashamed to admit it. We'll see how she feels after partying all afternoon with the girls. Her fine? A mere \$60. Wow I would have thought that would be worth a lot more.



**Neil Silverman** is back from playing tourist in Japan. He will be heading down to a place called Rancho La Puerta to do a seminar. I haven't heard of it but **John Withers** exclaimed "Wow, that is EXPENSIVE!" **Mr. Bucks Silverman** paid \$20 for the trips but held off on paying a fine for his 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, promising to bring **Susan** to next week's meeting to share in that recognition.

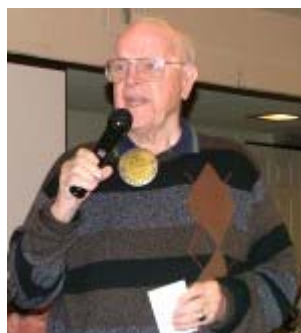
**Robert Foster** was fined \$20 for missing a few meetings. He did make up though visiting Cloverdale and East Santa Rosa Rotary Clubs. Good to make up the meeting to keep our attendance up. More on Robert later.....

**Louie Capuano** was fined \$25 for his vast knowledge of geothermal drilling and for his new multi-million dollar business venture. He assures us that there is no money yet.



**Chris Young** decided to go swimming last weekend. Apparently he was helping in a life saving demonstration on how to survive capsizing a kayak. Luckily, he was rescued... unfortunately his cell phone didn't survive the swim. I hope he had insurance on it... \$25

**Roger Olson** was acknowledged for his hard work on the Air Show at the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Roger was pleased with the turn out for the event, which gets better every year. He thanked **Gil Lucas** for being an event sponsor. I don't know if he was fined anything for it... (**Mr. Dansie** was talking in my ear; I should know better than sit next to him when doing the bulletin).



And now it is time for **President Chris** to demonstrate that she has the ability to loose control of the meeting..... she called on **John Withers**..... John is just back from a trip to all the battle sites of WW II. He gave detailed descriptions of all the stops aided with the input from most of the members. His final stop was Beijing. (I didn't know there was a battle fought there in WW II). And I don't know what he was fined if anything, by the time he finished all I saw was **President Chris** dashing back to the podium.

## Raffle

**Robert Foster** drew the lucky ticket and then drew the lucky

marble... \$625!!! Which he promptly donated back to the club!!  
Wow, Robert... that is a bad precedent to set!!!

***(But a most generous one, especially for a new member. I think Kudos go to Robert for that spontaneous shot of philanthropy! Thank You Robert!!! 'Ed)***

**Mr. Dansie** won the wine although he lamented the fact that he would have preferred a bottle of Black Seal and some ginger beer.



### Program: Got Gophers????

**Arnie Carston** introduced the program... **Greg (Crawford) the Gopher Guy**. Well it was a great program where we learned all about the life and death of gophers and moles. We now know how to tell whether we have gophers or moles in the yard and how to trap and dispose of them. (I recommend hiring him). I could go on with a lot of detail on how he does it, but as Past President of the Humane Society I just can't.



*(Well I can give you a line or two here Scott cause I happen to own 6 of Gregg's "re-engineered" traps, and prior to his presentation I had only been mildly successful with them. After arriving home that night after the meeting I walked out on my nice new deck to view the damage that had occurred since the night before. VOLCANOS! Yeah, about 12 of them staring back up at me from my perch on the back deck... Disgusting! Frustrating and Exasperating! But I was inspired!*



*So I set out to begin yet another "trapping program," but this time I was armed with some freshly acquired information from Gopher*

*Gregg! I got lucky. One hole was still open and as yet plugged. Remembering what Gregg had said "someone left the door open!" I quickly reamed out the hold and set a trap. I then went about selecting another 5 mounds, dug them out and placed his traps in those as well. Within 30 minutes I got my first one!*

*It was definitely a gopher, cute, but caught and quickly disposed of over the fence into the neighbor's yard where they never seem to remain overnight. Somebody's is growing fat on my rodent kills. I had to wait until arriving home from work today before the reaping the benefits of the second trap strike. This time it was definitely a mole; paddle feet and a pointed snout. Over the fence he went as well. This morning, no new mounds! But I am ready when they appear again! Gregg doesn't have a web site but if he did I'm sure he would be receiving many hits on it daily!*

*He is particularly successful with the vineyard owners for whom he works, "I get 90% of the gophers and moles in vineyards... I leave the other 10% as seed." A great sense of humor and an innovative inventor of the tools of his trade, Gopher Gregg Crawford can be reached at 707-537-1415 or 707-799-6730. Editor Jim)*



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