



ROTARY CLUB  
OF SANTA ROSA WEST

## **Bulletin - 5/14/18 - Melissa Dobar, Sonoma Humane Society**

*by Christine Schieberl - Monday, May 14, 2018*

President Chris Parr-Feldman opened and reminding us “We are the go-to-club, getting things done and having fun!”



Michael Merrill led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Gail Johnson gave us our moment for the day:

The following people were thanked for club service today: Set-up Bob Zini & Tarina Hall; tear down Bill Fisher & Ginny Pitts; Greeters David McDonald & Ginny Pitts; cashier Bob Zini; Ticket Sales Janet Coddling; bulletin writer, Barbara Larson, Photos, Milagros Ott, and Sargent at Arms Gary Lucas.



We had no visiting Rotarians. Our guests were Alexa Gomez from Ridgeway High School who was awarded a Scholarship for Santa Rosa Jr. College. Melissa Dobar and Judy Marshall from the Humane Society.



Our Rotarian of the Year was presented by Janet Coddling to Christine Schieberl who was very surprised to receive the award and her husband and her son Zack were there to share the moment with her. She stated that she had been raised all her life in a scouting family. The Cub Scout Motto is “Do your best” and the Boy Scout Slogan is “Do a good turn daily.” She makes every effort to live by those words daily and apply them to everything she does. When she commits to a task she always gives it her best effort as she does in

Rotary.



Janet Coddling talked about the Santa Rosa West SCARC Meeting held at St. Rose. The meeting will be about the District Fire Relief Fund with heart-warming stories about the Fire Relief and grants.

Bob Zini talked about the Piner High School Students Scholarship awards. We have been giving scholarships for over 30 years to the Piner students. Chris Parr-Feldman will be giving out 2 scholarships this coming Wednesday at the Piner High Fine Arts Center. Jasmine Rattanpal will be going to UC Davis, majoring in pharmaceutical chemistry. She has been an intern at Medtronic and wants to discover the gene that causes Lupus. Oscar Zavala is going to UC Santa Barbara, majoring in mechanical/aerospace engineering, excellent grades, worked for the past four years to gather funds to attend college.

Making Airplanes- The club had a paper airplane contest to make us aware of the district conference that is coming up. Furthest flying paper plane wins? At the district conference this weekend there will be a paper plane contest for the Youth Exchange Students. The winners of the contest were Westin 1<sup>st</sup>, Don Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> and Milagros 3<sup>rd</sup>. This was fun! It's surprising to see so many who knew how to make their paper plane fly.



**Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West  
Paper Airplane Contest 2018**



Birthdays: David McDonald, Gail Johnson, Casey Williams and Julie Nation all have May Birthdays.



Anniversary: Jim Underhill celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Rotary on May 21, 1968.

Raffle: Karen O'Connor spun the wheel spin ...No wine or win! Casey Williams picked the black marble to win \$450.

Denise Chaparteguy introduced the Program: Humane Society – Melissa Dobar is the Development Director for Sonoma Humane Society overseeing the fundraising for all of the Society's work in the community and both shelter locations; Santa Rosa and Healdsburg. She has been with the Humane Society for 4 years and is in 25<sup>th</sup> year of working in the non-profit sector. She loves animals and has 4 dogs and 3 cats.



Melissa gave an overview of the Sonoma County Humane Society's work and history. As a locally founded and locally funded non-profit organization, Sonoma Humane Society provides care for 2,500 animals annually with the mission to ensure every animal receives protection, compassion, love and care.

Submitted and written by Club Reporter,  
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