

ROTARY CLUB
OF SANTA ROSA WEST



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by Christine Schieberl - Monday, June 11, 2018

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OPENING REMARKS

President **Chris Parr-Feldman** opened the meeting with an exuberant -- “Good afternoon Rotarians and guests!”

The following people were thanked for club service today: Cashier, Bob Zeni, Bulletin writer, Mike Merrill, Photos, Milagros Ott, Sergeant at Arms, Gary Lucas
Mike Merrill led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **David McDonald** gave us our thought for the day: "Happiness is a large, loving, caring, close-knit family—in another city." George Burns



INTRODUCTIONS

We had one visiting Rotarian our former member and speaker **Pam Davis**, from Sebastopol Sunrise. Our guests were Dr. **Scott Witt** and his wife **Meagan**.

Our Vocational Service chair and Club President Nominee – **Chuck Baker** introduced **Dr. Scott Witt** as our recipient of the *Club Service above Self* award presented in recognition of his extraordinary coordination and leadership in evacuating eight newborn infants from Sutter Hospital to Memorial during the firestorm that had enveloped Larkfield area and the Sutter facility – including accompanying the rescue vehicles through burning trees and embers on his BMW motorcycle -- Truly one of our heroes making the difference!



RECOGNITION

President Chris then embarked on a “banner day” for recognition:

Gil Lucas for a birthday on 6-14 and **Julie Nation** for one of the same on 6-06. **Matt Delaney** for having for trips to Los Angeles and Tahoe. **Jim Benoit** for visiting his year old grand Child in Burbank. **Von Von der Mehden** for traveling to the family ranch with his brother...And the **Louies**, especially “**Prince**” **Louie**, for drilling in the far corners of the world: Kenya, Ethiopia, and Guatemala!



Prince Louie spun for fun – but didn’t hit pay dirt! **Jim Hinton** took the spin -- but alas the tile was the wrong color!

Vocational Chair **Chuck Baker** called on our guest and Club Service Above Self Award recipient to accept the Club’s Award and receive a standing ovation from the Club – Good work Dr. Scott the world is a better place because of you!

President **Chris** then introduced our speaker and former star club member – **Pam Davis** to speak about Land Paths a local non-profit whose mission is to Foster a love of the land in Sonoma County. **Pam** was active in the waste disposal business – “garbage” as she puts it but found her calling in working with Land Paths.

Land Paths was founded in 1996 with the express goal of “connecting people to land” in Sonoma County – to “heal both the land and the people who share it”. Land Paths is dedicated to creating access to public and resources for people through places throughout the county such as Willow Creek, Fitch Mountain, and Bayer Farms – just name a few! They have projects, outings & events that support bring people to enjoy the land and to preserve it.

They are particularly proud of the creation and development of Bayer Farms in Roseland which became not only a resource for planting crops in the community but a focal place for meetings and community support during the fire crises. Santa Rosa West and a number of its members were early participants in the initial cleaning and planting to kick off Bayer Farms.

Thank you **Pam!**

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