



The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Nan Su - The Renaissance of Chinese Culture & it's Global Impact



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All the News that Fits We Print

 **At the Bell** 

President Aleia Coate rang the bell, calling the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. The salute to the flag was led by **Brad Benedetti**. **Karen Daniels**, her soprano voice rising marvelously above the members, led us in *America the Beautiful*. A prayer was offered by **Gene Nelson**, reminding us to follow our motto of "Service Above Self."



 **Visiting Rotarians & Guests** 

Visiting Rotarians: **Bud Daveiro** reported we had one visiting Rotarian. Elena Whorton, Health Care, from the Rohnert Park Club.

Visiting Guests: **Richard Power** introduced friends of today's speaker, Eric Huang and Linda Campbell. Guest of the club, Robert Jacob of Peace in Medicine, was introduced by **Yvette Williams van Aggelen**. And last but not least, **Greg Gill** introduced his lovely wife, Jackie.

 **Announcements** 

Lobster Feed: Lots of Lobster Feed Announcements. **Neysa Hinton** reminded us, with only 29 days to go, to get in our silent auction items as she, **Dan Rasmus** and the rest of the silent auction committee need to wrap things up. Next up was **Jack Blasco**, reminding us that the lobsters were migrating West from Maine, but no one was migrating to his volunteer list. And to add some incentive, he reminded us of those lucky individuals who are awarded the volunteer positions of cleanup, where rumor has it that every now and then they find \$100 bills lying in the grass, there for the taking. So don't delay...sign up today!! **Sally Ewald** spoke of the need for the silent auction wine items, pointing to the table near the front door with the LARGE quadruple magnum bottle sitting on it, reminding us to place our donations there. Incidentally, that bottle is empty **Bill Cole** says, with a grin on his face. **David Schreiber** next came up to the podium and said **President Aleia** gave him 40 seconds to go over all the live auction items...yeah, right!! But the main thing is that he announced that we are ALL DONE, and well ahead of time. He then proceeded to give us a brief rundown on each item as it's PowerPoint was flashed on the screen. Gotta tell you, there are some awesome items there, some repeats, and some new. However, some Rotarians were more than a little curious as to where the abalone is going to come from, given the state's closure of this year's season. Don't worry, **Mike Long** will figure it out! Great job live auction team! Oh...and **David** did take just a little over the 40 seconds he was allotted.



Teacher Mini-Grants: **David Schreiber** also announced that we are now accepting applications for the Teacher Mini-Grants, up to \$400 each. Applications must be postmarked by September 30th. Application forms can be obtained at <http://www.sebastopolrotary.org/>

Program Committee: **Kent Seegmiller**, in the middle of all those Lobster Feed announcements, did manage to announce a Program Committee meeting immediately after the bell today.

Future Programs

September 23rd

Speaker: Rob Mahoney
Program: Old Music
Host: Kent Seegmiller

September 30th

Speaker: Ben Stone
Program: Economic Vitality Update
Host: Barbara Beedon

October 7th

Speaker: TBA
Program: TBA
Host: TBA

Future Events

“Rotary Hearts on Fire” Foundation Dinner South

Hyatt Hotel, Santa Rosa
Sat., September 24th – (See attached)

Lobster Feed

Saturday, October 15th
O’Reilly’s under the Tent

Happy Hour @ GTO’s

Friday, October 21st at 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Party

Saturday, December 10th
Place & Time TBA

Crab Feed

Saturday, February 11th
Sebastopol Holy Ghost Hall

Miscellany

NEXT Board Meeting (3rd Wednesdays)

Location: Mike Long’s Office
Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 21st, 5:30 p.m.

Web Site for Make-Up Locations

www.rotary5130.org/meeting_locations.shtml

Makeup Notifications – Send to Jack Blasco
at jcblasco@comcast.net

On-line Make-Ups:

www.RotaryEClubOne.org4

Interact Make-Ups

Analy High: 12:35 Wed. In the Choir Room
Brook Haven: 12:40, 1st & 3rd Thurs., Rm. 4
(Check-in @ Front Office first)
Hillcrest: 12:20, Every 3rd Tues., Rm 6
CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

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<http://www.sebastopolrotary.org/>

Happy Hour: Don’t forget tonight’s Happy Hour at GTO’s, starting at 5:30 p.m. **President Aleia** said she will not be there tonight as she will be involved with the Texas Hold’em Poker Night at Georgetown, one of last year’s Lobster Feed live auction items, but encourages everyone to attend, even if she’s not gonna be there.

Read to Me: **Sally Glendening** announced the beginning of recruitment of volunteers for the *Read to Me* program, the program originally started by **Patti Blount** and **Pauline Pellini**, which was originally for 3rd graders, but now goes all the way from kindergarteners to 5th graders. **Sally** later asked me to point out that volunteers can also be non Rotarians, such as friends or family members.

The Rotary Foundation: **Mike Ferguson** started off by saying that today was a banner day for the Foundation, as he ran out of tickets for the Foundation Dinner Raffle on September 24th, which incidentally, has had ticket prices reduced from \$75 to \$60, with the choice of 3 entrees, and of course, District 5130 wine at every table. Featured speaker will be Past RI President Rick King. And **Mike** says that if any of us are entertaining the thought of being a Major Benefactor Donor to the Foundation, to let him know, as you will receive a private reception with Rick. One of the prizes for the evening’s drawing is reported to be an i-pad 2. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for no host cocktails. You can register by going to http://www.rotary5130.org/foundation_dinners_south.shtml, but you only have until September 21st at 4:00 p.m. to do so. **Mike** also mentioned that ticket stubs you purchase for the Foundation Dinner Raffle will also be good for our club’s November Drawing as well, sorta like a 2 for 1 deal.



Sturgeon’s Mill Run: **Harvey Henningsen** announced that this weekend Sturgeon’s Mill will be running and open to the public. This will be the last run for 8 months and features the “biggest log you’ve ever seen,” being custom sawn for a client.

Rotarian of the Month: **President Aleia** announced this month’s winner as **Michael Hixson**, who has put in countless hours in the transition of our website from Sonic to Club Runner, as well as working with other facets of the transition. Congratulations **Michael!**

Recognitions

Birthdays: **Bob Cary**, whose birthday occurred way back on July 19th, said “Great,” when fined only \$5. **President Aleia** assured him she will soon catch up with him relative to his long RV trip he just returned from. **Bob Cugini** celebrated his September 3rd birthday with an honored guest in the house...his new grandchild. **Katy Spyрка**, also September 3rd, had an honored guest also...herself, as she announced that this was her 50th. **Ron Puccinelli** celebrated his September 10th





birthday by pouring wines for some of his favorite people...2,000 to be exact, at Kendall Jackson's Winery. **Karen Daniel's** September 14th birthday marked her 69th, and reported that **Pauline Pellini** called to wish her a Happy Birthday..Nice! And Finally, **JT Martin** is celebrating his 62nd birthday today, September 16th, with a song sung by a few of his friends...The whole Rotary Club. When asked what the plans are for today, he said, "Teresa says she's gonna surprise me!" \$5 fine for everyone except **JT**, who had to pay \$10 for the birthday song.



Anniversaries: On August 20th, **Brad & Kathy Benedetti** spent 1 1/2 hours of their 45th anniversary stuck in traffic in Vancouver, BC. **Guenter and Elaine Meiburg** celebrated their 53 anniversary on September 7th by going to dinner at, where else...Cork's Restaurant. **Bud & Sharon Daveiro** celebrated their 9th anniversary on September 7th. **Bud**, who advised some of our younger members that "Marriage is dangerous," quickly recovered by saying, "I have a good wife now." Nice save **Bud!** **Gene Nelson**, not to be outdone by **Bud**, said to **President Aleia**, "Be afraid **Aleia**, be afraid....knock yourself out." Funny statement coming from a guy with two black eyes! Oh yeah, **Gene and Betty Nelson** who were married 40 years on September 11th, will be celebrating with a family dinner later this week. All the celebrating couples were fined \$5.

Trips, etc: **President Aleia** flashed a picture of **Bill Facendini** standing in front of a beautiful home with his real estate sign on the front lawn, and he immediately started trying to sell the pictured house to **The Prez**. She ignored this by acknowledging that he was paid up, but was going to fine him \$10 anyway. He outdid her by pledging a \$100 contribution to The Rotary Foundation. **Ken McHugh** was fined \$25 for a cruise (it was so long ago, I forgot where I went) to Alaska. **Harvey & Bev Henningsen** enjoyed a stay with **Greg & Jackie Gill** up at Graeagle on the way to Lake Almanor, and it only cost **Harv** \$25...and **Greg** \$15. **Paul Yeomans** was fined \$10 for a trip to the Jersey Shore for a celebration of his parents' life in Jersey City. He shared a picture of the new Freedom Tower he took, looking across from the Jersey shoreline.



President Aleia had guest Rotarian Elena Whorton draw the winning ticket, number 276580, and once again **Ken McHugh** steps up with the matching stub. This time however, when he spins the wheel, it lands on "Sorry!"



Nan Su - The Renaissance of Chinese Cultural & it's Global Impact



Richard Power introduced today's speaker, Mr. Nan Su, publisher, commentator and Program Host for NTDTV (New Tang Dynasty Television) in San Francisco. Mr. Su emigrated from China to the U.S. In 1989.



His talk today was about the path to the renaissance of traditional Chinese culture, which was lost during the Chinese Cultural Revolution from 1966 to 1976. For example, during that time period, such cultural treasures as the statue of Confucius at Confucius Mansion in his hometown of Qufu was destroyed, as was the Chenghua monument, constructed in 1468 by the Ming Dynasty. The Cultural Revolution was a product of Mao Zedong's attempt to enforce socialism by removing capitalist, traditional and cultural elements from Chinese society.



Ancient Chinese culture, going back 5,000 years in history was rich in the area of arts and philosophy. Mr. Su gave us many examples:

- Cang Jie, inventor of Chinese writing in 2700 BC, who was depicted as having 4 eyes, so he could gaze at heaven and earth at the same time (**Les Crawford** said, "I thought it was my glasses).
- *The Dream of the Red Chamber*, touted as one of China's great classical novels, written in the 1700's, contains more than 781,000 Chinese characters.
- The Temple of Heaven, a complex of Taoist buildings in the Southeastern part of Central Beijing, completed in 1420, was used by the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties for annual ceremonies of prayer to Heaven for good harvest.

- Acupuncture, a part of traditional Chinese medicine that dates back to 200BC, treats patients by insertion and manipulation of needles in the body, and is claimed to relieve pain, treat fertility, disease and promote general health.
- Confucius (551BC - 479BC), a Chinese thinker, educator and philosopher, was, Mr. Su claims, a Rotarian! Witness his statement to “Serve the right cause, or not to serve at all,” and his edicts to “be a good person, have a good family value, serve the country and help the world.”
- The three main religions, or beliefs in China, which date back thousands of years, form the core values of Chinese culture:
 - Buddhism - Believe in benevolence and compassion.
 - Taoism - Believe in honesty and truthfulness
 - Confucianism - Believe in love and forbearance.

Mr. Su claims that the cultural revolution totally destroyed traditional Chinese culture. He offered as proof a picture of the leaders of 5 religions in China singing *Happy Birthday* to commemorate the 90th birthday of Chinese Communism.

So what is the path to the renaissance?

Enter Shen Yun Performing Arts. Shen Yun is a performing arts and entertainment company based in New York City, which performs classical Chinese dance, ethnic and folk dance and story-based dance. Founded in 2006, their mission is to revive the essence of 5,000 years of Chinese culture through the arts.

They will be performing at the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House January 3rd - 8th. Mr. Su showed a short film clip of celebrities and others touting the performance. Tickets can be purchased by going to www.shenyunperformingarts.org

In a Q&A session following Mr. Su’s talk, **Henry Alker** asked how the group was received in China. Mr. Su said multiple tour groups have been well received in Taiwan, but have not performed in Mainland China yet. They were sold out for performances to be held in Hong Kong, but the local government refused entry visas for members of the production crew, saying that the applicants had to offer expertise not easily found locally. The result was the troupe cancelled their performances.

 **The Closing Bell** 

President Aleia thanked Mr. Su for his talk and presented him with a speaker’s gift of a donation to PolioPlus in his name. She then told us all to “Have a great weekend”, and rang the bell at 1:28 p.m. ending the meeting.

 **After the Bell** 

The ABC’s of Rotary

(Taken from “The ABC’s of Rotary, a Rotary International publication originally prepared by Dr. Cliff Dochterman, who was RI President in 1992-93).

#66: The Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation

It was Arch Klumph, father of The Rotary Foundation, who said, “We should look at the Foundation as being not something of today or tomorrow, but think of it in terms of the years and generations to come.” That’s why the Foundation’s Permanent Fund is considered the most important way to ensure the future of Rotary’s educational and humanitarian programs. Contributions to this fund, formerly called the Endowment for World Understanding and Peace, are invested for the future. Only earnings from their investment are used to support Foundation programs. Ultimately, it is intended that the Permanent Fund will provide a steady and secure supplement to Foundation support, always guaranteeing a minimum level of program activity and allowing for the possibility of new and expanded programs in the future.

The Foundation gives special recognition to donors to the Permanent Fund as Major Donors, Bequest Society Members, and Benefactors. Major Donors make gifts of US\$10,000 or more; Bequest Society Members include the Permanent Fund in their estate plans for \$10,000 or more; and Foundation Benefactors make provisions in their will or make an outright contribution of \$1,000 to the fund. These individuals are ensuring that The Rotary Foundation will remain a powerful force for good in the world far into the future.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

1st ORIENTATION September 20

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*Park Side & Brook Haven Schools in Sebastopol *Kindergarten – 5th Grade Students *

*Monday – Friday, 9-3 * 30 minutes to 3 hours per week, 15 week commitment *

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LOBSTER FEED



Saturday, October 15, 2011

Please join the Rotary Club of Sebastopol and help make the 5th Annual Lobster Feed the most successful fundraising event ever! We are so proud that all the monies that are raised through this fun event are returned to the community in the form of Teacher Mini Grants, Learn-to-Swim Programs for local 2nd grade students and High School Foreign Exchange Programs; as well as a multitude of other community-based and international programs. If you have children that have gone to school in Sebastopol, your children's education has been touched by Rotary in some way. **We believe this is the Premier Social Event of the Year, and we have fun while raising money!** Come join your friends and business colleagues and enjoy great food and wine by local vintners, coupled with exciting live and silent auctions items!

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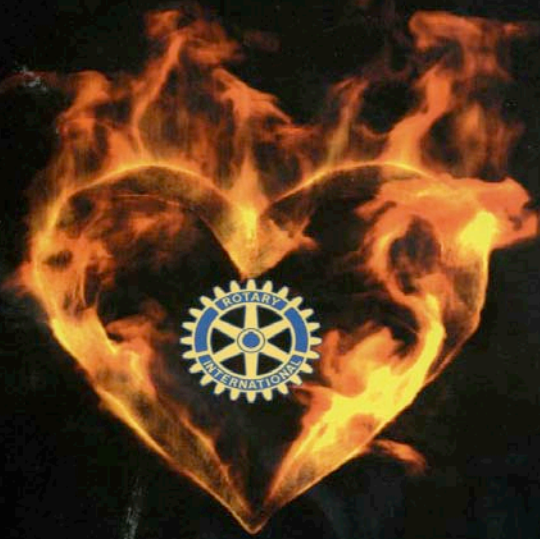
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ROTARY HEARTS ON FIRE



FOUNDATION DINNER SOUTH
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2011
HYATT HOTEL, SANTA ROSA

Hearts on Fire

Event: Rotary Foundation Dinner South

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2011

Where: Hyatt Hotel and Spa
170 Railroad Street
Railroad Square, Santa Rosa

Black tie optional, red dresses welcomed

Cost: \$75

6:00 PM Doors open - no host cocktails

Keynote speaker: Past RI President, Rick King

RSVP online at
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