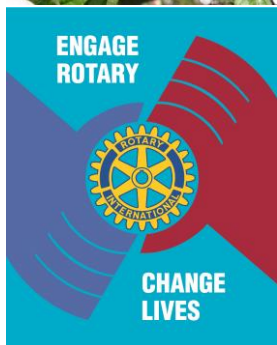


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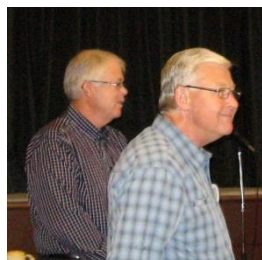
"All the News that Fits We Print"



As I arrived for today's meeting at the Enmanji Temple hall, the Temple tour planned for just before meeting, was just finishing. **Barbara Beeden** was returning to her car to get something she needed for the meeting. As I was entering the Hall, I saw **Richard Zimmer**, walking with a cane doing well after his hip replacement. I expressed heartfelt condolences for the loss of his daughter Heidi, to cancer.

As I entered I was at sixes and sevens and it took me a while to get my bearings. If it was not for **Harvey Henningsen**, I would still be looking for my badge. We seemed to have lined up backwards so we saw **Jack Blasco's**

welcoming smile and warm handshake first, then **Mark Fink** who smiled as he took our money and welcomed us to the meeting. Next **J.T. Martin**, was standing with the tables plan, asking us which table we wanted to buy for the Lobster Feed and/or whom we wish to sit with.



President **Bob Rogers** welcomed us all the Rotary Club of Sebastopol, Friday's lunchtime meeting.

Dave Madsen, lead us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*, then Karen Daniels, with her golden voice led us in *God Bless America*.

[Karen pulled double duty as primary photog for the meeting
—Ed.]



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

August 16
Speaker: DG Helaine Campbell
Program: District Governor Visit

August 23
Speaker: Nick Frey
Program: The Hands and Brains that Work in our Vineyards

August 30
Speaker: Naomi Tickle
Program: Face Pattern Recognition

September 6
Speaker: Susan Hirschfield
Program: ~Mindful Life Transitions~

🍎 Future Events 🍎

Lobster Feed
Saturday, October 5

🍎 **Handy Links** 🍎
Pinot for Polio Form
Scribes and Photogs

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: **Tuesday, Aug 20th, 5:30 p.m.**

Location: **President Bob's Home** (Address in C/R)
(Normally 3rd Tuesday of month, except October 8th.)

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IT?

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(Committee Member to call to confirm)

Analay High: 12:40 Most Wednesdays In Choir Room
(Check with Bob Hirsch, Jack Dunlap, Ted Baggett)

Brook Haven: 12:10 First & Third Thursday, Room 4
(Check with Pauline Pellini, Mike Carey)

Hillcrest: 12:20 Every Third Tuesday, Room 6
(Check with Troy McAdams, Bill Cole, Tony Given)

Orchard View: Different meeting times
(Check with Mike Carey, Ken Jacobs)

Twin Hills: Different meeting times
(Check with Dan Rasmus)

SunRidge: Different meeting times
(Check with Les Crawford)

For all Interact Mtgs.: CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS
CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !!!



This week **Edwin Wilson** was asked for the Thought of the Day. There was no repeat of last week, in fact **Edwin** had not one thought for the day, but four thoughts, thanks to **Pauline Pellini**. Edwin said we all know of Murphy's Law, and he had some additional ones to share.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

He, who laughs last, thinks slowest.

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.

President Roger also reminded the Club that the service for Heidi Zimmer, **Richard Zimmer's** daughter, will be held on Saturday, August 17th, at 4PM at The Community Church. All who wish to attend are invited.

President Bob then told us to enjoy our lunch.

🍎 Visiting Rotarians and Guests 🍎

At 12:15 on the dot the President **Bob Rogers**, called the meeting to order.

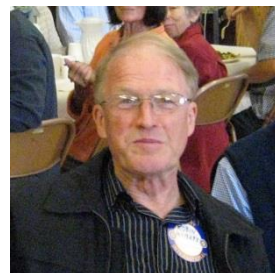
Mike Ferguson, introduced the visiting Rotarian's Jill Lawley, from the Rotary Club of Lahaina, in Lahaina, Hawaii.

Introduction of Member's guests

President Bob started by introducing his lovely wife and the Club's First Lady **Peggy Rogers**.



Tom Lambert introduced the Club's guest Robin Maybury, his wife Sally, and Anna Guiffre, from The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. Tom



said she would like to speak.



Ms. Guiffre explained that The Foundation provides support groups, patient education and resources in Sonoma County. Ms. Guiffre announced that The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America will be having an awareness walk, Take Steps, that will take place on Saturday, October 5th at Courthouse Square in Santa Rosa.

Steve Beck introduced his wife **Terry**. **David Madsen** introduced his wife **Carlene**.

Keller McDonald introduced his wife **Marcia**. All were welcomed with warm applause.



Announcements

Last Saturday's Picnic was a resounding success. Many thanks to the committee Chair **Bob Cugini**, **Mario Ramos**, **Mike Ferguson**, **JT Martin**, **Meredith Bertacco**, **Tony Given**, **David Still**, **David Schreiber**, **Nao Noguchi**, **Guenter Meiburg**, **Gene Nelson**, **Peggy Rogers**, **Julie Cugini**; President **Bob** asked all to stand, and the Club clapped with glee. President **Bob Rogers** complimented **Mario Ramos** on the wonderful food, especially the shish kabobs.

Games were played with serious competitiveness and good sportsmanship.

We were treated to pictures of President-Elect **Ron Puccinelli**, playing Hop-Scotch, going and returning. **David Schreiber**, shooting hoops. The scoop at my table was he is one great basketball player. Then we got to see that super sharp shooter **Les Crawford**, getting someone on dry land with his super soaker from the pool.

The Club's 66th Golf Tournament is next Monday, August 12th and it is SOLD OUT.

President Rogers asked **Monica Kretschmer**, to tell the Club about this month's Happy Hour. [Following is an update from the announcement at the meeting –Ed.] This month's happy hour will be held at restaurant EightCuisine. Their address is: 7501 Healdsburg Ave. Sebastopol, CA 95472. They are super excited to have us and we have the outside patio reserved! They also have Happy Hour drink specials and we will have appetizers, compliments from our President. This happy hour will also incorporate the reception for the District Governor Helaine Campbell.



JT Martin gave an update on the Lobster Feed; ticket and table sales are going well. **JT** is expecting an early sell out, so check with your friends and get your reservations in early. He now has two bands booked, one for the early evening Silent Auction part, and another for after the Live Auction and dancing.

President **Rogers**, returned to the Picnic to announce the overall champion of all competitions, President-Elect **Ron Puccinelli**, was the grand prize winner. So his award was a good size box containing the *Sponge Bob Square Pants Chia Pet*, a great honor.

Recognitions



Today was **Chris Dawson's** Birthday, so we all sang him Happy Birthday (for which he had to pay extra). But where was the Birthday Hat? I missed the birthday hat.



Paul Thielen's Birthday was yesterday, August 8th; President Bob asked **Paul** if he had done anything special for his birthday. **Paul** said "every day is special, so yesterday was special." However, he said he "did not get what he wanted."

Harry Polley, celebrated his 70th Birthday on August 3rd, at Black Butte Ranch in Oregon for a week with his grandchildren. We were treated to some enchanting pictures of his Grandbabies.

John and **Patti Blount** were next asked to stand as pictures of their grandchildren were shared. They had flown to Arizona to pick-up their grandchildren, and then traveled to Tahoe for a week. We were again treated to really cute pictures of **John**, trying to teach his granddaughter and grandson to play baseball. In addition, a neat picture of the Grandbabies and Huxley; the wind was so strong, it looked like Huxley was in danger of losing his fur coat. **John** said the Grandbabies, were just not as interested in his favorite sport as he is, but he will continue to try teaching them the national pastime.

Then President **Bob** asked **Patti** to sit and **John**, to stay standing.



Then a slide of a letter from Rotary International showed up on the screen, and **President Bob** asked John to explain. **John Blount** asked "is this an eye chart." [The text was tiny -Ed.] **President Bob**, told "him to keep it short he was only fining him \$5." Then a picture of the President-Elect 2015-16 K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran for Rotary International's appeared upon the screen. **John Blount** explained that he had been asked to serve on the nominating committee for 2015-16 by Rotary International who selected President-Elect 2015-16 K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran. The work was intensive and unique because they never interview any of the nominees; the selection is done by reading and reviewing qualifications and accomplishments. **John** said he was very satisfied with the committee's decision.

President **Rogers**, asked **Sally Glendening**, to stand up because she and her husband Jim, had been on the Club fishing trip. The President asked her how many fish had been caught. **Sally** answered "**President Bob**, seven fish were caught for the 35 people onboard". She said she had "caught hers with help."



Paul Yeomans caught two fish on the trip, but he had to let one go, and **Gene Nelson** accounted for the other Salmon caught by Sebastopol Rotary Club members.



Larry Ford was shown holding a three different rainbow trout. The first was a guppy, then a small trout, next a good size trout; as the trout grew so did Larry's smile. **Larry** had caught the trout in Fall River and on his trip to Alaska. **Larry** really got a smile on his face when he was fined a dollar an inch, by President **Bob**. He was glad that those really big ones had gotten away.



The Raffle



Raffle Time – President **Rogers** had Robin Maybury, pick the winning ticket held by **Monica Kretschmer**. **President Bob**, had **Jerry Warren**, **Ron Puccinelli**, and **Guenter Meiburg**, "volunteer" for the Rotarian powered slot machine. Jerry, Ron, and Guenter withdrew 1 apple and 2 zucchini from their bags, so Monica, won a dollar. Does this make two weeks in a row we have had a winner?

Mark Stevens spoke up saying **Mr. President**, this is two weeks in a row the machine/game has malfunctioned," **President Bob's** response was "Who made you President."





The Program



Nao Noguchi, introduced our guest speakers', Marie Sugiyama, Chair of the Sonoma County Japanese American Citizens League, and George Thow, both have been presenting the history of Japanese American's in Sebastopol and Sonoma County through the Oral History Committee of the Sonoma County Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)... Ms. Sugiyama was born and raised in Sebastopol, attended Analy High School, and after college taught in Santa Rosa.

Ms. Sugiyama told us they call their project GIRI a Japanese word roughly corresponding to "duty", "obligation", or even "burden of obligation." She then explained how the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1882, opened the way for Japanese to emigrate to the U.S. After Congress passed the Act, they realized there were not enough people to work in the fields, build the railroads, etc. Her parent's arrived at Angel Island and passed through immigration there as did all other immigrants of the time coming to this area. Her father was born in 1905, and mother in 1914, both in Japan. Her parents' settled here in Sebastopol, and leased property to farm and for their residence. They were not allowed to own property in the U.S., because they were not U.S. citizens. Because of Alien Land Laws, no Asians were allowed to apply for U.S. citizenship at that time. She was 10 years old in 1945, and her brother David was drafted into the Army while her family was in the concentration camps.

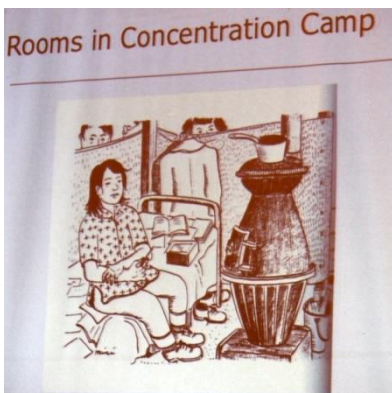


She then introduced, George Thow, who showed a slide with graffiti after Pearl Harbor, it said "No Japs Wanted." Immediately, after Pearl Harbor, all the leaders of the Japanese community, were arrested, and their families had no idea why, or where they were taken. On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized the internment of all peoples of Japanese ancestry by signing Executive Order 9066, which allowed local military commanders to designate "military areas" as "exclusion zones," from which "any or all persons may be excluded." This power was used to declare that all people of Japanese ancestry were excluded from the entire Pacific coast. This was done even though both the War Department and the FBI said this was not necessary or needed.

Ms. Sugiyama, spoke of the Japanese American experience during World War II, particularly the mass evacuation and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans (70,000 of whom were citizens, whose average age was 17) in concentration camps. It was a violation of the constitutional rights of American citizens and legal resident aliens and the Executive Order was carefully worded. By using the word ancestry, they did not tell the unconstitutional truth that they were locking up U.S. citizens, born in the U.S. to Japanese parents.

When the families were moved to the camps, they were not able to take their pets; only bedding, dishes, linens, clothing, etc. As they left their homes, they had no idea where they were going, if they would ever see their homes again, or if they would even survive.

Ms. Sugiyama's family was sent to an assembly center in Merced and from there they were transferred by train to Amache, Colorado. They were crowded into the trains; the windows were covered so they could not see where they were being taken, the train was very hot, as they were traveling through the desert, and there was no air conditioning. They would stop the train every so often so the people could get out in the middle of the desert, and breathe fresh air. But, to get off of the train and see the entire train car roofs carrying armed U.S. soldiers was very frightening. Were the soldiers just going to shoot them and leave their bodies in the desert?



At the concentration camp in Colorado, Marie and her family lived in a 20'X20' space with canvas walls and no ceilings so the neighbors could be heard easily. The bath room was an angled concrete trench, six holes, no seats, and no partitions. Her sisters would use it at night or very early in the morning, because of the lack of privacy. They were lucky to be in Colorado, because the Governor considered the Executive Order to be unconstitutional, and those in his state received more humane treatment. The camp manager lived in the camp with his family. The houses were built fast with green wood, which shrinks as it ages, so the bugs, sand, dirt and snow came in through the gaps. Hardest on the family, especially the parents, was the fact that meals were served in a mess hall. There was no longer a sit down meal with the family. The teens, as teens do, chose to sit with their friends, rather than their families.

They had school in the camps; however they were taught by teachers who had no knowledge of the Japanese customs or traditions or a desire to teach. Later, trained Japanese American teachers who were incarcerated were allowed to teach the children. There were lots of sports in the camps to keep the boys busy and engaged.

In 1943 all internees over the age of seventeen were given a loyalty test. They were asked two questions:

1. Are you willing to serve in the armed forces of the United States on combat duty wherever ordered?
2. Will you swear unqualified allegiance to the United States of America and faithfully defend the United States from any or all attack by foreign or domestic forces and forswear any form of allegiance or obedience to the Japanese emperor, to any other foreign government, power or organization?

If they answered no to either of these questions they were thrown into federal prisons. The No-No Boys, answered no to these questions. Given the circumstances of their interment of them and their families they felt no allegiance to the Country that had put them in concentration camps.

However a number of Japanese Americans did join the war effort. In late October 1944, a battalion (141st Infantry Regiment) from the 36th Texas Division was surrounded by the German army. Battles were fought in the densely wooded Vosges mountains located in Northern France near the German border. The Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team (about 3,000 men) was ordered to rescue the Lost Battalion by General Clayton Dahlquist (commander of the 36th Division). There were 800 casualties, in the 442nd Regiment, to save the 200 members of the Lost Battalion. The rescue mission would be one of the bloodiest battles in the history of the US Army.

There were 6,000 Japanese American's serving in U. S. intelligence.

Sonoma County was a very special place before, during and after WW II. All Japanese Americans were able to return to their homes and property; the Sonoma County community protected their property, and paid their property taxes. When they were released from the concentration camps they were given a whopping \$25 by the U.S. government.

After the war, Japanese American's were not allowed to rent in Berkeley, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Here in Sonoma County, they were welcomed home. John "Pat" Irish, a teacher at Analy, gave Japanese American a ride home from school. When asked why, he said "because it was the right thing to do." I apologize to Ms. Sugiyama and Mr. Thow, that I did not catch the names of the individuals, they acknowledged in their presentation.



President **Bob Rogers**, let us know the *Enmanji Buddhist Temple*, had not charged the Club their usual rental fee for the use of their Hall for our meeting. President **Bob** said he was passing a bowl around for donations, to the Temple, to say thank you.

President **Bob Rogers** thanked Marie Sugiyama and George Thow for their presentation today. Then he gave each of them this year's Speaker's gift, a donation in each of their names to Polio Plus, to End Polio.

The Closing Bell

A reminder from President Bob that next week's meeting will be the District Governor's visit. He requested firmly, no shorts or t-shirts, as he was accustomed to wearing. "Please no early leavers."

President **Bob Rogers** closed with "Have a good week." He then said "Meeting is adjourned" and rang the bell, at precisely 1:30 pm.

After the Bell

After the meeting I visited the *Enmanji Buddhist Temple*. I have been to events in the Temple's Hall, but I had never been in the Temple. It is one of the most tranquil and exquisitely beautiful places I have ever been. I never realized what a gem we had here in Sebastopol.



George Thow did a wonderful job of sharing the history of the Temple, and explaining the Shin Buddhist traditions and how they are different from other forms of Buddhism.

The *Enmanji Buddhist Temple* had an unusual beginning in that the Buddhist Sunday School and the affiliated Japanese Language School began 1926, before the establishment of the temple itself.

The official beginning of the temple is said to have occurred in the spring of 1928 when a minister from the Buddhist Mission of North America (the forerunner of the current Buddhist Churches of America) was sent to the Sonoma County Branch of the San Francisco Buddhist Church to begin missionary work. The Japanese residents of the Sonoma County area held a meeting on April 3, 1932 to discuss plans for establishing a

Sonoma County Branch Temple and plans were finalized at that time. In June of that same year, Rev. Shodo Goto was welcomed as the first minister of the temple.

From 1932 the local Buddhist members discussed with then Bishop Kenju Matsuyama the matter of purchasing a building for the temple and a house for the minister. After purchasing a building located on Petaluma Avenue in Sebastopol, a general meeting was held to organize a governing body for the temple. This led to the establishment of the Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA) and the Young Women's Buddhist Association (YWBA).

In July of 1933, the Temple was presented with an image of Amida Buddha for the central shrine, by the Honpa Hongwanji of Kyoto. A special service was held to commemorate the event.

The unique building now used as the main worship hall was originally built by the Manchurian Railroad Company and used as part of their exhibit hall at the Chicago World's Fair in 1933. After the close of the Fair the building was donated to the Buddhist Mission of North America and through the efforts of Bishop Masuyama was subsequently offered to the members of the Sonoma County Buddhist Temple. The members were able to receive the building provided they could finance the cost of transporting the dismantled building by rail to Sebastopol. A committee headed by Mr. Tomotaro Kobuke was selected to undertake the endeavor.

On January 26, 1934 groundbreaking ceremonies were held to reassemble and reconstruct the building on its present site. Constructed without the use of nails, the project required the skills of several local craftsmen. Finally, on April 15, 1934, dedication services were held for the finished building.

The style of the building is important in that it faithfully represents a 12th century Kamakura-style Japanese temple. The roof structure, in particular, is representative of Buddhist temples from that era. The interior decor and bright colorful Chinese motif paintings were remodeled to adapt to the Buddhist shrine which is presently situated at one end of the building. The entire building seats approximately 150 people.

Enmanji Temple Building

Unlike most BCA temples, the Enmanji Temple was granted special recognition from the Mother temple in Japan, by receiving the name and designation of ji, or temple.

This word en, in Japanese means 'garden,'
man means 'fulfillment' or 'perfection,'
and as mentioned before ji means 'temple.'

Literally the name translates to 'Garden Fulfillment Temple.' At that time, Enmanji was the only temple in North America permitted to use the title of ji in its name.

Another way of pronouncing the characters of En-man-ji is Sono-ma-tera. This may explain why these particular characters were chosen for the name of this temple.



Club Picnic



🍎 Tour d'Organics 🍎

Members of the Sebastopol Rotary Club supported a rest stop at **Gabriel Farms** on August 11th



THE ABC's of Rotary

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

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Choice for 2015-16 RI president

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka, has been selected by the Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2015-16. Ravindran will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

- [Read more](#)
- [Watch a video of Ravindran discussing the Schools Reawakening project](#)

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