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"All the News that Fits We Print"









A sunny day with a few clouds and a slight breeze. Not as warm as yesterday. Why is everyone talking about the weather?





President Bob rang the bell and called on Mike Carey to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. President Bob decided to forego the usual song apparently out of respect for the Analy Honor Choir who will provide the program and who can really sing.

President Bob delivered an update on the End Polio Campaign. New cases are up slightly due to wild strains traveling from endemic countries to non-endemic countries. Quick action by Rotary and our Global Initiative Partners resulted in confining and stopping new outbreaks. India has been declared "Polio Free" after three straight years of no new cases.





Visiting Rotarians and Guests



Linda Johnson, was visiting from Sebastopol Sunrise but soon to join Sebastopol Rotary.



Jerry Warren introduced Carmen Poff Past President of her club in Sonora.



Future Programs



January 31, 2014

Speaker: Connie Ayers

Program: John Muir Trail Journey

February 7, 2014

Crab Feed Setup No Program Program:

February 14, 2014

Valentines Day TBD Program:

February 21, 2014

Speaker: Susan Swartz

TBD Program:

February 28, 2014

Speaker: Chief Jeff Weaver

Program: **Sebastopol Police Update**

March 7, 2014

Speaker: Dr. Frank Chong Program: **SRJC Update**



Future Events



Saturday Feb. 8 – CRAB FEED



Handy Links



Pinot for Polio Form Scribes and Photogs Sebastopol Rotary Website



Miscellany



Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, Feb. 18th, 5:30 p.m. Location: President Bob's Home (Address in C/R)

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS - jcblasco@comcast.net On-line Make-Ups: www.RotaryEClubOne.org

INTERACT MAKE-UPS - HAVE YOU TRIED IT?

12:40 Most Wednesdays In Choir Room Analy High:

(Check with Bob Hirsch, Jack Dunlap, Ted Baggett) 12:10 First & Third Thursday, Room 18 Brook Haven: (Check with Pauline Pellini, Mike Carey)

Hillcrest: 3:30 Every First Thursday, (Chk @ Office)

(Check with Troy McAdams, Bill Cole, Tony Given)

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

Twin Hills: Every Other Tuesday 12:45pm - 1:20pm

(Check with Dan Rasmus) For all Interact Mtgs.: CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

!!! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !!!

It was Guest Day and there were many, including:

Jeff Weaver, Sebastopol Chief of Police and guest of Linda Johnson.



Bob Cary brought Linda Kanzler.



Edwin Wilson introduced his wife Diana.



Harry Simms brought his wife Susanna.



Jill Lowry brought her colleague Cheryl Koskela.



Dave Madsen introduced Richard Ray for Sebastopol We Ils Fargo Bank.



Robin Maybury introduced friend **Don Ross**.



Monica Kretschmer introduced <u>John Zwart.</u>

Larry Ford brought his friend attorney John Cotton.

Dorothy Rodella brought her sister Sally Valencia.



Tom Farrell introduced his guest Katie Lightfoot.

Bill Cole brought Carson Case and also Kirk McAfee.





Harry Polley tried out his new and improved nagging skills (though no match for the **Ticket Queen**) and announced that sales are going great. We have two weeks to sell out those seats. **Mike Ferguson** is firmly in command of the raffle with great prizes lined up including wine, golf and <u>treasures from Discount Alley</u>. He is looking for a few more raffle ticket sellers.



Jack Blasco once again regaled the crowd with tales of \$100 bills floating about the floor just waiting to be picked up by the cleanup crew. He also promised that those who sign up for crab cracking duty but who lack confidence or skill in the area will have the chance to be tutored by the one and only crab cracker extraordinaire **Brad Benedetti**. He will gently correct any cracking deficiencies with a sharp rap on the knuckles with a mallet. [It's only piece of steel pipe – from real life experience – **Ed.**]

Also awaiting a few volunteers is bar clean up duty which allows a lucky Rotarian to hang out for several hours in the bar.



Announcements





So you say that you started out the season cheering for the Texans who ended up 2-14? You say that you really thought the Packers would go deep in the playoffs? You say that you thought it was the year that the Pats wouldn't crumble? And you say that your favorite team's season ended with a communications major from Palo Alto screaming unintelligible invective in your face as your team lost in the final minute and you just don't think you can stand to watch one more football game? Is that what's bothering you, Bunky? Well.

Step right up and buy a square on the **Dan Rasmus/Ron Puccinelli** <u>SREF Super Bowl Board</u>. For only \$20 you will get two numbers and you will watch, watch, watch every exciting second of the Super Bowl hoping against hope that your numbers will win you big (or small) money along the way. Buy some squares - they will renew your faith in football, mankind and the world.

President Bob discussed last week's visioning process. **Mia Del Prete** has already collected and collated the many great ideas and a report will be forthcoming. **President Bob** also mentioned that out of 46 members who started the evening, 28 stuck it out until the closing bell for a slightly over 50% sneak out rate.

<u>Happy Hour is back and will be at Woodruffs</u> again starting at 5:15 on Friday. The snacks will not only be complimentary, they will be free as well.

Lobster Feed numbers are in and the take was grand. The good efforts of the Sebastopol Rotarians grossed over \$147,000 and netted \$94,354 to give directly back to the community.





Larry Ford was recognized for his <u>volunteer work with the Asante Children's choir</u>. This choir entertained us last yea r with a great program. This year, **Larry** heard that many of the children had never seen a dentist. He rounded up colleagues <u>Silvano Senn</u> and <u>Len Tyko</u> and, along with his wife **Gerry**, opened his office the day after Christmas and worked on the children's teeth. They worked about 12 hours doing cleaning, fillings and extractions on both the children and the chaperones.

President Bob had intended to give **Larry** recognition without a fine but wife **Gerry** insisted that a fine be levied. \$20





While on the subject of dentistry - **Paul Thielen** was singled out for several recognitions including a new grandchild (who Paul claimed is now in second grade.) An anniversary, and a recently discovered table top portrait of **Mel Davis** holding a zucchini during a raffle sketched by the multi-talented dentist. **Paul** was also fined for traveling all the way to **Nicaragua** to do pro bono dental work while **Larry Ford** figured out a way to have the work come to him. Fines totaled \$45

Dick Zimmer also was recognized (and fined) for a recent birthday and a new grandchild. Despite his claim that he spent all of his money on his birthday dinner he was hit up for \$40.





Rookie Sketch



Green Badger **Elizabeth Fritzinger** was called upon to give her rookie sketch and a good one it was. **Elizabeth** hails from lowa and five generations of farmers. She is the first in her family to leave the homestead and tackle the wide world. From school in Nebraska to Colorado to the East Bay and finally here to Graton, she has moved about the country. She and her husband **Matt** are expecting their first child, a boy, in March.

Elizabeth is an <u>attorney with Abbey, Weitzenberg, Warren and Emery</u> in Santa Rosa. She specializes in civil litigation often in the field of construction and construction defects. She let us know that her work has made her quite comfortable hanging out at the dump, in fact, she feels she has become somewhat of an expert in the field.



She is very happy to be a Rotarian. She believes that having her first child won't change her life dramatically as she and **Matt** already have a dog, two cats and three chickens.



The Raffle [AKA Rotarian Powered Slot Machine]





Lucky Tom Farrell drew the winning ticket. The Human Slot machine was made up of Paul Yeomans, Mike Long and Aldean Noethig. While Katie Lightfoot spun the wheels there seemed to be some talking among the members of the s lot machine. At any rate they all pulled potatoes and a Jackpot was won.





The Program – Analy Honor Choir



Gene Nelson introduced <u>Andy Del Monte</u> and the <u>Analy High School Honor Choir</u>. Over fifty voices strong, it is one of four choirs directed by Andy.



The program began with a series of songs from a recent tribute to Nelson Mandela performed by the Choir. The songs were a mix of folk songs, protest songs and popular tunes. One of the songs has been excerpted to become the South Africa National Anthem.

The program continued with two songs to be performed at the Analy Choir fundraiser. The first song was an old favorite - *I Want You Back* sung originally by the <u>Jackson Five</u>. The finale was a choral version of *Teach Your Children Well* from the first Crosby, Stills and Nash album -- a beautiful rendition.



Andy closed the show by thanking Sebastopol Rotary for the great support of his program over the years including purchase of choir clam shells, financial assistance with a trip to Carnegie Hall, and finally, the digital recording studio recently constructed on the Analy High campus.



Recognitions Continued



Realizing that there was time left, **President Bob** settled some accounts by calling on three accountants in the audience and levying some fines.



Bill Lippert was fined for sending his wife Charel to represent him at the visioning program. \$25

Mark McDonnell was touched for \$5 for his 12/26 birthday.

Brendon Houston paid up \$40 for a recent trip to LakeTahoe with his extended family and for his victory in the Halloween costume contest.







The Closing Bell







Last week **Monica Kretschmer** introduced her daughter Reanna. [Last week Reanna was mistakenly identified as Brianna. -- **Ed**.]



New Member Proposal



Club Secretary, Jack Blasco, has posted this Official Announcement by email to members on January 23, 2014

Linda Johnson, currently a member of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise, has been proposed for membership by Bob Rogers, with the classification of Occupational Therapy. This proposal has been approved by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors. Any objections to this proposal must be submitted in writing to the Board within 7 days of this notice. If none is received, the Club Secretary will notify the Club President to proceed with the induction of the new member.

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)

#20: Room 711—Rotary's Birthplace

The number 711 has a very special significance for Rotary. Room 711 of the old Unity Building, formerly located at 127 North Dearborn Street in downtown Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., was the birthplace of Rotary International. That historic room, which was the office of engineer Gus Loehr, was the location of that first meeting when Paul Harris met with several friends to discuss his new idea of a club for professionals and businessmen.

It took extensive research and dedication by a few Chicago Rotarians to preserve the room and restore it to its 1905 authenticity. For years, Room 711 was preserved as a miniature Rotary museum by Rotarians around the world who voluntarily belonged to and contributed to the "Paul Harris 711 Club," which provided funds for leasing, maintenance and preservation. In 1989, the Unity Building was about to be torn down. Members of the 711 Club carefully dismantled the landmark room and placed its contents in storage. There it stayed until 1994, when the recreated Room 711 found a permanent home, and this piece of the Rotary heritage is preserved at the RI World Headquarters in Evanston.





January 2014



India celebrates three years without polio

Throughout India and around the world, Rotary clubs are celebrating a <u>major</u> <u>milestone</u>: India has gone three years without a new case of polio.

- Learn about the progress being made by Rotary and our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.
- Get the latest news from Rotary on the fight to finish polio.
- Follow <u>stories</u> about polio eradication.

US\$500,000 grant for Syria

Confirmation of cases in previously polio-free <u>Syria</u> "serve as a stark reminder that as long as polio still exists, unimmunized children everywhere remain at risk," says Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee chair Robert S. Scott. In response to the outbreak, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, along with local health authorities, are conducting large-scale campaigns to immunize children in the region as quickly as possible. Rotary is the first donor to announce funding to WHO for the GPEI's new <u>Middle East strategic plan</u>, a \$500,000 <u>emergency response grant for Syria</u>.

A year without type 3 polio

The last case of type 3 wild poliovirus (WPV3) occurred in Nigeria on 10 November 2012.

Rotary and its GPEI partners have helped reduce transmission of WPV3 to its lowest levels ever. "Although it is too soon to say that WPV3 has been eradicated ...the world has a unique opportunity to get rid of the second strain of wild poliovirus" (after WPV2), reports the GPEI.

Rotary, Brazilian fashion firm raise almost US\$90,000

The RI-Brazil office and Brazilian fashion company Tufi Duek raised nearly \$90,000 by auctioning off a special End Polio Now T-shirt worn by Rotary polio eradication ambassador and super model Isabeli Fontana. All bids made counted as donations to PolioPlus, and the T-shirt went to the highest bidder, a Rotary member who contributed \$15,000. The fundraiser began on 24 October - World Polio Day - and ended on 30 November, Brazil's Day of Giving.

Activities roundup

The Rotary Club of Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, raised US\$3,300, with each member contributing \$100.

Members of the <u>Rotary Club of Campbell River</u>, British Columbia, Canada, participated in an auction of carved and painted pumpkins, hosted by the Campbell River Businessmen's Club, which netted C\$2,200.

Rotaractors in District 2820 (Ibaraki, Japan) netted about \$1,250 through an End Polio Now Display at a local shopping mall.

Rotary members in Rio Claro, São Paulo, Brazil, teamed up with a shopping mall to promote Rotary's <u>World's Biggest Commercial</u>. More than 3,000 people added their photo to the online public service campaign. Brazil has 19,500 of the nearly 65,000 participants in the commercial, the most from any country.

Rotary in the news

Read an article in <u>The Independent</u> on the United Kingdom's support of polio eradication, including quotes by RI President-elect Gary Huang and International Development Minister Justine Greening about Rotary's role in the global effort.

Read an op-ed in the <u>Vanguard</u> by Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of the Nigeria PolioPlus committee, about Rotary's polio eradication efforts.

Read an <u>allafrica.com</u> article featuring an End Polio Now bike-a-thon sponsored by Rotary members in Nigeria, including participation by actress Funke Akindele, a Rotary ambassador for polio eradication.

What's ahead

18 February - Webinar (10:00 Chicago time, 60 minutes), <u>Polio Eradication: 2013 in Review and How You Can help in 2014</u>. Get an update on the global fight to end polio, including progress made in polio-endemic countries and the impact of polio outbreaks, along with

ideas for supporting the effort through fundraising and advocacy. Space limited to 500 attendees.

Watch for more information on this and other events at endpolionow.org.

Resource guide

Find out how the <u>End Polio Now -- Make History Today</u> funding campaign sponsored by Rotary International and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation makes contributions work three times as hard.

Participate in the <u>World's Biggest Commercial</u> to publicize Rotary's polio eradication efforts. It's just one of many Rotary resources available.

Check out the new "Share your story," "Fundraise," and other features of the redesigned endpolionow.org

Contribute to PolioPlus



The fight isn't over. Polio is a crippling, potentially fatal infectious disease, and if we don't finish the job of eradication, more than 10 million children under age five could be paralyzed in the next 40 years. For less than \$1, a child can be vaccinated for life.

Find out how your donation can triple in impact.

Donate today.

End Polio Now reports monthly on the progress toward global polio eradication, highlighting Rotary International's role. Email: Contact.Center@rotary.org.

Sebastopol Rotary's 12th Annual



Saturday, February 8, 2014

First Seating: 5:00 p.m.

(Bar Opens & Music Starts at 4:00 p.m.)

Second Seating: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Ghost Hall, 7960 Mill Station Road, Sebastopol

Get your tickets NOW!!

> Seating is LIMITED

This event sells out EARLY



Tickets are available in Sebastopol from

> EXCHANGE BANK

All You Can Eat Fresh Cooked Crab, Clam Chowder, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Wine \$55 Donation

> For Tickets or Information, go to: www.SebastopolRotary.org or call 823-4087

All proceeds of this event will be used to fund Sebastopol Rotary's Education Grant Programs

Over \$189,000 in Teacher Mini-Grants
Awarded to Date