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"All the News that Fits We Print"



🍏 Before the Bell 🍏

The Rotary Club of Sebastopol gathered Nov. 1 for its first meeting of Rotary International Foundation Month, honoring three newly "elevated" Paul Harris Fellows including the newest member of the Bequest – Third Level, the club's own **Dennis Judd**.

Club members can continue to donate to the Foundation all month, with funds being double matched by a challenge grant from Bill and Melinda Gates.

🍏 At the Bell 🍏

Club **President Bob Rogers** is still bell-less, opening each meeting with tears that someone "stole my bell." Nearly, half way through his year as president and he still has no bell and seemingly no clue as how to get it back. **Back benchers** in the club have begun loud whispers about his lack of gumption. One member was overheard saying, "I'll bet he let his co-pilot do all the real navigating. If you can't find a bell, how in the hell can you find a runway?"

Perhaps the power of the voice of the AppleKnocker can provoke a chain of actions that will lead to the recovery of the bell and the end to all the President's whining.



Russ Tighe led the club in the *Pledge of Allegiance* and **Keller McDonald** opened a 1949 Rotary song book to sing "*All Hail to Rotary*"— because a singing Rotary Club is a club that is "cordial, friendly, cooperative and happy," according to **President Rogers**.



Tom Dilley offered the thought for the day, quoting musician Frank Zappa,
 "A mind is like a parachute — neither one works unless you open it."
 Tom offered a second thought as well;
 "No sense in being pessimistic – it wouldn't work anyway"



Future Programs

November 8
Speaker: Mary St. Clair
Program: **Veterans Day Program**

November 15
Speaker: Nick Tipon
Program: **Sacred Sites**

November 22
Speaker: Tom Harlan
Program: **Palm Drive Hospital Update**

November 29
Dark – No Meeting

December 6, 13, 20 -- TBA

December 29
Dark – No Meeting

Future Events

Rotary Foundation Dinner

Saturday, November 2

Sally Tomatoes, Rohnert Park

Rotary Christmas Party

Friday, December 6

Handy Links

Pinot for Polio Form
Scribes and Photogs
Sebastopol Rotary Website

Miscellany

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, Nov. 19th, 5:30 p.m.

Location: President Bob's Home (Address in C/R)
 (Normally 3rd Tuesday of month, except October 8th and November 19th.)

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – Send to Jack BLASCO
icblasco@comcast.net

On-line Make-Ups: www.RotaryEClubOne.org

INTERACT MAKE-UPS – HAVE YOU TRIED

IT?
 (Committee Member to call to confirm)

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

Brook Haven: 12:10 First & Third Thursday, Room 18
 (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 beginning 10/1/13
 (except for Holidays)
 12:45pm - 1:20pm
 (Check with Dan Rasmus)

For all Interact Mtgs.: CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests



The single visiting Rotarian was Santa Rosa dentist Dan Bornstein

Dennis Judd introduced his mother, Lillian, wife Anna, and son, Daniel.



Chris Dawson introduced local healthcare professionals Mary Szecsey and Tom Harlan.



Jerry Warren introduced local attorney Matt Witteman.



Announcements



President Rogers said hello to member **Tom Farrell** and gave some health updates about **Bob Cugini** and **Bud Daveiro**. Both men are on the mend.

Cugini Project List for Saturday

- Finish Ramps Inside the house
- Sheet Rock
- Insulate the Attic
- Backfill Gravel & Dirt around new slab
- Caulk and hang new window trim
- Clean-up Site and dump run

Club members continue to help retrofit **Bob's** house for better wheelchair access and the president said **Bud** might appreciate a phone call or a card.

Paul Harris Awards

Sally Ewald led the presentation of the Paul Harris Fellow awards, beginning with a Paul Harris Fellowship given by **Dennis Judd** to his mother on her 90th birthday. A birthday cake appeared and Lillian blew out her candles and thanked the club for the honor and agreed to share her cake.



John Blount led a tribute to **Dennis Judd** for making a bequest – third level to the Rotary International Foundation. “This is an amazing club that has done a lot of powerful things,” said **Blount**. He listed sponsorships for 17 Ambassador Scholars, donations for girl’s schools in Afghanistan, Vietnam water projects, building schools in Mexico and Africa, and supporting Adopt-A-Village programs on



three continents. “And locally, the list is huge and we do it with passion and enthusiasm.”

Blount also noted that club members have donated \$51,000 to the Polio Plus Campaign this year.

Two other club members received Paul Harris recognition as well. **Patti Blount** was recognized for her five Paul Harris Fellowships and **Steve Beck** received honors for his Paul Harris Fellows — plus seven.

All did not go smoothly during the Paul Harris presentations as the club members sitting at the table with **John Blount** were recognized for being too rowdy and fined \$5 each.



Recognitions



Les Crawford stole the entire spotlight for the portion of the meeting set aside for birthday, anniversary, and other milestone recognitions. **President Bob** led a slideshow of **Les'** recent travels across the Western United States and to Mexico. **Les** offered some weak excuses and clever captions for most of the photos and shared a sincere touching moment he experienced on his visit to the Festival of Brotherhood. He was also recognized for his birthday on Sept. 19, so the full tally was \$40.



The Raffle [AKA Rotarian Powered Slot Machine]



The raffle was held over to next week, so those who purchased tickets should bring them to the meeting set for Friday November 8.



The Program



Member **Chris Dawson** introduced Mary Szecsey, Executive Director of the West County Health Centers, which operates seven clinics throughout Western Sonoma County and last year served 14,868 patients. The clinics were founded in 1974 at a single location in Guerneville, adding a second location in Occidental two years later. Today the West County Health Centers has an \$11 million annual budget and employs 119 people.

Szecsey spent the second part of her program with an overview of the current roll-out of the massive national healthcare reform, the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

She offered that the reforms are moving forward in Sonoma County and across California much smoother than in other parts of the country. California was one of the first states to adopt the reforms. The open enrollment period for individuals to choose a private health insurance program and search through the new public healthcare insurance exchange is now taking place through March 31, 2014. The exchange is called Covered California (www.coveredca.com).



The Closing Cow Bell



With the absence of club's cherished brass bell, **President Rogers** was resigned to adjourning the meeting with the silly clang of a cowbell. A sorry sight, indeed.



After the Bell



Next week's program is a Veteran's Day special with speaker Mary St. Claire.

November is *Rotary International Foundation Month*. We are off to a good start and looking for a better finish.



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)

#10: Paul Harris—First but Not First

Was Paul Harris the first president of a Rotary club? No

Was Paul Harris the first president of Rotary International? Yes

There is an easy explanation to this apparent contradiction. Although Paul Harris was the founder and organizer of the first Rotary Club in Chicago in 1905, the man selected to be the first president was one of the other founding members, Silvester Schiele.

By the year 1910 there were 16 Rotary clubs, which linked up as an organization called the National Association of Rotary Clubs. Two years later the name was changed to the International Association of Rotary Clubs, as Rotary was organized in Winnipeg, Canada and then in England, Ireland and Scotland. In 1922 the name was shortened to Rotary International.

When the first organization of Rotary clubs was created in 1910, Paul Harris was selected as the first president. He served in this position for two years, from 1910 until 1912. Thus the founder of the Rotary idea, who declined to be president of the first club, became the first president of the worldwide organization, Rotary International.

RI Reading: The Rotary Foundation receives Guatemala's highest honor

[LINK TO RI WEB PAGE](#)



Weekly Update *A roundup of Rotary news*

1 November 2013



The Rotary Foundation receives Guatemala's highest honor

The government of Guatemala awarded the Order of the Quetzal, the country's highest honor, to The Rotary Foundation last month, in recognition of Rotary's humanitarian work in Guatemala and its contributions to the campaign to eradicate polio.

- [Read more](#)
- [Learn more about The Rotary Foundation's global grants](#)

In other news

Partnering with Mercy Ships to fight disease in Guinea

A Rotary team boards the Africa Mercy, a 500-foot floating hospital, to provide a stream of care and compassion to ports of call.

Why what goes on safari shouldn't always stay on safari

A chance encounter on the side of a dusty road deep in the Queensland Outback will forever change the life of one teen, thanks to the magic of Rotary Youth Exchange.

Diving in to social media

Paul didn't know much about social media, but when it came time to publicize his club's global "swimmarathon," he dove right in.

Announcements

A response to the polio outbreak in Syria

[Learn how you can partner with Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help make history](#)

Traveling Rotary members link up on My Rotary

[Make plans today to attend the 2014 Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia](#)

Resource guide



[ideas.rotary.org](#)

Rotary members in Kambuga, Uganda, are seeking a partner for their project to provide clean and safe drinking water to a school in rural Uganda. Learn how you can help, or use Rotary's crowdsourcing platform to promote your own project.



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