



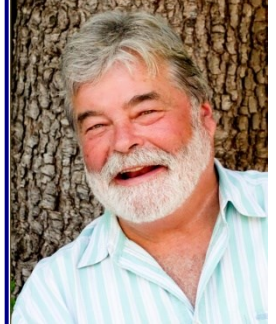
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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Michael Pritchard... A Good Laugh



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



People are driving around West County listening to radio talk shows, news, and Oldies. People driving to Rotary with **President Rick** are listening to CLASSIC ROCK.



AT THE BELL



Steven Kellner was called upon at precisely 12:15 to lead the "Pledge of Allegiance."



JT Martin led a tuneeful rendition of "God Bless America" - a crowd favorite.

Steve Beck recited the following Thought for the Day without attribution so it may have sprung from **Steve's** mind or from that old sage. Anonymous:

Eat the Chocolate Cake
 Ride with the windows down
 Dance- sing- talk to strangers
 Smile at Everyone
 Hug Someone
 Go Barefoot
 Take naps

Make Lots of Love
 Try new things
 Spend time with kids
 Laugh every time you can
 Help others
 Live life to the fullest - NO Regrets. Life is way too short

(This **Scribe** recommends you use caution with number four on the subway or in certain urban areas.)



Future Programs



May 27, 2016

Speaker: Joe Hasson, VP-GM Graton Casino
Program: Secrets of How a Casino is Run

June 3, 2016

Speaker: Dennis Mulligan, GM, Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District
Program: An Overview of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District

June 10, 2016

Speaker: Dan Howard
Program: Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary

June 17, 2016

Speaker: Wendy Trowbridge
Program: Laguna Foundation

June 24, 2016

Program: DEBUNKING – of President Rick Wilson
5:00 PM
Community Church Courtyard



Future Events



Interclub Bocce Ball Tournament
BBQ and Family Day
June 11, 2016, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm



Handy Links



[Pinot for Polio Form](#)
[Sebastopol Rotary Website](#)



Miscellany



Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: **Tues, June 14th, 5:30 p.m.**

Location: **Rick Wilson's Home**

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

INTERACT MAKE-UPS – HAVE YOU TRIED IT?

Analy High: 12:40 Most Wednesdays In Choir Room
(Check with Dan Rasmus, Mark Stevens, Jack Dunlap)
Brook Haven: 12:10 First & Third Thursday, Room 18
(Check with Pauline Pellini, Mike Carey)
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 !!!



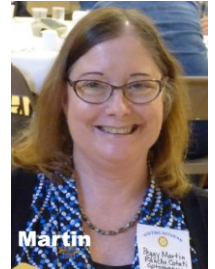
VISITORS, GUESTS, AND FRIENDS



President Rick introduced District Governor Erin Dunn.



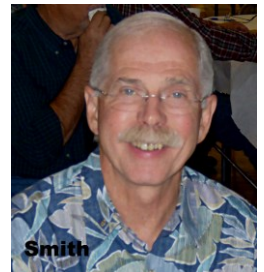
Bud Daveiro then took the mike and introduced Suzanne Cossette from Rancho Cotati



Peggy Martin - also from Rancho Cotati - was given five seconds to try to sell raffle tickets.



Julia Penranto from Santa Rosa was also introduced.



From Sebastopol Sunrise: Warren Smith and Noel Glab were introduced.



Guests included Daughter of **President Rick** (First Daughter?) Jessica Wilson.



John Blount introduced one of his key staff members - Susan Wolf.

A few Guests of the Club were then introduced:

Peggy Rogers by **Bob Rogers.**

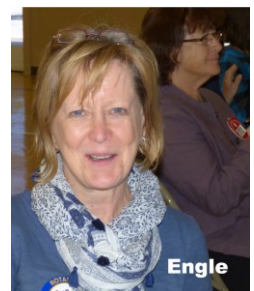
Jennifer Estrella was introduced by **Harry Polley.**

Lu Fraser by **Linda Johnson.**

Sue Engle was also introduced by **Mia Del Prete.**



Pauline Pellini brought two Brookhaven Interact members who proudly introduced themselves - **Vivian** and **Aliah**





RECOGNITION



Rotary Award Season is underway and the Rotary Club of Sebastopol was not left behind. The Club received major awards at the recent District Conference, including awards for Youth Service and Community Service. Well Deserved!

District Governor Erin Dunn took the microphone to lavish praise on the Sebastopol A-V Crew, who once again saved the day for a District Conference. Not Really. It seems that DG Dunn had gone to great lengths to secure some snazzy looking

neckties for all of the staff to wear at the conference. Upon reflection - it dawned on her that the A-V Crew was not wearing said ties. The Rebels. DG Dunn affected a \$250 fine on the hardworking but non-conforming A-V Crew as penance.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Big Chance for Good Eats coming soon: **Cindy Carter** announced that starting May 27th -- Raffle tickets will be on sale with a prize of 12 fabulous meals and 12 great bottles of wine -- all benefitting teacher mini-grants. Raffle tickets will cost \$100 and will sell out fast. Be Ready. (SEE ATTACHMENT)

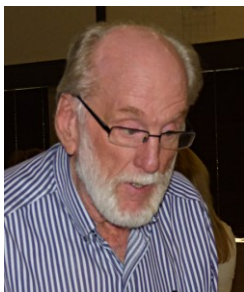


FOUNDATION RAFFLE



Sally Ewald and **Karen Daniels** next mixed the tickets for the exciting foundation raffle. So many prizes - So much money donated for one of the best causes in the world. Once again, the club exceeded its goals for fundraising.

Winners scrambled for prizes as names were called. They included **Mark Fink, Scott Briggs, Jack Dunlap, Frank and Kathie Mayhew, Rich Peterson, Patty Blount, Ken Silveira, Cindy Carter, Yvette Williams van Aggelen, Rick Williams, Paul Thielen, Tom Lambert (twice), Ron Puccinelli, Dave Madsen, Meredith Bertacco, Dennis Judd, Karen Daniels, Donna Pantzer, Paul Yeomans, Mario Ramos, Ellen Harrington and David Schreiber.**





CRAFT TALK



David Schreiber gave his craft talk and noted that many people may not have a distinct recollection of his Rookie Sketch that was eight years ago. **David** attended SRJC and then UC Berkeley as a math major. While studying, he also had his own Amway business wherein he tried his best to become wealthy by building a pyramid. After college, he went into the cash register business -- and got on the ground floor of what must be one of the most dynamic businesses in the last 30 years.

David's companies were in the forefront of scanners, bar coders, and all of the modern implements of sales. **David** also had a part in surveillance systems, something that was rare in 1980. **David** did his best to convince the group that these modern techniques improve the quality of life in our communities and enhance the bottom line for grocers. It appeared that even **Ken Silveira** was convinced. **David's** proudest accomplishments are his terrific family - wife of 35 years, three kids and eight grandkids.

Pacific Cash Register 1980



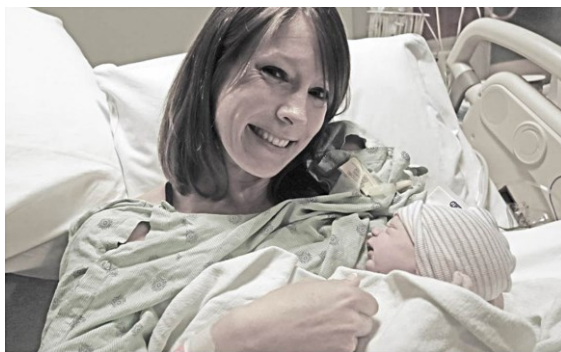
David tagged **Jerry Warren** to give a craft talk next month.



MORE RECOGNITION



Harvey Henningsen was recognized for the birth of brand new grandson, Jack. The photo made it look like the hospital room was full of Paparazzi. Harvey paid a fine of \$15 and gave \$100 to start a Paul Harris for the little fella.



Jim Passage was recognized for a recent photo that appeared in the Press Democrat. **Jim** was pictured standing next to a huge Patrick Amiot statue of Luther Burbank -- newly placed at the Burbank housing complex.

Jim was the one on the left, Luther on the right. **Jim** was fined \$60.





THE RAFFLE



The winner number of the raffle was held by Noel Glab from the Sunrise Club. She had a one in four chance at the Ace but did not score the prize.



THE PROGRAM



President Rick introduced his personal friend Michael Pritchard. Michael and **Rick** have been friends for many years. Michael is a motivational speaker and youth activist. He was a member of what has to be called the Golden Age of San Francisco Comedy.



The comics in the early eighties included Robin Williams, Dana Carvey, Bob Sarlatte, Paula Poundstone and many others who absolutely killed it. It was Michael who won the Comedy Competition though.

Michael is a motivational speaker and motivate he did. He pointed out that unity in community is the most important value - and Rotary embodies that value. Using a series of aphorisms, quotations, and bon mots, he inspired and educated.

Gandhi said that there is more to life than increasing its speed. Michael urged the audience to slow down and let your soul catch up to you. He said that fear is the darkroom where negatives are developed. He urged that we listen to each other – especially the kids who have a remarkable way of coming up with truth if you pay attention. Don't be too hung up on "Normal"-- Normal is just a setting on a dryer.



We need to connect with each other - and we can do so through Rotary. Michael is also a talented impressionist and voice over artist. He served as the voice of YODA in the Star Wars series as well as voicing countless monsters, robots, and space aliens. He gave the audience various examples of his skills. He also works with youth throughout Northern California and talks to them about community and acceptance. He stresses that we are all going to need each other some day. "That intelligent nerd that you are thinking of bullying might be your emergency room doctor in the future."

At the end of Michael Pritchard's fabulous program, **President Rick** introduced Jim Watson, an associate of Michael Pritchard's in award winning HeartLand Media (www.lifesteps-online.org).



THE FINAL BELL



President Rick gifted our speaker with a bottle of Pinot for Polio wine and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30.



AFTER THE BELL



CORRECTION, well pretty close...

[-Ed.'s got in trouble last week. We were going so fast to put the AppleKnocker back on Word-PDF base that we included too many of the Program Previews that **Patti Blount** sent us. They are supposed to be synced with our club website (www.SebastopolRotary.com) but we now copy them into the AppleKnocker.

We, the -Ed.s of the AppleKnocker, acknowledge and thank **Patti Blount** for creating great future program fliers for this year's AK editions – also for coordinating a fabulous selection of programs. -Ed.]



BOCCE BALL

On Sunday, May 22nd a mixture of seventeen tenacious Sebastopol Rotarians, spouses, and

Exchange Student, Bruna, spent the afternoon making final preparations for the Second Annual Sonoma County Rotary Inter Club Bocce Ball Tournament to be held at Juilliard Park in Santa Rosa on Saturday, June 11th. The grueling practice was a necessary preparation for the Sebastopol Rotary Woman's Bocce Ball Team, who is **Defending Champion** of the 2015 County Tournament.



The session was held on the Bocce Court at the home of **Jim and Carol Raffini** and was followed by a delicious potluck Brat Fest. [Johnsonville Brats soaked in beer and Brat Fests are a Wisconsin thing. In 2010, folks at the Madison, Wisconsin, Brat Fest set State records by consuming 41,875 lbs. of Johnsonville brats. The length of the consumed brats, if placed end to end, would be 19.82 miles. The Madison Brat Fest has raised more than \$1,490,000 for local charities. - Ed.]



NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL



Jack Blasco Secretary, Rotary Club of Sebastopol emailed the following notice to all members on May 21, 2016:

Jennifer Estrella has been proposed for membership by **Harry Polley** with the classification of Real Estate: Sales.

If no objections are received within seven days of this message, she will be inducted into the Rotary Club of Sebastopol.

DINE ALL AROUND THE TOWN

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WIN 12 WONDERFUL NIGHTS OF FOOD AND WINE!

For just \$100 and a bit of luck, you can win 12 great dinners for two from some of the best restaurants in Sonoma County and 12 great bottles of wine. Enjoy West County favorites like Terrapin Creek and Peter Lowell's while contributing to a great cause, Sebastopol Rotary's Teacher Mini-Grant Program.

It's amazingly easy:

- Buy a \$100 raffle ticket. Since there are only going to be 100 sold, your odds are a terrific 100:1 because there is just one winner.
- If you win, you'll receive 12 dinner vouchers for great restaurants and 12 bottles of wine. (See flip side for list of restaurants.)
- The only thing you have to do is cover the gratuity.

In exchange, Sebastopol Rotary can continue its Teacher Mini-Grant program. Since 2002, the Rotary has given away almost \$235,000 in grants that range from \$50 to \$500, and just this year, the club gave out over \$22,000 to support worthy projects that buy special education tools, sports equipment, Chrome books, projects and so much more.

Supporting our teachers has never been more fulfilling! (Or, did we mean filling?).

Approximate total value of \$3,000.



DINE ALL AROUND THE TOWN

The Restaurants You'll Enjoy

Backyard* <i>Forestville</i>	Eight Cuisine* <i>Sebastopol</i>	French Garden Restaurant* <i>Sebastopol</i>
Jackson's Bar & Oven*** <i>Santa Rosa</i>	K&L Bistro* <i>Sebastopol</i>	Lua Viet*** <i>Sebastopol</i>
Peter Lowell's* <i>Sebastopol</i>	Russian River Vineyards*** <i>Forestville</i>	Sonoma Wine Shop & La Bodega*** <i>Sebastopol</i>
Sushi Tozai* <i>Sebastopol</i>	Terrapin Creek*** <i>Bodega Bay</i>	Underwood** <i>Graton</i>

***Up to \$180 **\$150 gift certificate *\$100 gift certificate/value

The Great Wine You'll Drink

- Joseph Phelps Estate Grown-Backus 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon (donated by Jack and Ruth Dunlap)
- Kosta Browne 2013 Gary's Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands, Pinot Noir
- Kosta Browne 2013 One Sixteen, Russian River Valley, Chardonnay
- Kosta Browne 2013 Keefer Ranch, Russian River Valley, Pinot Noir (Kosta Browne and Seaton wines donated by Dan and Robbin Davis)
- Kanzler Vineyards 2013 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir (personally signed by Lynda Kanzler) (donated by Lynda Kanzler and Bob Cary)
- Russian River Vineyards 2013 Chardonnay (donated by Chris O'Neill)
- Russian River Vineyards 2014 Chester Zinfandel (donated by Chris O'Neill)
- Seaton 2011 Dry Creek Valley, Luke's Block, Merlot
- Siduri 2012 Ewald Vineyard, Russian River Valley Pinot Noir (two bottles) (donated by David and Sally Ewald)
- Trecini Vineyards-Gold Medal-2013 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir (donated by Mia and Jim Del Prete)
- VJB Vineyards & Cellars, 2013 Brunello, Estate Bottled (donated by Brad & Kathy Benedetti)

The Rules

1. Must be 21 years of age to purchase your tax deductible, \$100 raffle ticket.
2. Maximum of ten tickets per person.
3. 100 tickets will be sold at \$100 each.
4. Dinner at each restaurant includes complimentary starter, main course, dessert, and an added bonus of one free corkage fee. Gratuity is the responsibility of the winner.
5. All dinner vouchers will expire on December 31, 2017 unless otherwise stated.

Tickets

Cash or check only. Make checks payable to: Rotary Club of Sebastopol Foundation, Inc. For info contact: Cindy Carter at 707-824-0846 or email cindycarterflamm@yahoo.com.

A sincere thank you for supporting our West Sonoma County teachers from:
The Rotary Club of Sebastopol Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 213, Sebastopol, CA 95472
TAX ID# 47-4312102

PROGRAM FOR MAY 27, 2016

Joe Hasson, VP & GM, Graton Resort & Casino "Secrets of a How A Casino Is Run"



May 27, 2016

A 30-year veteran in the casino industry, Joe has spent the past decade as part of the Station Casinos team, which is the gaming and hospitality company retained by the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, to develop and manage Graton Resort and Casino. He will join us today to enlighten us on how he oversees a team of 2,000 members as they manage 144 table games, 3,000 slot machines and 13 restaurants!

His vast experience has included general manager for entertainment destinations in the Las Vegas area, enabling him to be a great asset in the construction of the Graton Resort and Casino. Come today and get the inside "scoop" on how a Casino is built, managed and most of all seeking to make exceptional guest services its Number 1 priority!!!

**"An Overview of the Golden Gate Bridge,
Highway & Transportation District"**



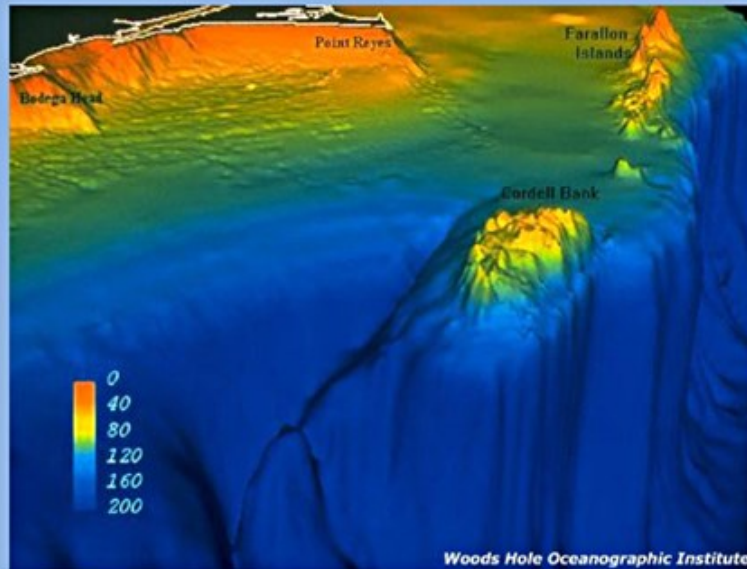
**Denis Mulligan, GM Golden Gate Bridge & Hwy
June 03, 2016**

Have you ever wondered who was responsible for all of the highways, buses, ferries and bridges traversing the Bay Area? Well our speaker today has that distinction! Denis Mulligan, only the ninth General Manager and CEO since the Golden Gate Bridge opened in 1937, was selected for this position in September, 2010.

Denis had 28 years of experience in the transportation field with nine years as the district's Chief Engineer prior to his selection. His accomplishments include the construction of the Safety Railing Project protecting sidewalk users from the roadway, the management of the Seismic Retrofit design and the preliminary engineering to the Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent Project.

Come and hear Denis today share how he manages these systems when last year 9 million customers rode the transit systems and 38 million vehicles crossed the Golden Gate Bridge!

"The Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary"



**Dan Howard, Superintendent
Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary
June 10, 2016**

Coastal California had an unknown mystery hidden beneath the waves for many years! It was not until the late 1800's that the Cordell Bank was discovered. It is an undersea granite and rocky reef about 4 1/2 miles by 9 1/2 miles, located 23 miles west of the Point Reyes Lighthouse. It sits on the edge of the continental shelf and rises abruptly from the soft sediments of the shelf to within 115 feet of the ocean surface.

This underwater adventure will be brought to us today by Dan Howard, Superintendent of the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary. He manages all site activities and staff, policy development and all interaction with local, state and federal agencies. His focus of study since 1980 has been on kelpbed ecology, predator/prey relationships and juvenile rockfish recruitment.

Come today and see the amazing treasures hidden beneath our coastal waters!!!

***"Exploring the Secrets of the Wetlands of
the Laguna de Santa Rosa"***



***Wendy Trowbridge, PhD, Director of Restoration
Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation
June 17, 2016***

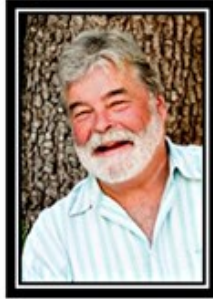
***Lying beside Sebastopol are the amazing waters, wetlands,
endangered animals and plants of the Laguna de Santa
Rosa! Have you ever wondered who lives there and how
do these animals and plants survive?***

***Today we are honored to have Dr. Wendy Trowbridge, the
Director of Restoration and Conservation Science
Programs, from the Laguna Foundation tell to us about
these secrets! She is a wetland plant ecologist and has
done research on invasive species, wetland communities
and aquatic webs.***

***Even if you haven't explored the trails and waters of this
special gem located so near us, come and have this expert
share her experiences and knowledge of a very active and
enchanting part of our own Sonoma County!***

PROGRAM FOR JUNE 24, 2016

"The Debunking of our Club President"



June 24, 2016

*Come to an evening of delicious food, great friends and
our club's premier Debunking for our President Rick!*

Friday, June 24, 2016

5:00 P.M.

Community Church Courtyard

Tickets Cost \$35.00

