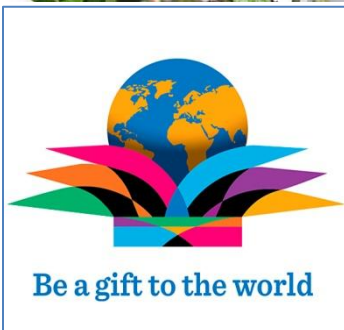




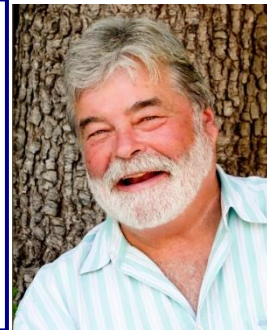
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"All the News that Fits We Print"



Before the Ball (and Before the Bell as well)



Your Scribe arrived in the large – indeed palatial – white tents to find the **Committee of Sargent-at-Arms** sitting and standing at ease while all about them there was chaos! The seeming lack of progress was, it turned out, not a lack whatsoever. The many six-foot diameter round tables (24 tables to be precise) had been set into position and made firm and level; when; it seems; a difficulty had arisen. The committee – under the able leadership of **Jim Pacatte** – had allowed four feet of clear space between tables. And now it seems that The Caterer requires – nay, demands! – six feet clear. Will the waiters and waitresses be unusually wide? Will the wait staff be driving golf carts or leading packhorses between the tables? How will this be resolved? By the time you read these notes the issue will be history!



At the Bell (the meeting gets started)



THE MEETING GETS STARTED

President Rick Wilson opened the proceedings with the *Pledge of Allegiance*, while holding aloft an American Flag, which was perhaps the size of a standard post card. Well Done! As this was a special "Pre-Phantasmagoria" meeting – there was neither a song, nor a "Quote-for-the-day".

There was one guest present, a visiting Rotarian, at this most atypical luncheon meeting – and he was Mark Walker, visiting from Springfield Oregon.

Our **Money Man Mark Fink** was only charging ten dollars for lunch on this occasion. The reason was soon apparent. The *tasty and nutritious* menu included pizza, salad, sodas, and water. No complaints were heard by **This Scribe**. Obviously, the usual kitchen staff were having a day off!





Future Programs



October 9, 2015

Speaker: **Tommy Ryan Lee, Attorney**
Program: **Arlington, America's Most Hallowed Ground**

October 16, 2015

Speaker: **TBD**
Program: **TBD**

October 23, 2015

Speaker: **Tony Linegar, So Co Ag Comm.**
Program: **Agriculture in Sonoma County & the Crop Report**

October 30, 2015

Speaker: **Cindy Gillespie, VP HR**
Program: **Amy's Kitchen and their New Drive Thru Restaurant**

November 6, 2015

Speaker: **Erin Dunn, DG District 5130**
Program: **District Governor Visit**

November 13, 2015

Speaker: **Bob Boyd, Rick Wilson**
Program: **Veteran's Day Program**

November 20, 2015

Speaker: **Howard Stauffer**
Program: **Cambodia Program**

November 27, 2015

CLUB DARK for Thanksgiving



Handy Links



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



Miscellany



Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: **Tues, Oct. 13th, 5:30 p.m.**

Location: **Rick Wilson's Home**

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – jcblasco@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 !!!**



Most Rotarians present found a place at one of the many tables, but some chose to eat while standing.

Unfortunately **Robin Maybury** arrived after the pizza was consumed – better not be late next time **Robin!**



Mia Del Prete - balanced carefully on a folding chair - without falling - to advise various **taskmasters** that she would be distributing spreadsheets with the names of volunteers for each duty crew.



Your Scribe was impressed with the detailed organization, and thorough advanced planning! The chaos that had loomed at 11:45 had now blossomed into real actual work plans! Hoorah!





The Final Bell (the luncheon and the meeting are concluded)



By 12:50 the “meeting” was completed as various Rotarians were collecting and carrying out the trash and beginning to work on party preparations. Banners were being hung above the stage. Tables were being erected in the silent auction room. Dinner tables were being located and leveled. An air of anticipation and excitement was noticeable.





After the Bell **GETTING READY SATURDAY MORNING**





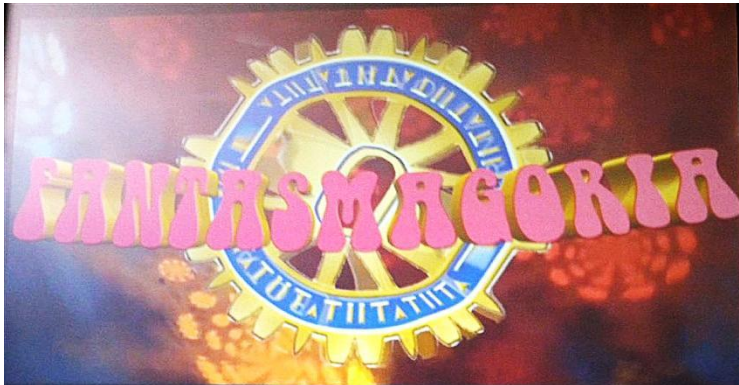


After the Bell THE EVENT, FANTASMAGORIA



Wow, what a very good time was had by all. Your **Humble Scribe** searches for more superlative adjectives!

The sheer size of the tent was impressive. The weather was fine, so re-routing raindrops was unnecessary. But the tent sure did create a friendly and spacious environment for this FANTASMAGORIC event! And walking on grass, and milling about on grass, was actually just fine. Better than a fine wool carpet! The



sound system, the large projection screens, the light towers all functioned as intended and gave the tent the feel of a Hollywood or Las Vegas Nightclub. Well done, **AV Crew!**



Take for example the matter of costumes - There was a **soldier** with his dog tags, a **graduate** with gown and mortarboard, and **hippies** galore.



We had a fuzzy top hat, an assortment of colored wigs, long hairpieces, and no limit of beads, tattoos, and enough tie-dyed shirts to fill a warehouse.

Oh and one chick was at least 8 and ½ months preggy. An **old-timer** failed to read the psychedelic poster and came in formal attire (he fit right in)! Also seen were orange pants (I kid you not!), and at least one joint (**Nao, Nao!**). Sightings of a well-known female vocalist (initials JJ, or was it DR?) were circulating. Yes, there was eye candy for everyone.





The pre-dinner action in the back tent was dynamic. Lots of visiting, drinking, joking, greeting old friends and new friends, and plain "hanging out". To this observer, it didn't seem like much shopping was underway. BUT (!) hold your breath, at the dinner bell many a bid had been written on most all bid sheets.



What will be the final tally of the silent auction? Late in the evening, our **hard-working treasurer** was cradling a thick pile of bid sheets, and even with **three assistants** and many computers and calculators, he was unwilling or unable to venture a guess at the total silent auction revenue. Stay tuned for final financial results – might be a tidy sum!

The dinner was first class. The salads were generous. The main course for most diners was "surf and turf". It was easy to look at, delicious, and generous portions. The dessert was a plate of tasty sweets. The food was served promptly, and was enjoyed by all. The dinner tables were, like the diners, in tie-dyed costumes – very nice touch. Oh, and there was dinner wine too!



And speaking of wine, well, this sure IS wine country! The quantity of wine available in the silent auction was astonishing (Does that explain the number of accountants helping **Mark Fink** at check out?). The live auction item #6 – "The Instant Bar" – included sufficient beverage for at least one lifetime, maybe enough for two! And of course, red and white (and some bubbly) were flowing all evening. These comments are NOT to be construed as a complaint – wine is the "staff of life" – right? Anyway, if anyone was thirsty, it was their own fault!



The serious business of raising more money began, tastefully, after dinner. Auctioneer Carla Harrison was in good form. Her practiced trill of unknown words and syllables reminding all that this was a real auction and that she meant business. YES, bids were fast and furious. It was exciting theater for all and great excitement as bids soared higher and higher. **Frank and Kathie Mayhew** must surely be awarded a prize for the most winning bids – they came ready to bid! And their table was bending under the weight of the champagne bottles delivered with each high bid. The number on the electronic tote board rose higher and higher. There were good bids on each and every item.

And as the lights dimmed and the auctioneer's imaginary gavel fell for the final item, there it was – Believe it – **a grand total of \$60,510 raised in the live auction**. Whew, and that ain't hay brother!

With the dinner dishes out of sight, and with the business of raising money handled, the dance party got underway with gusto! The band, Captain Paisley, played music from the distant past – the sixties and later. The music may have been dated, BUT many a dancer was heard mouthing the lyrics just as though they sang it every day. The floor was full of dancers.

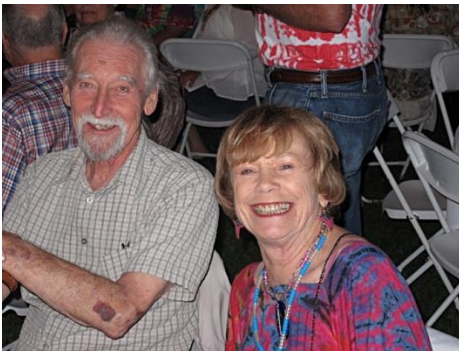




Great to be up from the table and on ones feet and moving with the beat. A happy high point of the dance party for **This Scribe** was watching **Brad Benedetti** carefully and joyfully dancing with **Bob Cugini** (in his wheelchair) while **Bob's wife Julie** was astride **Bob's** lap. Dennis Judd and his mother Lillian were out there with their walking sticks, movin' and groovin' to the beat! And nearby **President Rick Wilson** was smiling from ear to ear, and looking as pleased as a fellow can look! And that is saying something.

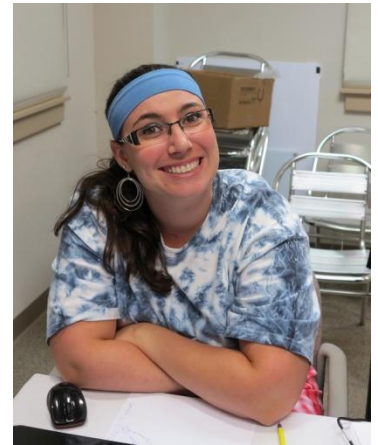
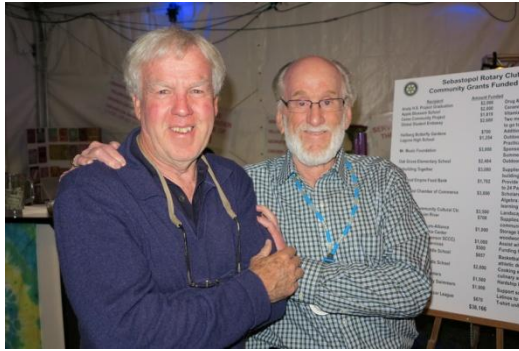


And so, the evening, which had begun around five in the afternoon, was going strong until after ten pm. All faces were smiling as they left carrying wine, or paintings or other goodies. **Your Scribe** left with one thought - "THAT WAS A GOOD PARTY!" Let's do it again next year, or maybe even better!











"Arlington, America's Most Hallowed Ground"



October 9, 2015

Tommy Ryan Lee

"Arlington, America's Most Hallowed Ground"

Tommy Lee is a trial attorney and a Rotarian in Novato who has a rich family history of strong military connections. He was an Army medic in the Vietnam era, his father was in the Air Force during World War II, Korea and Vietnam and his son is a former marine who served as a pistol, rifle, water safety survival and combat instructor during both the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. His son now works for the USO in Arlington Virginia.

Tommy first became interested in Arlington when he discovered that he was related to the Lee's of Virginia and to Robert E. Lee, a former owner of Arlington. But Tommy's side of the family disagreed with those in the family who thought a civil war was the only way to resolve their differences, so they moved west. Both of Tommy's parents are buried in Arlington Cemetery.

Come and hear his story of Arlington National Cemetery, our nation's most hallowed ground, as Tommy shares with us how his family has experienced protecting our nation and giving those honored men and women a special place to rest for eternity!



ROTARY READING - CLICK HERE TO GO TO RI WEBSITE



2 October 2015 | A roundup of Rotary news



Lighting the way to a better world

Rotary and the international advocacy organization ONE joined other event partners in downtown Chicago last week to demonstrate a commitment to ending extreme poverty and inequality and to promoting action on climate change. The event, dubbed Under One Sky, took place on the eve of the United Nations launch of its Sustainable Development Goals, and was one of more than 150 held around the world. Read more about the Chicago [Under One Sky event](#).

GIVE

Empowering youth

Looking way back at a big adventure

Thirty years ago, Katherine Ward boarded a plane for Turkey headed for a yearlong Rotary Youth Exchange. Ward shares memories of that year and how the experience had a huge impact on her, in our blog, [Rotary Voices](#).



- [Read about Ward's exchange year](#)
- [Find out how your club can support an exchange](#)
- [Read more stories from Youth Exchange students](#)

Eradicating polio

Supermodel Isabeli Fontana talks polio

From the runways of Paris to the catwalks of Milan, from the pages of Sports Illustrated to the cover of Vogue, Brazil's Isabeli Fontana is one of the most recognizable figures in the world of high fashion. Two years ago, the supermodel became a super role model for the eradication of polio when she accepted Rotary's invitation to become a polio ambassador.



- [Read The Rotarian magazine's conversation with Fontana](#)
- [Read more stories from the October issue](#)
- [Browse recent coverage of Rotary's role in ending polio in Nigeria](#)

ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS NOW LIVE

Rotary Global Rewards is a new member benefit program designed to make membership even more rewarding for Rotarians. This exciting program includes discounts on products and services such as travel, car rentals, hotels, dining and entertainment. It's our way of giving back to those who give so much.



- [See the discounts](#)
- [Learn more about the program](#)
- [Visit the Member Center](#)

Rotary Global Rewards: the good you do comes back to you.

CELEBRATE WORLD POLIO DAY

Join us on 23 October for Rotary's third annual World Polio Day event. We'll be streaming live from New York City, so tune in at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time to watch a global status update on the fight to end polio and take part in the conversation. Guests will include Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, celebrity ambassadors, polio survivors and others.

- [Download the World Polio Day tool kit to help spread the word](#)
- [If you miss the live event, watch and share the recording](#)

Announcements

Rotary's president invites you to a presidential conference

Find new and innovative ways to improve your community at one of five presidential conferences this year, hosted by Rotary President K.R. Ravindran and Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klinginsmith. The conferences, to be held around the world between January and March, will highlight Rotary's areas of focus. Learn more about the [presidential conferences](#).

Resources & reference

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