



The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

BOB RUBIN: Magic Beasts of a Magic Place

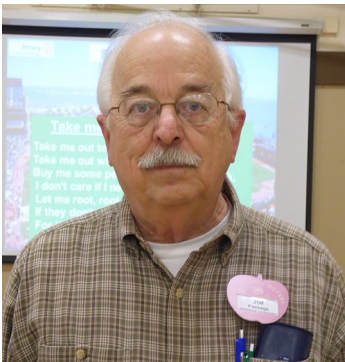


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"All the News that Fits We Print"

AT THE BELL



This was an action packed busy meeting. Things raced right along. Blink and you missed it! Our thoughtful and ever clever **President David** called the meeting to order just a few minutes early. **Your scribe** was tapped for double duty and gladly stepped forward to lead the club in saluting the American Flag. Immediately thereafter songster **Keller McDonald** had us singing in loud and happy voices a somewhat recognizable rendition of "Take me out to the ball game." The special program was in high gear, after an abbreviated allotment of time for eating a very good meal.



RECOGNITION

Pauline Pellini was honored with a framed assemblage of **Hal's** (the late **Harold Pellini**) red Number One Rotary apple badge and a club banner. It was a fitting and touching presentation. Well done.



GUESTS

The following visiting Rotarians were recognized on this beautiful afternoon. Peter Kalibbala, from Jinja, Uganda Club (9,351 miles distant). Dale Knight, from the Rohnert Park-Cotati Club. Past District Governors' Helaine Campbell and Bruce Campbell, from the Sebastopol Sunrise Club.

Future Programs

April 28, 2017

Speaker: Zack Neeley

Program: Coaching Boys into Men

May 5, 2017

Speaker: Walt Hayes

Program: Analy High School Maker Program

May 12, 2017

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Program: District Conference, Lake Tahoe

May 19, 2017

Speaker: Mike Toy

Program: Secrets to Greater Impact and Influence

May 26, 2017

Speaker: Rebecca Howell

Program: My Care Plan – Health Directives

Future Events

SCARC Dinner (Club hosted) (“Keeping Girls in School”) – 4/27 @ 5:30PM (at church)

Learn to Swim 4/24 – 5/18

District Conf. (Tahoe) 5/12-14

RI Conv. (Atlanta) – 6/10-14

Miscellany

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–JackEDunlap@gmail.com

On-line Make-Ups:

www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

546-1234

INTERACT MAKEUPS

Analy High: Check Day, Time with
Dan Rasmus or Donna Pantzer

Brook Haven: Check Day, Time with
Pauline Pellini or Mike Carey

Orchard View: Check Day, Time with Lisa Jacobs

Twin Hills: Check Day, Time with Dan Rasmus or
Monica Kretschmer

**For all Interact Mtgs.: CALL AHEAD TO
CONFIRM MEETINGS**

! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !

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The meeting was packed with many guests of Rotarians. **Larry Ford** introduced his wife **Gerry**. **Bob Hirsch** introduced his girlfriend **Joelle**. **Dick Zimmer** introduced three guests: his wife **Barbara**, his daughter **Lorilee**, and his grandson, **Jay Zimmer**. **Rick Wilson** introduced **Jordan Burns**, a prospective member of our club. **Edwin Wilson** happily introduced his daughter-in-law, **Ariane Wilson**. **Mia Del Prete** cheerfully introduced her parents **Pete** and **Judy Barbieri**. **Barbara Beedon** rose to identify our guest speaker, **Dr. Robert Rubin**, of The Pacific Manta Research Group.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



The golf tournament will be next Friday. If you want to attend, please send an e-mail to **Meredith Bertacco** and/or to **David Still** to reserve a place. The game starts at 1PM on Friday, April 28th, at Northwood Golf Course. Fore!

President David announced that there will be a Rotary bicycle ride from Crescent City to Petaluma. This is organized by **District Governor-elect Bob Rogers**. Ride for six days – August 13th to August 19th. Stay tuned for more details!

President David called up visiting Rotarian – **Peter Kalibbala**. **Peter** is visiting from Uganda. After a friendly exchange of club banners, **Peter** spoke with great passion about an effort in Uganda to improve education. They have created a vocational education program. Selected students combine regular academic work with instruction and practice in useful, practical trades. Apparently in Uganda, graduates with regular academic degrees are often unemployed. The cost for a student to attend the vocational program for one year is \$720 USD. **Peter** asked that Sebastopol Rotarians reach out and sponsor some students in this worthwhile education. But no dilly-dallying- the show had to go on!



RAFFLE

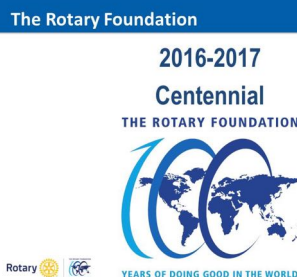


The Raffle....oops! #935 – no! #868 – no! #875 – no ! One more - #850 - no!

So anticipate an augmented raffle next week!



ROTARY FOUNDATION 100TH ANNIVERSARY



President David yielded the gavel to today's Master of Ceremonies, **Dan Rasmus**, to lead our club in a special celebration of One Hundred Years of the Rotary Foundation.

First there were some very quick games with Foundation Points awarded for correct answers of Rotary trivia. Did you know that the first project undertaken by the Foundation was the construction of a public toilet in downtown Chicago. The photo showed a small closet neatly perched above an entrance to the subway. Moving on, in 1930, **Paul Harris** donated money to help crippled children and that charity

developed and became what we now know as "Easter Seals". And the first donation to the Rotary Foundation, \$ 26.50, was by the Kansas City Rotary Club. The donation was, we were told, money that was left over from their excursion to the Rotary Convention.

For the first thirty years of the Foundation's existence, times were tough. Two world wars, the great depression, and calls to scrap the Rotary Foundation, did not stifle the resolve of **Paul Harris** and **Arch Klumpp** to keep the Foundation going. **Paul Harris** died in 1947. After his death, the Rotary clubs raised \$1,300,000 in just 18 months. At that time of **Arch Klumpp's** death in 1951, the Rotary Foundation balance was at \$3,000,000. In 1964 one million dollars was contributed in just one year, a record amount. **Dan** and **Bob** showcased several examples of the foundation's work, from a Dialysis Center in India to a truck donated by our club to serve as an ambulance in Zimbabwe.



Paul Harris recognition pins were awarded to following Sebastopol regulars, and their family members:

Cindy Carter-Flamm

Gwen Harrison (by **Brad Benedetti**)

Isabella Von May, (by **Greg Jacobs**)

Jay Zimmer, (by **Dick Zimmer**)

Ariane Wilson (by **Edwin Wilson**)



The following Paul Harris Fellow Plus recipients were recognized.

Rick Williams –PHF+1

Gene Nelson – PHF+2

Jack Dunlap – PHF+3

Bob Hirsch – PHF+5

Tony Given – PHF+7

Bob Rogers – PHF+7



Bruce Campbell of the Sebastopol Sunrise Club came up and made a special presentation. On behalf of the Sebastopol Sunrise Club, Pete Barbieri, father of **Mia Del Prete**, was thanked, honored and recognized for a major financial contribution made at a Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary event. A very special and appreciated recognition!

The following Sebastopol Rotary Club Members were recognized as belonging, for their major contributions, to the Paul Harris Society.

Henry Alker

Sally Ewald

Frank Mayhew

Kathie Mayhew

Bob Rogers

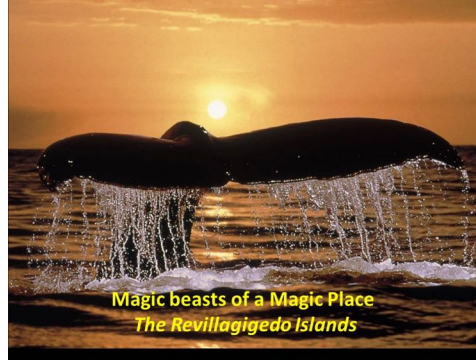
Yvette Williams van Agellen

John Blount





THE PROGRAM – MAGIC BEASTS OF A MAGIC PLACE



Barbara Beedon came forward and introduced speaker **Dr. Robert Rubin**, a marine biologist. Dr. Rubin has, all of his life, been fascinated by the natural world (think salt water) and animals dwelling therein.

For this talk, he focused on a triangular area off of the west coast of Mexico. The triangle lies between these three points: The Revillagigedo Islands southwest of Baja. The Isla Cerralvo in the Sea of Cortez. And, The Bahia de Banderas.

The Revillagigedo Islands are undeveloped volcanic islands that are protected by the Mexican government. The ocean around these islands abounds with life. There was a large volcanic eruption there in 1952. There are many sharks, hammerhead sharks, porpoises, and other varieties of marine life in the waters there.

This talk focused on manta rays. Dr. Rubin said that this species is truly ancient – having been around 200 million years! In recent times they have come up from a life on the very bottom of the ocean. These rays are large – adults are 18 feet long! Yet they eat very small fishes and creatures. The undersides of these rays have unique markings. Many of the manta rays have been named and tracked. Dr. Rubin and his colleagues have discovered that these manta rays dive very deeply. They migrate around this triangular area off of western Mexico. The population of Manta Rays is now increasing.

The area of the islands is now an official United Nations World Heritage Site. This designation will protect manta rays and many other species as well. Before this official designation, sharks were killed for their fins, and Mantas were killed for their gills (for medicines to treat kidneys).

The talk was uplifting in that a unique species, and a near pristine area, will be protected forever.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



Thought for the day was presented by **Tom Lambert** : “Even if you never have the chance to see or touch the ocean, the ocean touches you with every breath you take, every drop of water you drink, every bite you consume. Everyone, everywhere is connected to and utterly dependent upon the existence of the sea.” By Sylvia A, Earle



THE FINAL BELL



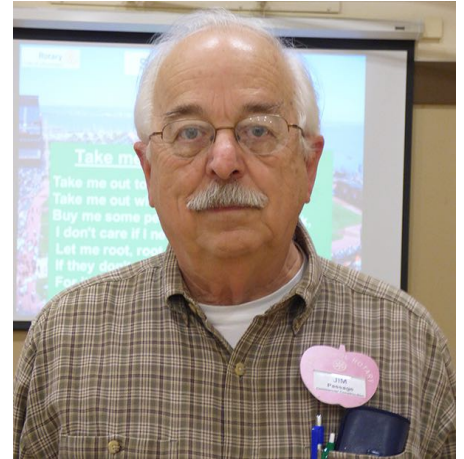
The Roto-bell was rung at 1:30PM sharp, and another action packed and exciting Rotary meeting closed.



EDITOR'S NOTE



We would like to take a moment to thank **Robin Maybury** for his masterful work behind the camera recently. We would also like to thank **Jim Passage** for pinch-hitting with the scribe duties this week. It truly takes a village to bring you the Apple Knocker each week, and we thank both of you for all of your work!



Future Programs

April 28, 2017: Zack Neeley, Coaching Boys Into Men

Athletic coaches play an extremely influential and unique role in the lives of young men. Because of these relationships, coaches are poised to positively influence how young men think and behave, both on and off the field. Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM) is the only evidence-based prevention program that trains and motivates high school coaches to teach their young male athletes healthy relationship skills and that violence never equals strength. The program is offered by two organizations, the YWCA and Verity, both resources for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Sonoma County.

May 5, 2017: Walt Hayes, Analy High School Project Make

Walt Hays started teaching Math at Analy High in 2004 and currently teaches Computer Science and Project Make. He has taught Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus, Computer Programming, Advanced Placement Computer Science, and Project Make. Walt received his teaching credential from Sonoma State, and a BA from UC Davis in International Relations with a minor in Russian. Before becoming a teacher he spent 14 years at a Bay Area software company, finishing up as engineering manager. He loves long distance cycling, plays guitar, and raises chickens (see his web site, www.dogatemyhomework.com, for a link to his automatic chicken door, version 3.0.). Walt was honored as a West County Teacher of the Year in 2016, and was selected by a recent Analy graduating class to the faculty speaker, where he performed an original song about the joys of teaching and learning at Analy High to a graduation audience of 2,000 people.