

The Appleknocker Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL



Rotary Club of Sebastopol	This Week's Announcements
❖ Teacher Mini Grant Applications – TODAY IS LAST DAY	
❖ Learn To Swim Volunteers Needed – see Rick Wilson or Greg Jacobs	
❖ Thursday, April 20 – Redwood Empire Food Bank Volunteering 9:30 to 11:30AM	
❖ Thu., April 27 – SCARC Dinner Hosted by club - right here at 5:30PM – "Keeping Girls in School" (\$50)	
❖ Fri., April 28 – Rotary Golf Tournament at Northwood Golf Course - 1PM Shotgun Start	
❖ May 12-14 – DISTRICT 5130 CONFERENCE at Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe – NO MEETING HERE ON 5/12	
❖ June 10-14 – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in Atlanta – Celebrating TRF's 100th Anniversary	

As Rotarians, friends and guests arrived, they were greeted by **Rick Wilson**, **Bob Cugini** and the radiant **Cory Maguire**. As we moved into the room and got lunch, the screen reminded us to sign up for Learn to Swim, an opportunity to volunteer at the upcoming Redwood Food Bank and of the SCARC dinner on April 27th, among other points. There might be a quiz later, so pay attention!

AT THE BELL



Our meeting started flawlessly with **President David** nimbly ringing the Rotary bell. Such dexterity is truly remarkable. **Kathie Mayhew** led the flag salute and it was followed by a spirited rendition of "My Country 'tis of Thee", led by the beautiful **Lady Karen Daniels**. Guys, if you haven't noticed, pay attention to **Karen's** wardrobe for ideas as to gifts for your wife or significant other.

We had a number of guests, including Dan Bornstein from Santa Rosa, who rumor has it, is offering a 20% discount to any of **Larry Ford's** clients who are willing to drive to east for their teeth repaired. Also from Santa Rosa, Bill Rousseau, who is a Past Rotary





Future Programs



April 14, 2017

Emcee: Rick Wilson & David Schreibman
Program: Overcoming Obstacles

April 21, 2017

Speaker: Bob Rubin
Program: Magic Beasts of a Magic Place

April 28, 2017

Speaker: Zack Neeley
Program: Coaching Boys Into Men

May 5, 2017

Speaker: Walt Hays
Program:

May 12, 2017

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May 19, 2017

Speaker: Mike Toy
Program: It's not magic, secrets to greater impact and influence

May 26, 2017

Speaker: Rebecca Howell
Program: My Care My Plan – Health Directives



Future Events



Learn to Swim 4/24 – 5/18

District Conf. (Tahoe) 5/12-14

RI Conv. (Atlanta) – 6/10-14



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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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President, as well our program speaker. Other guests included Kerry Chambers and Brad Still, David's son.



Another guest was **Monica Kretschmer's** daughter, Reanna. As you would expect, they were both radiant and beautiful. That apple didn't fall far from



the tree.

Rounding out the guest list was Suki Gieser, Assessment Process Manager. She works with Bill Rousseau and covers his tracks. Scott, Katie's



husband was also a guest and he spoke enthusiastically about being a host family for youth exchange. Thank you, Scott. You were great.



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

President David shared a very heart-warming “Thank You”-letter from a former recipient of a Rotary scholarship for Students; Overcoming Obstacles. This year’s scholarship, by the way, will be awarded next week.



Foundation Update: **Dan Rasmus**, Mr energy and enthusiasm, gave a great update on the Rotary Foundation. **Dan** shared that our club’s goal this this month, Rotary Foundation Month, is \$10,000. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 6 for \$100. Our club has donated just over a \$1,000,000 to International Rotary. Wow!!! Kudos to the Rotary Club of Sebastopol.

So, hurry up and buy raffle tickets and support the Rotary Foundation.

President David presented a video promoting the District Conference in Tahoe, with the theme music from the old western, Ponderosa. Once with the theme would have been nice, but, oh my, how many times did they repeat the song? Nice pictures of Tahoe, but a tad bit too long. (Guess that is an editorial.)



David shared pictures from a Rotary friendship dinner at **Mario Ramos’s** Mexico Lindo restaurant. Great fun and fellowship had by all in attendance. By the way, if you haven’t been to Mexico Lindo, great food and super patio in the back. A summer must for locals and visitors.



THE RAFFLE



Brad Still happened to win the raffle and impressed everyone, especially his dad, by knowing the answer to the question posed by **President David**. He actually paid attention to **David's** power point information at the opening! What an amazing concept.

Clearly, a skill that makes him presidential. He can read and he pays attention. Brad shared with us that he operates a fitness gym in Southern California that includes a climbing wall. Hopefully, in the near future, we will see a video of son Brad, and father **David** climbing that wall. **David**, you can do it!!!



ROOKIE SKETCH



Cory Maguire's "rookie sketch" was outstanding. **Cory**, who was born in Hawaii, is still brimming with Aloha, and she shared that for several years she was a stand-in for Jane Fonda. Something like that. **Cory** rode camels in Egypt, walked on the 'Great Wall', cruised the Panama Canal, and helped take down the Berlin Wall. She also spent time in San Francisco with "flowers in her hair". She worked at a switch board, as a law clerk, and several years planning cruise trip events. **Cory** came to Sebastopol 22 years ago when she was hired by **Polly, Madsen**. **Cory** wished us all "Mahalo" in gratitude. She is a wonderful person and we are fortunate to have **Cory** as a member of our club.



TRUTH OR SHARE



President David picked three random Rotarians for a round of "Truth or Share", where they were asked questions about last week's program and issue Appleknocker.

Mike Ferguson, Bob Rogers and Dan Rasmus were the lucky three.



There was some confusion regarding the question **Mike** was asked, regarding **Jørgen Holst's** rookie sketch last week. Safe to say there were mistakes both in Appleknocker and in the replies.



BILL ROUSSEAU



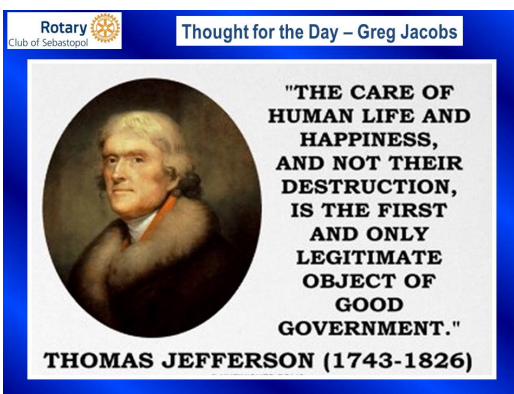
Our guest speaker was Bill Rousseau, Commissioner of Marriage, Clerk, Recorder and Assessor. We learned that Prop 13 dictates what the county does regarding property taxes and that residential property accounts for 2/3 of assed value in Sonoma County. Prop 13 was voted into law in 1978 and stipulates that property taxes are not to exceed an increase of 2% per year. There are 183,000 parcels in the county and the median home value is approximately \$600,000. For every \$1 collected in taxes 26 cents goes to the county and 52 cents to schools.

We learned the assessor determines property values, but does not collect taxes.

The County Clerk is responsible for conducting all elections, maintains all vital records, and all property records. This last function is crucial to our economy as it assures legitimate and legal title to property. One last fact, 79% of registered voters in Sonoma County voted in the last election.



THOUGHT OF THE DAY



The meeting wrapped up with a quote from Thomas Jefferson, presented by **Greg Jacobs**. The quote: "The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government." **Greg** did not recognize the "not their destruction" part of the quote, but **David** had found the image on the internet, so it must be correct.



THE FINAL BELL



With that, our tireless **President** rang the roto-bell at 1:30pm sharp, concluding another successful meeting!

*(Editor's note: The editors of the AppleKnocker would like to thank **Jeff Boal** and **Robin Maybury** for their fantastic contributions to scribe notes and photography of late.)*

Future Programs

April 14, 2017: Overcoming Obstacles

The Rotary Club of Sebastopol, California has a successful Youth / Vocational Services activity – now in its seventh year – that is one of our most popular programs. It's an "everybody wins" program and is designed to lead exceptional high school students through focusing/planning for the future, interacting at an adult level, and gaining confidence in presentation skills. It is not a speech contest. This is an annual club program and attracts a large club committee with different skills and interests. The program is scalable – We adapted our program from a much larger one we discovered at Rotary Club of Reno South – fitting it into our one-day event. Our participating students are not necessarily the best students or athletes but those who have been "dealt a poor hand... or at least a few bad cards" of significant obstacles as they grew up and entered high school. We choose students who have overcome these obstacles, who are planning their future, whose academic performance shows it. The students will be present at the Rotary lunch this Friday.

April 21, 2017: Bob Rubin – Magic Beasts of a Magic Place

Robert Rubin, marine biologist and Director of the Pacific Manta Research Group. He earned a Ph.D. in comparative physiology and marine ecology from the University of California, Irvine, studying animals that live at environmental extremes. He has conducted research on fish eating bats, ice breeding seals and sea elephants that dive to depths in excess of 5,000 feet on a single breath. His field studies of the oceanic manta rays have been chronicled and aired internationally by The Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, BBC and National Geographic.

Robert developed an interest in marine creatures as a teenager while teaching in a youth summer camp on Catalina Island, where he learned to SCUBA dive. The elegance and grace of giant mantas resulted in what is now a passionate pursuit of a scientific understanding of these charismatic giants; which he affectionately refers to as "Flying Carpets of Ebony Silk". Robert has taught marine biology at several colleges and universities in California and elsewhere. The recipient of numerous awards for teaching excellence, he has been recognized for his teaching by the California State Assembly and Senate, The Congress of the United States, the University of California, Irvine and Santa Rosa Junior College. He is the recipient of the ASCD award for teaching excellence, and in 1996, he was chosen by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as the California College and University Professor of the Year.



May 26, 2017: Rebecca Howell – My Care My Plan



Laura Moss is the Community Programs Manager for West County Health Centers and has been working there coming on four years. West County Health Centers provides comprehensive, quality and accessible health care services to the community of Western Sonoma County. Laura is committed to engaging and educating the community in order to build a healthy community. My Care My Plan is an educational session on Advanced Health Care Directives and the importance of having this conversation with loved ones, completing this form, and placing it in the correct hands BEFORE a health crisis occurs.

ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

It's all about the fun!

Amongst the Redwoods of
NORTHWOOD GOLF COURSE
April 28 - 1PM Shotgun Start



\$85 if walking or \$95 w/cart

Includes 18 holes and dinner

\$40 for dinner only

For reservations contact David Still:

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