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"All the News that Fits We Print"



🍏 AT THE BELL 🍏

Excitement ran high in anticipation of the annual Club Holiday Party at **JT and Teresa Martin's** on Friday evening. Would it snow? Would Santa show up? Would it rain ... or snow? How many vehicles would get stuck in the mud parking off the roads around JT's house? So many questions to be answered later that night ...

President David welcomed **David Still** to the microphone to lead to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. **Karen Daniels** led the room in "God Bless America" with thoughts turning to Pearl Harbor Day earlier this week.

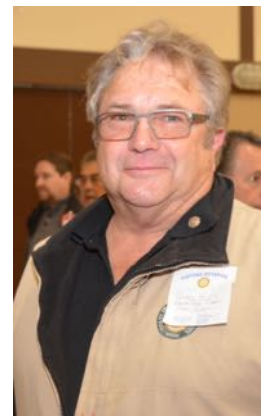


🍏 VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS 🍏

The unmistakable voice of **Bud Daveiro** was heard introducing visiting Rotarian **Robby Fouts**, classification Pest Control, from the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa.



New Rotarian **Jorden Holst** (inducted into the Rotary Club of Sebastopol just last week) introduced is **Rebecca Lane**.



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

December 16, 2016

Speaker: **Marrienne McBride**
Program: Council on Aging

December 23, 2016

DARK

December 30, 2016

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January 6, 2017

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🍎 Future Events 🍎

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: **Tues, December 13th, 5:30 p.m.**
Location: **David Schreiber's Home in Windsor**

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS--Jack Dunlap@gmail.com

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

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 !!!

LINKS: [Pinot for Polio](#) [Sebastopol Rotary Website](#)

Dan Rasmus introduced a passel of guests from the Twin Hills Interact Club, including 2016 West County Teacher of the Year **Nicole Ellwood**, Interact Faculty Sponsor, and Twin Hills Interact officers:



Ashley, Kelsey, Carla, Madeson, and



Taylor. The Twin Hills Interactors shared a project they recently completed to benefit Reynolds School in Louisiana, which is recovering from the recent floods that devastated the area.

Mike Carey introduced Brook Haven Interact leaders **Taylor, Remy and Tayler**, who



announced that Brook Haven students held a jog-a-thon that has raised \$1,174 (and counting) for a "Keep Girls in School in Africa" project Brook Haven Interact is doing in partnership with the Ant Hill Foundation. Rotarians were invited to participate in the Brook Haven Interact project fundraiser.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 9- JT Martin reminded all about the Club Holiday Party in the wild outback of the south Sebastopol hills later that evening. A good time was anticipated by all!

Recognitions



Mario Ramos was recognized by **President David** (to the tune of \$50) for the immense amount of encouragement and support he has provided to Paso Ancho School over the years, including connecting our Club to the school.



Democrat. **Rick** gave all the credit for the inspiration and connections that brought this project to reality to his life partner / business partner / sweetheart / better half, **Leah Taylor** ... but **President David** still nicked **Rick** for \$35.

Rick Williams was recognized (to the tune of \$35) for his leadership in a project to collect live Christmas trees for replanting in the fire-ravaged areas of Lake County, as recently described in an article in the Press Democrat.



Mark Fink's recent trip to Colorado to ride trains from the 1800's through aspen-covered canyons and enjoy the sights and scenes was highlighted with photos and stories ... and \$45 of recognition.

Sally and David Ewald notched their 50th anniversary earlier in December, and will celebrate with friends in San Francisco next week. **President David** paid the \$5 recognition for **Sally and David's** milestone 50th anniversary.



Paul and Yvonne Thielen celebrated their 40th anniversary. **Paul** was left to pay his own \$5 recognition for "only" 40 years of wedded bliss. **Paul** quipped, "The good times are really good, and the bad times don't last." And here's to the good times!

THE RAFFLE



Brad Benedetti had the winning raffle ticket, correctly identified the “What’s My Line” Rotarian, and promptly donated his raffle winnings to the Twin Hills Interact Club and Brook Haven Interact Club in support of their service projects!

Rookie “Sketch”



David McLennon, classification Bank Manager (Exchange Bank) gave us a thumbnail outline of his interests and history. Originally from Michigan, **David** came west to California after his college days. Along David’s career path, he has had 8 business cards and worked for 3 banks. He and his wife, Cindy, have two young adult daughters well-launched on successful trajectories of their own. **David** shared his interests in travel, hiking, woodworking, reading, and wine. David’s interesting personal story, quick wit and great sense of humor left



many in the audience wanting to get to know this new Rotarian better. Welcome to the Rotary Club of Sebastopol, **David!**

Membership Moment

Harry Pauley came to the podium and promptly announced to President David, “Rule #1: Never give the microphone to a Past President!” With his unique brand of honesty and humility, **Harry** told the story of how Dr. Ernie Vierra first invited him to a Sebastopol Rotary meeting 47 years ago. **Harry** asked club members to take a moment to recall who first invited them to Rotary, and how the gift of being invited to join Rotary changed the course of our lives. **Harry** has sponsored around 30 members who joined Sebastopol Rotary over the years, many of whom have become some of Harry’s closest friends! **Harry** shared that, just as being asked to join Rotary is a great gift, it’s a great gift to sponsor a new member into Rotary. **Past President Harry** urged us to seek out and invite new members to our club. Harry’s message in a nut shell: “Pass along the gift of Rotary, and receive the gift of sharing Rotary!”



International Project Update



Past President Rick Wilson shared his recent visit with a team from our Club to Paso Ancho School in Puerto Vallarta. **Mario Ramos** was principal of Paso Ancho School before coming to Sonoma County years ago, on a teacher exchange. Over the years, our Club has supported for Paso Ancho School in various ways. Rick reported that the 15 computers our Club recently provided are being used daily in the after-school program, as well as the 50 recorders (flute instruments) our Club donated. Rick described the Rotary Club of Sebastopol's long partnership with Paso Ancho School, and discussed possibly

incorporating English language instruction into the after-school program to enhance student's skills and employability.

THE PROGRAM: Laurel Anderson, School Garden Network

Laurel graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a major in early childhood education. She was the school garden coordinator at Salmon Creek School, serving the Occidental community, for



14 years. Laurel is a founding member and board member of the School Garden Network of Sonoma County. The School Garden Network is a non-profit with a mission to encourage and support school garden projects across Sonoma County. The School Garden Network has provided over \$150,000 in grants to 45 school garden projects in Sonoma County, including grants to support garden coordinator positions, garden education projects, salad bar projects, and farm field trips. The School Garden Network is also partnering with Harmony Farm Supply on water-wise projects to design and install automated drip irrigation systems at school gardens. Fifteen water-wise school garden projects have been completed so far.

Laurel shared that school gardens provide "an oasis of nature and quiet" and "places of hands-on wonder" at schools. They provide opportunities for all learners, not just the academically gifted, to excel. Some students connect so closely with the school garden experience that they volunteer during recess and lunch to help work in the school garden! "It is fun, but you are learning while you are having fun," said a 5th grader. Kids learn the full cycle of life in the school garden: planting, growing, harvesting, and preparing for the future.

The School Garden Network of Sonoma County has the unique opportunity to partner with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to support wildlife habitats through school gardens. The USFWS provides \$5000 grants to 4 Sonoma County schools per year for wildlife habitat projects developed in concert with School Garden Network consultants. 15 projects have been completed in



school across Sonoma County so far.

Laurel thanked the Rotary Club of Sebastopol for a Teacher Mini-grant that supplied rubber boots so that students at Salmon Creek School can work in their school garden in the wet weather. She shared that school gardens provide an opportunity for students to learn life skills and lessons and be inspired to be good stewards of our environment.

Thought for the Day: Sue Engle

“To know anything well involves a profound sense of ignorance” -John Ruskin



President David rang the bell at exactly 1:30 pm

Future Programs

December 16, 2016: Council on Aging

Speaker: Marrienne McBride



A fifth-generation Sonoma County resident, Marrienne McBride, President & CEO of Council on Aging since August 2009, was previously the organizations Development Director with the responsibility of raising up to four million dollars annually. In 2006 and 2007 she put together the strategic plan and led the effort to raise an additional 3.5 million to build the new Meals on Wheels Kitchen.

Prior to Council on Aging, she was with United Way of Sonoma – Mendocino – Lake serving as Vice President of Resource Development with the responsibility of running a four to five million tri-county annual campaign. From 1992 – 2001 Marrienne also served as the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Cloverdale, rebuilding the clubhouse after a 1995 fire and running the capital campaign to add a full size gymnasium.

Marrienne is a 2012 recipient of Northbay Business Journal's Nonprofit Leadership Award and Council on Aging was chosen by North Bay Biz magazine as the "Best Nonprofit for 2013. In addition to running Council on Aging, with a budget of \$5 million and 84 employees, Marrienne is a seated member of Sonoma County Health Action and was chosen as one of a five member team from Sonoma County to the 2014 National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health to create a "Healthy Aging" plan for Sonoma County.

January 6, 2017: Remembering Mississippi Freedom Summer

Speaker: Charles O. Prickett



Charles O. Prickett began his activities toward world peace and justice while in high school doing surveys of area businesses to determine if racial discrimination was occurring in his hometown, Carbondale, Illinois.

Charles attended the March on Washington in 1963, and participated in the Mississippi Freedom Summer of 1964, where he worked operating Freedom Schools, conducting voter registration drives, organizing the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP) and organizing local black farmers to vote in U.S. Department of Agriculture fall elections. He also helped organize the Selma-Montgomery March in 1965.

Charles has written a book about his experiences in the civil rights movement, "Remembering Mississippi Freedom Summer" (Amazon). This book chronicles the experiences he had as an active participant of the civil rights movement, and includes his meeting with Dr. Martin Luther King while working on the Selma-Montgomery March. His book contains nearly 80 pictures, most from a movie he helped make with Richard Beymer in 1964, "A Regular Bouquet" (YouTube). This movie contains the only film record of Freedom Schools and voter registration efforts from the Freedom Summer. PBS in their series "Eyes On the Prize", and "Freedom Summer" have used these images. He is currently an attorney in Santa Rosa, California, and has been a pro tem judge in small claims and traffic court in California for over thirty years, and has served as a mediator for the Sonoma County Superior Court.

January 13, 2017 Exchange Student Career Impact 20 Years Later

Speaker: Michelle Larkin

Michele Larkin grew up in Sebastopol attending Apple Blossom, Twin Hills and Analy High School. She attended Cal Poly State University San Luis Obispo, graduating with a BS in Graphic Communication. In 1996 she went to live and study in Costa Rica on a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Sebastopol Rotary Club. Upon her return to Sonoma County the following year, she was hired to teach Spanish at El Molino High School where she still works today. Michele teaches Spanish I, II and Advanced Placement Spanish IV. She is the Department Chair of the World Language Department. She lives in Occidental with her husband on their small organic farm, Bella Ridge Farm, where they grow apples and pears. They sell their fruit at local farmers' markets and stores. Michele also teaches yoga classes in Occidental. In addition to yoga, she enjoys cycling and hiking in Sonoma County and beyond. She volunteers for LandPaths as a docent at the Bohemia Ecological Preserve.

January 20, 2017: Domestic Violence Its Cause and Cure

Speaker: Madeleine O'Connell



In 2012 Ms. O'Connell was named CEO of YWCA Sonoma County – the community's domestic violence service provider since 1975.

She was formerly Senior Vice President of Marketing for Sonoma National Bank in Santa Rosa where she managed community relations and non-profit support. Her career in the marketing and public relations arena of community banking spans nearly 30 years and two coasts. For over a decade she served as a member of the Advisory Board and Chair of PR/Media for the capital campaign of The Salvation Army – Santa Rosa Corps where she was named "Volunteer of the Year" in 2009. Honored by the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce with a leadership award in the field of Media, Communications and Public Relations that same year, Ms. O'Connell is also a graduate of Leadership Santa Rosa Class 17.

A graduate of the University of San Francisco, where she earned a place on the Dean's List for academic achievement, Ms. O'Connell holds a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Behavior. She leads a staff of 35 and is responsible for the sustainability of a \$2 million budget. Madeleine and her husband, Kevin reside in Santa Rosa along with their boys, Johnny age 7 and Nicholas age 5.

Challenged with a diagnosis of Stage Two breast cancer in 2014, Madeleine reminds each of us that there was a 20% chance of the lump she found being malignant, which it was – contrasted to the national and local statistic that one in four families will be affected by domestic violence – that's 25% of the people we all know.

January 27, 2017: Global Governance: People, Power and Non-violent Solutions

Speaker: Cynthia Boaz



Dr. Boaz is an Academic Advisor to the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, a Washington DC- based human rights foundation that collects and disseminates knowledge on civil resistance. Her work with ICNC has sent her to conferences in India, Australia, Chile, Spain, and around the United States, including the annual Fletcher Summer Institute for the Advanced Study of Nonviolent Conflict, at Tufts University, where she has served as an instructor on four occasions (2008, 2009, 2011, 2012). She considers her interview with Nobel Laureate Dr. Shirin Ebadi of Iran to be a highlight of her work in this field. Dr. Boaz continues to work alongside notable veterans of the struggles in South Africa, Serbia, Burma, and the US Civil Rights Movement, including Rev. James Lawson. Dr. Boaz is a prolific writer and contributes analyses regularly to several news and commentary-based media, including Truthout, the Huffington Post, Common Dreams, Waging Nonviolence,

and Open Democracy.

At Sonoma State, Dr. Boaz is the Faculty Advisor for the award-winning Model United Nations club and class, which every Spring participates in the National Model United Nations conference in New York City, and is department Internship Coordinator for placements with non-profits and local advocacy groups and organizations. Dr. Boaz is also an affiliated scholar with the UNESCO Program in Peace, Conflict and Development Studies at Universitat Jaume I in Castellon, Spain, where she has taught courses in 2001, 2003, 2007, 2011 and advises graduate students. She is founding board member of the Sonoma Independent, a grassroots media organization. She spent her Fall 2015 sabbatical in West Cork, Ireland.