



# *The Appleknocker*

## *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin*

**Alan Silow Santa Rosa Symphony**



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



### **BEFORE THE BELL**



It was sunny yet unusually cold day as your scribe walked the paths approaching the Roto-Palace.

Crossing over the moat and flinging open the palace doors I got a big handshake from our newest Viking member, Jorgen who gave me a hearty Norwegian hand shake followed by handshakes and more Roto- greetings from **Bob Cugini** and **Rick Wilson**. What a great tradition to be welcomed so warmly at each meeting.

Moving through the greeting line I picked up my #6 badge, payed for the meal and stake out my scattered-scribe-space close to the palace-pulpit and walls.

Unfortunately our **President David** missed the mandatory 12:15 pm. ring-a-ding-deadline that those entrusted with the sacred bell are obligated to adhere to, by ½ min. according to my Swiss-chronometer.



### **AT THE BELL**



**Then it was flag pledging in time.** Today **Katie Spyрка** lead us in the pledge of allegiance.

**The song** President Dave asked "the voice" a.k.a. **Karen Daniels** to the front of the palace and we sang "God bless America."

I'll repeat my club affirmation from last week.

I don't think there's any Roto-club that sounds any mo-betta than us/we when we sing really loud.

Ding!!! **President David** rapped the bell again and sent us on our way to conversations and lunches.

## 🍎 Future Programs 🍎

March 3, 2017

Program: Analy Jazz Band  
Coord. Dawn Johnson

March 10, 2017

Emcee.: Jackie Moreira  
Program: High School Speech Contest

March 17, 2017

Emcee.: Sally Ewald  
Program: Trade Paths Awards

March 24, 2017

Speaker: Mr. Nan Su  
Program: Humanities Last Stand

March 31, 2017

Emcee: Barbara Bickford  
Program: Teacher of the Year

April 6, 2017

Speaker: William Rousseau  
Program: Sonoma County Clerk

## 🍎 Future Events 🍎

District Training Assembly 4/1

SCARC Dinner (Club hosted) ("Keeping Girls in School") – 4/27 (at church)

Learn to Swim 4/24 – 5/18

District Conf. (Tahoe) 5/12-14

RI Conv. (Atlanta) – 6/10-14

## 🍎 Miscellany 🍎

### Next Board Meeting (& SREF)

Date/Time: **March 7, 2017, Tues 5:30**

Location: **David Schreiber's Home in Windsor**

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–JackEDunlap@gmail.com

On-line Make-Ups:

[www.RotaryEClubOne.org](http://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 !

LINK: Sebastopol Rotary Website

## 🍎 VISITORS AND GUESTS 🍎

Visitors from other lands;

**President Dave** asked us for our visiting Rotarians to make themselves known. **Maria Gapmski** of the Petaluma Valley, **Bill Sayber** of the morning Roto club of Sebastopol and **Dan Bornstein** who is almost a member of our club but his kingdom is in Santa Rosa.



**Katie Spyrka** introduced her daughter **Brittani**

**Jeff Boal** introduced his wife **Jean**,





**Jerry Warren** his wife Kay, **Russ Cunningham** introduced our speaker Alan Silow, **Ellen Harrington** introduced Diane Affleck and **Robin Maybury** introduced Patrick Dirden.



### 🍎 THE RAFFLE 🍎



**Bob Rogers** had the winning ticket number.

After much deliberation about what category he should choose Bob chose vocations or maybe it was vacations, he's real good at that, but no it was vocations and unfortunately he could not guess the vocation of our new member **Steve Zivolich**

The answer is a **real property inspector**..... your scribe wonders what an unreal/fake property inspector does.

### 🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

**President Dave** fired up the hologram machine. The first image to appear was the Redwood Empire food bank spinning in front of the palace crowd with the images of **Chris O'Neill Sally Ewald, Dave Madsen, Ellen Harrington and Jerry Warren**. It appeared that they were robbing fruit from a grocery store. Missing from that hologram because he would never steal was **Nao Noguchi**.



## Support for Rotaractor to help with Rotoplast

From: Megan McAllister <meganmcallister@hotmail.com>

Date: February 18, 2017 at 12:52:20 PM PST

To: Brian Walker <707walker@gmail.com>

Subject: Thank you a million times!

Brian,

Thank you for all your efforts in allowing me to participate in Chittagong. You took a chance on choosing me- a person who had never been out of the country before. I can't even express my gratitude in words, no matter how many of them I look up in the thesaurus. This experience has transformed my life in more ways that I had ever imagined. I am forever changed by everything I witnessed- with the ugliness of poverty and the beauty of the Bengali people and Rotoplast volunteers. I left the mission with more questions than answers and still struggle finding the words to describe my gratitude. Nothing would make me happier than to know this opportunity will be extended to a new group of Rotaractors in the future. You have a lifelong friend in me and if there is anything I can ever for you, Rotoplast or Rotary, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

I have never been happier in my entire life!

Thank you thank you thank you, Megan

Rotary  
Club of Sebastopol



**President Dave** then read a letter from Megan Mc Alastair talking about her unforgettable experiences with the Rotaractor Roto Plast in Bangladesh. Pictures showed how children with cleft palates were corrected and their lives were changed forever.

Next up to front forum of palace worshipers was **Robin Maybury** Talking about Cool Kids Camp. **Robin** reminded us that our own **Tom Farrell** was the founder of the camp in the year 2000.

**Robin** said that individual donations and our Rotary's scholarship funds a 6-day resident camp. It serves 7 family service agencies of Sonoma and Napa counties. **Robin** talked about the wonderful results of kids being able to immerse themselves in a 6-day resident camp. The cost to have this experience at the Cloverleaf ranch is \$475 per youth. It helps the participant's self-image and what great changes it made to their lives. Way to go Tom, **Robin** and you donors!

There were 28 birthday recognitions, 7 Anniversary's and 13 assorted fines on **President David's** outline list but only two were honored. Who were the lucky birthday boys? It was the dissimilar twins Dennis Judd & Mario Ramos.

## Tom Farrell

Founder of Cool Kids Camp in 2000

Rotarian of the Year,  
Rotary District 5130,  
1995

Sebastopol Rotary Club  
member & Cool Kids  
Camp Champion, until  
2014



Rotary International "Service Above Self" Recognition, 1996





The palace choir tuned up to sing a rousing rendition of happy birthday to these twins-from-different-mothers. Their fine was a paltry five dollars. In the old days if it was your birthday and you had a song sung to you it was an extra five dollars = \$10.

## 🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

The highest Roto-priest of our castle **John Blount** came to the lectern to tell us about the different types of Paul Harris fellow's and ways of giving to the Rotary Foundation. After donating \$1000 to the Rotary foundation one is eligible for a Paul Harris fellow ship award. Those that agree to give \$1000 a year to the Rotary foundation are members of the Paul Harris society. Those that have pledged to give \$10,000 or more are part of the Major donor's society. The Rotary foundation was started 100 years ago.



**John** said that the foundation is a personal commitment by each Rotarian and he talked about every Rotarian every year contributing to the foundation. These foundations exist in the 35,000 Rotary clubs.

**John** then said you aren't wealthy until you have something money can't buy.

**John** then proceeded to call up **Ruthie Dunlap**, **Ellen Harrington** and **Donna Pantzer** for their first Paul Harris awards. President Dave & John congratulated each of the recipients.

He then called up **Katie Spyrka** who awarded a Paul Harris to Daughter Brittany Spyrka.

**Katie** now has a Paul Harris fellow plus one.

**Mark Stevens** received his Paul Harris +5 and awarded a Paul Harris fellow to Pam Ruffino his executive assistant. **Steve Prandini** came up to accept the Paul Harris award for his son-in-law Todd McKillop. **Dave Madsen** accepted Paul Harris fellow ship awards for McKinsey Haley and Ty Madsen. That makes Dave a Paul Harris +7. Grandson Wesley Warren received a Paul Harris fellow complements of **Jerry and Kay Warren**. John then called **Yvette Williams Van Aggelen** to the palace front and awarded her with major donor recognition for donating over \$10,000 to the Rotary foundation.....Way to go Rotarians.



## 🍎 MEMBERSHIP MOMENT 🍎

President Dave called the queen of our club **Kathie Mayhew** to the forefront.

**Kathie and Frank Mayhew** are amazing. First young sweethearts, then fate pulled them on separate paths with other mates to raise their families. They were brought back together by love and fate. **Kathie and Frank** have done more in the name of Rotary giving and commitment than anyone I know. And, they do it with love and joy. They are always doing, giving and always encouraging others to follow their paths both locally and worldwide.

**Kathie** recounted joining Rotary and all the projects that she and Frank have been involved with both locally and worldwide. **Kathie** basically said;

"I've been everywhere man, Crisscrossed the oceans blue man,  
We've been helping people everywhere man, Hoping you can  
do the same man."



## 🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

**Russ Cunningham** introduced our speaker Alan Silow.

Alan showed video clips of the final five candidates vying for the position of new musical director for the Santa Rosa Symphony. He asked the palace disciples to pick their favorites from the video clips.

Alan said it cost between \$100,000 and \$125,000 per classical performance series. Alan said that the Santa Rosa Symphony is not a money maker. If it were not for private donations it would not exist. He called Don Green a musical hero for his contributions to the Green music center.



Alan also said that the Santa Rosa Symphony ranks as one of the best symphonies in the country.

At the conclusion of Mr. Silow's presentation president Dave presented him with a bottle of Pinot and a thank you.

## 🍎 THOUGHT FOR THE DAY 🍎

**President Dave** then called up Ruthie Dunlap for the thought of the day.

"When you forgive you in no way change the past- but you sure do change the future." Bernard Meltzer

## 🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

And with that our exulted leader tapped the Roto-bell and the meeting was over!

## **Future Programs**

### **March 24, 2017: Humanities Last Stand Speaker: Mr. Nan Su**



With the strong bi-partisan support, U.S. Congress unanimously passed resolution H.R. 343 in June 2016, expressing serious concerns about the on-going large scale forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience in China. European Congress passed a resolution in Dec. 2013, urging the Chinese government to stop this brutal practice. The governments of Israel, Spain, and Taiwan have made policies to prevent their citizens from going to China to receive organ transplants.

How did all these happen? How did it begin, catch public attention, and become a prime focus internationally?

Born and raised in China, Mr. Nan Su came to the U.S. in 1989. He has been serving as a news commentator for SOH International Chinese Radio Network and NTD International TV Network since 2003, commenting on a wide range of national and international news events. In the past decade, Mr. Su has made many speeches at public events on topics related to China. He has also been publishing poems, short stories, and prose in Chinese since 2000.

In addition to his media work, Mr. Su is an advocate for human rights in China. He was one of the coordinators of Human Rights Torch Relay in 2008 prior to Beijing Olympics. Starting from Athens, Human Rights Torch Relay spanned from July 2007 to July 2008, with stops at more than 100 cities around the world in order to raise international awareness of China's human rights situation. Mr. Su was instrumental in making San Jose as the first stop of the torch relay in North America.

Besides his involvement in the public, Mr. Su holds a Master degree in Engineering, and has been a professional engineer for over 20 years. Mr. Su has been married for 27 years, and currently lives with his wife and two daughters in San Jose, California.