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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



"An Irish pub is a poor man's university." Read the sign above the bar of a Milwaukee pub.

Well, for sure this wasn't a pub. Yes, there were many familiar and new faces milling around. There was mostly buzzing and smiling chatter and amusement, the many who were sporting green garb, hats, hair and googly glasses! Missing, sadly, were the childish of us pinching the green-less. Also missing on this, St. Paddy's Day at Rotary ... brimming pints of Guinness stout.

Pub University Fact # 1:

Guinness stout originated in the brewery of Arthur Guinness at St. James Gate brewery in the capital city of Dublin, Ireland.



AT THE BELL



President David, at this Friday Rotary Land amongst the green hills of Sebastopol, rang the roto-bell, asked **Mr. Dave Madsen** to help us recite our pledge and then had **Mr. Keller McDonald**, an "Eire" lad for sure, lead us all in the famed ditty - "When Irish Eyes are Smiling".

Pub University Fact # 2: Eire

The Gaelic name for Ireland, and the Irish name of the Republic of Ireland.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



MeeKa Martin, our outbound exchange student to Taiwan, invites us all to help her fund her yearlong Rotary Youth Exchange journey. Come to her piano recital (\$5 donation to help the cause) on April 1st at 2:00pm, Calvary Chapel The Rock in Santa Rosa. She also accepts outright donations and **Katy Spyрка** estimated today's offerings at \$175. (including **Frank Mayhew's** raffle winnings!).



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

March 24, 2017

Speaker: Mr. Nan Su
Program: Humanity's Last Stand

March 31, 2017

Emcee: Barbara Bickford
Program: Teacher of the Year

April 7, 2017

Speaker: William Rousseau
Program: Sonoma County Clerk

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

🍎 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 🍎

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–JackE Dunlap@gmail.com

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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

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Our Rotary Golf Tourney: It was those Scots who came up with the modern golf game, but probably the Irish who set up the Irish Pub for the 19th hole. Well, **Timmy Ray Moore**, spoke of the upcoming 92nd tourney on April 28th at Guerneville's Northwood course. **Bud Daveiro** has been keeping track of this long series and he's an expert regarding the tourney's "scramble" format, as he eats eggs daily at Fandees. He also knows pubs, having grown up at his father's Main Street Bar. \$85 if walking, \$95 if carting, and \$125 talking with Bud. Dinner is only \$40.



🍎 GUESTS 🍎

No visiting Rotarians from beyond Sebastopol's shores. **Mark Fink** re-introduced as his guest his nephew **Chris Statzer**, honored with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition a few years back. **Pauline Pellini** introduced **Dan** and **Carole Weeks** (our recently deceased **Hal's** daughter) and their daughter **Melanie**, proud mother of one of the awardee recipients in the day's program. **Sally Ewald** re-introduced her guest, her husband **David**.



We also welcomed Rotary inquirers **Noe Watts** and **Jordan Burns** (6th generation Sebastopudlian!). They were introduced by **Cindy Carter** and **Mike Carey** respectively.





THE RAFFLE



Frank Mayhew hit the jackpot in our version of the Irish Lottery by correctly identifying the occupation of **Barbara Beedon** and promptly donated it to MeeKa Martin's travel fund.

Pub University Fact # 3: The Irish National Lottery

Established in 1986 as a way to help raise vital funding for good causes in the Republic.



ELEVATOR SPEECHES



President David ask for Elevator Speeches that "distill" one's vocation into less than 60 seconds from:

Donna Pantzer, whose business is the quality of your water. She noted that several in the room used her services. She did not compare the important differences of her water and various other liquids like, for example, Irish Whiskey.

Pub University Fact # 4: Irish Whiskey

Made on the island of Ireland, the word "whiskey" is an Anglicization of the first word in the Gaelic phrase, uisce betha, meaning "water of life." A translation of the Latin term aqua vitae, which was commonly used to describe distilled spirits during the Middle Ages.



Edwin Wilson knows where to draw the line. That is because he is a senior architect. His firm, Ross Drulls Cusenbery Architecture, suspiciously sounds like a Scottish Architectural firm ... we Rotarians draw the line with The Four-Way Test "Is It the Truth?" In your business, **Edwin**, this Irish proverb bears paying attention to:

Pub University Fact # 5: Irish Truth

"Truth stands when everything else falls."



MEMBERSHIP MOMENT



Rick Wilson is talented in many ways. Take his booming, wanna-be-Irish-tenor baritone, whom rumor has it turned down an offer to be the Farrallon lighthouse foghorn. He has to be Irish, right? For **Rick Wilson**, being a Rotarian is what he is most passionate about, as we learned in his exposition about being a Rotarian. It's in the numbers ... 33 years and more than 10,000 second grade kids in our water safe swimming skills program ... cracking 1,800 pounds of living crabs with Rotarian Friends for our Mini-Grant Fundraiser that netted over \$24,000 bucks! So, do the numbers with a friend or colleague he admonished ... start with "Let's do Lunch" and get them see for themselves.



MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jack Blasco, our huckster extraordinaire (Gaelic thesaurus probably shows "BLATHERER"), got our blood pressure pitching the benefits of the District Training Assembly on Saturday April 1 up in Ukiah. The food and facts would make the journey worthwhile. (Spoiler alert: Our very own Sebastopudlian, Sara Margulis, daughter of past Sebastopol Rotarian Pat Stoll, with husband Josh, winners on TVs Shark Tank for their Honeyfund business, will be the keynote address at noon.) A link was emailed to all members last week. If you cannot find the registration link email, please contact District Administrator Valerie Hulsey at valerie.hulsey@yahoo.com and she will resend it to you.



Harry Simms ("Simms", of medieval derivation, but sounds Irish) preambled about the upcoming "Overcoming Obstacles Award" program and eventually secured additional sponsors (thanks **Larry Ford**, **Sally Ewald**, **Jim Passage**, **Hal Kwalwasser**, and **Jerry Warren**) who will sit with the students, help fund their "award" and underwrite their lunches. Likewise, he was able to get 5 volunteers to be mentors (thanks too to **Aleia Coate**, **Dennis Judd**, **Linda Johnson**, Diana Wilson, and **Tony Given**) who will help these amazing youths feel comfortable as well as coach them with their speeches.



RECOGNITION



John and Patti Blount were mildly amused and maybe embarrassed by images that our Facebook trolling **President** came up with. The "eye catcher" was a 40-year-old polaroid image of them both balancing on the foundation flooring timbers of their office-building-to-be with partners **Harry Polley** and **Dave Madsen**. **Patti's** mom snapped the timeless photo (at least for **Patti**).

An uncourageous **Jeff Boal** and wife **Jean** were also pictured on Facebook. He explained their family was at the Holiday Ice Rink in Justin Herman Plaza across from the Ferry Building in San Francisco back during the holidays safely enjoying and watching their son and granddaughter courageously ice skate.



Dennis Judd rocketed through the galaxy with Buzz Lightyear, blasting away at space aliens. He spent time at Disneyland with his family recently. The fine imposed by the **President** for his intergalactic speeding was much cheaper than the price to enter the Magic Kingdom!

Pauline Pellini had to cough up some purse coins for the wonderful image of daughter Angela's wedding held at their home, so that grandfather **Hal** (our recently deceased Rotarian) was able to attend in his last days.

David Still and wife **Nan** enjoyed travels and sights in Budapest, Zagreb, Italy (where they "practiced sitting at outdoor cafes") and of course Paris. (what, no visit to Eire!).

Dick Zimmer got to see his pics of various recent vacations with grandkids/family. One pic had what appeared to be a new vehicle, but **Dick** was quick to anticipate a Rotary vehicle excise tax and invoked what he claimed was the **Dave Madsen** defense, "not my car". Barbara is smiling. **Dick** has a lighter wallet.

Jack and Ruthie Dunlap did some sojourning to the warm waters and beaches of Puerto Vallarta where **Jack** modeled his sartorial non-starter, rolled up pants above the knees. Thanks to **Mario Ramos's** wife **Vicki** who picked them up and gave them a tour of our multi decade long Paso Ancho school project (where **Mario** was "discovered" back in 1990).





THE PROGRAM – TRADE PATHS AWARDS



Mike Carey introduced Trade Paths, a popular project of our club. This year used an apt “Fish” theme, borrowed from the Seattle Pike Place Fish Market’s iconic fishmonger’s fish tosses which have led to a workplace business philosophy with these 4 tenets: “Play”, “Make their day”, “Choose attitude”, and “Be there”.



Aleia Coate introduced three of the awardees who entertained everyone with their witty video, “Dream Team”. **Ben Tiche**, **Payton Cords** and **Brad DeMarest** delighted us with their infectious enthusiasm, the core foundation of their video. Their casting efforts were rewarded when they were able to land that famous actor, **Keller McDonald**. With “don’t nobody move” as his only memorable line, he displayed a Peter Sellers’-like skill of handling car alarm issues. The trio lauded the support of their teacher at Analy, **Ms. Ann Humphrey** as well as the support of **Ben’s** parents, who were in attendance.



Next introduced were the other awardees: **Bradley Griffin**, a junior at Laguna High, who is on path to pursue coursework in electrical engineering. **Cole McGraw**, a senior at Analy High School, is heading towards a possible career in Health Care. **Clay Serrano**, a senior at El Molino High School, is pursuing a career in computer science and web design. **Aurora Sharp**, a sophomore at Analy High School, has fascinating creations from her Maker Class done with a laser printer. **Aubrianna Tait** is considering opportunities at UCLA or the University of Oregon after her culinary arts endeavors and achievements as a Senior at El Molino.



Each student then was thrown a “fish” and got to answer various questions. Next, **Sally Ewald**, **Harry Polley**, and **Dave Madsen** caught the fish and questions and provided their own witty answers.

Torrey Olson announced each of the individual students were awarded \$250 each while the video trio each received \$175. Congratulations to them all. We were the ones rewarded!





THOUGHT OF THE DAY



Michael Hixson provided this quote: *"America will never be destroyed from outside. We will destroy our country if we falter and lose our freedoms."* – Abraham Lincoln



THE FINAL BELL



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

Pub University Fact # 5: An Irishman's Philosophy

In life, there are only two things to worry about — Either you are well or you are sick. If you are well, there is nothing to worry about,

But if you are sick, there are only two things to worry about — Either you will get well or you will die. If you get well, there is nothing to worry about,

But if you die, there are only two things to worry about — Either you will go to heaven or hell. If you go to heaven, there is nothing to worry about.

And if you go to hell, you'll be so busy shaking hands with all your friends. You won't have time to worry!

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.

March 31, 2017: Teacher of the Year Speaker: Barbara Bickford

On this Friday our own Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation is revealing the winners of the "Teacher Recognition" awards! A select committee has reviewed the nominations and will be presenting them at our luncheon meeting.

The Foundation is committed to promoting education in the West County and has been instrumental in securing and distributing funds in the forms of grants, scholarships and numerous philanthropic activities specifically for the students of Western Sonoma County!

April 7, 2017: William Rousseau, Sonoma County Clerk Recorder, Assessor, Registrar of Voters

William Rousseau has over 33 years of experience in public service. From 1983 to 2012 William has worked in increasingly responsible positions in the Sonoma County Assessor's Office. These positions included, Supervising Commercial Property Appraiser, Chief Appraiser and Chief Deputy Assessor. In August of 2012, the Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed William Rousseau to fill the remaining elected term of Janice Atkinson as the Sonoma County Clerk Recorder Assessor Registrar of Voters. He began his duties on December 11, 2012. In June of 2014, the voters of Sonoma County elected William to a four year term in office. His current elected term runs from January of 2015 to January of 2019.