



The Appleknocker

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Humanities Last Stand – Nan Su



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL



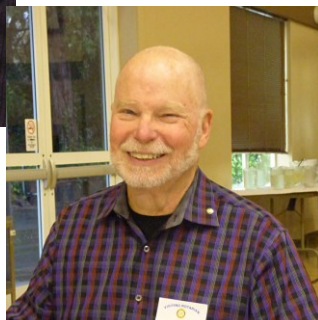
I brought my wife **Jeannie** with me and she was delighted to discover her newly made friend **Cory Maguire** she had met weeks before at the **Jerry and Kay Warren's** Friendship Dinner. Since Table Lottery was in effect we then found and settled at table 2 with **Brad Benedetti** on my right and **Jørgen Holst** on **Jeannie's** left. Reacquainting with old and making new friends – the secret ingredient our Rotary membership.

AT THE BELL

Mike Carey led us in the pledge and **Karen Daniels** followed with *God Bless America*.



Guests included Rotarians Keith Schoenthal from Rancho Cotati and Steve Disbrow from Truckee. **Les Crawford** introduced his guest Jordan Burns who will be taking 17 high schoolers to Kenya this summer. **Alain Serkissian** introduced his guest, Josh Horn; no news of them being so adventurous.





Future Programs



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



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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

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CONFIRM MEETINGS

! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !

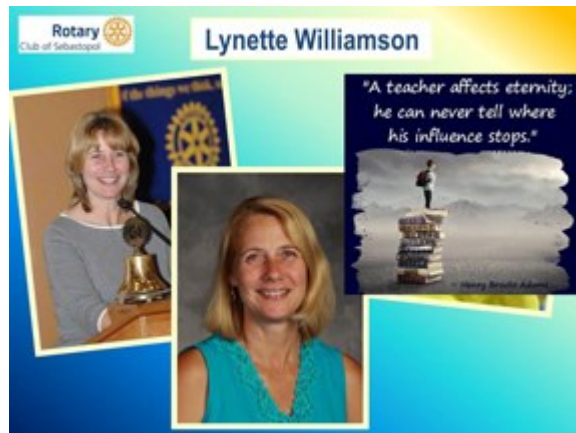
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



President **David** had the tough duty of announcing the recent death of beloved Analy High English and Debate teacher, Lynette Williamson.



A Past Teacher of the Year, one of her many talents included preparing students in past years for our Speech Contest. We all paid tribute to this affable and engaging spirit with a moment of silence.



THE RAFFLE



Bob Rogers had the lucky raffle number and guessed correctly **Frank Mayhew's** occupation, something to do with

“engineering temperature control” (Why not just buy a thermostat instead, Frank?).





ELEVATOR SPEECHES



and We all crammed into the elevator to hear **Jackie Moreira** explain that as a civil litigation insurance defense attorney she would work to prove the plaintiff's fabrications.



Big Bob Hirsch, though retired, still liked solving problems that involved metal fabrications.



MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Chief Clicker, David, provided proof of recent merriment and fellowship at the **Ewald's** and **Dilley's** Friendship Dinner gatherings.

In another click, we learned from the screen the truth that **DGE Bob Rogers** went to Evanston, Ill for some Rotary instruction. Apparently, while seated in one of the "facilities", he learned about challenges for cleanliness and latrines in developing countries around the world. Later, **Bob** was surprised to receive top kudos for our club's "Indoor Polio ride" where club members spun stationary sprockets and raised boku bucks. Some rumored there was an asterisk on the award, noting that they were wind aided and thus no world record.



ROOKIE SKETCH



New Member **Patrick Dirden** needed no helpful wind in his Rookie Sketch to share how he came to be a Rotarian. This apple didn't fall far from the tree! He has hailed from our town and surrounds for all his life. His education was home grown as well having graduated from Analy and then getting his Bachelors and Masters degrees at Sonoma State. Even his work as Conference Manager is but a stone's throw across the street. He gets "out of Dodge" to O'Reilly's "game changer" conferences around the world.

While out and about he gets to enjoy his hobby of capturing photographic stories of the scenery and trains. It was the good fortune to work with Robin Maybury at O'Reilly and discover "service above self" in Rotary. Welcome, Patrick





RECOGNITION



Another click: Speaking of wild animals, we got to see **Dan Rasmus**, while on business, enjoying a few seconds on one in Ft. Worth, Texas. This one, though was only a mechanical version of a bucking bronco. **Dan** admitted that “having a few” beforehand provided the courage needed. He was duly recognized by President **Dave** for his achievement.



Too many unchanging life clicks led **Paul Yeoman** to travel recently to Kilimanjaro and Zanzibar in a getaway from the mundane life of Sonoma County. He brought back a trove of indelible images of wild baby elephants, lions, tigers and fantastic sunsets. Though home, he is not yet back to yawning.



Click, again and we observe on screen evidence of **Richard Petersen's** “strictly business” SF Christmas Party Time at Bimbo’s, not far from Hooters. One wonders what wild animals Richard saw on this safari.

Click and ca-ching for **Jackie Moreira** who explained the on-screen images, without admitting guilt, is that what happened in Vegas was supposed stay there. She admitted, the “good” part of her time at this “Construction Equipment Conference”, involved litigations of lots of liquids at poolside.



Clicking for the Stars: President **David** brought forward **Russ Cunningham** and **Rick Wilson** who both were honored for their contributions. **Russ** has been responsible for securing our great club programs this year while **Rick** has exhibited, among other things, leadership contributions with the Membership Committee, the Crab Feed and the Learn to Swim programs.





THE PROGRAM – NAN SU



Thankfully, before the program started we got to laugh a lot about ourselves and our somewhat normal lives... There was nothing to laugh about in the program that followed.



Russ Cunningham introduced our speaker, Nan Su, who has been in the US since 1989 serving as a news commentator for several international networks. He has been focusing on China on a wide range of national and international events. His sobering topic for us was the bloody horror of forced organ harvesting.

Mr. Su summarized the outcry from nations demanding this inhumane practice to stop. In summary, Chinese citizens are “disappeared” in the thousands and become the unwitting doomed patients for organ harvesting to supply a lucrative business of selling lifesaving organs to thousands of unknowing ill folks around

the world. He alleges with strong evidence that all this is done with the full cooperation and sanction of the Chinese Government.

Particularly targeted are political prisoners and practitioners of “falun gong” (Wikipedia defines as a Chinese spiritual practice that combines meditation and qigong exercises with a moral philosophy centered on the tenets of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance.)

Travel agents in South Korea, Japan, and Taiwan enjoy a lucrative niche business arranging flights and accommodations for patients and family members of those needing lifesaving transplants. Most are assuming that because of the billion plus Chinese population, “accidents” are providing the “donated” organs.

Adding to this gruesome and inhumane story is the fact that the Chinese do not have any semblance of a distribution system for the harvested organs so Mr. Su estimates only one in one hundred end up being transplanted.





THOUGHT OF THE DAY



Ellen Harrington provided this quote from Norman Cousins:

Just as there is no loss of basic energy in the universe, so no thought or action is without its effects, present or ultimate, seen or unseen, felt or unfelt.



THE FINAL BELL



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

Future Programs

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.

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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