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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL



This meeting was "DOG DAY AT ROTARY". Several four legged companions were to be seen on short leashes obediently close to their masters. Your scribe did not see any vicious attacks, or unseemly canine behavior. IF any dogs were fed scraps from the table, well, it was not observed. Clearly all pet dogs that belong to Sebastopol Rotarians are well educated.



AFTER THE BELL



As customary, after being called to order by **President David** this Rotary meeting was opened with a salute to our flag. **Kathy Mayhew** led the pledge with pride and vigor. Immediately thereafter, **Karen Daniels**, with a lovely grey and white shaggy beast at her side, led the singing of an old pop song (many of us had hoped that his silly song had died a natural death long ago!) "How much is that doggy in the window?"



Future Programs

September 16, 2016

Speaker: Hal Kwalwasser

Program: What our Kids Need to Succeed

September 23, 2016

Speaker: Dist. Gov. Wulff Reinhold

Program: District Governor Visit.

September 27, 2016

Set Up for Lobster Boil

October 7, 2016

Main Stage

October 14, 2016

Speaker: Al Lerma Sonoma Econ Dev.Bd.

Program: Beer and Spirit Industry

October 21, 2016

Speaker: . 10/21 Gary Johanson -

Program: Choices for End of Life Care

October 27, 2016

Speaker: William Carlsen

Program: Discovery of the Lost
Civilization of the Maya

Future Events

OCTOBER 1, 2016

LOBSTER BOIL AT THE BARLOW

Handy Links

[Pinot for Polio Forum](#)
[Sebastopol Rotary Website](#)

Miscellany

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: Tues, September 13th, 5:30 p.m.

Location: David Schreiber's Home in Windsor
(Check ClubRunner for Address)

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS-JackEDunlap@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 !!!

VISITORS AND GUESTS

After a very nice light luncheon, our President reconvened the meeting, introduction of guests was the first order of club business.



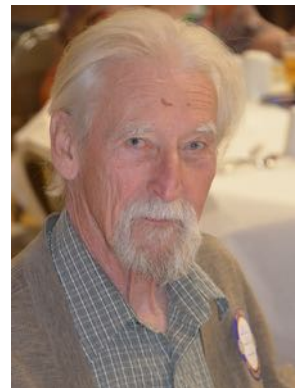
Patrick Laherty, a member of Sebastopol Sunrise Club, and a friend and neighbor of **Harvey Henningson** was introduced. His unique classification is "MEMBER". Can't argue with that.

Mia del Prete rose to introduce her guest Heather Mills. Heather is on the staff of Balletto Vineyards. Welcome Heather.

Next to be recognized, **Guy Smith** took the mike to introduce his



very best
friend,
Michelle.



Sally Ewald introduced her dog handler and her favorite husband David Ewald.



Dave McLennon, branch manager of the Sebastopol branch of the Exchange Bank was re-introduced. **Dave** is a new member of this club! Welcome aboard **Dave**!



Restaurateur **Mario Ramos** happily introduced his wife Vicki.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This busy weekly meeting moved in to full swing as **Linda Irving** came to the podium. We soon learned that the “Read to Me” program has been re-christened as the “Learn with Me” program. **Linda** emphasized that adult tutors can have a profound effect on youths. Volunteer tutors are being recruited now.



Lobster Boil – SOLD OUT

Fast Forward to the next **extravaganza hullabaloo**, TASTY, fun loving, good time, money raising party the upcoming LOBSTER BOIL! Yes, lobster will be served to Rotarians and many others at the BARLOW (no pets dogs please!). **Aleia Coate** smiled as she reported that there are only four weeks to wait for your next bite of lobster. Four weeks is right around the corner; and the Barlow is right around here too! And all tickets have been sold except eight. All systems are go. We must set up, chow down, party hearty, clean up, and disappear in a total of 24

hours elapsed time. So everyone needs to volunteer, this is a club event, every member serves and every member parties.

Donna Pantzer is planning a big shopping venture buying things to be sold at auction at the LOBSTER BOIL. She needs more money and more good stuff – everybody help please!



Yes, my friends, yet another plea for bottles of drinkable wine followed. Give cash to **Donna** and give wonderful wine to **Greg Jacobs**! There will never be too much wine for the instant wine cellar.

ROTARY PINS – hey, if you forgot to wear your Rotary pin – that will be \$5 now !

Recognition



Les Crawford took a big trip and caught a little fish, just \$20 so far. But do not sit down **Les**. You failed to show up at the game night at **President David's** house, another \$40 from **Les**.

Bob Hirsch: The **Pres** showed pictures of **Bob** in a shiny yellow car traveling around the southwest. Bob said that he really liked the unusual foods served in the southern swamps. The President called on **J.T.** for an authoritative description of the “boudin ball”.

Apparently these local specialties are edible. No one present showed any desire whatsoever to be served a “boudin ball” on this occasion. These “boudin balls”, available in Texas, and similar strange places, may well be illegal in more civilized and more sanitary states such as California. Bob coughed up \$25 in US currency in memory of his adventurous meals in the swamps.





Harry Polley - Harry's new house, finally renovated and remodeled and looking very nice and habitable, is about the size of the state of Texas. The house is not in Texas, just very BIG. Even a realtor might get lost in that house without a map. **President David** extracted \$20 from Harry for the remodeling and moving adventure. Harry's infant grandson— their seventh grandchild— named Steven Ethan will undergo surgery in hospital right away. Harry volunteered \$100 to his Paul Harris on this occasion. All present sent their very best wishes for a speedy recovery to Harry's grandson Steven Ethan.

A few wedding anniversaries were the cause of more celebration:

Mike Cary – they took a trip to Disneyland – that will be another \$ 5, so it goes.

Michael Hixson – celebrating 27 years of bliss, **Michael** took his wife Chris on a 6-mile hike in rocky terrain in Zion National Park. Did she enjoy it (sure she did) even on crutches! Pay \$25 for 27 years, pretty good discount.

Mia del Prete – celebrating 35 years of harmony, spent time in Hawaii; \$25 please.



Scott Briggs - recently married 42 years ago, in no hurry, has postponed plans for a celebratory trip until after the LOBSTER BOIL! just \$5 this time.



Bob Cugini – Bob celebrated by dancing with his special friend Taylor Swift, that's \$5 if you please. Well, Bob has been seen around, eating a very tasty hot dog at a Giants game, cavorting with a milk cow at the County Fair, and posing with a gang at Cork's restaurant. Pay another \$ 25 Bob, it was fun right?

President David put away his cash register and moved forward.



THE WEEKLY RAFFLE: And, hold your breath; the owner of this week's winning raffle ticket was, fresh off the elevator, **MARIO RAMOS!** **Mario** also knew (with no kibitzing) that Richard Power is a lawyer. **Mario** gracefully donated his winnings to the Rotary Foundation!





ELEVATOR RIDES



The agenda immediately flowed in to the weekly “Elevator Speeches”. **Mario Ramos** bragged that his place “Mexico Lindo” has the very best Mexican food in Graton. Mario’s elevator was very quick – no opportunity for Q & A or for discussion! **Mike Carey**, after a full life as a school teacher is still an active school volunteer. He seconded Linda’s call for more “Learn with Me” volunteers. Mike enjoyed watching a professional ballgame, the Giants of course, and reported that their best catcher Buster Posey was working with the pitchers warming up.



THE PROGRAM—JEFF BOAL THE ANTHILL FOUNDATION



Russ Cunningham introduced today’s speaker – our own **Jeff Boal**.

Jeff’s talk was about the Anthill Foundation, and the good work that it is doing in Africa. Jeff saluted **Frank and Cathy Mayhew** for creating this non-profit agency. Today **Frank** is in Uganda supervising the construction of a school building.

Jeff spoke about the creation of the Anthill Foundation, and the significance of the name. We learned that there are lots and lots of ants in an African anthill. The foundation started by the creation of a hospital maternity ward in the Ugandan capital city of Entebbe.

One serious purpose of this project is to keep girls in school. Girls dropout very early for a variety of reasons but a lack of clean facilities and a lack of privacy is one common reason. The goal is to provide school facilities with clean flush toilets, with knowledge of feminine hygiene, they must overcome strong stigma about femininity in the East African culture. Also diarrhea is a problem, there are inadequate hand washing facilities.

At present Ugandans have to walk very long distances to get any medical attention at all. Student drop out is also due to a lack of text books. Low grades, a cause of student dropout, is partly due to a lack of books. The government standard there is 35 students per teacher. Also, classrooms have dirt floors. The students sit and squat on the dirt floors. Chiggers cause discomfort and infection and disease. In Uganda,

there are to be three children at a desk. If there are not enough desks, the girls have to sit on the floor. School desks are being provided by the Rotary Club of Cotati.



The LRA, Lord’s Resistance Army, is a serious issue in Uganda. Children are abducted from schools. Door and window frames are taken from the school buildings for use by the LRA. Thus, with wide open windows and doorways there is no security in many of the schools. And weather interferes with teaching and learning.

Rotary usually works to rehab existing school buildings rather than to build new ones. The one new classroom building under construction, to be a prototype,

will have walls made of rice bags filled with dirt. And the roof will be translucent panels. Budgets for the Kakira School Project were reviewed. For three classrooms the total budget is \$ 169,459. There is very enormous leverage of Rotary funds. The Anthill Foundation will contribute \$60,000 while Rotary will contribute \$110,000.

Funds invested by Rotary Clubs are matched two for one by Rotary International. For this project 7 clubs will contribute a total of \$ 31,132. Can we keep girls in school: an emphatic YES!

This work must proceed one school at a time, and there are many local schools. In Uganda there are 12 district languages. The common language is English.

Kathy Mayhew came to the podium to join **Jeff**. She urged that Rotarians give generously to this effort. She handed Jeff a check for the Anthill Foundation.

President David thanked **Jeff** and **Kathy** for the presentation, and for the good work being done.



THE CLOSING BELL

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Henry Alker offered this quote, a quote from Dan Koontz:

"No matter how close we are to another person, few human relationships are so free of strife, disagreement, and frustration as is the relationship that you have with a good dog. Few human beings give of themselves to another as a dog gives of itself. I also suspect that we cherish dogs because their unblemished souls make us wish – consciously or unconsciously – that we were as innocent as they are, and make us yearn for a place where innocence is universal, where the meanness, the betrayals and the cruelties of this world are unknown."

Special thanks to **Jim Passage** for his duties as "emergency scribe"!

The meeting was adjourned by **President David** with a ringing of the bell at precisely 1:30.





AFTER THE BELL – FUTURE SPEAKERS



Speaker September 16, 2016 -- **Hal Kwalwasser** —



What our Kids Need to Succeed. . Changing Priorities for our Schools

Hal's talk will cover the challenges to having high school graduates college or career ready, and how those changing needs might lead organizations like ours, that strongly support our schools, to rethink the priorities for our work.

Hal is the former General Counsel of the Los Angeles Unified School District, the second largest in the country with approximately 700,000 students. Since leaving the district, Hal has continued to write and consult about education, including publishing a well-received study of high performing districts: "Renewal, Remaking America's Schools for the 21st Century." He is speaking to us this week on the topic of "New challenges for our schools and changing priorities for the Rotary."

Previously, **Hal** had a varied career. He was Deputy General Counsel/Legal Counsel at the Department of Defense and a partner in the Los Angeles law firm of Tuttle & Taylor. Between those two, he spent several years as a political consultant, including a stint as Chief of Staff to State Senator John Garamendi. He also headed a startup software firm (who around here hasn't?) that specialized in building data base platforms for government agencies.

Hal graduated from Swarthmore College and Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Journal. He also clerked for Judge Max Rosenn of the US Third

Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia.

As many of you know, **Hal** has continued to work on interesting education projects, including the development of education summit for school supporters here in Sonoma County and a nationwide effort to eliminate standardized testing for accountability purposes.

Hal lives in Forestville with his wife, **Estelle**.

Speakers October 14, 2016 **Al Lerma - Director of Business Development & Innovation & Francesca Schott - Business Services Coordinator**

Snapshot of the Craft Beverage Industry in Sonoma County



Al works on connecting entrepreneurs with access to capital to start, grow and expand their business. He manages all agency business operations and works to foster sustainable innovation, business growth and modernization through agency initiatives and partnerships. He serves on the Sonoma County Workforce Investment Board and on the Sonoma County Transportation Authority Citizen's Advisory Committee. He previously worked for the Indiana Department of Commerce, San Francisco Mayor's Office of Community Development and the Sonoma County Community Development Commission.

Francesca has worked on numerous projects at the EDB including industry development projects for the Sonoma County craft beverage sector, Sonoma County Restaurant Week, the NEXt Economy Project, the Creative Sonoma-Arts Action Plan, the North Bay Economic Forum and the Job Market Tracker program.



She has worked to promote the craft beverage industry in Sonoma County the past three years by organizing two conferences on the local "Beer, Cider, Spirits" Industry in 2013 and 2015 and developed a popular map of the local producers in Sonoma County that is used by our Tourism partners and Visitor Centers across the county. Francesca graduated from Sonoma State University with a Bachelor's Degree in mathematics.

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