



Charlotte Tunstall-Pearce - Dogwood Rescue Project



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 **BEFORE THE BELL** 

As your humble **Scribe** braved the commute across Gravenstein Highway to the Roto-palace, something was amiss. It had nothing to do with the weather. The aroma of wet dog fur and milk bones was heavy around the palatial grounds. The usual echoes of laughter and conversation were replaced with barking and panting. Did the Humane Society take over the Roto-palace? Did the canine species officially take over Rotary? Nope! But there were lots of four legged guests in the palace! It was "Bring your dog to Rotary day!" All in honor of our guest speaker, Charlotte Tunstall-Pearce, from The Dogwood Animal Rescue Project.



 **AT THE BELL** 

At 12:15PM sharp, **President Jack Blasco** struck the Roto-bell, brining the Roto-flock, and the dogs, to attention! **Jack** ensured a tail wagging good time to all! **Dan Rasmus** started off the doggone fun with the flag salute. Our own top dog, **Keller McDonald**, led the Rotary-light singers in a dog day trilogy: "How much is that doggie in the window", "You ain't nothin' but a hound dog", and "Move it on



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🍎 Future Programs 🍎

April 13, 2018

Teacher of the Year
Chair – Barbara Bickford

April 20, 2018

Vocational Awards
Rick Williams, Emcee

April 27, 2018

Speaker – Cordelia Holst
Universal Basic Income

May 4, 2018

Overcoming Obstacles Award
Co-Chairs: Bickford, Boag, Schreibman

May 11, 2018

Speaker – Susan Starbird
Olympic Hopes on the Petaluma River

🍎 Future Events 🍎

Friendship Dinners – 4/21

Learn to Swim – Starts April 23

Rotary Peace Garden – 4/28

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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over.” **Pam Graber** gave us our thought for the day: “Start leaving what you want to leave. Your future is waiting.”



🍎 GUESTS AND VISITORS 🍎

Ruthie Dunlap introduced us to Greg Freitas from the Petaluma Valley Rotary Club. Greg informed us of a benefit concert with the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers, who will be performing on Sunday, April 29th at 2:00PM at the Friedman Event Center in Santa Rosa. All of the proceeds will go to the District 5130 Fire Relief Fund. More details are available online at: sfscottishfiddlers.org



Mia Del Prete introduced us to our guest speaker, Charlotte Tunstall-Pearce, Hannah Houston (wife of our own **Brendan Houston**), Tilly and Nancy. **Frank Mayhew** introduced us to his second love, Hannah Bananna. **Kathie Mayhew** introduced us to her guest, **Joyce Oneco**. **Larry Ford** introduced us to his wife, **Gerry**, and their little love Coco. **Cindy Carter** introduced us to her guest, Dana Moises, and her little friend, Princess Paula. **Karen Daniels**

introduced us to her pal Zip. **Harvey Henningsen** introduced us to his partners in crime, Honey and Blondie.

🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

Hey kids, what time is it? It's Apple Blossom Parade time! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 21st. Our own Roto-parade master, **Torrey Olson** is taking the baton to lead the Parade Float committee. If you are interested in helping decorate the float, and/or marching down Main Street with your fellow Rotarians, let **Torrey** know. A good parade deserves a good festival! After the parade is the famous Apple Blossom Festival in Ives Park. Our own Harvey Henningsen had a part in providing this year's theme: Blossoms D'vine. With the disappearance of our beloved apple orchards, Harvey glued and tied apple blossom flowers to vines in an orchard off Tanuda Road, which appears center stage on this year's poster. Harvey reported that the food and wine tent will be making an appearance this year, and will be featuring 34 wines from across the county. Harvey also made a \$100 donation to his grandson's Paul Harris account.



Unless you live under a rock, or under the sea, you know our signature program, the Learn to Swim program, is coming up fast! **Greg Jacobs** shared some good news and bad news. The good news is that there are still volunteer opportunities available! The bad news is that there are still volunteer opportunities available! **Greg Jacobs** and **Cindy Carter** sported the new instructor shirts for 2018. If you would love to make a big splash and help the second graders of western Sonoma County, get in touch with **Greg** today!

You ought to be in pictures! If you yearn for the big screen, your chance will be coming on April 18th! **Paul Theilen** and his production team will be gathering Rotarians to light up the night. **Paul** will be buzzing the Quail Inn at Oakmont with his drone camera to catch Rotarians shining flashlights into the night sky for the upcoming District Conference. Call time is at 7PM!

If you want to get down and dirty, come join your fellow Rotarians on Saturday, April 28th, as we help construct the Rotary Peace Garden at the Center for the Arts. If your green thumb is itching to work, talk with **Ellen Harrington**.



President Jack called up **Cory Maguire** to talk about the Domestic Violence and Prevention Committee. **Cory** shared a startling statistic: domestic violence is a precursor to mass shooting. Several of the recent mass shooters, including the shooter at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, had a history of domestic violence. Domestic violence has become an issue of humanity and no longer resides behind closed doors. During the committee's first year, the group focused on domestic violence awareness. **Cory** informed us that the committee is now moving towards preventative ideas. The committee plans on visiting local schools to teach children about Domestic Violence prevention efforts.

🍎 FOUNDATION MONTH 🍎

President Jack turned the lectern over to **Dan Rasmus** to discuss the Rotary Foundation. April is Foundation Month. For Foundation Month, the goal is to raise \$10,000. To help our club reach our April goal, the club will be selling raffle tickets. Tickets are available for \$20, six for \$100. Raffle prizes will be drawn on May 11th. This foundation month celebration has great significance this year,

as it's the 150th birthday of Paul Harris. A special celebration is planned for the April 20th meeting. For anyone who donates \$150 or more, they will receive 150 matching Paul Harris points.

Dan shared the various ways people can give to the Rotary Foundation. You can give to the foundation through your estate planning. You can give \$1,000, and be recognized as a Paul Harris Society member (10% of the club are members). You can give \$100 annually and be recognized as a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member (half of the club are members). The easiest way to give is via Rotary Direct. You can setup one-time, monthly, quarterly, or annual payments. If you donate before April 15th, you will receive 150 matching points. You can sign up at: rotary.org

Dan reminded the club that all money donated to the Rotary Foundation is invested for three years. All investment returns are used to cover administrative costs. Any funds that go un-used are rolled over into the next fiscal year. A good chunk of the money raised in our district stays here and is allocated through the District grants program. This year, the district gave out 40 grants. Our club received a \$6,000 grant to help fund our YWCA "Special Place" pre-school project. Last fall, our club helped renovate the pre-school, giving children who experienced the pains of domestic violence an extra special loving place. **President Jack** thanked **Dan** for his hard work by awarding **Dan** a four-way test coin and a superstar pin.



🍎 THE RAFFLE 🍎



It's Raffle Time!!!! **Jack** decided that the human balloon suit was too much, and brought back the classic balloon dartboard and his world famous trick darts. **Jerry Warren** held the lucky ticket, #6350. After being handed a quick five spot, **Jerry** outwitted the trick dart and busted a \$1 white balloon. Rather than taking the king's ransom, **Jerry** decided to reach into **Jack's** bag-o-crap.....errr.....**Jack's** bag of good stuff! **Jerry** walked away with a 2010 Census Bag, which **Jack** spun as a diet bag, guaranteed to make the bearer lose weight. Sure!

🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎



Rick "*I don't need no stinkin' microphone!*" **Wilson** recently had a birthday on April 3rd. For his 69th birthday, **Rick** had a great dinner at K&L, was showered with gifts, and was given three free texting lessons. **Rick** kindly declined the texting lessons!

Jeff Boal celebrated his birthday on April 5th. He went to the movies to see *Leaning into the Wind*. **Keller McDonald** recently returned from a long vacation in Israel and Jordan. **Keller** spotted 50 new species of birds. Since his dues are paid, **President Jack** could not reach into **Keller's** pocket.



President Jack's weekly bout of confusion arrived promptly on schedule. He leaned on **Dave Madsen** to cure his confusion. **Dave** decided to play Trivial Pursuit with **Jack**. The topic was sports, and boy the question would even make Howard Cosell blush: "What is Argentina if New Zealand is All Blacks and Australia is the Wallabys?" Well, the question flew seven miles above everyone's brains. The answer is Pumas, the name of Argentina's Rugby team. For not knowing enough about Rugby, **Jack** charged **Dave** \$20!

🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

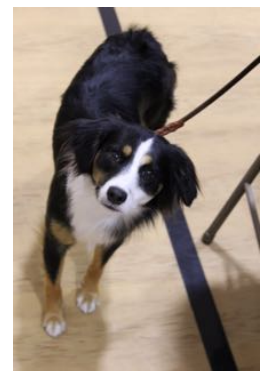
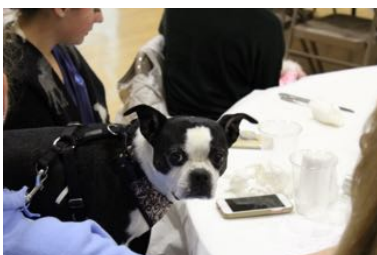


Mia Del Prete introduced our guest speaker, Charlotte Tunstall-Pearce, with The Dogwood Animal Rescue Project. Charlotte is a native of Sebastopol. She worked in the wireless and telecom industry in San Jose, before moving back to Sebastopol and opening Affinity Pet Services. She is a founding member of Dogwood. Charlotte, along with the other founding members, were driven to help more animals. This desire is articulated in their tagline: making a difference, one animal at a time. The organization is 100% volunteer based, with many talented volunteers. Since there is nobody on the payroll, 100% of all donations go towards Dogwood's mission.

They have no physical facility. Despite that, they have an active and strong following on Facebook, and participate in many community events, including the Apple Blossom Festival later this month.

Dogwood helps find foster homes for dogs and cats. They are also focused on spaying/neutering cats and dogs, and general animal health. Last year, Dogwood provided 398 foster homes for dogs, cats, and one chinchilla. Dogwood just purchased a mobile vet trailer. Their plan is to bring pet health services to neighborhoods in Sonoma County who have little to no access to veterinary services.

Charlotte invited Hannah Houston up to the stage to discuss how foster families are selected. Nancy, who goes by the nickname "Nancy Drew", vets all foster applications. The process is rigorous. Dogwood's goal is to place the pet in the right conditions. Hannah described some of the animals currently under their wing and thriving in foster homes. Dogwood takes care of pets in good and poor health. Detailed stories about all of the pets in Dogwood's program are available on their Facebook page and online at: dogwoodanimalrescue.org.



🍎 MORE RECOGNITIONS 🍎

President Jack ended up with a little additional time on the clock. Time is money, and **Treasurer Ken Jacobs** informed **Jack** he was behind in his fine quota! With that, **Jack** swung the Roto-spotlight on **Tom Boag**, who was caught red-handed trying to escape the palace. **Tom** opted to play Trivial Pursuit, and selected Science and Nature. The question was a no-brainer: “What is the largest muscle in the human body?” Why the gluteus maximus of course! With the winning answer, **Tom** won a water bottle from Uncle Jack’s Bag of Good Stuff, and lost \$20!



Jack turned the spotlight on **Ken Jacobs**. Sorry **Ken**, even though the books were already reconciled, there’s always time for more money. We learned that **Ken** is getting a new puppy, is planning a trip to Disneyland, and did not want crap from the bag! The truth cost **Ken** \$20! **Peggy Rogers** was next on **Jack**’s list of victims. We learned that **Peggy** has been super busy with Rotary duties. She gave a speech regarding domestic violence at the Petaluma Valley Rotary Club and was preparing for district training. All that good work was worth \$20! **Guy Smith** has been spending a lot of time commuting to Placerville lately to see his son and grandchildren. On a recent trip, he discovered a Mountain Lion skull in the forest. That story was worth \$20! **Harry Sims** stood up to volunteer a recognition, and to give a warning. He told us that the Frozen Yogurt served locally is not dairy based and contains protein from South American animals. There was a bit of speculation from the crowd. Perhaps a late April Fools joke, or a potential 60 Minutes exclusive expose? Regardless, that tasty tidbit will cost \$20.

🍎 AT THE FINAL BELL 🍎

Before **President Jack** had the chance to strike the Roto-bell, Charlotte Tunstall-Pearce threw \$20 into the Roto-collection bin. After the transaction was completed, **Jack** reminded everyone of next week’s Teacher of the Year Awards ceremony next week! And with a swift whack of the Roto-bell, and a loud howl, the meeting came to an end at 1:30PM.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

April 27, 2018: Cordelia Holst, Universal Basic Income – a Radical, Yet Increasingly Popular solution to Many of our biggest Problems



Cordelia Holst went to Apple Blossom, Twin Hills, and Analy High School in Sebastopol, and earned a BS degree in Business and Marketing from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She lived and worked 13 years in Norway before she moved back with her family to Sebastopol in 2016. Cordelia's career has been in marketing, founding and running her own pie shops, and recently started as Executive Director of the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center. Seeing the vast inequalities in American society, put in stark perspective after over a decade in Norway, she became interested in the Universal Basic Income movement that is growing in both size and attention these days. She has attended conferences at the Basic Income Lab at Stanford University in the Ethics department, attended a weekend long create-a-thon and the CASH conference sponsored by the Economic Security Project. She has contributed to the movement by working as a freelance journalist for BIEN, the Basic Income Earth Network. Cordelia believes a UBI could be a solution for economic insecurities facing Americans today.

May 11, 2018: Susan Starbird – Olympic Hopes of the Petaluma River



Expect to hear about, and see, the Petaluma River from the duck's-eye view when Susan Starbird returns to Rotary to talk about kayaking. Rotarians know Susan as a marketing consultant and a past member of both the Rotary Club of Sebastopol and the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise. She is also a founder of River Town Racers, a youth team dedicated to the Olympic sport of sprint kayaking, and publisher of an irregularly recurring essay collection titled Susan The Magazine. She has been a member of the obscure kayak racing cult since the late 80s, and several times weekly addles with fast teenagers in skinny boats.

