



Amy Gutierrez - Working Among Giants

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"All the News that Fits We Print"

🍎 BEFORE THE BELL 🍎

This weekly meeting of the Sebastopol Rotary Club was just a bit different than other Rotary meetings. The theme was BASEBALL - specifically SF GIANTS BASEBALL. Many Giants fans came out of the woodwork, and packed the room. There was a sense of gaiety and happiness that could not all be due to the upcoming holiday party! The meeting was very well attended. So, did members and guests come for a famous outfielder, a star pitcher, or a winning coach? NO! The star at this luncheon meeting was, in fact, Amy G.- a baseball announcer!

Before the luncheon was served, **Dan Rasmus**, Foundation Chair, was busy taking donations for the Rotary Foundation. **Henry Alker** was delighted to have done good work and made significant progress with the Mayor. He happily announced that the City of Sebastopol will be a "Peace City". Our Peace Committee is on a roll! Meanwhile **Steve Zivolich** was answering umpteen questions as to the location of the big Holiday Party Tomorrow (his home on Schaeffer Road).



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🍎 Future Programs 🍎

December 8, 2017

Speaker: Art Ibleto, "The Pasta King"

Program: In the life of the Pasta King

December 15, 2017

Singers: The Analy Choir

Program: Christmas Carols

December 22, 2017

DARK

December 29, 2017

DARK

January 5, 2018

Speaker: Dave Warrender

Program: Bridging the partisan divide on climate change

January 12, 2018

Speaker: Iris Jamahl Dunkle

Program: Teaching Kids Local History Through Creative Writing

January 19, 2018

Speaker: Katherine Rhinehart

Program: Sonoma County Library

🍎 Future Events 🍎

CRAB FEED

Holy Ghost Hall, February 10, 2018

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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🍎 AT THE BELL 🍎

Soon luncheon was served, and we sure got our money's worth today – the Pork chop-filled most of the plate – a carnivore's delight. **President Jack** was in good form – welcoming all and starting the meeting in grand style. The Pledge of Allegiance sounded enthusiastic and well-meant! Of course, only one song could be sung on this auspicious gathering – "TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME" And of course it was "root, root, root for the GIANTS" - A **Keller McDonald** twist to the historical verse.

Richard Petersen had the thought for the day, quoting Abraham Lincoln, combining a famous phrase from the Gettysburg Address with two other Lincoln utterances: "*Government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth. Whatever you are, be a good one. Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power*".

🍎 VISITORS AND GUESTS 🍎

The following visiting Rotarians were acknowledged and welcomed:

Princess Kemelacha, a doctor from Yenegoa, Nigeria. Ed Turner from Windsor Rotary. Ed announced a large community event to be held in Windsor to assist fire victims.



Michael Cook, a computer specialist from Sebastopol Sunrise Club. Dan Bornstein from Santa Rosa Rotary, who is in dentistry.

Other visitors to the meeting today included: Four students (club officers) from Twin Hills Interact Club. They proudly announced that they had raised \$600 from a movie night, and were contributing \$400 of that sum to aid fire victims! Their achievement was loudly applauded by all in attendance. **Mark Stevens**, their chaperone, announced that 2 to 4 additional volunteer adult chaperones are needed for a dance at the school cafeteria tomorrow!



Tom Lambert introduced family friend, and huge Giants Fan, Michi Shimizu; **Guenter** brought along his son, **Tim Meiburg**, a huge Giants fan! **Rick Wilson** rose to introduce guest Nick Gurney; **Mia Del Prete** rose to firstly introduce her husband and granddaughter, and then to introduce our featured speaker Amy G and Amy's guest, her father. **Tim Moore** was pleased to introduce his assistant Francesca Ramondo Morgan. **Meredith Bertacco** happily introduced her assistant – Julie Dunn; **Tim** explained that the local Edward Jones office is now split in to two locations. It is a good move. **Pauline**, who hardly ever comes alone, happily introduced her brother.

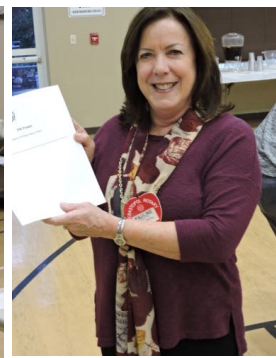
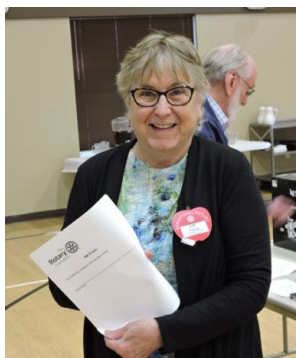


ROTARY FOUNDATION RAFFLE



And then the meeting was guided by **Dan Rasmus**, club Chair of the Rotary Foundation. This was the end of November - the official Rotary Foundation month. There were fourteen nice prizes, including restaurant certificates, bottles of wine, small appliances, and foundation points.

Ruth Dunlap helped by drawing the names from the drum, and **Dan** quickly and efficiently invited the drawing winners to come and select their prizes. The names were called, and prizes quickly claimed. **Dan** was anxious to thank everyone that donated to the Foundation during official Foundation month. Numbers are preliminary, so stay tuned for an accounting update, but **Dan** was smiling. Here are photos of some of the raffle winners:



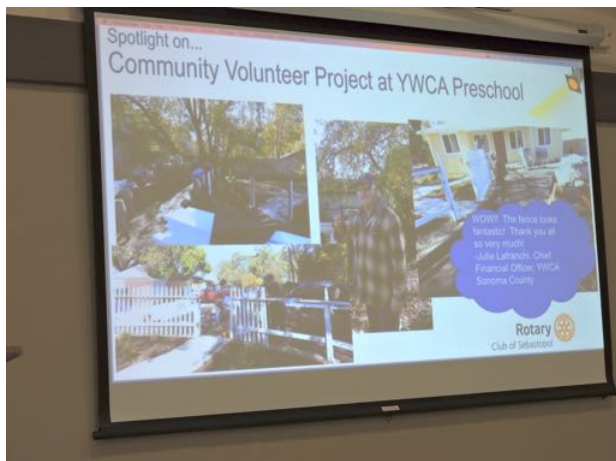
🍎 IN OTHER NEWS 🍎

President Jack, with noticeable excitement, announced that there is a fresh contribution of one million dollars from the Redwood Credit Union to the Rotary Fire Relief fund. The donation does not cover overhead, and so a hat was promptly passed around each table. A total of more than \$800 was collected to offset any overhead costs associated with the fire relief program.

Last Tuesday there was a party at **Mario's** restaurant in Graton, Mexico Linda, to help fire victims. It was well attended and was very successful. All of the labor and all of the food was donated by **Mario**. The total was about \$ 3300. Bravo, **Mario**! All present stood and cheered as **President Jack** congratulated **Mario** and presented him with small tokens of appreciation.



This Club completed a community service project at the Sebastopol Senior Center. And, more than that, another project at the YWCA Therapeutic Preschool. **Jim Pacette** managed both projects, with donuts in hand, and was roundly applauded. Both the Senior Center and the Preschool were very happy and thankful with the completed work.



🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

The meeting steamed onwards with recognition of many birthdays - let's see:

Chris O'Neill, David Schriebman, Harry Simms, Keller McDonald, Ken Jacobs and Norm Stupfel were all a year older and each a year wiser, which in turn made them each \$5 lighter. Moving on to celebrating anniversaries. **Chris O'Neill** must have been married on his own birthday, so he paid twice at this meeting.

A clever new graphic appeared on the big screen as **President Jack** moved in to special recognitions.

Corey Maguire sold a two-million-dollar home in quick time.

Mark Stevens was out in a boat on a lake during the solar eclipse last summer.

Mia Del Prete told about a special trip to Taiwan to honor war veterans.



She was thrilled and had a very good time. Now, hold your breath, sometimes there are photos of rather large fish shown at Rotary meetings. This one broke all records. There on the screen was **Gene Nelson** holding a HUGE STEELHEAD. He caught it on the Pitt River. Thirty-One inches of steelhead – wow - and yes it was put back into the river to be caught again another day. Bravo, **Gene!** Yes – you can land a large fish on light tackle!



And next we saw evidence of **Tom Lambert** and wife in a very cute red sports car at the Palm Springs Airport. Hey, good taste is a gift! Yes, it was a rental car – they could not drive it home!

Sally Ewald told of a wonderful cruise with her husband **David** from Montreal to New York City.

Mark Fink was pleased to entertain his sisters and his family for Thanksgiving.

Jorgen Holst has been travelling on business, and now plans a road trip with his family for Christmas. Now you see him, and now you don't!

Keller – has been out shooting at pheasants. He said so.

Tim Moore is most pleased with his new offices.

Linda Johnson rose to announce that HER birthday was omitted from the **President's** list because it will take place tomorrow at the Holiday party. Happy Birthday, **Linda!**



🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

And on to the program – **Mia del Prete** rose to introduce Amy G. – an announcer for the San Francisco Giants. Amy is a Bay Area native, is in her ninth year with the Giants. She has received four awards for her work, has three World Series trophies, and has published three books, written for kids about baseball.



Amy made peace with the club right away by dropping a bill in the Sergeant-at-Arms collection box, due to her recent birthday. She gave an outline of her professional experience – much of which was producing TV programs. She learned, after a difficult first try, to be an announcer – “live on the air”. She likes her present profession and it showed. She described her career with the Giants as a “fabulous difficult roller coaster”. Hmmm – what could that mean? It means that, as a woman, she has learned how to fit in with a professional men’s’ baseball team, and how to do a very good job at it. Clearly, she is respected both by team management as well as by the players.

Question One: She explained a bit about how her last name was abbreviated to “G”.

Question Two: The current attention to sexual abuse is not a passing item. Amy sees it as a serious deep change in our culture which will have positive lasting social improvements.

Question Three: Amy worked as a producer of TV shows. It was a tough job but lead her to her current success.

Question Four: She is happy with what she is doing. Long range she hopes to continue writing children’s books.



THE FINAL BELL

And so, the meeting closed, just a few minutes behind schedule. Next week we will hear from Art Oblate, the Pasta King. His personal history is a fascinating one.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

December 8, 2017: Art Ibleto - In the life of the Pasta King

Arturo Ibleto was born in Argentina to Italian parents on Oct. 2, 1926. He grew up in the Liguria region of north-western Italy and at 17 was conscripted into Mussolini's army. He fled it and joined the resistance, becoming active in a unit that assisted the advancing Allies by blowing up bridges and tunnels. In 1949, he borrowed money to come to America. He settled in Petaluma, went to work picking zucchini, married the former Victoria Ghirardelli and soon was on his way to becoming Sonoma County's Pasta King.



"Garlic is the oldest medicine in the world. It cuts down on cholesterol you know. You eat garlic, no problem." ~Art Ibleto

December 15, 2017: The Analy Choir - Christmas Carols

The Analy High School Honor Choir represents the highest level of choral singing at Analy High School each year. This choir has received over 50 unanimous superior ratings from the State of California dating back to the 1930's. The Honor Choir has opened for and performed with Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Joe Craven, and the Persuasions in concert. They also performed with the great American composer Eric Whitacre at Carnegie Hall in New York in 2010. Each year, the Honor Choir gives three concerts in addition to an annual benefit variety show, a local tour and various festivals and community performances.



🍎 **AFTER THE BELL** 🍎

The Grand Annual Sebastopol Rotary Holiday Party was held Saturday night at Steve Zivolich's house out on Schaeffer road. It was glorious, with food and drinks and good conversations for all.





