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"All the News that Fits We Print"

## 🍎 BEFORE THE BELL 🍎



Rotarians entered the Roto Palace and heard the snappy sounds of Louis Prima singing "Oh Ma-Ma, Zuppa Zuppa Bacala" A closer look revealed Pasta, Ravioli, Pesto, Caesar Salad and *OMG* Could that be Vino della Casa???. It looks like the Pasta King himself is in the house.



## 🍎 AT THE BELL 🍎



**Michael Hixson** led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Rick Wilson** aka **Chef Rickey** conducted the Rotary Choir (or was that just the assembled members?) in a gorgeous rendition of *America the Beautiful*.



## 🍎 Future Programs 🍎

December 15, 2017

**Singers: The Analy Choir**  
**Program: Christmas Carols**

December 22, 2017

**DARK**

December 29, 2017

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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 🍎

**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS--**[JackEDunlap@gmail.com](mailto:JackEDunlap@gmail.com)

**On-line Make-Ups:**  
[www.RotaryEClubOne.org](http://www.RotaryEClubOne.org)

**Domestic Violence Hotline:**

**707-546-1234**

**Ron Puccinelli** gave the Thoughts for the Day covering many aspects of change.



Change is the end result of all true learning – Leo Buscaglia

I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination. – Jimmy Dean

Only I can change my life. No one else can do it for me – Carol Burnett

**Ron** also noted that Carol Burnett is a daughter of Guerneville right here in West County, *Google It.*

## 🍎 VISITORS AND GUESTS 🍎

After a delicious lunch – the very definition of Mangia-Mangia and hopefully not too much Vino della Casa, **President Jack** called the meeting to order by introducing visiting Rotarians.



We had two visitors from Sebastopol Sunrise David Mark Raymond and Cathy Rodgers.





**Rick Wilson** introduced Guest of the Club Nick Gurney.

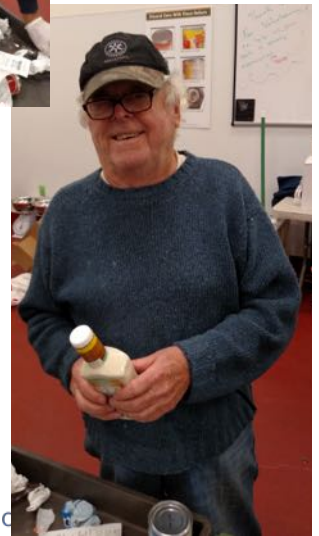
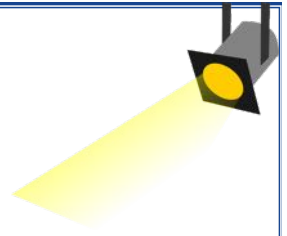


## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Jerry Warren** once again headed up a crew of Sebastopol Rotarians to work at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Workers included **Bob Rogers, Peg Rogers, Gene Nelson, Dave Madsen, Tom Lambert, Tony Given,** and **Jim Pacatte**. **President Jack** asked for volunteers for the next work day on December 12 and held out the possibility that the group would be sorting Donuts which got **Jim Pacatte's** attention.

### Spotlight on... Rotary Day at Redwood Empire Food Bank



Next work day  
December 12.  
Will you be  
there?

**President Jack** announced the Club's annual Christmas Adopt a Family event coming December 16.





**Cory Maguire** was brought to the podium for the presentation of her Red Badge. **Cory** has worked hard to complete the daunting tasks required to change that Green Badge to Red often compared to the Labors of Hercules. **Jack** also mentioned that **Cory** attended a Board

meeting at **Jack's** house which is the equivalent of cleaning the Augean Stables. Congrats to **Cory**.



## 🍎 NEW MEMBERS 🍎



**Jeff Boal** took the podium to welcome new members to the Rotary Club of Sebastopol. Although new to our club, **Gay McFerren** and **Pam Graber** have already been Rotarians in good standing in other clubs and are now eagerly joining up with our happy band.

**Gay**, sponsored by **Linda Johnson** and to be mentored by **Jackie Moriera** was until recently a member of the morning club but was also

involved in Rotary in Modesto. She has lived in various places in California including Silicon Valley. She will be a great addition to our club.



**Pam** sponsored by **Sue Engle** and to be mentored by **Ellen Harrington** was a Rotarian in Carson City Nevada where she served on the Board of Directors many times. She has a degree in Psychology which may come in handy working with this club.



**Jeff** presented pins, badges and plaques as befits new members. They received a welcoming standing ovation.





## EDUCATION FOUNDATION



Recent Retiree **Keller McDonald** went to his closet and broke out a very nice suit and tie to wear while giving his SREF presentation. The Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation (SREF) was founded in the 1970s to promote educational opportunities in Western Sonoma County. Owned and Administered by the Rotary Club of Sebastopol, its mission is to secure contributions and distribute earnings for scholarships and other grants to benefit students. Many Rotarians have left bequests and gifts to the SREF.

The SREF is a 501(c)(3) organization administered by twelve trustees who are members of the club. It presently has \$906,000 in trust and continues to grow. SREF is actively seeking proposals for a significant long-term project to support West County education.

### THE RAFFLE



**Frank Mayhew** held the winning ducat and stepped up to the Rotary Dart Board to try his luck. With one quick toss, he nailed a red balloon resulting in winning oodles of cash. How much is oodles??? That's between **Frank** and his tax man.



## RECOGNITIONS



**Paul Yeomans** had a recent birthday but unfortunately he was stuck as at a business meeting. Fortunately the business meeting was at a Gambling Casino. Sounds like a good job. **Paul** plans to celebrate his special day Saturday with his boys getting a Christmas tree.



**President Jack** called upon **Linda Johnson** for birthday wishes. **Linda** claimed that **Jack** called on her last week and she paid her fine. Unfortunately, no one in the entire assembled group could remember anything about last week. Someone check the Appleknocker.



**Jim Passage** was called upon and **President Jack** noted that **Jim** was celebrating his birthday that very day in our very presence. Although **Jim** is planning a birthday bash at a future date, he will have to get over the trauma of listening to the entire group sing Happy Birthday to him.



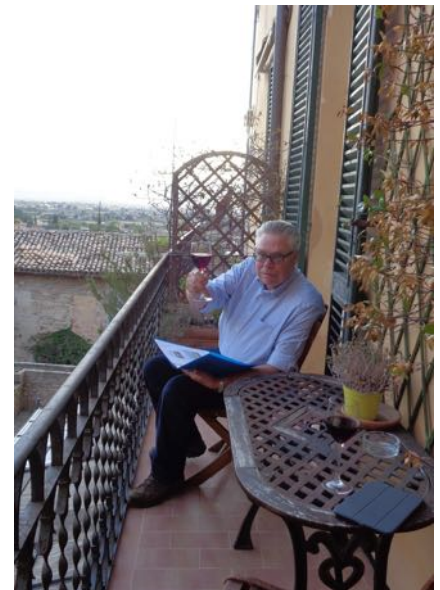
**Robin Maybury** and Jean celebrated their anniversary on December 2. Actually **Robin** was in Barcelona and Jean was not. It seems that Jean told him to stay in Barcelona or something Hmmm – better ask **Robin** what that was all about.

**Sally Ewald's** anniversary snuck up on her and she made a quick trip to Safeway and bought flowers first thing in the morning and then she and David opened some champagne and toasted each other from glasses they got at their wedding. I hope they didn't smash them in the fireplace after. Anyway—**Sally** donated \$1000 to the LARCA in honor.



**Paul Thielen's** anniversary just happened to fall on December 5 which he points out is the fifth day of Christmas. To celebrate he took his wife to Burger King and bought her five Golden Rings.. Wow.

**President Jack** showed some photos of **David** and Nan Still enjoying a recent trip to Italy including a week spent in Rome and another two weeks in the Italian hill town of Spello in Umbria.



**Edwin Wilson** was recognized for a recent trip to Yosemite with family. The waterfalls are running good.



**Mike Ferguson** was fined \$20 for a photo of his group the *Wild Oak Saddle Club*.

**President Jack** then began randomly calling on members in a shameless attempt to build up the finances of the club. Be warned—If you don't send the photos- you might be next.



**Patti Blount** was completely taken by surprise and described her typical day –  
Get up; Run; Work; Eat- Repeat. That cost her \$20.

**Greg Gill** was called upon but was in the bathroom. **President Jack**, focused on his mission, sent **Jim Pacatte** in to retrieve **Greg** for the fining process. **Greg** managed to relate that he has been doing some fishing. \$20. Nowhere to hide **Greg**.



**Mario Ramos** said that his days consist of washing lots of dishes at his restaurant. Due to **Mario's** selfless work raising money for the fire survivors, **President Jack** felt a modicum of guilt for fining poor **Mario**. But not that much so he fined him anyway. **Frank Mayhew** chimed in that he would pay **Mario's** fine.



**Frank** must have really won oodles of cash in the raffle





## 🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎



Chris Smith – Well known columnist for the Santa Rosa Press Democrat and close friend of the Pasta King Art Ibleto took the podium to make introductions. Chris said that he is so close to Art and works with him on his many projects that Art calls him his Secretary. Chris said he would prefer Personal Assistant. Chris said that Art Ibleto, the Pasta King is an institution in West Sonoma County. Art works seven days a week all day, most of his time going to doing good works. When he sees a need, he steps up.

Art Ibleto was born in Argentina to Italian parents but the family moved back to Italy when Art was age two.

His ninety one years have been filled with adventure, danger, close calls and Italian food. If nothing else, we can thank Art Ibleto for bringing us all the joys of Pesto.

Art was conscripted into Mussolini's Army as a young man. He didn't go along with the program though and soon found himself in army jail, then on the run through Northern Italy with the Fascists close behind. He joined the resistance and did whatever he could to make the Axis pay.



After the war, he came to the United States and began his working life which still goes on. to this day. Of his many adventures, he spoke of cooking whale meat in a 25 thousand gallon pot. When he was sent to check on a problem, the pot exploded, nearly killing him. He said he lay for days in the hospital, each day being visited by doctors. He heard one say " Well, he isn't going to make it anyway." Boy did he need a second opinion. He made it and has the scars to show for it.

Art has amassed a huge reputation for doing good works and a huge car collection too. His favorite car is a 1954 Chevrolet with 30 k miles. Keep an eye out for it. He also said he is the luckiest man alive and lucky to be

alive. He said " I've got money, I give it away. I've got to help people. Art Ibleto is truly a Rotarian at heart.

President Jack presented a certificate that a donation to Polio Plus was made in Art Ibleto's name. Art said that his wife of sixty six years was stricken with polio when she was twenty two





## THE FINAL BELL

**President Jack** struck the final bell at precisely 1:30pm. After the bell **HH**, **Robin Maybury** and The Pasta King bonded over old cars. Thanks to Chris Smith for the Photo.



## FUTURE PROGRAMS

### 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.

