



Ameena Jandali- Understanding Islam



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL

YES, At Last. For many weeks President Jack has been preparing us for the 2018 CRAB FEED. It will be the best crab feed west of the Mississippi! Now, we start the month of February, and the big event is just ONE WEEK away. Oh Boy, the excitement builds. See the crowd of Rotarians at the back table with cash and checks! So – be patient for another week!

AT THE BELL

The bell was rung, we all put our forks down, and we stood as the meeting came to order. **Greg Jacobs** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Keller** was in good form leading us in the patriotic song "God Bless America". He had us start the song on a low note, and that was a good idea.



How often does the "Thought for the day" evoke applause and general approval? Well it did at this meeting **David Still** shared these words, first uttered by Oscar Wilde:

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go

VISITORS AND GUESTS



J B Leep, from Windsor, a software developer, Kathy Schwartz, from Santa Rosa, a senior moving manager, Mike Pastryk, Rohnert Park – Cotati, an Assistant District Governor. Full speed ahead, Guests at this meeting included



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

February 9, 2018

Speaker – Dr. Judy Sasaki
Program- Sonoma State University

February 16, 2018

Speaker - Dan Needham
Program-Helping Those with Sight Loss

February 23, 2018

Speaker - Lynda Hopkins
Sonoma County Update

March 2, 2018

Speaker - Steven Campbell
Making Your Mind Magnificent

March 9, 2018

Speaker – Thomas Cochrane
Shaping the Sonoma Marin Coast

🍎 Future Events 🍎

CRAB FEED

Holy Ghost Hall, February 10, 2018

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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David Still introduced his wife **Ann**
Jeff Boal rose to introduce his wife **Jean**.



And Past President **David Schreibman** introduced Sarah Lee, of Sarah's Silks.

Finally **Les Crawford** re-introduced Nick

Gurney, who is applying to join this Rotary Club!



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

“DON'T DELAY –BUY TODAY” was the impassioned message delivered with gusto by our determined and inspired leader. The number of delicious crabs to be delivered, cooked, and eaten at Holy Ghost Hall next Saturday – the tenth - will be determined Monday afternoon. So – PLEASE – sales must be finalized by Monday afternoon (before you read this) when our leaders confirm the crab order. There are still many, many unsold tickets. So let's step up to the plate and bring in some serious sum of money for teachers' grants!



Michael Hixson was called up to the podium and was heartily thanked for many years of effort as our club webmaster. Michael is accepting a new professional position in the bay area, and will not be able to handle the club website. Will a new webmaster please identify himself or herself and step forward to be put to the task!

🍎 SPOTLIGHT 🍎

“ETHICS IN BUSINESS” was the topic of a Rotary seminar held recently. **Greg Jacobs** was there and reported to the club. He felt that this seminar was interesting, and was well conducted. Does Sebastopol Rotary want a committee to promote Ethics in Business? District Governor **Bob Rogers** and other members also attended. The seminar discussed how to apply ethical standards to business. And they encouraged the use of the “Four Way Test” in Rotary and in business.

Mission statement: ***Our mission is to develop and provide incentives that promote integrity and character in the personal and professional lives of youth and adults through Rotary Clubs and Districts.***



🍎 THE RAFFLE 🍎

And now it was time for the weekly RAFFLE, which of course is the familiar balloon toss game. And with usual fanfare **President Jack** called out a number. **Pam Graber** excitedly came forward, winning raffle ticket in hand. And she threw her darts very well and had to choose- would she take a one dollar bill or would she take something from Jack’s “Bag-O-Tricks”. With good sense, she pleased the crowd by reaching in to the infamous bag and pulling forth some papers. She had pulled out a “club success kit” called “Every Rotarian Every Year”. What fun!

🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎



Ken Silveira was happily summoned to the podium. He was declared to be an unsung hero. He has, for many years, helped this club by supplying groceries and delicacies such as crab and lobster. Thanks Ken! The club stood up and applauded ken for his helpful and dedicated service. **President Jack** presented Ken with a pin in recognition of sincere appreciation by the Club.

Now it was time to recognize some birthdays.

Torrey Olsen. We learned that **Torrey** plays baseball. He was in Florida playing, where he struck out ten batters. Good pitching Torrey, and happy birthday too. And pitch five dollars in the box while you are on the mound!



Hey, how about anniversaries:

Jim Pacatte – married to Rosemary for fifty-two good years. Yes. And five dollars please.



Tom and Pat Dilley – And we learned that Jim and Tom take their wives out to lunch where **Jim** pays for the Dilleys and Tom pays for the Pacattes. Seems fair. Okay five dollars **Tom!**



Steve Zivolich and wife Jan- did NOTHING on their anniversary. It was postponed but hasn't happened yet! Ok Steve –pay five anyway.



Michelle Kimble. Michelle has invented a new cocktail. You can see the recipe on face book, so she says. Now that is good public service!

Henry Alker sent a strange postcard to **President Jack.** Why? It turns out the postcard was a vehicle to warn **Jack** that **Henry** would be MIA while cruising on the high seas.



What ? Que ? Quelle ? Kakoe ? We were off into the wild blue yonder.

Pauline Pelini –What's up? She has been busy, busy, busy. She closed two real estate sales in January. The interact kids have her number. Her daughter and son-in-law came and went and will come again. Whoa. Just pay twenty and call it even.

Richard Petersen - He is out of cash and out of gas but must pay anyway!

Bud Daveiro – His scheduled skydiving adventure was cancelled due to mechanical problem. His scuba dive was cancelled too. So pay up Bud - \$20.

Bill Lippert – They are so busy planning their next cruise (just 25 days in April), that he petitions for a delay. But no! Pay now says the boss!

🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎



Henry Alker introduced the speaker - Ameena Jendali.

We learned that she is highly educated and holds a master's degree from UC Berkeley, that she is a founding member of the Islamic Networks Group. That group works to counter prejudice towards Muslim peoples in the United States.

Ms. Jendali started her talk by explaining that there are major misconceptions about Islam and about extremism and terrorism. She explained that the Koran states the importance of Moderation. That their Koran warns against extremism. Murder is a grand sin, and that the Koran prohibits targeting women, children and the clergy. She went on to state that in Islam, war is allowed in self-defense or against oppression. Aggression is NOT allowed, she said. They value religious freedom. Houses of worship, any faith, are to be protected.

Her talk included a discussion of ISIS; which came into being in Iraq. She explained the historic dispute between Sunni and Shiite branches of their faith. She likened this split to the split between Catholics and Protestants in Ireland. She pointed out that many groups have committed violence in the name of religion.

We heard that Sharia is a system of laws not unlike the biblical ten commandments. Sharia Law covers religious practice, as well as public legal issues such as criminal law.



Ameena Jendali wears a headscarf, and she spoke a bit about the right to wear one, and also the requirement to wear one, and the freedom to wear or not wear a scarf vary around the world and vary in history. The right to wear a headscarf is guaranteed here based on the first amendment.

There were many hands up with relevant questions. We heard that our support of Isreal is not a major cause of the antipathy towards the United States. And she said that the issue of women's rights, and their role in society changes over time and across the region.

In summary, her comments were very informative, describing a much-fractured society with a rich and varied history.



 **AFTER THE BELL** 

This meeting of the Sebastopol Rotary Club was ended by a ringing of the bell by President Jack just a minute or two after 1:30pm.

Sebastopol Rotary's Annual
CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 10, 2018

First Seating: 5:00 p.m.
(Bar Opens & Music Starts at 4:00 p.m.)
Second Seating: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Ghost Hall, 7960 Mill Station Road, Sebastopol

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Awarded to Date**



FUTURE PROGRAMS

February 9, 2017: Dr. Judy Sakaki, Sonoma State University



Dr. Judy K. Sakaki became Sonoma State University's seventh president on July 1, 2016. She is the first Japanese-American woman in the nation to lead a four-year college or university.

Her career in higher education has been devoted to developing, leading and implementing best practices in access, affordability, inclusion and diversity, and student success. Prior to Sonoma State, Dr. Sakaki served as Vice President for Student Affairs for the University of California Office of the President; Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at UC Davis; and Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Fresno State.

Dr. Sakaki is a double alumna of the CSU, having earned both a Bachelor's degree in human development and Master's degree in educational psychology from CSU East Bay. She holds a Ph.D. in education from UC Berkeley. She has been honored with Outstanding Alumni awards from both universities.