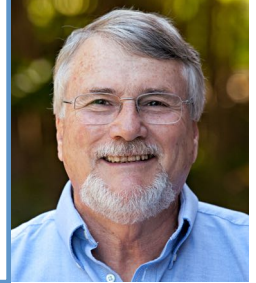




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MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



Your **Scribe (HH)** arrived quite early at our meeting. It was peculiar that there was so much going on this early. I was into making my 3rd pie, and realized that I've gone to the Pie-Palace instead of the Ancient-Roto-Palace that we were making our pilgrimage to this Friday. Arriving at the Ancient- Roto-Palace brought back early Rotary memories. When entering through those silver doors, situations and great fun times came flooding back to your scribe who was just a young whipper-snapper then.

It brings back memories of the great lunches, maybe 10 bucks a meal, catered by Don Butner, a look-alike of the KFC Colonel. Don was the owner of Don's Wagon-Wheel Bar & Restaurant. As Rotarians, we could be rest assured that every Friday, Don would serve us up the biggest, fattest, armor-plated hot-dog that, when finally was pierced with a sharp chisel stuck firmly with a hammer, would explode it's juices in a radius proportional to the force exerted to cut it open. Sometimes those doggies came with sauerkraut, but always with beans, always with beans, plus some stale french bread.

At one time in the Old Palace inner-sanctum, where we gathered today, there were two smoking tables. They were the ones closest to the windows, so that those smokers could occasionally grab a breath of fresh air. There was the meeting where a very young President **John Blount**, and his trusty Sergeant-of-arms [that would be your very own **Scribe**], dressed as Batman & Robin, complete with capes and on roller skates. That day we set an all-time Roto-fining-record for one meeting.

It's the same palace where former President Bruce Harding was shot in the palace lobby with the Chief of police's gun during poor ol' Bruce's last meeting of the year.....bad way to end his year. Holy-Smokes, this is the same palace where our weekly Rotary Apple Knocker was edited, printed on a mimeograph machine, hand assembled, addressed & stamped and mailed to members. This is the palace where President **Dave Madsen's** "Suitcase Night" challenged us to think bigger in our fund raising, and then President **Jeff Boal's** "Cruise Night" asked us to take the next leap to begin our club's storied history of fund-raising accomplishments and good deeds.....But your Scribe digresses.



AT THE BELL



President Black/Jack/Blasco is calling our tribe to order.....CLANG goes the sacred bell at precisely, 12:15 according to table-neighbor **Frank Mayhew's** watch. **Black/Jack/John/Blasco** is exalting wonderful phrases of verbal-hyperbole and reminding me that I've only got 2 more nights to get to the Sonoma County fair before it closes! Oh crum, I'm scrambling for my note pad, ok there's **Steve Zivolich** leading us in the flag salute.



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

August 18, 2017

Speaker: Harvey Henningsen
Program: Sebastopol & Sawmilling in the 1950's

August 25, 2017

Speaker: Jill Peterson & Sarah Tendall
Program: Roseland Mentor Program

September 1, 2017

Speaker: Linda Civitello
Program: Sebastopol Senior Center

September 8, 2017

Speaker: John Lowry
Program: What happened to housing opportunities, and how we can bring it back.

🍎 Future Events 🍎

Club Picnic: 8/20

Lobster Fest ("Circus") 9/30

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: August 8, 2017, Tues 5:30

Location: Jack Blasco's Home, Sebastopo (Graton)

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS-

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On-line Make-Ups: www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

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.:

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Now Keller McDonald and Robin Maybury are singing a duet. How fitting, it's "home on the range." Poor Robin, he's filling in as photographer today and there's no one to take his picture while he's in the spot-light. Your Scribe take one for him. Now I'm falling behind on **Linda Johnson's** thought for the day **Patrick Dirden** is walking towards me with a big smile on his face. He reminds me that he has signed up to scribe this week..... and I, [TheRotoWrangler,] chair of photographers & scribes, coordinator of Scribe-Schedules sheepishly smile back and turn the rest, or most of the rest of the meeting over to him. **HH** slinks off stage right. **Patrick** takes a bow and continues this Roto-Tale.....

Your new **Scribe (Patrick Dirden)**, shaking in his shoes, and wiping the sweat from his brow, picks up his pen and starts to Scribe for the first time! Will he be able to equal **Harvey's** wit and sense of humor? Will he match **Tom Boag's** level of detail? Tall orders all around! Longest journey begins with the first step, so here we go!

🍎 VISITORS AND GUESTS 🍎

Jack Dunlap introduced our lone guest Rotarian, Brian Bauer of the Sebastopol Sunrise Club. **Lu Fraizer** introduced her friend, and fellow board member with the Sebastopol Center for the arts, **Sue Labouvie**. **Noe Watts** introduced her friend, **Alyson Cummings**. **Sue Engle** introduced her guest, **Annie Nikolini**, the new owner of the Sebastopol Cookie Company.



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

President Jack reminded the group to sign up for the Rotary's volunteer day at the Laguna Environmental Center on Saturday, September 9th. **Jack** also reminded us not to miss out on the Rotary picnic, coming up on Sunday, August 20th, at the home of **Bob Hirsh**. Our own **Mario Ramos** will be behind the grill, cooking up a storm! Finally, **President Jack** reminded us about the up-coming Lobster Fest. If you didn't purchase your ticket yet, get your name on the waiting list now! Seats will open up at the end of the month. **Jack** also reminded us to donate items for the silent and live auction. If that condo of yours in Maui is feeling lonely, or that box of 1857 Napoleon Brandy is taking up too much room in your basement, donate it today!

🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

Being an **Editor** or **Scribe** of the Appleknocker has many benefits and privileges, including seeing an advanced copy of the weekly slide deck and the meeting outline. Our poor **President** has been lagging behind in his slides recently. He has a slough of birthdays, anniversaries, and special recognitions he needs to catch up on. Your **Scribe** is not sure whether **President Jack's** conscious, or pressure to gain more revenue from the bean counters, motivated him to play catch up today. Nevertheless, today was the day. There were lots of people to recognize, and plenty of fines to collect! Time to beat **John Blount** and **Harvey Henningsen's** all time fine record! Can **Jack** do it?????



Greg Jacobs had a birthday on July 17th. He spent his birthday at UCSF, getting his last round of medical treatment. Greg, we wish you health and all the best. He gladly paid the \$5 fine. **Paul Thielen** snored through his birthday on August 8th. The \$5 fine woke him up better than a triple shot of espresso! **Sue Engle** was our birthday girl. Not only was she spending her birthday with the club, but she was going home to celebrate with fellow Leo's....a "Leofest", as she called it. The **Sebastopol Rotary Club Singers** quickly gathered their wits, and led the group in a spirited rendition of "Happy Birthday." The change in location must have thrown the **Singers** off. They usually require a substantial payment to perform. Today, they sang free of charge!

Perhaps the Singers weren't the only people thrown off track by the change in location, **President Jack** overlooked two birthdays! Say it isn't so??? **Jack** quickly brushed himself off and shared the mic with **Ken Silveira**. **Ken** spent his birthday (July 31st) on the Oregon Coast with his family. The folks at the Bug Station on Highway 101 forgot to charge Ken the \$5 toll for re-entering California. **Jack** collected the toll on their behalf! **Meredeth Bertacco** celebrated her big 3-0 by searching for four-leaf clovers in Ireland. She worked for an hour on her birthday (August 7th), and then spent the remainder of the day wine tasting. When the *Press Democrat* recognizes you as the Best Financial Planner in Sonoma County (Congrats, **Meredeth!!!!**), you better work for an hour on your birthday! **President Jack** happily collected the \$5 fine from **Meredeth**, and encouraged her to share photos from her trip. After all, it's important for the club's financial health!



President Jack then passed the mic over to **David McLennon**. **David**, and his wife **Cindy**, celebrated an anniversary on July 30th. They spent the afternoon tasting Pinot Noir at a wine tasting event. After which, they went home and crashed! Well, hopefully they didn't crash too hard. **Jack** had to charge **David** the \$5 tasting fee.

We learned that birthday girl **Sue Engle** is moonlighting! By day, she assembles the most eye-stunning flower arrangements this side of Kew Gardens. By night, she is a columnist for the *Sonoma West Times and News*. Back in June, she penned an informative article: "Five tips for using florals at summer parties." Well, it turns out **Sue** has a ghostwriter. She is working with a marketing company called Bloomnation Network, who will write articles for **Sue** on her behalf. **President Jack**, figuring these articles will make her business bloom, gladly took \$20 from her cash register!



Dan "Traveling Man" Rasmus recently returned from an 18-day trip. He spent several days in Tanzania, where he volunteered at a girls school. He and his wife received a wonderful gift, traditional Tanzanian clothing. Later, **Dan** went on safari, and took several day trips. If Tanzania wasn't enough; **Dan** spent a couple of days in Amsterdam, and three days in Switzerland. **Dan**, I hope you steered clear of the coffee shops while visiting Amsterdam! All of that globe-trotting had to be worth at least \$20!



Patrick Dirden (your humble **Co-Scribe** and **Editor** this week) had a ticket to ride! We learned that he got the golden train ticket, and took a special VIP ride on the SMART train. Not only was it a smooth and comfortable ride, but you can enjoy a glass of Lauginitas while admiring the scenery. Well, nothing in life is free, **Patrick!** **Conductor Jack** charged him \$20 for his golden ticket!

Greg Jacobs recently took a trip to the shores of Lake Michigan to visit his daughter and grandchildren. He spent several days in the resort city of Petoskey, Michigan, the playground of Michigan's rich and famous. He was close to where Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos' summerhouse is, and all the other socialites of the Great Lakes State, or is it Wolverine State? Regardless, those champagne wishes and caviar dreams cost **Greg** \$20!



Michael Hixson and his family took a trip to France. They spent time in Paris visiting the Louvre and Notre Dame. They also spent some time exploring the countryside. From the photos, it looks like a fun time was had by all. **President Jack** had to charge **Michael** the \$20 fee for having too much fun!



THE PROGRAM



Mia Del Prete stepped up to the microphone to introduce today's guest speaker, our own **Lu Frazier**. **Lu** is the Board President for the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. We learned about **Lu's** days in the late 1970's as a sheep raiser and vegetable farmer in Sebastopol. Later, she started to take an active interest in spreadsheets and the world of finances. She earned her MBA, and several accounting certificates. She worked as an account manager for several wineries in the area. After a stint at Iron Horse Vineyards as the controller and CFO, she retired. Her interest then shifted to the world of art.

Lu guided the club through the history of the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. When the Center was established, the organization consisted of a rented out a desk inside the Chamber of Commerce office on South Main Street. Later on, they moved to the basement of the Methodist Church on Healdsburg Avenue. The third stop for the Sebastopol Center for the Arts was The Barlow. There, the Center finally had space to put on classes and events. However, the space came at a great cost to the organization, \$7,000 a month in rent! In 2008, the Sebastopol Center for the Arts entered into a 30-year lease with the County of Sonoma for the Sebastopol Veterans Memorial Hall. Many of the members have fond memories of this space: dance lessons, fundraisers, project graduation for Analy seniors, and Rotary Meetings. You can still smell the hot dogs!

After the center moved into the Hall, they took on a massive remodel project. The project cost over \$500,000, requiring countless hours of volunteer labor. Local companies pitched in to donate architectural and construction services. The biggest project was the remodel of the main hall, which was converted into a gallery. An office was constructed over the rear of the auditorium. Large, custom-built sound baffles were installed on the ceiling to improve the acoustics. According to **Lu**, that project took lots of time, and was scary to watch at times. Moving walls were added to the hall. This allowed the Center to use the hall for fundraisers. All of the other adjoining rooms were completely remodeled, along with the 1950's era bathrooms. **Lu** described the pains it took to add a kiln to the pottery studio. The building department required the instillation of a sprinkler system, at a cost of \$80,000. However, since the county still owns the Hall, the county installed the sprinkler system at no cost to the Center.

Lu spoke with pride and excitement about all of the services the Center provides to the community. In addition to offering gallery space for artists, they offer many educational programs, including a summer arts camp for kids. The center is also home to the Sebastopol Film Festival, which attracts talented filmmakers from around the world. The Center still hosts meetings for local veterans groups.





AFTER THE BELL



President Jack reminded the masses that we will be back at the Roto Palace next week, where we will take a trip back in time with **Harvey Henningsen** to learn about life in Sebastopol in the 1950's, and what it was like to hang out around a sawmill. We'll also learn about **Harvey's** pyrotechnic ambitions, and how he satisfied them. With the clang of the Roto bell, another meeting came to an end....or did it????

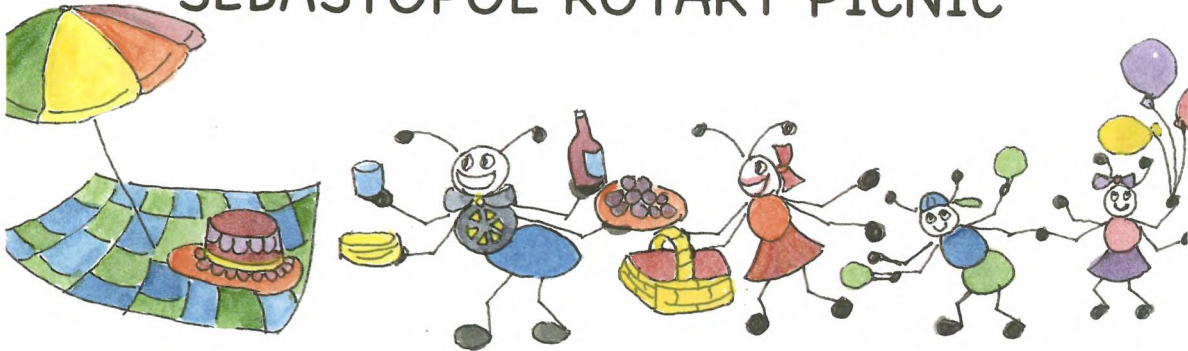


At last week's meeting, **Paul Theilen** shared a movie with the Club entitled "where the hell is Matt." The video sparked inspiration for **Paul**, to do a "where the.." video for the District Convention next May. **Paul** gathered the entire Rotary tribe in front of the Sebastopol Center for the Arts, and encouraged everyone to get their groove on and boogie down! With the help of our resident cheerleaders, **Harvey** and **Paul**, the Club got down and put on a performance John Travolta would envy. At this point, some Rotarians left for work (or the golf course), while some took a tour of the Center, offered by **Lu Fraizer** and Robert Brent.



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SEBASTOPOL ROTARY PICNIC



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 12-4 pm

AT BOB HIRSCH'S HOUSE
1055 MONTGOMERY, SEBASTOPOL

\$15 per person/ \$25 per family

MARIO IS COOKING!!!



FUTURE PROGRAMS



August 18, 2017: Harvey Henningsen – “Sebastopol & Sawmilling in the 1950's”

My first memories of Sebastopol come with one blinking stop light hanging in the middle of town at the Hwy 12 & 116 intersection Blinking red towards Santa Rosa & yellow for folks coming from San Francisco on their way to the Russian River.

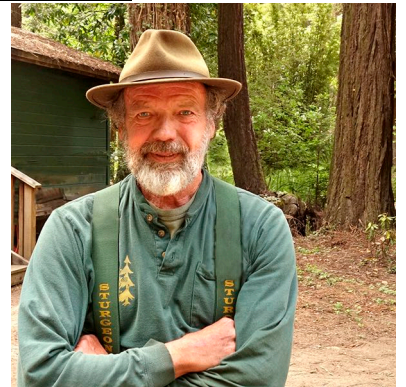
Picture a slower paced world in the 1950's when driving to Santa Rosa with your Mom; riding in the rear window or standing on the floorboard with your hands on the dashboard. Mom & I waved at every car that we passed.... And they waved back.

Imagine a traffic policeman who knew everybody & their cars in Sebastopol and hunted folks down as they shopped to warn them that their parking meter had expired because he did not want to write a ticket.

Remember a time when if one was lucky enough to have a party-line phone as your only immediate form of communication, the only thing your Mom would request was, “be home in time for dinner” and a time when there was a morning AND an afternoon mail delivery on Saturdays.

Step back into the 1950's when “Blue Suede Shoes” was playing on your first transistor radio and see Sebastopol through the eyes of a left-handed, dyslexic, ADD kid with size 12 tennis shoes as he tries to make sense of all the changes in technologysome people in town even had T.V.'s.

I was blessed with an incredible childhood playing around & under an old sawmill; a dream world for a budding gear-head with pyrotechnic aspirations.



August 25, 2017: Jill Peterson and Sarah Tendall – Roseland Mentor Program

Jill Peterson and Sarah Tendall are former teachers in the Roseland District- Jill taught at Roseland Elementary School, and Sarah at Roseland Charter Middle School. Jill began the Through College Mentor Program seven years ago, when the district realized that though their college acceptance rates were amazing, the retention rate was not as great as was hoped. The district came up with multiple action items to address this, one of which was creating a mentor program where students could have access to a one-on-one relationship with an adult who had college experience. Sarah joined Jill almost three years ago, when



the program expanded to include trainings for both mentors and mentees, and include the additional campus of Roseland Collegiate Prep. Eight groups later, they are constantly looking to improve the program (it is the only one like it in the county) and always are in need of mentors who are ready to help expose a high school student to new experiences, and be a support through the tricky transition into college life.

September 1, 2017: Linda Civitello – What's new at the Sebastopol Senior Center

The Sebastopol Area Senior Center is pleased to welcome its new Executive Director, Linda Civitello, who has more than 25 years experience leading non-profit public health and service organizations and a long history of fundraising in the greater Bay Area, from childcare to senior services.

