



Artstart– Mario Uribe



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL

Another beautiful day on Sebastopol! But hungry and eager Rotarians still milled about and came around, chatting and lunching, catching up on the latest life events before the bell rang.



AT THE BELL

President Jack Blasco called upon Charle Lippert subbing for husband **Bill** to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Once again **President Jack** had the luxury of calling on two singers to lead the group. **Steve Beck** and **Keller McDonald** teamed up to lead us in "God Bless America". It may not have been twice as good as it would have been with only one leader but it was pretty good.

Guenter Meiberg shared the Thought for the Day and suggested it be especially appropriate for children and grandchildren:

"The desire to succeed means nothing without the will to prepare".



Future Programs

August 4, 2017

Speaker: Keller McDonald
Program: "Sebastopol Rotary: Where DisCon18 Takes Flight"

August 11, 2017

Speaker: Lu Frazier
Program: Sebastopol Center for the Arts

August 18, 2017

Speaker: Dr. Jan Weiner
Program: Inclusive Education for Students w/Disabilities

August 25, 2017

Speaker: TBA
Program: Mentoring Through College

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, Sebastopol (Graton)

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS--JackEDunlap@gmail.com

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.:

CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !

sebastopolrotary.org

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Jack Dunlap introduced Santa Rosa Rotarian David Berman.



Guests included Jackie Moriera's daughter Molly



Linda Johnson introduced Linda Civatella from the Sebastopol Senior Center. She being the new executive director. Linda also introduced David Piner who was joining us for the second week in a row.

Jim Passage introduced speakers Mario Uribe and Linda Churchill. He also introduced Val Churma and Abigail Evans from the local Sebastopol Art Scene.



Lu Frazier proudly introduced her son Dan. **Cory Maguire** introduced her guest Lucy Berend, another local artist. Also dropping in for a look see was Nate St.Amand, a local who wants to see what Rotary is all about. **Mario Ramos** provided the introduction.



🍎 THE RAFFLE 🍎

President Jack had to repeatedly reach into the bucket before finding the lucky number belonging to **Lu Frazier's** son Dan Frazier. Dan took his place at the dart line and with one quick pass absolutely destroyed a red balloon. He took home the grand prize for his efforts \$70.



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎



JIM RAFFINI -- Born April 23, 1941 – Died July 24, 2017

Joined Club July 2015 -- Left Club December 2016

AK “-Ed.” April – November 2016

The Lobster Fest continues to roll along. Only a few seats remain. If you want to go- giddy up.

President Jack also made a plea for more auction items. For those with little imagination, Jack suggested they go down to their wine cellars and pull out a bottle of vintage 1854 and make a donation.



Frank Mayhew next took the podium to update us on where our international funds have been going. **Frank** is a master of getting us matching funds and he knows all of the ins and outs of Rotary International. Because of this, he has been able to round up funding to build earth bag buildings in Kikira Uganda. What are earth bag buildings you ask? They are empty rice bags filled with earth and used as construction material to build school buildings. Easy to build, virtually indestructible.

David Still (your humble scribe) took the microphone and did an absolutely fantastic job pitching the Annual Summer Rotary Picnic coming up on August 20. **David** pointed out that this event is always attended by lots of Sebastopol Sunrise Rotarians so if you are getting a little tired of the same old people, here is your chance to branch out. Of course the fact that **Mario** is Cooking should have you signing up pronto. **David** made the point that the picnic is at **Bob Hirsch's** house and **Bob** is a very high mucky muck in the Tall People's Club. If you are average- and you know you are- this is your chance to go to **Bob Hirsch's** house. **David** also pointed out that we have lots of leftover Tequila from last year and we will be pouring generously.

Jeff Boal thanked the membership committee for organizing a mixer at Russian River Vineyards earlier in July. 35 people attended and a good time was had.



Nao Noguchi then explained that he is working on a new project to post all of the banners from other clubs that have come in in recent years. **Nao** asks that, if you have brought a banner in from another club that you visited, please locate it and try to identify when you got it. It will be great to have the banners back up and updated.

Ellen Harrington gave a quick pitch to all to attend the Laguna Environmental Center work day on September 9.



RECOGNITIONS



The birthday slide listed **Russ Cunningham** as a recent celebrant. **Russ** had a big dinner with a really expensive bottle of wine. **Jack** hit him for \$5.

Jørgen Holst and his wife Cordelia were in Norway for their anniversary. They celebrated at their 9th year of marriage at their favorite seafood restaurant in the Oslo harbor, a tradition for them, with a gigantic seafood platter. The next morning, they flew back to San Francisco for one day to finalize **Jørgen's** Green Card interview. He passed and can now be a Sebastopol Rotarian for at least another ten years! (He's a lot happier about that than the picture lets on) \$5.



Robin Maybury celebrated his anniversary in Colorado but more remarkable was his attendance at his parents 70th wedding anniversary celebration. Wow!

Bob Cugini went to a celebration with his old friends in Forestville to mark the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love. I have it on good authority that **Bob** was really there at the Summer of Love and has lived a life of Peace, Love and Understanding ever since.

Frank Mayhew got a brand new BMW automobile and its really pretty. He donated \$70 to the Polio Bike Riders to mark the event.





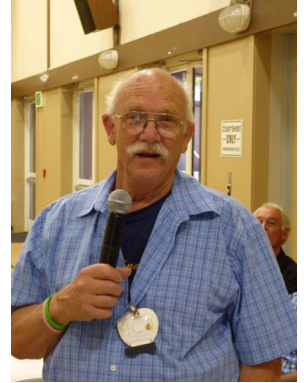
ELEVATOR SPEECHES



President Jack Blasco decided to bring back the much loved (dreaded) Elevator Speeches. First speaker was **Dick Zimmer** who related that he spent many years as a school teacher. He then purchased some properties and fixed them up as rentals. Today he is a property manager and a full-time grandfather.



Rick Wilson gave a quick elevator ride length description of his many careers including event planner, business manager and owner of a river rafting concern.



Dr Harry Simms was next up. **Harry** is a family practice physician. He spent thirty years as an emergency room physician with Kaiser. Prior to that **Harry** began a story about meeting his first girlfriend when he worked in a mortuary and, as often happens with **Harry**, the story got a little shaggy.



THE PROGRAM



Jim Passage introduced Mario Uribe from Art Start. Art Start is a local non-profit which seeks to help young artists learn the business of art while practicing their art. Mario's group creates Art in the Community. Most notable public art installations in the Santa Rosa area stem from Mario.



Mario said that he has been an artist his entire life and, thanks to supportive parents who helped him with materials and education, he has been able to support himself as such. Mario showed slides of several well-known art projects that grace Santa Rosa and West County, many of them instantly recognizable.

Mario's group reviews applications of young artists and juries and selects the best. These young people are then asked to prepare a presentation and present it to potential clients. If the client accepts the project, the young artist must deliver. This approach teaches the business of Art and provides invaluable experience. Many of the projects are murals, sculptures, mosaics, or benches. There is a chair project where the young artists decorate and sell chairs to raise funds for Art Start. Mario is extremely proud of the 200-300 young apprentices that have completed the program since its inception



THE FINAL BELL



President Jack rang the bell adjourning another great Rotary meeting at exactly 1:30pm.

Don't forget to sign up for the Picnic on August 20!

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL SUMMER

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 4, 2017: Keller McDonald – “Rotary Club of Sebastopol: Where DisCon18 Takes Flight”

The Rotary Club of Sebastopol has the pleasure and privilege of having one of our own Past Presidents serve as **Rotary District 5310 Governor** for the **2017-2018 Rotary year!** **District Governor (DG) Bob Rogers** is at the helm, piloting over 45 Rotary clubs from Petaluma to Del Norte on the exciting adventure that is Rotary! The capstone of **Bob's** year as **District Governor** will be the annual Rotary District 5130 Annual Conference, to be held May 18-20, 2018 at McClellan Air Force Base near Sacramento, CA. Our program this Friday will give us a glimpse into **Bob's** vision for the District Conference and our Club's pivotal role in making DisCon18 a fun and rewarding event. The conference theme, “Rotary: Where Dreams Take Flight” is propelled by McClellan's unique setting and history. The McClellan officers club and living spaces have been transformed into the Lion's Gate Hotel, our primary conference lodging. Hangars from the air base have been repurposed into the spacious McClellan Conference Center. And McClellan is home to the Aerospace Museum of California, where we'll have a special reception for conference attendees only! We'll be looking and listening for how our entire club can be engaged in a multitude of support roles for the District Conference. It's “all hands to your stations!” to make DisCon 18 a fantastic success and show off the talents and energy that are the hallmarks of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol!

August 11, 2017: Lu Frazier – Sebastopol Center for the Arts

Born Oakland, CA and graduated from Castro Valley High. Met husband, Bud, in high school and married when we were twenty. Graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in social science and a secondary teaching credential. Moved to LA and taught social studies and English for 11 years on the Palos Verdes Peninsula School district. Ten years later, we had two boys, Dan & Scot. Bud graduated Long Beach State University and taught inner city LA for several years and then became an insurance broker. While in LA, purchased 80 acres in Sea View Ranch (Cazadero) and 33 acres above Roblar and Canfield Rd. Moved to Roblar property in 1976 and built home and farm there. Raised sheep for cash and assorted other farm animals along with an acre garden. Children attended Twin Hills School District. I became full time volunteer librarian at Twin Hills for four years. Returned to college and attended Sonoma State University, receiving a Master's Degree in Business Management, emphasis in managerial economics and accounting. Worked in various local CPA firms in the county as an accountant and helping install and debug accounting software. Acquired my CPA and CMA certificates, Wanting work in the Sebastopol area, I accepted a position at Hearthsong as accounting manager. When Hearthsong was sold and moved to Peoria, ILL, I moved to J Wine in Healdsburg and managed the accounting department for 11 years. Again wanting a position closer to Sebastopol, I accepted a Controller/CFO position at Iron Horse Vineyards. Retired from Iron Horse after 10 years. Currently working freelance for very small wineries. I am member of the Institute of Management Accountants, a Certified Management Accountant, and past president of the Redwood Empire Chapter. Also a member of the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce and past president, current vice president. Board member of the Sebastopol Center for the Arts, currently president. Still licensed as a CPA and insurance agent. I enjoy travel, books, gardening, friends, family and helping West Sonoma County denizens sign up for Covered California health insurance pro bono. Dan is currently the Advanced Senior Art teacher



at Del Mar High in San Diego, married with a 16 year old son, Jack. Scot is Chief Operations Engineer, Urban Airship in San Francisco.

August 18, 2017: **Dr. Jan Weiner** – “Inclusive Education for Students w/Disabilities”

Dr. Weiner has been a leading international advocate, a researcher, and a professor in the field of inclusive education for over 40 years. Having published extensively in support of the full inclusion of individuals with the most significant educational support needs, Dr. Weiner has effectively created extensive systems change results throughout the state of California. Currently retired from California State University, as an Emeritus Professor, Dr. Weiner resides here in Sonoma County. Through her agency, the Center for Inclusive and Positive Support, Dr. Weiner continues to provide consultation and collaboration to the state, to districts, to individual schools, and to families of individuals with significant disabilities at every age level from preschool through adulthood. Her emphasis is on developing systems change to build infrastructure to enable campuses to fully include and embrace their students with diverse needs. With a Masters in Special Education, a Masters in Education Administration, and a Ph.D. in Education Dr. Weiner has been the recipient of major grant funding to support her efforts and research activity. Her background includes working with students and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down Syndrome, and other severe developmental disabilities. Having served as expert witness for extensive litigation and having been invited to work on professional development, Dr. Weiner has created effective school environments that feel empowered to welcome all students.

