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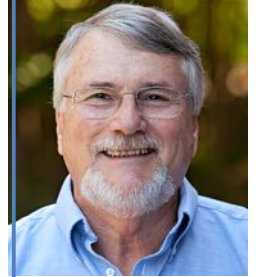
Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Tim Miller- West County Community Services



ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL



This was a weekly Rotary Meeting that was NOT to be missed. The mood throughout the meeting was cheerful and upbeat – hmmm- was there something in the iced tea? **Aleia** was the mistress of ceremonies, allowing **David** to come without a tie or sport coat. In fact **David** (still President) wore a shirt that featured many red lobsters! What a kick. And there were greeters, and there was **Ruthie Dunlap** counting money – LOTS of money. Whoa! Is this Halloween? Why is **Richard Peterson** wearing a silly colored wig? And hey there was a complete clown, a female clown, behind the table! We soon learned that the theme for the lobster feed will be CIRCUS! Hmmm. Ringling Brothers is out of business BUT there will be circus in Sebastopol – at the Rotary Club Lobster feed – it is coming soon. And yes, there on the easel was a plan of the community center with tables and chairs ready for assignation. And a line to claim a table was forming...

AT THE BELL



Substitute President Aleia sounded the familiar brass bell right at 12:15. **Bob Rogers**, "leading from the rear" led the salute to Old Glory.

Still in wonderful form, well-practiced since the debunking, **Keller McDonald** led us in the patriotic song "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL".



ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 7th – first meeting with 2017-18 **President Blasco**.

July 14th – District Governor **Bob Rogers** will do a BANNER TRANSPLANT. Or will It be a banner transfer? Or a banner transition?

September 9th – Rotary day at the Laguna - 9am to 3pm - lunch will be served.

Future Programs

July 7, 2017

Speaker: Una Glass
Program: Sebastopol City Council

July 14, 2017

Speaker: DG Bob Rogers
Program: District Governor Banner
Transfer Program

July 21, 2017

Speaker: Elisa Baker
Program: Food for Thought

July 28, 2017

Speaker: Mario Uribe
Program: Art Smart

August 4, 2017

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

Future Events

"After Hours" @ Russian River
Vineyards: 5pm 7/13
Club Picnic: 8/20

Miscellany

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: **July 11, 2017, Tues 5:30**
Location: Jack Blasco's Home, Sebastopol (Graton)

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546-1234

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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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GUESTS & VISITORS

Rotarian visitors stood as they were introduced:



Barbara Barney –
Sebastopol Sunrise

Brian Bowers –
Sebastopol Sunrise

Dan Bornstein –
Santa Rosa



Russ Cunningham introduced today's speaker Tim Miller.

And members rose to introduce their guests;
Dick Zimmer had with him a young descendant Alexandra (age 7)



Barbara Barney rose to introduce Linda Civitelli, the director of the Sebastopol Senior Center.



Monica Kretschmer announced that there will be an "After Hours Cocktail Party" on Thursday July 13th at the Russian River Vineyard Restaurant 5700 Hwy. 116 N. Forestville, CA 95436 (formerly known as Corks).

Beginning at 5pm beverages will be available for purchase. Please bring a guest or two or three. Guests need not be candidates for club membership. This will not be a recruiting meeting. This will be an educational meeting. There will be THREE speakers.

Michelle Kimble announced that there will be a car show at the Vets Center on July 22 put on by the VFW and sponsored by Pacific Market.

ELEVATOR SPEECHES

An elevator speech – Yes the concept of very quick auto-biographies was revised. **Paul Yeoman** rose and spoke clearly about his education and his professional life. One speech was all that we needed, and **Aleia** moved on.

ROTARY MOMENTS



And while the sound of our opening song had faded, **Keller** was back for an encore. There was a parting gift for **David** and **Carolee**. But in the excitement of the debunking evening **Keller** had failed to announce it. In thanks for their service, they were honored with a gift of a weekend stay (with champagne) at the Sea Ranch Lodge. Well done!

Aleia gracefully thanked **David** for his service; and thanked **Keller** for the debunking party. **David** rose to explain the history of his colorful lobster shirt. YES the very same shirt was given away at the last lobster feed, and recently came back home, where it belongs, in David's closet. Maybe it will be seen again at this year's lobster feed!



LOBSTER FEST –get ready cause here comes the 2017 Lobster feed. The date for the event will be September 30. The location will be the Community Center. And, hold on, the theme this year is CIRCUS! This will be “under the big top”. The “big top” of course is not a sombrero or a Stetson but a very large tent. There will be music. There will be auctions – dead and alive. There will be lobster dinner. It will be lots of fun!

Lobster Feed tables (seat ten) are now for sale. Tickets (\$125 each) are now for sale and a website for the event is up and running. **Bristol and Lou** are handling ticket sales. And **Richard Peterson**, wig well attached, said that there are already 15 trips or surprises pledged for the live auction.

More are wanted and needed. Live auction items should have a value in excess of \$3000. For Example **Mike Ferguson** has donated the use of a villa in France. And – so that there will be no doubt – **Aleia** is the event chair this year.

Oh yes, there was a ball game! From somewhere appeared two very large balls of yarn. And back and forth they were tossed as Rotarians reduced their interest in Rotary and this club to one word outbursts. And soon the tossing ceased and **Aleia** explained that Rotary weaves a web that includes all of us. Well done. There were no casualties and no hostages were taken.



🍎 **RECOGNITIONS** 🍎

Next was a simple announcement that **Paul Thielen** is selling his dental practice and is retiring after 36 years drilling and filling. Now **Paul** will have more time for Rotary Activities.

OK – Birthdays were celebrated and fines levied in rapid fire sequence.

January 1- **Hal Kwalwasser**

January 21- **Greg Gill**

February 23- **Mark Fink**

March 5 – **Michelle Kimble**

March 18 – **Barbara Beedon**

March 18 – **Bill Lippert**

March 23rd – **Nao Noguchi**

April 16 – **Tom Boag**

May 12 – **Yvette Williams von Aggelen**

May 19 – **Richard Peterson**

June 1- **Scott Briggs**

June 10 - **Mark Stevens**

June 12 - **Steve Zivolich**

June 21 – **Monica Kretschmer**





RAFFLE

And now it was time for the weekly raffle. The winner was **Mark Stevens**, and he took the pot.



PRESENTATION: WEST COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES

Russ Cunningham introduced **Tim Miller**, Executive Director of the West County Community Services. Tim used his time



at the podium very well – he listed the various services that they provide, such as health, workforce development, rural development and, disaster relief. He heads up a staff of 35 people. They serve about 4000 people with a budget of 1.7 million dollars. This organization was born as a result of the 1975 Russian River flood.

They provide employment service, behavioral health and counseling, youth employment and diversion, senior service and case management, and homeless and housing services. They have a summer youth jobs program – about 7 youths work in landscaping and ecology. There is a program of school counseling for drug use. Senior peer counseling is another active pursuit. An empowerment Center in Guerneville is a project of theirs. And they also provide crisis support – food and housing. As we all

know, housing is a real crisis. A shelter in Guerneville does provide shelter in the winter months. And they do respond to floods and other disasters with recovery service.

At the Mill street apartments they house 8 adults. And they provide resident support services at Fife Creek Commons in Guerneville and at Petaluma Avenue Housing in Sebastopol. Both of those communities are owned by Burbank Housing.

They are now assuming control of the Park Village Housing Complex in Sebastopol. This is the mobil home park that had been Village Park. This agency – West County Community Services – is contracting with the City of Sebastopol. There were five spaces that were not being used. They will be bringing used trailers in to these five spaces. They are taking applications and will be placing families in these mobile homes. There are already 18 families on the park. They will have an on-site manager. They will make a dent in the Sebastopol homeless population. They are still looking for 25 foot R.Vs. or fifth wheel trailers, They must be in good shape and be towable.



There were several good questions from the audience. We heard that he agency has plans to pull out the new homes in case of a flood. Also, the new management will be posting rules for drug and alcohol use. Felons are not allowed to live there. They need and very much want a community trailer. Very likely the vegetable garden will be restarted. There are programs getting started with “tiny homes” for veterans. Most of these residents receive money from SSI, from pensions or other government programs – usually between \$600 and \$1800 per month.



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

The thought for the day was provided by **Katy Spyrka**:

Old friends pass away. New friends appear. It is just like the days. An old day passes. A new day arrives. The important thing is to make it meaningful. A meaningful friend or a meaningful day.

-The 14th Dalai Lama



THE FINAL BELL

With that, our **substitute leader** ended another successful Rotary meeting at 1:30PM sharp.

Future Programs



July 7, 2017: Una Glass, Sebastopol Mayor – Sebastopol City Council

Una Glass is currently the Mayor of Sebastopol. She has served as the Executive Director of Coastwalk California/CCTA, a statewide non-profit organizations, since 2008. Previously she was a principal in a software development company for 25 plus years. She also worked for former County Supervisor Mike Reilly, as the CFO for a public broadcasting station, and for a land use economics consulting firm. She has lived in Sebastopol since 1989 and moved to Sonoma County in 1971 to attend Sonoma State University.

July 14, 2017: DG Bob Rogers – Banner Transfer Ceremony

Bob Rogers has been a Rotarian since joining the Rotary Club of Sebastopol in 2007. As a polio survivor, he got involved right away with Polio Plus at the club level, and in 2011 joined the District Polio Plus Committee under Larry Myers.

Bob was president of our club in 2013-14, served as an Assistant Governor for two years, and is now the District Governor for 2017-2018.

He spent his career as an airline pilot, retiring from USAirways...and now he says his second career is Rotary.

RI President Ian Riseley's theme for this year is **"Making a Difference."** And as Secretary John Hewko recently said, "We are on the verge of leaving the world a gift that will last for as long as humans inhabit this planet." A planet free of the poliovirus...How's that for **"Making a Difference"?**



Banner Transfer Ceremony - Each year the District Governor's Club is privileged to display a banner notifying all who gaze upon it that this is the club of the current District Governor. At the beginning of the new Rotary year, usually the first meeting, the Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) presents the new District Governor's Club with the banner for them to display during the year. This ceremony will be taking place on Friday, July 14th, during our Second Meeting. This event usually draws a number of guests from other clubs as well, to honor the new District Governor before he departs on his journey of visiting the other 45 clubs in the District. We will also wish our Immediate Past District Governor a well-earned rest, with perhaps some "recognition".

July 21, 2017: Elsa Baker, Volunteer Manager – Food for Thought



Elisa began volunteering at Food for Thought nine years ago and loved it –always leaving feeling better than when she arrived. She was hired as the Volunteer Manager at Food for Thought in 2008, carrying on the work and filling the huge gap left by the death of Stewart Scofield. Elisa was the volunteer coordinator at Canine Companions for Independence for five and a half years, and before that coordinated Artrails and was the exhibitions curator for the Sonoma County Cultural Arts Council. She was born in Noblesville, Indiana and has her masters in Library Science from UC Berkeley. She was the librarian at Ursuline High School and at Santa Rosa Junior College. Elisa has one son, Andy, and in her spare time enjoys gardening, photography, reading, and movies. As a volunteer manager, she is used to asking, begging, and pleading for time and talent. Currently there are 600 active volunteers at Food For Thought who do it all. Her assistant and constant 'canine' companion, Samir is a large yellow lab, who shares her life and her office. They live in Forestville and can walk to work every day. Both Elisa and Samir are very grateful to be working in a compassionate, caring, fun-loving environment with great staff and volunteers.