

The Appleknocker Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Sonoma County Sheriff - Rob Giordano



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



Last week, we were informed that the Sonoma County Sheriff, Rob Giordano, would be visiting the Roto-Palace on this fine Friday. Everyone made sure that all un-paid parking tickets, speeding tickets, and Roto-fines were paid up before his arrival. Nothing would be left to chance. All that the Roto-flock needed to do was to be on their best behavior...now that's a tall order!



AT THE BELL



President Jack Blasco rang the hearty Roto-bell at 12:15 PM sharp. One second too late, and he would be charged with section 123.58.L of the Roto-penal code, starting a meeting late! **Jack** called up **Scott Briggs** to the front of the palace to lead the group in the flag salute. After which, **Jeff Boal** and **Robin Maybury** led the group in a rousing, patriotic verse of "*God Bless America*." The club



came close to violating section 235.18.N of the Roto-noise ordinance, singing off key. Thankfully, the Sheriff did not reach for his citation book; that fine with added fees would make **Jack's** random \$20 fine look like chicken feed! **Jackie Moreira** was called up to provide not one, but two, thoughts for the day! Double the inspiration; now that's the spirit!



Thought for the Day

-Jackie Moreira



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. -Margaret Mead

A woman is like a tea bag - you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water. -Eleanor Roosevelt



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Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

🍎 Future Programs 🍎

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Speaker: Teresa Tudury, Michael Capella

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Program: LobsterFest Prep – Meet at Community Center!

October 6, 2017

Speaker: Carla Rodriguez

Program: Elder Abuse

October 13, 2017

Speaker: Supervisor Lynda Hopkins

Program: District 5 Update

October 20, 2017

Speaker: Police Chief Weaver

Program: Sonoma County Family Justice Center

🍎 Future Events 🍎

Lobster Fest (“Circus”) 9/30

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center

September 30th, 5pm-10pm (SOLD OUT!!)

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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 !

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🍎 VISITORS AND GUESTS 🍎

Jack Dunlap introduced Barbara Barney from the Sebastopol Sunrise club and District 5130 Treasurer. We also had Julia Parranto, the club President from the Santa Rosa Rotary Club. There were many guests in attendance. **Linda Johnson** was accompanied by Joelle Prather. **Jeff Boal** introduced his wife, **Jean**, not a stranger to our club, and **Katy Spyрка** introduced our former exchange student, Amelié Depireux, and her boyfriend Quentin, both from Belgium.



Jim Passage introduced our guest speaker, Sonoma County Sheriff Rob Giordano, and Sheriff Department Outreach Misti Harris. **Mark McDonnell** introduced his mother, Evelyn. **Aldean Noethig** introduced our current exchange student, Marina, and **Robin Maybury** introduced his guest, Arlene.



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

At this coming Friday's meeting, you will have the chance to get a flu shot at the Rotary's Flu Shot Clinic. Not only will you stay ahead of the slimy, virus laced eight ball, you can be shot by the best shot in town, Yvonne Thielen. No, not that kind of shot, Sheriff! When you raise your sleeve next week, the profits will go to Sutter Hospice. What a win-win: you avoid sickness, and you help Sutter Hospice. Bring on the needle, but keep the smelling salts handy!

Hal Kwalwasser informed the club of a wonderful workshop coming up on September 28th, the Early Childhood Mental Health Summit. This is a subject close to **Hal's** heart, as he works closely with Summit sponsor, First Five California. You can register at:

www.regonline.com/earlychildhoodmentalhealthsummit

President Jack reminded everyone about the upcoming volunteer day at Redwood Empire Food Bank on Thursday, September 21st, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Last year, our club donated over 187 hours to the food bank. Major props to **Jerry Warren** for leading the charge.



WARNING! ADVERTENCIA! AVVERTIMENTO! Only two weeks to go before LobsterFest time! If you have yet to buy your tickets, you are out of time. LobsterFest is sold out! Fear not, because **President Jack** has good news for you! There are still some volunteer opportunities available. He also had some bad news. There are still some volunteer opportunities available. Last week you learned how volunteering could increase your popularity and your billfold ten fold! This week, we learned that you could get away with murder! Sign up to be a lobster cook! You cannot get any closer to the action, unless you were in the lobster pot! Maine's finest are ready to make a sacrifice, but are offended that the number of cooks is low! Don't let those lobsters down! Sign up today!

Greg Jacobs advised everyone to raid their wine cellars, and find a bottle to donate to the instant wine cellar. We're only 11 bottles away from having a perfect lot. So, if you are reading this, drop everything, and grab that \$25+ bottle that's been collecting dust, and bring it to the Roto-palace this Friday!

President Jack shared some photos and moments from the volunteer day at the Laguna Environmental Center on September 9th. Major thanks to **Ellen Harrington** for arranging this. Many members from Sebastopol Rotary, and other local Rotary Clubs, were present on Saturday. **Steve Beck** was caught over-sanding a wooden bench. **Ron Puccinelli** tried to dig his way to China, but only got deep enough to place a signpost. **President Jack** stated, for the record, that he was not sleeping on the job in that incriminating photo. Perhaps he was thinking about new ways he can fine members, or was awestruck at **Steve Beck's** sanding skills? Regardless, there will be many more opportunities to help our community out in the future.



President Jack was charged last week with violating Roto-penal code section 222.12.15.CW, impersonating a car salesman. Jack was back to his bag of salesman tricks, dangling live auction items in front of the hungry crowd. It was enough to make Mary Kay blush, Zig Ziglar quit his day job, and Cal Worthington and his dog Spot become circus clowns. Who wouldn't love the opportunity to dine on the best Mexican food this side of Guadalajara with 20 of your closest friends, while listening to **Mario Ramos** sing Cielito Lindo? What about watching **JT Martin** slave away over a hot stove cooking up a Louisiana storm at Dutton Ranch? If not that, than chowing down on cowboy style BBQ at **Mike Ferguson's** ranch? **Jack** had the club on the edge of their seats; cash in hand, ready to bid on these hunger-crushing opportunities! If that didn't bowl anyone over, than the Dream Vacation Raffle did! Jamaica! Bermuda! Banff! Nashville! Just \$100 away! Tickets are still available! Buy early and buy often! But wait, there's more! How about a 50% chance of winning a quick \$20? Jack introduced the heads or tails raffle! You call the shots right; you win! No three card monty game or darts game would ever deliver such great odds! Oh wait....

🍎 THE RAFFLE 🍎

IT'S RAFFLE TIME! Would **Jack's** trick darts stymie today's lucky ticket holder? **Mark McDonell** would find out fast. Would **Mark** defy the odds and hit a red balloon? BINGO! **Jack**, it might be time to trade in those darts. **Mark** donated the entire lot to the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation!





RECOGNITIONS



Ron Puccinelli spent his birthday (September 10th), at Sixth Street Playhouse, watching the production of *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, and enjoyed a wonderful dinner. Snoopy called, you owe him \$5!

Brad Benedetti and his wife, **Kathy**, celebrated their big day on August 20th in Monterey. They ate their way from the streets of Carmel to the end of Fisherman's Wharf. **Jack**, dreaming of a seafood buffet, or of a buffet of cash, attempted to take \$20 from **Brad's** wallet! **Brad** crushed **Jack's** dream

of an easy \$20, but he settled out of Rotary court for \$5.

Greg Jacobs and his wife, **Kathi**, celebrated their big day on September 11th with their family. \$5 please! **Gene Nelson** and his wife, **Betty**, celebrated their anniversary (September 11th) with his grandson. \$5 please! **Linda Johnson** and her husband, **Greg**, celebrated their 30th Anniversary with a nice dinner at Stark's. Congratulations, but that will still be \$5!



Mark McDonell and his wife, **Michele**, had an unforgettable (September 14th) in Lake Tahoe. Mother Nature decided to big day by pelting the Lake with hailstones! **Mark** was charged a \$5 cleaning fee! **Jack**, still reeling from his feeble attempt to take \$20 from **Brad**, forgot to recognize **Torrey Olson**. Torrey had to dig deep to remember how he and **Lucy** celebrated their big day back on July 28th. **Torrey** could not remember a single moment from a day so far in the past. Good try, but \$5!

We learned that **Gene Nelson** received a wonderful retirement gift from the church, a week in Montana! The more he looked into the trip, he soon realized that this was destined to be a fishing trip. **Gene** rounded up five ex-cons, a pallet of beer, and made a beeline for Montana's Madison River. **President Jack** had to apply a Four-Way test pop quiz on **Gene**; are those fish in those shots from the river or from the local Safeway???? **Gene** attested that the fish appearing in front of each smiling face came from the river! Well, **Gene**, we'll take your word for it, especially since you dove into the river to catch that incredible fish! But, it will still cost you, and each of your ex-cons \$20!



Gene Nelson's Retirement Celebration



We learned that **Bob Hirsch** took a ride on the wild side! He participated in a motorcycle ride for Polio Plus in Sacramento. There, he rode with a fellow rider who is a polio survivor, who will be speaking at the District Conference in May. **President Jack** felt bad to fine **Bob** \$20 for his good deed, but not bad enough!



THE PROGRAM

Our guest speaker, Rob Giordano, is the newly appointed Sheriff of Sonoma County. Rob confessed that he did not want to be the Sheriff of Sonoma County. This job found him, rather him finding it. He spent most of his 21 years in the Sheriff's department in management positions, working as a public servant. In 2014, Sheriff Steve Freitas appointed Rob as Assistant Sheriff. When Sheriff Freitas retired earlier this year, he asked Rob Giordano to take over the Sheriff's position for the remainder of his term. Rob shared with the club that he will not be running for the Sheriff's position in the 2018 election. He noted that it's awkward being a cop and being a politician. The race for Sheriff in 2018 will be tight. There are six people running for Sheriff. It will be the first time there will be a contested Sheriff's election in over 25 years.



Rob mentioned how the Sheriff's department has responded to public demands for increased transparency. He introduced the club to the Sheriff Department's Community Engagement Liaison, Misti Harris. Misti is in charge of social engagement, education, and the department's social media outlets. She encouraged everyone in the club to subscribe to the Sonoma County Sheriff's Facebook page. Even though the most effective way of reaching out to people is person to person, the realities of the county and population size make person to person contact less probable, which makes social media one of the most effective means of outreach.

Rob discussed the issues surrounding the recent debate around immigration. He cleared the air surrounding the recent discussions in the media about the county's position on cooperation with ICE agents. Sheriff's officers will not ask about one's immigration status. They do not want people to be afraid of contacting law enforcement if they need help. Sheriff's officers will back up ICE agents on raids, but not

engage in any raids. He further stated that if an inmate at the jail has matching finger prints in the ICE database, they will inform ICE. ICE agents have asked about 120 inmates, but have only picked up 24.

Greg Jacobs commended Rob Giordano for his professionalism and commitment. **Mike Ferguson** asked about recent developments surrounding the Civilian Oversight Board, and if Rob thought the board was political. The amount of complaints has been slim to none. Rob shared that out of almost 5,000 arrests, 83 complaints were received, and 0.24% of all arrests involved force. Regarding the political aspect, he said that the community should answer whether the million dollar budget is worth it (\$600,000 for audits, \$400,000 on community programs).

Robin Maybury asked what the county's level of engagement with Homeland Security is. Rob stated that the county is apart of some DHS task forces, but the level of engagement is low, since the threat of terrorism in Sonoma County is extremely low. Rob advised the club to say something if they see something. **Les Crawford** asked about community policing programs in Roseland. Rob stated that the community policing program is shrinking, as more and more of Roseland is annexed into Santa Rosa. **Steve Kellner** asked if Rob felt that there were enough sheriff's deputies to cover the west county. Rob felt that there are enough deputies to cover any issues in the West County, but not enough to cover everyone. Rob said that since the west county is quiet, and that vineyards usually cause no trouble, there is no need for increased enforcement.



THE FINAL BELL



After thanking Sonoma County Sheriff Rob Girodano for visiting the Roto-palace, **President Jack** ended another successful meeting. Everybody behaved, and nobody was arrested! With that, **Jack** rang the Roto-bell at 1:30 PM sharp!

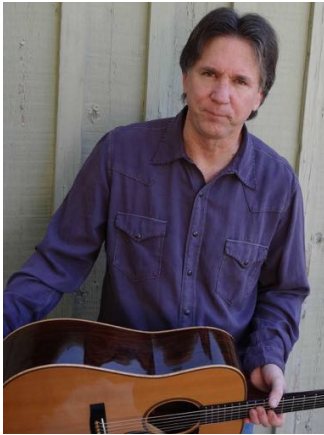


FUTURE PROGRAMS



September 22, 2017: **Teresa Tudury and Michael Capella** – The Music is in the Magic

Two local musicians, talented artists individually, will collaborate to bring us an entertaining and unusual program. From just around the corner, in Occidental, comes Teresa Tudury. Teresa has been writing music and performing since she was a young girl, and was performing in San Francisco nightclubs by the age of 15. She has played in the Bay Area for years, then was based in Los Angeles for almost 20



years. There, she expanded her repertoire to include music, comedy and acting. Teresa's voice is a character in its own right -- at once deep, sultry, and powerful, then surprisingly soft and bluesy. Accompanying Teresa will be Michael Capella. Michael is a Singer-Songwriter who plays a mean guitar, as well as Pedal Steel guitar, and Dobro, a wood-bodied, single cone resonator guitar. Michael has been singing since he was a child, and for over 20 years has been performing other people's songs both solo and in bands. He started writing and performing his own songs in his 40's. In April of this year, the CD of the Week on KRCB Radio was "Connections" from Michael Capella Band (MCB).



September 29, 2017: **LobsterFest Prep – Meet at Community Center!**

October 6, 2017: **Carla Rodriguez, Deputy DA** – Fraud, scams and other types of elderly abuse

Carla Rodriguez has been working as a Deputy District Attorney in Sonoma County for over 20 years. She is currently assigned to the Elder Protection Unit where she prosecutes cases involving physical abuse, theft, embezzlement, and neglect of elder adults. While attending Santa Clara Law School, Ms. Rodriguez interned for the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and immediately decided to pursue a career in criminal prosecution. Since working in Sonoma County, Ms. Rodriguez has handled a wide variety of assignments and has taken over 75 cases to trial.



October 13, 2017: **Supervisor Lynda Hopkins** – District update: Initiatives, strategies and concerns

Supervisor Lynda Hopkins is in her first term representing the geographically large and economically diverse Fifth District. Her District includes the entire Sonoma County coastline, the lower Russian River, many unincorporated rural villages, the city of Sebastopol, and the Southwestern portion of the city of Santa Rosa. Lynda's interest in public policy and land use began while attending Stanford University, where she studied environmental problem solving focused on coastal land use, mass transit, land use policy through the Earth Systems (BS, MS) Program. She also received a Bachelor of Arts degree in creative writing, which led to her work as a journalist focused on local government. After earning her Master's from Stanford, Lynda and her husband Emmett moved to his childhood home in Sonoma County. Lynda is a passionate advocate for environmental protection, coastal access for all Californians, social justice, and early childhood education. In addition to her

involvement in the agricultural community, she also serves on the Children's Museum of Sonoma County Board of Directors.

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Lobster fest 2017

Under the Big Top



Sebastopol Community
Cultural Center
390 Morris Street
Sebastopol

LOBSTER DINNER
SATURDAY
September 30, 2017
5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Performances by
Summerfield
Waldorf's
Circus Waldissima

TICKETS \$125
SOLD OUT
August

Live music & Dancing
to
Marshall Law



FLU SHOTS PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Flu Shot Clinic

Date: September 22, 2017

Time: 11:45 am – 12:45 pm

Location: Sebastopol Rotary Club



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