



Efren Carrillo – Burbank Housing



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL

It was another lovely day in Sebastopol. The sun was shining strong over the grand Roto-palace. Another day to experience the warmth and fellowship of Rotary.

AT THE BELL



President **Jack Blasco** rang the bell at 12:15 sharp and welcomed us to Rotary. Efren Carrillo lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Steve Beck** lead us in the song, "America the Beautiful." **Dorothy Rodella** presented the *Thought for the Day* from unknown after a story about a really great Rotary Women's Mystery Bus Tour. Where they went was unknown, but "What happens on the bus, stays on the bus". The thought for the day was:

"It's impossible," said pride. "It's risky," said experience. It's pointless" said reason. "Give it a try," whispered the HEART.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Visiting Rotarians included Julia Parranto, President of Santa Rosa Rotary, who was here to sell raffle tickets for \$25, with the winner taking home \$25,000. Proceeds to go to the SR Fire Fund since 15 members lost their homes.

Rick Wilson again introduced Nick Gurney, soon to be a new Rotarian. **David Schreibman** introduced Sarah Lee of Sarah Silks. Les Crawford introduced Kathy Schwartz. **Richard Power** introduced Scott Johnson from Burbank Housing.



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

February 2, 2018

Speaker – Ameena Jandali
Understanding Islam

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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www.RotaryEClubOne.org

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707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

It's Super Bowl time again, and time again for the Sebastopol Rotary Super Bowl Pool. **Aleia Coate** announced that only 25 squares were left and that there were two golden squares that would be immediate prize winners with cool prizes along with a regular prize winner.



We are still collecting donations for the Rotary District 5130 Fire Relief Fund. You can donate online at: www.larca5130.org

If you have not marked your calendars for the Crab Feed, do it now! If you have not purchased your tickets, buy them now!! Tickets are available on the Club Website, at Exchange Bank in Sebastopol, or at the Friday meeting. We still 250 tickets left to sell. So go out and sell those tickets!!! **Patrick Dirden** reminded the Club that a few volunteer opportunities available. Crab executioners, drink ticket sellers and cleanup volunteer slots are still available. But, he reiterated: LETS SELL THOSE TICKETS!

President Jack informed the Club that Sam Borhs, a past member, passed away.

Greg Jacobs, along with **Rick Wilson**, is heading up the 34th year of the Learn to Swim program. It starts on April 23 and has a record number of kids attending – over 400. **Greg** and **Rick** need a lot of volunteers to sign up soon. Call them!



🍎 CRAFT TALK 🍎

Jackie Moreira gave a talk on her career as an attorney. She is hired by insurance companies to represent their policyholders who are being sued under their homeowner's insurance. She emphasized the importance of having homeowner's insurance and to call them as soon as possible. Her Rotary was about when she first joined and went to a Suitcase Fundraiser. She said she was in awe of all the Rotarians working hard to produce together. **Jackie** is also mentioned later in this newsletter for her birthday and anniversary!



🍎 THE RAFFLE 🍎

Once again, **President Jack** barked out the words – It's Raffle Time! He knows we 'stayed up late just anticipating winning the raffle'. Pulling the first ticket, #5938, and announcing the number, none other than our **District Governor, Bob Rogers** calls out again for the second week in a row, that he has the winning number! Hushed whispers



rang through the room. Striding up to the balloon board, he received three darts. The first two darts were thrown from behind back. Total duds. He turned around to throw the last one, and surprise, he hit a red one instead of the white one he hit last week. He received an unknown amount of cash that was filling the cup after turning down an offer from Uncle Jack's Bag o' Crap.



🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

Bob Hirsch celebrated his birthday on January 14th by going to a competitor's crab feed to celebrate. **Jim Pacatte** celebrated his birthday on January 16th and was in bed by 9PM. **Sally Ewald** planned on going out on her January 18 birthday but had a glass of vino first. She ended up driving into Graton for takeout. **Jackie Moreira's** birthday was on January 20. She took three days to celebrate – from spas to the San Francisco Mac & Cheese Festival to dinner out with her children. **Greg Gill** also celebrated his January 21 birthday in style. He went to Korbel, then lunch at River's End and on to Timber Cove for the night. **Harvey Henningsen** celebrated his January 25 birthday lunch with an employee of over 30 years. He then had dinner with his sister at Gravenstein Grill and then on to a party at a pool hall.





Jordan Burns and wife **Jennifer** celebrated their anniversary on December 22nd in the town of Mendocino, staying at a B & B, and touring the town. **Jackie Moreira**, along with **Joe**, celebrated their December 28th anniversary with lunch at their cabin, complete with appropriate libations. **Aleia Coate** spent her and Matt's January 12th's anniversary at a Bachelorette party. He gave her a nice ring for their fifth anniversary. They will be celebrating their anniversary in Hawaii.



Aleia Coate was fined \$20 for winning an award from Umpqua Bank. Out of the 5,000 employees at Umpqua, there is a President's Club with only 100 members. She now has a cup on her desk honoring her induction into the Club. Wow! **Ken Silveira** was fined \$20 for visiting Whitefish, Montana. He admitted to not eating Whitefish livers. Maybe next time, **Ken**?



Paul Yeomans surprised fellow Rotarians with an engagement announcement. He visited Tahoe, which had no snow, to surprise his girlfriend with a marriage proposal. He had his kids with him. She said YES!. They are planning a marriage in Maui on August 10. Congratulations Paul. Still fined \$20.

Harvey Henningsen was again featured at this meeting. It seems there was an article about **Harvey** and steam at Sturgeon's Mill in a recent Sonoma Discoveries. It seems he could not turn **Rollie Atkinson** down. You can find this article at: https://issuu.com/sonomawest/docs/disco_for_web_fall_2017 **Harvey** related that his grandson came in and played with the billiard balls. **Harvey** donated \$100 to Paul Harris in the name of his grandson.



THE PROGRAM



Larry Florin, Executive Director of Burbank Housing was unable to attend the meeting. A surprise substitute guest speaker, in place of Larry, was Efren Carrillo, Director of Government and Community Relations, Burbank Housing. Burbank Housing is a local nonprofit with sixty-three properties in the County. They have more properties in Napa. **Jorgen Holst** introduced Efren. Efren explained about the severe housing crunch in Sonoma County. He called it a crisis, an Armageddon. He went on to explain that income has not kept up with housing prices. A family of four making \$140,000 a year cannot afford to purchase a home. He also said that there are over 17,000 affordable rentals were needed in Sonoma County before the fire. The need is

even greater now. He also quoted some staggering statistics. The average two bedroom rental in Sonoma County was \$2600, pre fire. After the fire, it is now \$3600. Efren also said that 71% of the renters in the fire destroyed units were uninsured. Burbank Housing houses over 10,000 residents and has a list of more that 10,000 more that need housing. They are the largest housing management system in Sonoma County. With open space between cities making it impossible to build on it, Efren says the only way to provide adequate housing is by increasing housing density and constructing taller buildings. He also talked about local government involvement in housing and rent control pros and cons. Pertinent questions were asked by **Patrick Dirden**, **Hal Kwalwasser**, **Dick Zimmer** and **Frank Mayhew**. Efren said that Rotary has a unique voice to promote more housing.



AFTER THE BELL



With the whack of the hearty Roto-bell at 1:30PM, another Rotary meeting came to an end.

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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This event sells out
EARLY



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available in
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Clam Chowder, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Wine
\$70 Donation**

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All proceeds of this event will be used to fund
Sebastopol Rotary's Education Grant Programs

**\$240,000 in Teacher Mini-Grants
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FUTURE PROGRAMS

February 2, 2018: Aameena Jandali, Understanding Islam



Aameena Jandali is a founding member and Content Director of ING. She co-designs and develops ING's educational presentations and cultural competency seminars. Aameena has delivered hundreds of presentations in schools, colleges, universities, churches, and other venues on Islam and related subjects. She has also appeared on many news outlets speaking on issues relating to American Muslims. She currently team teaches classes on Islam as well as Women in the Middle East at City College of San Francisco. Aameena received her M.A. in Near Eastern Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, and B.A. in History from the University of Illinois

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.