



The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

The Debunking of President Jack Blasco

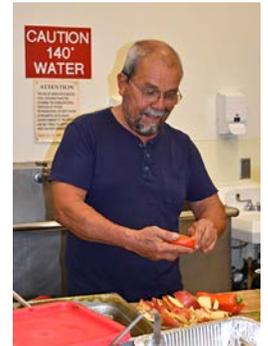


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BEFORE THE BELL



Sebastopol Rotarians gathered at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts beginning at 5pm on June 30, 2018 for the formal and long-awaited debunking of the Presidency of **Jack Blasco**. **President Jack** himself, stuck in a wheelchair due to recent surgery, waited in vain to be carried in on a litter or perhaps an elephant. He rolled in instead.

Suitable lubrication was available to the crowd including wine of many colors and a Margarita with a secret ingredient (Toxic Waste???). **Aleia Coate** and **Matt Munson** were behind the bar and working hard. **Photographers** were snapping pix. **Scribe** trying to remember what happened.



Future Programs

July 6, 2018

Speaker – Alison Bies
Artstart, Administrative Coordinator

July 13, 2018

Speaker – Linda Collins, Exec. Dir.
Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce

July 20, 2018

Speaker – Susan O'Sullivan, Dir.
Filoli Estate

July 27, 2018

Speaker – Patrick Slayter, Mayor
Sebastopol City Council

August 03, 2018

Speaker – Jeff Chuma
Sonoma County Dept. of
Rehabilitation

August 10, 2018

Offsite Meeting TBD

Future Events

Summer Picnic:
Saturday, August 18th

Miscellany

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🍎 AT THE BELL 🍎



At the appropriate hour, the famished crowd lined up and filled their plates with delicious Mexican specialties from **Mario Ramos** and the Mexico Lindo Kitchen. How often do you get to serve yourself all the delights you can eat?

With everyone sated, the crowd slowly moved the flan plates aside and sidled in to the auditorium. What? Someone



gave **Jeff Boal** a microphone? Does Rotary International know about this? It turns out **Jeff Boal** was tonight's emcee and he is fully versed in the RI rules for a Proper Debunking. He thanked everyone for coming out – complaining about his compensation package.



Jeff thanked **Ellen Harrington** for the decorations. He brought

Mario out of the kitchen for a well-earned round of applause. He thanked **Jack's** family for coming. They included **Marie (First Lady) Blasco** and children Peter Blasco, Mark Blasco, and Grace Montgomery.

Jeff then called upon **Gene Nelson** for the invocation – light on theology and long on praise – to everyone's satisfaction.

🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

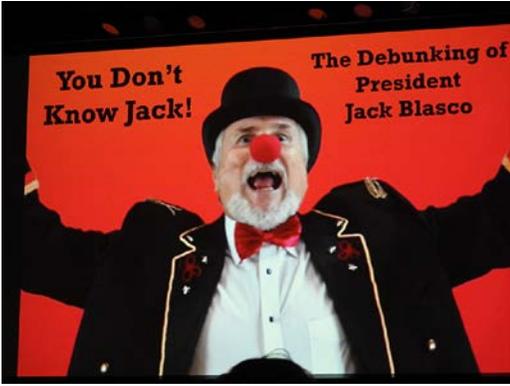
Departing President Jack Blasco was wheeled to the mike and proceeded to give thanks. **Jack** said that he struggled with the "Rotarian of the Year Award" and finally decided to give it to two Rotarians: **Ellen Harrington**, for her tireless volunteerism, and **Hal Kwalwasser**, for his work in both media matters and youth programs.

Not done with thanks, **Jack** also awarded a new award which he may have pulled out of his *Bag of Good Stuff* just for the occasion. This award – designated the "Keeping the Wheels on Award", went to four deserving Rotarians: **David Schreibman**, **Mia Del Prete**, **Tom Boag**, and **Jim Pacatte**. Way to go Guys – Well Deserved.



And before signing off – **Jack** thanked his long-suffering wife – **Marie Blasco**.

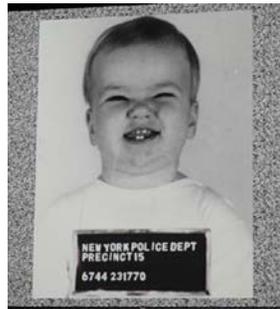
🍎 **THE PROGRAM** 🍎



At this point the lights dimmed and the audience was treated to a magnificent tribute to **President Jack** entitled "You Don't Know Jack". Actually, magnificent tribute might be an overstatement – Roast also captures it.



Unknown to **Jack**, a hidden camera followed him to Burning Man last year and recorded some of his deepest thoughts. Very Impressive.



Following the hidden camera episode, we were taken back in time to when **Jack** was a mere high school student seeking guidance from his high school counselor. Did you know **Jack** could have had a promising career as a TV weathercaster? Or a Used Car Salesman? **Jack** also has incredible Rapping skills which took most of us by surprise.



With luck our crack **AV Team** will post some of this stuff on line and those who missed it can find out that they too, "Don't Know Jack".

INTRODUCTIONS



The Reign of Terror Ends!

House lights up – New **Incoming President Larry Ford** was introduced and given one minute to address the group. (Really that's what the outline said, one minute) **Larry** introduced his incoming Board of Directors: **Aleia Coate, Lu Frazier, Jim Passage, Peg Rogers, Hal Kwalwasser, Ken Jacobs, Jack Dunlap, Keller McDonald (President Elect),** and **Jack Blasco (Past President)**.

Keeping within his one-minute time constraint proved easy for **President Larry**.

A final shout out and thank you was given to the people who put on the Debunking including: **Dan Rasmus, Aleia Coate, Patrick Dirden, Ken Jacobs, Robin Maybury, JT Martin, Linda Puccinelli, Aldean Noethig, John Blount, Jeff Boal, Paul Thielen,** and **Debunking Committee Chair Ron Puccinelli**.

THE FINAL BELL

And at 8:20 pm **Jeff Boal** rang the Bell.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

JULY 6, 2018 -- Alison Bies -- Artstart

Alison Bies attended California College of the Arts, in Oakland, CA. Along with various jobs, she has always based her goals on her artistic endeavors, attending Revere Jewelry Academy and the Gemological Institute of America. After working in the public art arena with her late husband Robert W. Ellison in Penngrove for 12 years, Alison moved to an island on the coast of Maine where she wrote and also did drawings for a Maine based coloring book. On her return to Sonoma County, she began to work for Artstart as their administrative coordinator.

July 20, 2018 – Susan O'Sullivan – Filoli Estate

Susan O'Sullivan is the director of development and external relations at Filoli, an historic country estate and public garden located in Woodside, California. Susan has been at Filoli for eight years in different capacities, including management responsibility for Filoli's 175,000 visitors per year, 10,000+ members, and 700 volunteers. In her current role she oversees Filoli's fundraising, marketing and publicity efforts. Susan loves sharing Filoli with the Bay Area community and feels that everyone can benefit from a day of respite, surrounded by beautiful gardens and nature.

