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Thomas Cochrane - Shaping the Sonoma Marin



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL

"Wo, I feel good," sang the Godfather of Soul James Brown over the P.A. speakers as club **President Jack Blasco** grabbed his imaginary soul cape, performed a soul split and gave out a soul shout as the 32nd meeting of the 93rd year of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol was convened. Could a Friday night at Harlem's Apollo Theatre have more funk and groove? (Ask **Henry Alker**, he's been everywhere.)

AT THE BELL

Soul brother **Steve Beck** led the Pledge of Allegiance and mellifluous soul sister **Karen Daniels** led the club through a soulful rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee." **Jerry Warren** slowed the pace a bit with a Thought for the Day from conservationist John Muir: "Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul."



VISITORS AND GUESTS

There were no visiting Rotarians but numerous club members had guests to introduce. **Kathie Mayhew** introduced her two daughters and the mother of Willi, **Bob Cugini's** assistant. **Diana Rich** introduced new member **Linda Civitello** and her assistant Katie Davis. **Les Crawford** introduced new member **Nick Gurney** and his wife Diane. **Brian Langermann** introduced Evan Hasting, of People's Home Equity, **Ruthie Dunlap** also had a guest at her table and **Jim Passage** introduced prospective member Sarah Lee. **Linda Johnson** had two guests, Darlene Stratton and Desiree Andrews.



Future Programs

March 16, 2018

Speech Contest

March 23, 2018

Speaker – Jorgen Holst

The Robots Are Taking Our Jobs

March 30, 2018

Speaker – Steve Spainer

**Solving the Problems of a Deeply
Polarized American Society**

April 13, 2018

Teacher of the Year

Chair – Barbara Bickford

April 20, 2018

Vocational Awards

Rick Williams, Emcee

April 27, 2018

Speaker – Cordelia Holst

Universal Basic Income

May 4, 2018

Overcoming Obstacles Award

Co-Chairs: Bickford, Boag, Schreibman

Future Events

Rotary Day, Ladies of Broadway – 3/25

Friendship Dinners – 3/17 & 4/21

Learn to Swim – Starts April 23

Rotary Peace Garden – 4/28

Miscellany

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–JackEDunlap@gmail.com

On-line Make-Ups:

www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline is likely passed for the Rotary Night at the Ladies of Broadway Night (March 25) at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts. The club's Friendship Dinners (March 17 and 21) still needs a few hosts. Contact **Ruthie Dunlap**. Don't forget the club's volunteer day at the Redwood Empire Food Bank, March 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Learn To Swim starts April 23. Volunteer with **Greg Jacobs** or **Rick Wilson**.

Announcements



- Rotary day at Ladies of Broadway – March 25
 - See Gene Nelson for tickets – deadline TODAY
- Friendship Dinners – March 17 and April 21 – Sign up today!
- Rotary Day at Redwood Empire Food Bank – March 22, 9:30-11:30 AM
- Learn To Swim starts April 23
- Help build the Rotary Peace Garden at Center for the Arts – April 28
- May 18 meeting takes place at District Conference
- Debunking – Saturday June 30
- District 5130 Fire Relief Fund - donate at www.larca5130.org - link on club web page
- For YWCA's SAFE HOUSE families, consider gifting Target, Safeway Gift Cards
 - Donation can at check-in table



YWCA Domestic Violence Crisis Hotline – 707-546-1234

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The annual Crabfeed, which took place on February 10th, raised a record \$28,500! Well done to all who helped.

**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 M
Get your tickets NOW!!
Seating is LIMITED
This event sells out EARLY
All You Can Eat Fresh Cooked Crab
Clam Chowder, Salad, Bread, Dessert &
\$70 Donation
For Tickets or Information, go to:
www.SebastopolRotary.org
or call 823-4087
All proceeds of this event will be used to fund
Sebastopol Rotary's Education Grant Program
**\$240,000 in Teacher Mini-Grants
Awarded to Date**
\$28,500
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Rotarians **Henry Alker**, **Steve Zivolich**, **Jim Passage** and the club's Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee won the City council of Sebastopol's unanimous support for a "Declaration of Sebastopol as City of Peace," acknowledging the international work of Rotary. Their action was a result of earlier meetings by **Henry Alker** and **Steve Zivolich** with councilwomen **Una Glass** and **Sarah Glade Gurney**. Both women spoke eloquently in support of the motion, and **President Jack** to the council with a strong and passionate message, stressing the long history of Rotary in promoting peace, and with reference to the peace garden, the peace wall, and several peace posts around Sebastopol. You can read the entire resolution in the After The Bell section below.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE



"Where Dreams Take Flight" will be put into Rotary action on May 18-20 at Sacramento's McClellan Conference Center at the District 5130 annual Conference, led by **District Governor Bob Rogers**. Club members were strongly urged to register early by Conference committee member **Keller McDonald**. The 3-day event will include golf, bocce, music, other entertainment, hospitality centers, keynote speakers, roundtables, hands-on activities and unscheduled late evening Rotary rumbles.



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS



District Governor Bob Rogers led the club in an arousing and also tearful tribute to **Kathy** and **Frank Mayhew** as the District's newest Major Donors (Level 4) for their decades of international work with Adopt-A-Village and related programs in Uganda, Bangladesh, the Philippines and Ecuador. **Rogers** figured the **Mathews** have touched the lives of our world's fellow inhabitants in over 250 villages. The tribute was awe-inspiring. Both **Mayhews** were moved to tears. Guess which one sobbed the most? (Hint: the one who still holds the club's record for longest rookie sketch.)



NEW MEMBERS



Membership chair **David Schreiber** introduced and inducted the club's (and the world's) two newest members — **Linda Civitello** and **Nick Gurney**. **Linda** is Executive Director of the Sebastopol Area Senior Center and **Gurney's** business in tutoring and teaching languages.





SEBASTOPOL DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL



Festival director Desiree Andrews, of the Sebastopol Center for the Arts gave a preview of the upcoming 11th annual Documentary Film Festival, to be held March 22-25. The festival will include 66 films from 24 countries. Andrews previously curated with the Sundance and Aspen film festivals, added proof of the prestige of Sebastopol's own local doc fest. Many of the documentaries cover topics very near and dear to the mission and actions of Rotary International. Check it out.



THE PROGRAM



Tom Boag introduced the club's guest speaker Tom Cochrane, geologist and book author. Cochrane recently wrote and published a book, "*Shaping the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast*." Over his 30-minute program, which covered a vast range of topics from the Earth's inner core to trillions of miles to the nearest star to earth Proxima Centauri, Cochrane forgot to talk about the contents of his book. No matter. He fascinated club members with his scientific whiffs on "the whole of Earth being just like a test tube." He told the club that Earth spins at 11,000 miles per hour while orbiting through space around the Sun at 66,000 mph. "Man has changed every place on Earth," he pointed out. That's why there are no native grasses left on the Great Plains and the ice in Antarctica keeps getting thinner and thinner. Is the Earth flat? Was it created in seven days? How many more years does San Francisco

have left before the rising sea washes it away? Mr. Cochrane thinks we ought to care. "We measure things in parts-per-billion. We say the difference between 3 or 5 parts per billion can cause death or disease." Many club members were left with just one question: "what does any of this have to do with the coast of Sonoma –Mendocino? Read his book; it is recommended by your humble scribe, as I have read it and so has **Tom Boag**."



THE FINAL BELL



Another great lunch was over, and **President Jack** rang the bell to send us all out in the real world again.



AFTER THE BELL



Here is the "Declaration of Sebastopol as City of Peace," in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 6178

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL DECLARING THE CITY OF
SEBASTOPOL AN INTERNATIONAL CITY OF PEACE

Whereas, the World Health Organization defines health as not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, but an achievement of a balance of physical, mental, and social wellbeing, and

Whereas, peace is not merely the absence of war and violence, but a condition where society has achieved a balance of prosperity, security, justice and hope, and

Whereas, peace is necessary for everyone to achieve health as defined by the World Health Organization, and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Sebastopol and the community want to work together to create and implement initiatives that not only foster peace but to create a positive, lasting change in our community and around the world and become a model for other cities that tackle tough challenge; and

Whereas, this vision for the future should build on the expertise of each person and involve all segments of our City in planning actions and making a difference; and

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol and its community are committed to establishing peace in the region to promote understanding, economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of the people of our region, and

Whereas, the United Nations has designated 21 September of each year to be the International Day of Peace, devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples; and

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol, also known as PeaceTown USA has a long history of promoting peace.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Patrick Slayter, and the City Council of the City of Sebastopol proclaim the City of Sebastopol, California, to be a City of Peace in perpetuity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Sebastopol City Council designates the 21st of September of each year to be the City of Sebastopol Day of Peace in perpetuity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Sebastopol, community leaders and concerned citizens develop policies and procedures that promote establishing peace in our region in perpetuity.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 6th day of March, 2018.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City of Sebastopol City Council by the following vote:

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Carnacchi, Glass, Gurney, Vice Mayor Hinton and Mayor Slayter

Noes: None

Abstain: None

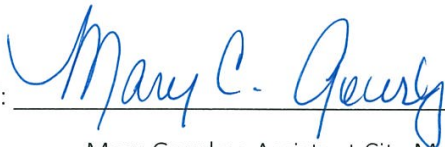
Absent: None

APPROVED: _____



Mayor Patrick Slayter

ATTEST: _____



Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____



Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney

FUTURE PROGRAMS

March 23, 2018: Jorgen Holst, They Robots Are Taking Our Jobs, Or Are They?

Jorgen Holst was born and raised in Oslo, Norway, and has his career first in advertising, and later in business innovation. He is a facilitator, writer, business consultant and, soon to be, foresight councilor who spends a lot of his time helping businesses prepare for what's next. And what's next might just be robots and automation and whether they will take our jobs. He will share the latest thinking on the topic, his own views, and what the different scenarios could mean for workers, education, and our economy. **Jorgen** is a member of our club and an **AppleKnocker –Ed'itor**.



March 30, 2018: Steven Spanier, Solving the Problems of a Deeply Polarized American Society



Steve Spanier is retired from a career in high technology. During his career, he held various positions in the Silicon Valley including Director of Knowledge Products at networking giant Cisco Systems, where he was responsible for over 200 employees and a \$25 million budget. Since he retired, Steve has become interested in the root causes of and potential solutions to some of the big problems in our society. His research has led to various initiatives designed to educate the public about contentious issues such as money in politics, corporate power and responsibility, media consolidation and, more recently, societal polarization. His initiatives have included speaking to Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes (at the University of California at Irvine and Cal State Fullerton), a radio show and the founding of the Orange County chapter of the organization ReclaimDemocracy.org. His latest interest is to create a grassroots movement dedicated to bridging ideological divides through a dialogue process designed to create empathetic understanding and connection between individuals on different sides of the divides.

April 27, 2018: Cordelia Holst, Universal Basic Income – a Radical, Yet Increasingly Popular solution to Many of our biggest Problems

Cordelia Holst went to Apple Blossom, Twin Hills, and Analy High School in Sebastopol, and earned a BS degree in Business and Marketing from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She lived and worked 13 years in Norway before she moved back with her family to Sebastopol in 2016. Cordelia's career has been in marketing, founding and running her own pie shops, and recently started as Executive Director of the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center. Seeing the vast inequalities in American society, put in stark perspective after over a decade in Norway, she became interested in the Universal Basic Income movement that is growing in both size and attention these days. She has attended conferences at the Basic Income Lab at Stanford University in the Ethics department, attended a weekend long create-a-thon and the CASH conference sponsored by the Economic Security Project. She has contributed to the movement by working as a freelance journalist for BIEN, the Basic Income Earth Network. Cordelia believes a UBI could be a solution for economic insecurities facing Americans today.

