

Dr. Charles O. Prickett



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

 **BEFORE THE BELL** 

As your faithful scribe entered the building, he was joined by **Keller McDonald** who chaired our District Conference Committee. We shared a mutual sigh of relief that it had gone well and that it was now over, but as we looked around the room at all your wonderful faces, we were also extremely thankful to all those Rotarians who worked with us to make it happen. That was some serious, "Service Above Self"!

 **AT THE BELL** 

After his usual enthusiastic call to order – so much for my quick pre-meeting nap - President **Jack** called upon **David Still** to lead us in the Flag Salute.



Paul Yeomans provided this thought for with enthusiasm for LIFE! Recognize gift to make the world a better place! share your magnificent talents with difference! Do it every day and DO IT

Robin Maybury then led us in a chorus of "America."



the day: "Celebrate every day each second of every day as a Appreciate the time you have to others! Choose to make a BIG!!!"

 **VISITING ROTARIANS and Guests** 

Brian Bauer – Sebastopol Sunrise



Jim Carruthers – Sonoma



Jorgen Holst introduced his son, Conrad.



Greg Jacobs introduced three key volunteers from the Learn to Swim program: Lehla Irwin, who is also the swim coach for the Sebastopol Sea Serpents, Willow DiCenz, and Robbie Woosley.



Richard Power introduced Jackie Fragoso.



Future Programs

June 8, 2018

**Speaker – Troy Niday
The Value and Importance of Local
Journalism**

June 15, 2018

**Speaker – Gisela Zebroski
The Berlin Airlift**

June 22, 2018

**Speaker – David Goodrum
Redwood Empire Food Bank**

Joelle Branham
was introduced
by **Bob Hirsch**



Jeff Boal
introduced
wife, Jean

Future Events

Debunking: Saturday June 30th

Miscellany

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–JackEDunlap@gmail.com

On-line Make-Ups:

www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars for....The Debunking of **Jack Blasco**. Some way some how, our club has survived his Reign of Terror. Now it's our turn! The date – June 30th. Tickets are on sale now - \$40.00. Catered by **Mario**.



It is also time to sign up for next year's committees. This is where the real work of Rotary is done. Find an area of service that interests you and please sign up.



Rotary Peace Fellowships: Steve Zivolich

Steve reported that there are two types of Rotary Peace Fellowships available, all completely funded by Rotary International – a two year fellowship or one for a few months. If you know of a worthy candidate, get an application now.

Cloverleaf Ranch – Robin Maybury
June 9 and 10 will be work days at the Clover Leaf Ranch, which was heavily damaged in the October fires. We will be rebuilding fences. The

Ranch is the home for our Cool Kids Camp and the staff does a great job working with these kids, who come with many challenges. If you can help, contact Robin. This is a great service project



Speaking of great service projects, this year we taught 415 second graders how to swim! Since the program began 34 years ago, the brainchild of **Jeff Boal**, 11,500 kids have received free swimming lessons! But it could not happen without a team of faithful volunteers, faithfully led once again by **Greg Jacobs and Rick Wilson**. Many thank yous were shared at the meeting. (I

apologize now for any omissions) Thanks to the McDaniel Trust, Pat Duckhorn and Dr. John Sweeney for significant financial support; to Tim Murphy, Supervising Sonoma Coast Lifeguard, for meeting with the kids and providing instruction; to Ricardo Freitas, Ives Pool Manager, for his cooperation and willingness to move around the pool schedule to accommodate Learn to Swim; to Keith Miller of Gone Tropo for once again providing great t-shirts for all the kids; to key volunteers – Lehla Irwin, Willow DiCenz and Robbie Woosley; to Irid Lovelace and **Cindy Carter** for crucial administrative support; to Galen Schwan-Skinner, an



Analy Sophomore, who produced two training videos for volunteers; to Bleys Rose, Mary Callahan and **Hal Kwalwasser** for important media support; to “super” volunteers, meaning they were always in the pool – **Mario Ramos**, **Jorgen Holst** and Bristol Hassler, and to volunteers formally coached by Greg – **Richard Peterson**, Merrie Watts and Cindy Connolly. And thanks again to the program's Godfather – **Jeff Boal**. And a shout out to **President Jack**, whose intentions were good but who had to pull out due to injury. Sort of the Andre Iguodala of the Learn to Swim program.



There were seven Paul Harris recognitions announced by **Gene Nelson**. They were: **Tony Given** – PHF +8; **Harvey Henningsen** – PHF +4; **Nao Noguchi** – PHF +4; **Diana Rich** – PHF +1. And three new Paul Harris recognitions were awarded: Joelle Branham accompanied by **Bob Hirsch**; Danilo Prandini McKillop – grandson of **Steve and Rosie Prandini**; and a memorial Paul Harris recognition for Kathie Noguchi. Kathie truly lived a life that exemplified service above self and her award reads, “This gift will provide a living memorial through the Foundation’s programs to further international understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.”

Thanks to all of you. Your gifts to the Rotary Foundation will touch and change and benefit the lives of people you will never know.

Interact Thank Yous – President Jack

At this point, President Jack recognized and thanked the Rotary advisors of our local Interact clubs. They give so much time and effort – often behind the scenes – as they work with these young people. The advisors: **Pauline Pellini and Mike Carey** - Brookhaven; **Brian Langermann and Mark Stevens** – Analy; **Dan Rasmus** – Twin Hills; Lisa Jacobs – Orchard View. Thank you all for your wonderful and dedicated work!



Richard Power had the lucky number, but his dreams of easy money quickly vanished when he broke the white balloon for one dollar, which he deemed was far more valuable than President Jack’s Bag o ****.



BIRTHDAYS

Only one person today happily made a five dollar donation:

Yvette Williams Van Aggelen, who really felt she shouldn't be fined since, due to a series of unforeseen events, she ended up having her birthday plans cancelled. She must have mistaken our President for someone who cares. Choose whichever President you want!

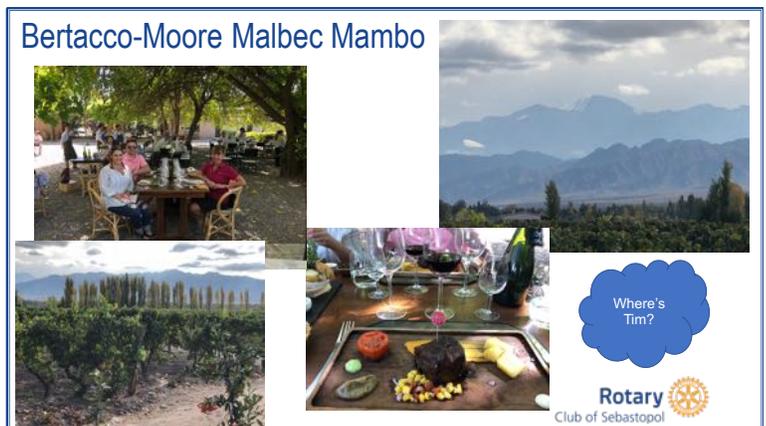
ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara Beedon and **Greg** – May 26th. They celebrated with a dinner at home prepared by Greg. Easily worth five dollars.

Jack Blasco and **Marie** - May 30th. They seemingly spent much of their anniversary trying to determine the date they were actually married. But they were able to squeeze in a dinner out

FINES & RECOGNITION

Bertacco and Moore: It may sound like a legal firm but it was actually a trip to the Argentinian wine country and Buenos Aires, where one highlight was a tornado! They could have gone to Oklahoma for that! **Tim** insisted that since he was not in any pictures, he could not possibly have been there, but he still had to reach for twenty dollars.



Tom Lambert: He and **Sally** enjoyed a trip to the Basque country of Spain and then joined a Rick Steves tour of Portugal, where they watched surfers take on 80 foot waves. And did you know that a cork tree must grow for over 30 years before its cork can be harvested? Maybe you should throw out the wine and suck the cork! See **Tom** for more fascinating facts from Portugal and Spain. There were stories about all night parties.

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THE PROGRAM

Program: Dr. Charles O. Prickett, author, speaker and educator who was one of the original “freedom fighters” in the American Civil Rights Movement, largely in Mississippi.

Dr. Prickett began by comparing the idealism, activism and commitment of the students today who are agitating for rational gun laws in this country to the idealism, activism and commitment of the students involved in the early days of the Civil Rights movement. He insisted that, in spite of the Naysayers and the economic and political power of the NRA, such activism can make a difference now as it did then.

After these opening comments, the program was essentially a Q and A session. Some highlights

This Week's Program

The Civil Rights Movement

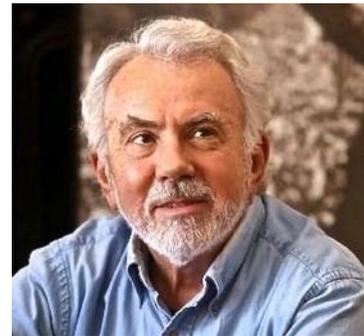
One of the original “freedom fighters” in the American civil rights movement, Dr. Charles O. Prickett is an author, educator and speaker who brings the history and lessons of the period alive.

Dr. Prickett participated in the 1963 March on Washington, the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer, and the 1965 Selma to Montgomery March.

In his recently published book, “Remembering Mississippi Freedom Summer,” he chronicles his time as an active participant in the civil rights movement. Among others, the book includes his experiences teaching at a “freedom school” and meeting with Dr. Martin Luther King while working on the Selma to Montgomery March.

As an acclaimed public speaker, Dr. Prickett has appeared before audiences ranging from civic organizations to colleges to high schools and elementary schools.

In addition to showing a film about the period, he recounts his often-harrowing yet deeply meaningful experiences in the civil rights movement.



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- He was leader in the establishment of “freedom schools” in the South. The “separate but equal” education in Mississippi meant that black children not only went to separate schools, but they also only attended school about three months of the year. The rest of the time they picked cotton in the fields with their parents. Freedom schools were established to provide a more complete education for these children. Interestingly, the schools also attracted adults, many of whom learned to read and write for the first time. He is featured in the film, “A Regular Banquet,” which tells the story of those schools.

The Selma to Montgomery March: Many of the marchers had “We Shall Overcome” bumper stickers. They wanted to put them on signs and buildings, but Prickett insisted they belonged on cars. So he and a group of daring individuals managed to get a “We Shall Overcome” bumper sticker on most of the police cars in Selma, Alabama! It was also on this march when he met Martin Luther King, Jr. He was fascinated with Martin’s – everyone called him Martin, not Dr. King – intellectual curiosity. King did not talk about himself. He wanted to get to know Prickett and what he and the others had been doing in Mississippi – the freedom schools, voter registration, and on and on. Martin was always looking for anything and everything – any piece of information - that could be used in the struggle. Apathy or silence in the face of evil were not viable options

 AT THE FINAL BELL 

At 1:30 President Jack adjourned our meeting and his admonition not to be afraid to go out and change the world seemed on this day to carry just a bit more meaning and power

 AFTER THE BELL 

: Considering today's program, some words from Martin himself seem appropriate: "Throw us in jail and we shall still love you. Bomb our homes and threaten our children, and we shall still love you. Send your hooded perpetrators of violence into our community at the midnight hour and beat and leave us half-dead, and we shall still love you. In whatever we do, love must be our regulating ideal."