



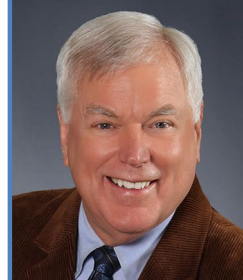
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SREF- Teacher of the Year



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL

The back table was buzzing. Sign up for Friendship Dinners in June; Give to the Rotary Foundation (and get some raffle tickets too); Buy some Rotary gear from **Ruthie Dunlap**. It's all happening

AT THE BELL



President Larry Ford rang the bell to get things going and called on **Bob Cugini** to lead us in the Pledge.

Rick Wilson led us all in a song celebrating the TaxMan "*Lazing on a Summer Afternoon*". By some mysterious coincidence, the microphone went dead just as **Rick** was getting into the second verse.



You just wonder how these things happen?

The Thought for the Day was a Haiku brought to us by **Cory Maguire**
 There is nothing you can see
 That is not a flower
 There is nothing you can think
 That is not the moon.
 From Matsuo Bash



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🍎 Future Programs 🍎

April 19, 2019

**Julie Meridian:
What was lost in the flood**

April 26, 2019

Overcoming Obstacles

🍎 Events 🍎

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS

JUNE 15 and 22

**Debunking:
June 29th**

**Fall Fundraiser:
October 26th**

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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🍎 ROTARIANS & GUESTS 🍎

Jack Dunlap
introduced Brian
Bauer from the
Sunrise Club



HH introduced
his friend and
Apple Blossom
Festival honcho
Bob Aita

Richard Peterson
introduced Gerry Reilly
Ford



Steve Beck introduced Joyce Oneko





Dana Moises introduced her guest Laura Van Gorder

Pauline Pellini introduced her guest Sarah Gram, Principal at Brookhaven Elementary.



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

By the time you read this, the Apple Blossom Festival will be in the books but **President Larry** announced that there will be a Pancake Breakfast on the morning of the Parade and marchers should plan to attend.

Speaking of the Apple Blossom Festival, the Tamale stand was a big hit. We may not be McDonalds yet but we have over a thousand sold. Be on the lookout for the Tamale Booth at the Sebastopol Farmers Market and the PeaceTown Concerts. Also, there will be a members only sale announced soon.

Friendship Dinners are coming in June, June 15 and June 22 to be precise. You can sign up to either host a dinner or be a guest at dinner. Guests bring a dish to share. You will be advised well in advance as to where you are going and whom you are eating with. Look for **Cindy Carter**, Julie Cugini or **David Still** to sign up and have a great time.



Ruthie Dunlap is still selling away on the Rotary Gear and aprons are still available.

Learn To Swim is coming fast. **Greg Jacobs** and **Rick Wilson** are still looking for help with the program. They also modeled the fabulous Tee Shirts that volunteers receive.



🍎 FOUNDATION MONTH 🍎

Bob Rogers took the microphone to urge everyone to remember that it is Foundation Month in April. **Bob** was decked out in his Pedal for Polio duds and looked the part. **Bob** noted that our club has consistently been NUMBER ONE in Polio Plus giving. HOWEVER, this year a club in Santa Rosa has a lead on us. **Bob** sez remember to put Polio Plus on your check to the Foundation.



🍎 EXCHANGE STUDENT MOMENT WITH LAURA 🍎

At this time, **Aleia Coate** and **Jackie Moriera** introduced our very own Laura from Austria who is wrapping up her exchange year here in Sebastopol.

Laura took the podium and thanked the assembled for providing her with this opportunity, especially **Jackie** and **Aleia** who housed her this year. Laura noted that Austria is a rather small country with only 9 million inhabitants, It is bordered by eight other countries. Although often confused with Australia, there are no kangaroos in Austria. Laura is from Spittal in the Carinthia Region known for its Alpine setting. Salzburg and Vienna are the big cities full of wonderful sites. (Editors Note – If you get the chance to catch a train out of Salzburg over the Alps through Carinthia to Villach, you will be stunned by the natural beauty.)



Aleia and **Jackie** are holding a raffle to help Laura raise funds for a trip around the western United States by raffling of a weekend at a Dillon Beach Beach House. Tickets are limited and the funds go to Laura. You can buy them next week. Laura was made a Paul Harris Fellow.



🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎



Scott Briggs became a grandpa again recently. Little Ellie was born April 7.

a small mishap.

Ken Silveira returned from a ski trip in Whitefish Montana in one piece but not without scarring. He took a trip down the mountain courtesy of the ski patrol after



🍎 RAFFLE 🍎



Ron Puccinelli had the winning ticket and nonchalantly tossed the bolos on all three ladders. Again??? For the fourth time in recorded history, the ladder ball contest was bested. The pot however was on the low side of oodles. **Ron** gave it all to SREF anyway.



THE PROGRAM

Speaking of SREF—The *Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation* took care of today's program, The Teacher of the Year Awards. This is but one element of the SREF. As explained by **Diana Rich**, the SREF is a Foundation that uses its funds to support educational endeavors in West County. SREF helps fund Club programs like Learn To Swim, The Dictionary Program and the financial literacy program. It is currently working on something called the ToolBelt Project which will be introduced at an upcoming meeting. Today's SREF program is to recognize three outstanding local Teachers and present them with Teacher of the Year awards as well as a check for \$1000.



Barbara Bickford introduced the first honoree Tim Forslund. Tim is a Social Studies teacher at Analy High School Tim took the podium and gave a sincere thank you to Rotary for something it did 20 years ago. Tim said that he was lucky enough to have taken an opportunity provided by Rotary to travel for five weeks in India as a young man. This trip broadened his horizons and made him a much better

teacher with a better understanding of the world. He has traveled much since then but still credits that trip as formative. He introduced his guest wife Christa and the Principal at Analy Raul Guerrero.



The next honoree was Julie Aiello. Julie is a kindergarten teacher at Parkside Elementary and has been for many years. She uses innovative techniques and gives individual time and attention to each student. She described sending Gingerbread men throughout the world to teach kids about geography. I guess you have to be a kindergartner to understand. She introduced her guest **Linda Irving** and her close friend Shelley.

Amanda Reece was the final honoree. She is a speech pathologist in West County Schools. She is a local product raised up in the local system and even being taught by honoree Julie Aiello. She provides speech and language therapy primarily to the most severely handicapped students in West County. She introduced her guests Katherine Davy and her Mom Karen Reece. She said that teachers don't work for accolades ---But ---it feels really good to get one.



The Program ended with a final ovation. The Teachers will get a ride down Main Street on Saturday as part of the Apple Blossom Parade.

THE FINAL BELL

Sensing that the meeting time was not up. **President Larry** quickly pivoted to even more recognitions.

Tony Given had a Birthday on April 11. He celebrated by eating a Chile Relleno at **Mario Ramos** Mexico Lindo Restaurant.

Pierre Lagourgue celebrated his anniversary on 2/21 with a dinner out.

Barbara Bickford celebrated her anniversary on 4/11 with a dinner at the Blue Heron in Duncans Mills.

Jack Blasco was recognized and fined for running a rotary reimbursement check through the laundry. This is what money laundering means Jack.

Aleia Coate was noted on Facebook attending the Battle of the Brews with her besties from the 20/30 club.

Robin Maybury on a recent trip to Colorado met a gentleman Rotarian who donates his time as a heart surgeon to Rotary.

What No Photos??? Looks like the camera man for the day must have run out of film.

President Larry rang the bell at precisely 1:30 pm

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Jack invited me to my first Rotary meeting while we were dating. I had never attended a Rotary meeting, so I knew very little about Rotary. I was immediately greeted with open arms and felt very welcome. The people seemed happy and engaged. There was laughter in the room. That was a draw for me.

I felt that joining the club would give me the engagement and commitment that I wanted. I like to be of service and was drawn to community projects as well as global projects. I had participated in international projects before such as in Malawi and Israel so wanted to do more internationally. I enjoy community, helping, and being involved in a positive way. I look forward to more.

I love traveling and making friends and Rotary holds their International Conventions in great places every year, so that seemed a good fit as well.

We have also made some great international friends from the conventions and through the Rotary Friendship Exchange. I am looking forward to more traveling, meeting new friends, and serving through Rotary.

Ruthie Dunlap

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

April 19: Julie Meridian – What was not lost in the flood



Julie Meridian is an artist and designer. Her art captures the essence of people and places through representational paintings with impressionist details. Her designs have shaped products from LinkedIn and Adobe, including Photoshop.

She brings these worlds together as one of the volunteers of Operation Photo Rescue. By combining her knowledge of photo retouching with artistic interpretation, she works to recover what she can from family photos damaged in natural disasters.

APRIL 26: OVERCOMING OBSTACLES