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"All the News that Fits We Print"

🍎 BEFORE THE BELL 🍎

A thin coat of smoke from wildfires to the north floated over the Roto-Palace on this Friday afternoon; a subtle reminder of the grief people in Lake and Mendocino Counties are going through. The fine members and friends of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol gathered for their weekly dose of good times and fellowship.

🍎 AT THE BELL 🍎

President Larry Ford struck the Roto-bell at 12:15PM sharp. **Richard Petersen** led the flock in the flag salute. **JT Martin** grabbed his baton and led the group in a somewhat spirited rendition of "America the Beautiful." **Tom Boag** offered two thoughts from the day; one brought to us by John Lennon, and one from the Project Managers of the world.

"Everything takes longer than you think it should or thought it would...except your life." – **Tom Boag**

"Life is what happens to you...while you are making other plans." – John Lennon



🍎 VISITORS AND GUESTS 🍎

Bud Daviero informed us that there were no visiting Rotarians, but there were lots of guests. **Jeff Boal** introduced us to Stuart Mitchell. **Richard Power** introduced us to Amea Sashe. **Dorothy Rodella** welcomed back Kelly Back from Exchange Bank. **Mia Del Prete** introduced us to our outgoing Rotary Youth Exchange student, Natasha. **Jim Passage** introduced us to our guest speakers from the California Department of Rehabilitation, Sandra Aguayo and Kathy Corbin.

🍎 Future Programs 🍎

August 10, 2018

**Offsite at Gabriel Farms
3175 Sullivan Rd Sebastopol**

August 17, 2018

**Speaker – Michael Gillotti
Sebastopol Peace Wall**

August 24, 2018

Bridge of Hope Childrens Choir

August 31, 2018

Congressman Jared Huffman

September 7, 2018

**El Molino High School
Dance Company**

🍎 Future Events 🍎

**Summer Picnic:
Saturday, August 18th
Bob Hirsch's**

**Fall Gala
Saturday, October 27th
Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club**

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com



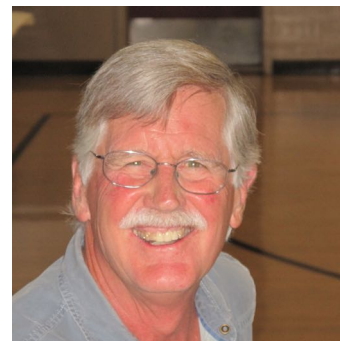
🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎



Send your formal wear to the cleaners, and brush up on your dance moves! The Rotary Club of Sebastopol's Fall Gala is coming on October 27th at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club. **Dan Rasmus** grabbed the microphone to announce that tickets are now on sale! Tickets are \$125 each, and will be for sale every Friday until we sell out (except this coming

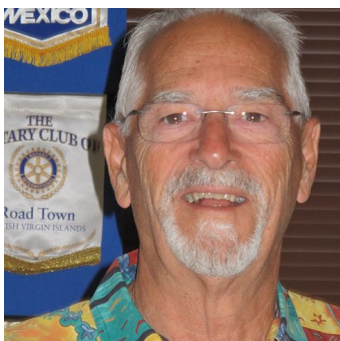
Friday). Reserved tables will also be available! Remember, the Fall Gala funds many of our programs. Act early, buy early, and buy often!

David Schreiber delivered some bad news. The annual Sonoma County Rotary Bocce Ball Tournament was canceled, for reasons unknown. Perhaps some were tired of our club's winning streak? If you signed up, **David** will be mailing your check back. Sign ups have closed for the Valley of the Moon Rotary Club's annual golf tournament. If you are participating, it will be on Saturday, August 10th, at Oakmont Country Club. Unless you are living under a rock or in deep Siberia, you know that the Rotary Club of Sebastopol's annual club picnic will take place on Saturday, August 18th. **Bob Hirsch**, who should be back from his cross-country trip in time, will be hosting the picnic. Buy your tickets today! Wildfire season arrived with vengeance two weeks ago. Due to the damage and disruption from the Mendocino Complex (now the largest wildfire in California history), the District 5130 Fire Relief Fund has been re-opened. Donations are being accepted at: www.larca5130.org



President Larry swung the roto-spotlight on the Programa De Becas project. **Dorothy Rodella** explained how this program, which provides educational scholarships to low income children in Mexico, has improved the lives of many children. Rotary members can sponsor a child (\$250 for elementary school students, \$350 for college students). **Dorothy** asked a couple of members to share their experience with the program. **Richard Power** told us that sponsoring students is the right thing to do. He's currently sponsoring his third child. **Jim Passage** shared about the personal satisfaction of helping children, and learning more about their lives and culture, via letters and photos. **Jim Pacatte** told us he is supporting two students, and finds the program to be worthwhile. If you are interested in sponsoring a student, reach out to **Dorothy Rodella** or **Tom Lambert**.

🍎 **RECOGNITIONS** 🍎



Jim Pacatte is a great grandfather! His great grandson, David, was born on July 27th. Congratulations! We learned that **Pierre Lagourgue** had a birthday on June 26th. He spent his big day enjoying the coastline. That had to be at least \$5 worth of fun! **Harry Polley** spent his birthday at Rotary! **Harry** turned the big 75 on August 3rd. The Rotary Light Singers quickly assembled for a spirited chorus of "Happy Birthday to You." Because it was **Harry's** big day, the \$5 fine was levied!

Ron and Lynda Puccinelli celebrated their anniversary on June 26th. They knew June 26th would be a lucky day for a marriage, as it was **Pierre's** birthday! **Ron and Lynda** attended **Jack Blasco's** photography exposition at the Sebastopol Library. Thankfully, **Jack** did not expose himself! **Jack** was honored to have his photography showcased at the Library in June. That entire honor had to be worth \$5! But wait, there's more! **President Larry** had a gift for our former President...five raffle tickets! Back to the anniversaries! **Frank and Kathie Mayhew** celebrated their anniversary on July 16th, or did they? Turns out they both forgot! **Frank** made it up to **Kathie** by taking her to a Peacetown concert at Ives Park. **Kathie** was absent last week, due to knee replacement surgery. We all wish **Kathie** the best! **Jack and Ruthie Dunlap** recently celebrated their anniversary in Hawaii. Hope the mai tais were good, and that you brought back \$5! **Torrey Olson** made a new year's resolution to remember what he did on his anniversary. He passed! **Torrey and Lucy** spent their anniversary at the Bodega Bay Lodge, where they spent a romantic evening reading back issues of the Rotarian magazine. Ooh La La! \$5 please!



President Larry opened the floor to those who wanted to confess to any crimes, misdemeanors, or personal violations of the Four-Way-Test. **Dorothy Rodella** announced that she celebrated her wedding anniversary on July 14th. \$5 please! **Mark Stevens** fought the law and the law lost! He successfully contested a traffic ticket! Congratulations, but the Rotary cops want \$5! **JT Martin** celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary by taking a road trip to the Canadian Rockies. All that travel had to be worth \$5! **Past District Governor Bob Rogers** announced that the next round of Pedal for Polio is coming soon. **Bob, Richard Power**, and a crew of spandex challenged riders recently rode from Gualala to Sebastopol.



The pain from the ride is nothing compared to the pain a child with polio experiences. Pledge forms are now out for the upcoming ride. Pledge early and pledge often!



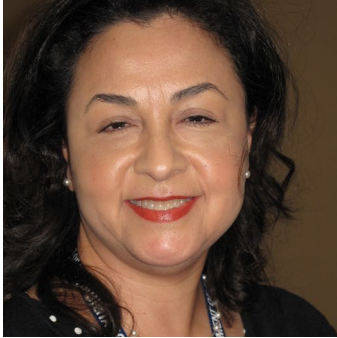
RAFFLE



After a hiatus last week, **Larry's** raffle game returned. **Larry** reached into the drum filled with hundreds of raffle tickets and drew ticket #6898. Going once, going twice, no sale! **Larry** decided to exercise his presidential authority by declaring **Jack Blasco** the winner! **Jack** stepped up to the ladder bar to try his luck. Three swings and three misses! **Jack** stepped away with \$5.



THE PROGRAM



Jim Passage stepped forward to the lectern to introduce our speakers from the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), Sandra Aguayo and Kathy Corbin. Kathy started the presentation with an overview of the DOR. The DOR was established in 1963. It works with those with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities, and those who require physical vocational rehabilitation. The aim is to find its clients employment. DOR also serves as an advocate for those with disabilities, and an educator for employers. The DOR offers a wide array of services for its clients and employers.

For it's clients, the DOR is a one-stop shop for re-entering the workforce. They provide clients with career counseling and assessment. They offer clients tools to learn new skills and technologies. They offer job referrals and placement with qualified employers. For those placed into jobs, DOR works with employers to help provide on the job training. For participating employers, they benefit from recruitment and screening tools provided by DOR. Time spent looking for potential job candidates is saved, because DOR does the work for the employer, which places a qualified candidate in the job. Employers are paid up to \$5,000 to provide on the job training. Employers also receive a Work Opportunity Tax Credit, and could potentially see other tax benefits. If the candidate is successful, and is hired by the employer, DOR offers assistance to transition the client into the organization.

DOR also provides career guidance and job placement for youth with disabilities through the Student Services Paid Work Experience program. It's available to youth ages 16 to 21, that have a disability, and are enrolled in school. The student is placed in a job by DOR, and is employed by the Foundation for California Community Colleges. The employer provides on the job training for the student. The student must work 100 hours, and has the option to extend the contract for an additional 100 hours. DOR also provides disability diversity training to California companies. The Windmills program explores the fears, biases, and myths that create barriers to employment for those who are disabled. The great benefit of this program is how it helps to reduce misunderstandings around disabled workers. The trainings are free to all California companies.

Indeed, the services provided by DOR are a win-win for both employers and its clients. Employers get qualified candidates, and tax breaks. Clients attain invaluable career skills, employment, and independence. To end the program, Sandra and Kathy asked the audience to select what disabilities they would not want, and to select a disability they could live with. The audience had to select from the following disabilities: deafness, blindness, PTSD, or paraplegia. The participants provided reasons why they would want one/not have one disability over the other. The commonality among the four disabilities was all of them can thrive in the workplace, and can attain independence. Both Sandra and Kathy were clients of DOR, and believed in the program so much, that they chose to work for DOR.

President Larry thanked Sandra and Kathy for the informative and inspiring presentation with donations to Polio Plus in their names. For more details about the Department of Rehabilitation, visit: www.dor.ca.gov



THE FINAL BELL



With another successful meeting in the books, **President Larry** struck the Roto-bell at 1:30PM sharp.

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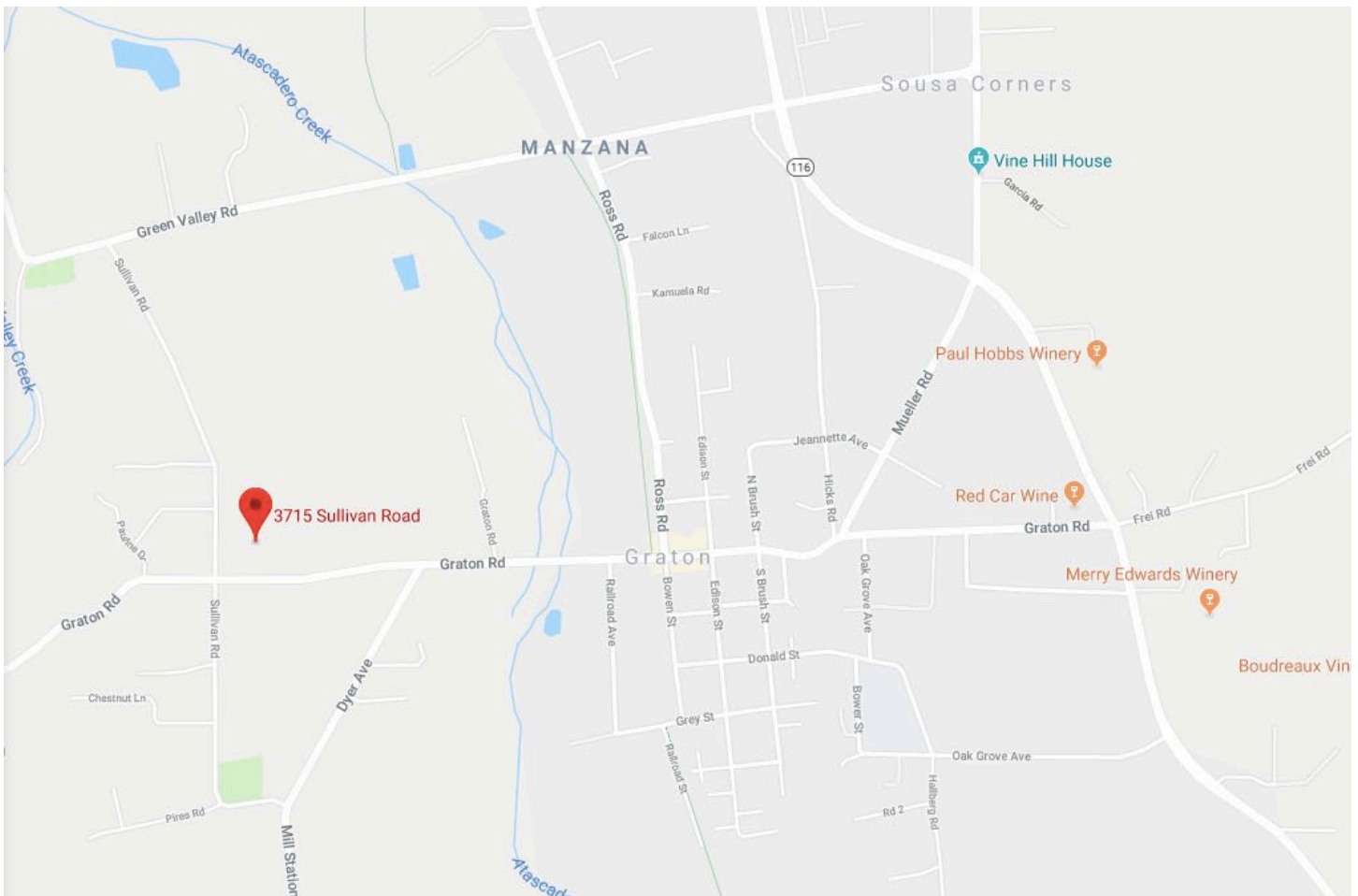
This Friday, August 10th, we will be meeting at Gabriel Farms in Graton. The address is 3175 Sullivan Road, just north of Graton Road. Parking will be limited, so please consider carpooling. If you show up at the Roto-palace this Friday. you will be forced to prepare and cook apple pies ! Bon Appétit ! The Rotary Club of Sebastopol is not responsible if you smell like an apple pie or if you encounter any stomach aches for taste testing pies !

Directions to Gabriel Farms

From the Community Church of Sebastopol (Gravenstein Hwy North & Danmar)

- Continue north on 116 towards Graton
- Turn left on Graton Road
- Proceed through Graton
- Turn right on Sullivan Road
- Second driveway on the right, 3175 Sullivan Road

Carpool if you can!



Life's A Rotary Beach



Well...there's no sand, but this will be a beachin' picnic!!!

Rotary Club of Sebastopol

When/Where: August 18, 11AM-4PM

Bob Hirsch's playground

1055 Montgomery Road, Sebastopol

1 guest = \$15

2 guests = \$25

Kids under 12 = free

Food: Mario from Mexico Lindo provides culinary needs-chicken, veggies, salads

Drinks: Beer, Margaritas, soda, iced tea, water

Hand-crafted sausages: Mike McGlothlin

Entertainment: Swimming (bring suit & towel), billiards, others

Don't miss the Sebastopol Rotary Wheel of Misfortune!!!



FUTURE PROGRAMS



August 10, 2018 – Offsite meeting at Gabriel Farms – Speaker TBD



August 17, 2018 – Michael Gillotti – Sebastopol Peace Wall

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, Michael enrolled in a Catholic seminary right out of High School. The Vietnam War was raging during his seminary training and he came to feel that it would be a contradiction of his faith “to love your neighbor as yourself” to participate in warfare and so applied for Conscientious Objector status with his draft board. He subsequently served two years as a non combatant C.O.

Four years ago, in order to promote nonviolent resolutions of conflicts and create a more peaceful world, Michael designed and built the Sebastopol Living Peace Wall. It's purpose is to honor and recognize the peacemakers among us. Each year the names of four people are inscribed into the granite wall and added to the roll of Honorees on the peace wall web site: sebastopolivingpeacewall.com. An “induction ceremony” is then held in the Fall where the

honorees are publicly acknowledged. This year the ceremony will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, 11:00AM to Noon at the town plaza. All are invited to attend.

August 24, 2018 – Bridge of Hope Childrens Choir