



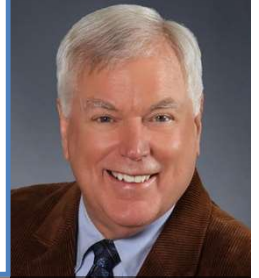
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Michael Gillotti – Sebastopol Living Peace Wall



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



It was a cloudy day in Sebastopol, but still a good showing at the ol' Community Church!



AT THE BELL



It was another glorious day at the Roto-palace. Fellow Rotarians gathered for their Friday helping of friendship, and, as **President Larry Ford** proclaims, "the best Rotary lunch in the district!" All was good, except for one thing, no power point slides on the screen. **President Larry** decided to go sans slides. To see how it all goes, read on!



With a swift whack of the bell, **President Larry** started the meeting at 12:15PM sharp. Your humble scribe, **Patrick Dirden**, led the flag salute. **Jeff Boal** jumped to the front of the room to lead the flock in a rousing rendition of "My Country tis of Thee." Despite the absence of **Jeff's** cheat notes, he managed to get through the song...with a little help from his friends. **Meredith Bertacco** offered two quotes from the dearly departed queen of soul, [Aretha Franklin](#):



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🍎 Future Programs 🍎

August 24, 2018

Bridge of Hope Childrens Choir

August 31, 2018

Congressman Jared Huffman

September 7, 2018

El Molino High School
Dance Company

September 14, 2018

Speaker – Anjana Utarid
Sebastopol Centre for the Arts

🍎 Future Events 🍎

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

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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*"Be your own artist, and always be confident in what you are doing.
If you're not going to be confident, you might as well not be doing it."*

"Sometimes, what you're looking for is already there."



🍎 VISITORS AND GUESTS 🍎

Bud Daviero informed us that no visiting Rotarians were in the Palace today. Not even our old friend, Dan Bornstein from the Santa Rosa Rotary Club. Under Executive Order #18, **President Larry** welcomed Dan, in absentia. Despite the absence of visiting Rotarians, there were several guests. **David Schreibman** introduced us to Michael Eschenbach (sp?). **Robin Maybury** welcomed Cassidy and Nancy, visiting on behalf of **Mike Ferguson**.



David McLennon introduced us to frequent guest, Kelly Back.





Jeff Boal introduced us to his better half, his wife **Jean**. He also introduced us to Stuart Mitchell from West County Community Services. **Jim Passage** introduced us to our guest speaker, Michael Gillotti.

🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

The annual Rotary Club of Sebastopol Summer Picnic took place on Saturday, August 18th. Our host, **Bob Hirsch**, returned safe and sound from his two month cross-country trip. Read more about the picnic in the After the Bell section. **Larry** informed us that Linda Civitello has resigned from the club. We all wish Linda the best, and hope she returns to our club soon. **Larry** reminded the audience that the District 5130 Fire Relief Fund is still accepting donations. On October 14th, the Middletown Rotary Club will be hosting a fundraiser for the Fire Fund at the Middletown Mansion. Celebrity chef Guy Fieri will be cooking up a storm. For details, see **Jack Blasco**. Stuart Mitchell informed the audience about a service offered by West County Community Services called California Hope. It offers crisis counseling and support services to fire victims. For more details, visit: <https://www.westcountyservices.org/the-california-hope-ccp-program/>

PDG Bob Rogers gave us some great news on the Global Polio front. Worldwide, there have only been 14 cases of polio this year. Of the 14 cases, 11 were in Afghanistan, and 3 in Pakistan (down from 306 cases in 2014!). But wait, there's more! Nigeria has not had a case of polio in two years! Syria has had no cases this year, despite an on-going civil war. In Papua New Guinea, 300,000 children have been vaccinated. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative has raised over \$14 billion towards the eradication of polio.

Their work is backed by millions of volunteers worldwide. It's getting close to the second annual District 5130 Pedal for Polio event. This time, **Bob** is asking all members to pledge \$65 for the riders. Pledge early and pledge often! **President Larry** reminded the club to consider donating to Programa de Becas. This program gives poor children in Mexico to receive an education. Most children in Mexico only make it to sixth grade. Consider sponsoring a child at the \$250 or \$350 level. Many thanks to Programa de Beca's newest sponsor, **Mark Fink**! For more details, contact **Tom Lambert** or **Dorothy Rodella**.



Keller McDonald advised the Roto flock to send all tuxedos and evening dresses to the cleaners now! Our Fall Gala is around the corner. Tickets are available for \$125 each. Tables are still available. The live and silent auction committees are working tirelessly on securing amazing items. State Senator Mike McGuire will be our auctioneer, which will be a hoot! Where you may ask, it will be at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club on October 27th.

🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

She's home! **Kathie Mayhew** is at home recovering from hip (?) surgery. **Frank** brought **Kathie** home on Friday. She'll be dancing in the Roto-Palace real soon! We learned that **Ken Silveira** recently had a birthday. He spent his big day having lunch in Napa, and enjoyed a concert in Healdsburg. Hope you have \$5 after all that fun! **Meredith Bertacco** and **Bristol Hassler** both have a secret. Not only do they both share the same birthday, they were both born on the same day! It begs the question, were the two of you separated at birth? For that rare occurrence, \$5 please! **Sue Engle** celebrated her birthday with fellow Leo's, at her annual Purr Fest. The Leo tax is \$5, **Sue!** **Jeff Boal** and his wife **Jean** are beginning their 49th year of marriage! They spent their big day taking care of two dogs. Congratulations, and \$5 please! **David McLennon** was a wandering man! He spent his 30th anniversary on a 2,200-mile road trip in the Pacific Northwest. That had to be worth at least a two tenths of a penny per mile!



It was time for Rotarians to confess their sins to the high priest, err, **President Larry**. The first sinner up was **Frank Mayhew**. He exclaimed to the Roto-flock that she's back! A bit of deductive reasoning revealed who "she" was, our own **Kathie Mayhew**. The congratulatory fee is \$5! Your humble scribe, **Patrick Dirden**, confessed that he fought the law, and the law won! He received his first speeding ticket two weeks ago. But hey, cut him some slack, 20 years without a ticket is not a bad record. To make sure it's his last, and to encourage him to switch his lead lined shoes, \$5 bud! **Robin Maybury**, **Patrick's** sponsor, was not sure if he could be in the same room with a lawbreaker! We'll take your \$5 before you leave the room! **Bob Rogers** confessed that he's catching up on his fishing. He was out with **Mike Long**, **Harry Polley**, **Ken Silveira**, and **Greg Gill**. After eleven hours on the water, **Ken** came back with a 20 pound fish. **Bob's** performance was a tad rusty, but hey, he had a busy year! But, he did get two holes in one! He got a gopher and a mole with one whack! Good work!



RAFFLE

It's the moment you've all been waiting for. Time for **President Larry's** infamous, tantalizing, mystifying, and super exciting game of ladder ball!! Who would be **Larry's** victim today? Number 6962? Crickets! Number 960? **Bob Rogers**, c'mon down! Would **Bob** win oodles of cash? Ball one, swing and a hit! Ball two, swing and a miss! **Bob** walked away \$5 richer. Don't spend it all in one place!



THE PROGRAM



Jim Passage stepped up to the lectern to introduce our guest speaker, Michael Gillotti, founder of the Sebastopol Peace Wall. **Jim** prefaced Michael's presentation by proclaiming that nothing in life is easy, especially when you are protesting against war, and military policy.

But, our speaker, Michael, overcame many obstacles. Michael told us that he got the inspiration for the wall during the Iraq/Afghanistan War. He felt that peacemakers were not given a voice, as the microphones were aimed at the war hawks. Michael wanted to do something, in a great and lasting way. He got together with others to create a monument, located in Downtown Sebastopol, for the peacemakers.

Today, the wall stands as a monument to the peacemakers; a place to pause, reflect, and meditate. Each year, local and world-renowned peacemakers are listed on the wall. This year, four new names will be added. Daniel Ellsberg, known for his work on the Pentagon Papers. Dolores Huerta, one of the co-founders of the United Farm Workers.

The two remaining inductees are local residents. Tui Wilschinsky, who leads Dancers of Universal Peace, which teaches cultural understanding through dance and meditation. Therese Mughannam, who was born in Palestine, and has been an outspoken advocate for peace. The induction ceremony will be on Saturday, September 15th.

Michael shared an emotional poem with the group, which summed up his inspiration for taking on a crusade for peace. The loss of friends on the battle fields of Vietnam was hard. But, for Michael, what was even harder, was the lifelong pain inflicted on those who returned from Vietnam. He was saddened by the physical, mental, and emotional pain war caused. Michael's words resonated with many people in the audience. Michael was asked if the current rise of nationalism and tariffs are pre-cursors to global war. He suggested that many conflicts were sparked by those trends. He was also asked if climate change advocates would be considered for the wall. He suggested that it was a possibility. **Yvette Williams van Agglen** thanked Michael for his courage and determination for making the wall happen. **President Larry** presented Michael with a donation to Polio Plus, vaccinating 50 children.

🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

At 1:30PM on the dot, **President Larry** struck the hearty Roto-bell, bringing another meeting to an end. **Larry** polled the audience, and asked if everyone missed the slides. Well, the club was saddened by the absence of the soft glow of the projector. The slides will be back by popular demand next week.



🍎 AFTER THE BELL 🍎

1. The next day, part of the Roto-flock gathered at the palatial grounds of **Bob Hirsch's** estate for the annual Rotary Picnic. **Mario Ramos** was behind the grill, cooking up a storm. Our professional bartender, **Cindy Carter** was mixing up mean margaritas. Your scribe, **Patrick Dirden**, was at the Wheel of Misfortune, doling out "Carnac the Magnificent-esque"







FUTURE PROGRAMS



August 24, 2018 – Bridge of Hope Childrens Choir

Bridge of Hope Africa Ministries children's choir is from Uganda. The children share their hope for a bigger and brighter future through song, dance, and the playing of musical instruments, while also desiring to show the world the hope of the good news of Jesus Christ, despite growing up in disadvantaged communities. That they too, can live meaningful and abundant lives! They are traveling the states to raise awareness and support for their communities back home. The focus is to help Ugandan children in their communities through BOHAM's sponsorship program — providing Christian discipleship, educational opportunity, and microenterprise support to better assist their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Through BOHAM's first children's choir tour, our hope is to not only impact families with the love of Jesus Christ, but to help these children become future change agents for their society and help their communities back home be lifted out of poverty.



August 31, 2018 – Congressman Jared Huffman



Representative Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) was sworn in as a member of the 113th Congress on January 3, 2013 to represent California's second district. The district spans from the Golden Gate Bridge north to the Oregon border, covering six counties including all of Marin, Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity, and Del Norte, and much of Sonoma Counties.

Huffman is a member of the [Committee on Natural Resources](#) and the [House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure](#). Prior to his election to Congress in November of 2012, Huffman served six years in the California State Assembly where he authored more than 60 pieces of successful legislation and received numerous awards for his legislative leadership. Huffman chaired the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee, served on the Budget Committee and was co-chair of the Legislative Environmental Caucus.

September 7, 2018 – El Molino High School Dance Company

The El Molino High School Dance Company is an extra-curricular troupe selected through judged auditions, performs at school rallies, community events, athletic events, and fundraisers, a distinctive presence at nearly every major El Molino High School event. One in every six (6) El Molino High School students is a dancer, part of a remarkable athletic program that reaches into every corner of the campus life. The Dance Teacher herself, Jolene Johnson knows first hand that dance is physically and mentally demanding.



In Johnson's dance classes, students learn dance history, anatomy, nutrition, fitness, choreography, performance, movement, creativity and improvisation. They study ballet, jazz, modern and hip-hop, plus research choreographers and critique other works.

"I hope that when people take my dance classes they learn something new about themselves that they feel proud of and leave with confidence," Johnson said. Jolene Johnson was our 2018 Rotary Teacher of the Year.