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BE THE INSPIRATION

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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL

It was a hot August afternoon. (Well not that hot, really) and the *Dog Days of Summer* were dragging down Rotary Clubs all over the world. But not in Sebastopol. We have a program so full of energy and power that it will chase away any late summer doldrums

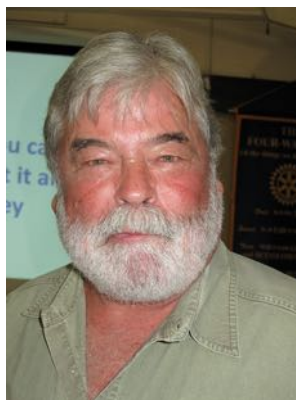
AT THE BELL

President Larry Ford rang the Bell at precisely 12:15 pm. Watch out folks – The computer is working today. **Gunther Meiburg** led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Karen Daniels sang out a wonderful rendition *God Bless America*. The rest of us just tried to keep up.

Rick Wilson brought the Thought for the Day from that eminent philosopher and Poet Elvis Presley – *Truth is like the sun. You can shut it out for a time, but it ain't goin away.*





Future Programs



August 31, 2018
Congressman Jared Huffman

September 7, 2018
El Molino High School
Dance Company



Future Events



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



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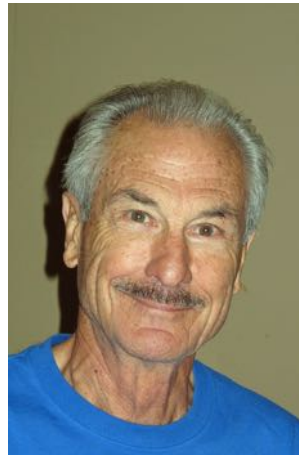
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VISITORS AND GUESTS



John Fitzgerald visited from Petaluma Valley Rotary. He got the microphone later



Gerry Reilly Ford
introduced Pat Parks and
Denise Parks



Paul Yeomans
introduced Guest of the
Club Ame Sass

Jeff Boal introduced his
wife of 49 years, Jean and
assured us that they are
headed to 50.



President Larry introduced Brian Langerman, past president of our club and a visitor today.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Directing everyone's attention to the screen at the front of the room (yes, there was stuff on the screen) **President Larry** announced that our club has received a matching grant from District 5130 to look at wider implementation of the TOOLBOX program in local schools. This is an anti-violence program that bears further research. Our club is matching \$2250 with 5130s \$2250. Thanks 5130.

The aforementioned John Fitzgerald took the microphone to drum up enthusiasm for Petaluma Valley Rotary's upcoming BEERFEST. September 15 will be the sixth annual event with Craft Beer makers from everywhere trying to impress you with their skills. Only \$40 for this fantastic opportunity.

Keller McDonald was asked to promote the upcoming BIG fundraiser GALA at the Santa Rosa Country Club this October 27. **Keller** already has his outfit picked out. You should too. Bristol Hassler was in the back selling tickets.



Jack Blasco reminded us of the silent auction. **Ellen Harrington** is putting together gift baskets for the event.



Greg Jacobs has assigned us all the task of bringing him of premium wine for the Instant Wine Cellar that our club Bring in that Cheval Blanc or the Chateau Y'queim and He will put together a huge fundraising product.



not one but TWO bottles has become famous for. give it to **Greg**.

Is your Passport up to date? **John Blount** is running this year's Rotary International Convention in Hamburg Germany and you don't want to miss it.

RECOGNITIONS

Bob Hirsch is recently back from circumnavigating the United States in his car. Two months and 12000 miles he went and included stops in Chicago and Tonopah. He slept on a lot of couches and some hotels too.



President Larry revisited a recent fishing trip by several members. Everybody got big fish. **Gerry Warren** said that someone in the picture was holding the fish that he caught and he was holding someone else's much smaller fish. (Sounds like a fish story to me.)



Gene Nelson showed a great picture of Grandson number three recently arrived. His name is Cooper.

Russ Cunningham celebrated his birthday, his wife's birthday and their anniversary with a trip to Santa Fe where **Russ** enjoyed five different operas. (and I use the term enjoyed loosely).





Pam Graber surrounded with her family took the SMART train to Petaluma for her birthday outing.

Jerry Warren has his birthday celebration with the **Polleys** and enjoyed a killer Birthday Cake.

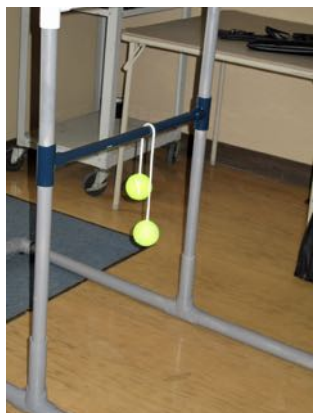
Alain Serkissian and Judy celebrated their anniversary during a two-month long visit to France.



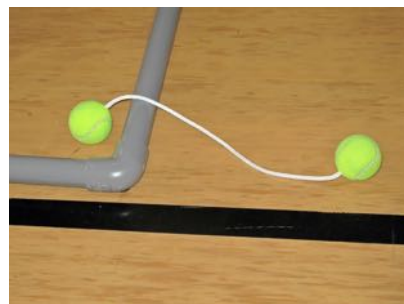
Peg Rogers bragged that her daughter just arrived from Honolulu on yesterday flight slightly ahead of Hurricane Lane.



Ruthie Dunlap bragged that her kitchen remodel is complete after only six months. **President Larry** quipped that his kitchen remodel took so long that the warranties on the appliances ran out before they were installed



Bob (Mr Lucky) Rogers won the raffle again but did not improve on his ladder ball skills taking home a \$1 prize.



🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

Our program was introduced by Gerry Reilly Ford. The Bridge of Hope Children's Choir from Uganda is led by Katie Walter and Henry Tumwesigye. They are a Christian focused group with a primary goal to assist the children's physical, emotional and spiritual needs. They are traveling the United States to raise awareness and support for their communities in Uganda.



The choir led off with a beautifully sung spiritual. followed by dancing singing and drumming that was, to put it mildly UPTEMPO. Never has this scribe seen so much energy and enthusiasm put into a dance production. The two dozen or so members range from 8 to 17 years old and every one of them is full of life and joy and energy.



During a short break in the performance (for the audience to catch its breath) Executive Director Henry T said that most of the members had it rough in Uganda, many had been abandoned or were from broken homes. Besides this travel opportunity, they receive education at home and many of them live in a boarding school environment.



The group will be performing locally in the coming weeks, You can check the schedule on website BOHAM.org. Local performances will be on September 2.



The choir then finished with more raucous but elegant dancing and singing much to the delight of the Assembled Rotarians. Check out our Facebook page for a film of one of dance



🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

President Larry rang the bell at precisely 1:30 pm. Next Week Congressman Jared Huffman, probably less dancing but still exciting. Thank You Program Committee.

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.