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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL

After a foggy and smoky August, the sun was finally shining over the Roto-palace. The palace was buzzing more than usual, as a special guest was due, Congressman Jared Huffman. All were eager to hear what he had to say.

AT THE BELL

President Larry Ford struck the Roto-bell at 12:15PM sharp. **David Still** stepped up to the front of the hall to lead the flock in the flag salute.

Next us was **Keller McDonald**, who led the group in a rousing chorus of "America the Beautiful."



Les Crawford offered two thoughts for the day from Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

"Repetition does not transform a lie into a truth."

And

"Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people, A nation does not have to be cruel in order to be tough."



VISITORS AND GUESTS

As **Bud Daviero** started to introduce our visiting Rotarians and guests, **Jack Dunlap** entertained a point of order. A certain someone was missing his or her badge, **President Larry**! Did this infraction deserve a fine? No, it deserved congratulations! We learned that **Larry** offered free teeth cleanings to all of the members of the Bridge of Hope Children's Choir! **Larry**, a heart-felt thank you, and a big, toothy grin!



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

Future Programs

September 7, 2018

**El Molino High School
Dance Company**

September 14, 2018

**Anjana Utarid
Sebastopol Center for the Arts**

September 21, 2018

**Matt Stevens
Sonoma - Marin Area Rail Transit**

September 28, 2018

**M.E.N. Group
Men Evolving Non-Violently**

Future Events

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

Miscellany

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On-line Make-Ups:

www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

Bud introduced us to **Dan Borenstein** and **Kathy Schwartz** from the Santa Rosa Rotary Club. Also in attendance was **Michael McLoughlin** from the Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary Club. We also had many guests as well. **Rollie Atkinson** introduced us to Laura Hagar Rush from the Sonoma West Times and News. **Pauline Pellini** introduced us to Amie Sass. **Bristol Hassler** introduced us to her son, **Dominic**. **David Still** introduced us to Steve Sax (no relation to the famous LA Dodgers ball player) from the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. **Sally Ewald** introduced us to her husband, **David**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Rogers gave us an update on the up-coming Pedal 4 Polio event in October. This year's ride will start in Fort Bragg, pedal down Highway One to Gualala. From there, the group will go to Sebastopol. The next day, the group will pedal over the mountain to Napa. The next day, the crew will pedal up the Napa Valley to Middletown. The final day, the group will participate in the Konacti Challenge. So, how can you help? Well, there are several ways. First, and most importantly, pledge! Pledges start at \$65. If you donate \$100 or more, you can join the prestigious Pedal 4 Polio club, and receive a cool wrist band! The second way is to cheer the bikers as they arrive in Sebastopol! The party will take place at **Bob and Peggy's** house on Wednesday, October 3rd, at 4PM.

The third thing you can do is house a rider on the night of October 3rd. If you are interested, let **Bob** know today!



Paul Yeomans gave us an update on the annual Dictionary Project. All of the dictionaries were delivered to all third grade students in the Spring. Orders are already in for the next round of dictionaries!

Keller McDonald had our appetites on edge, as he gave us an update on the upcoming Fall Gala! Picture it! Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club on October 27th! A ballroom containing three fully stocked bars. Tables decked with wine and freshly baked artisan bread. Carts filled with scrumptious dessert offerings. But wait, there's more!!! **Keller** called on select club members to select the entrees. **Larry** was placed in the hot seat to select the meat entrée. It was a choice between tri tip or peppercorn sirloin steak. **Larry** went with the sirloin steak. **Keller** then called on **Nick Gurney** to select the fish entrée. **Nick** has his heart set on baked Atlantic salmon with dill sauce. **Bristol** was called upon to select the vegetarian option. She selected chef's choice of in season vegetables. Stomachs were grumbling hard! **Keller** reminded everyone to donate a bottle (or two) to the Instant Wine Cellar. This usually nets \$2,000. Bring your bottles to the Friday meeting!

Rollie Atkinson made a big announcement regarding the Sonoma West Times and News. His paper is going public, by offering a Direct Public Offer. Readers can now buy stock. The minimum investment is \$1,000 (equivalent to 250 shares). **Rollie** told us that his paper is the first local newspaper to do such a thing in the United States. He's hoping to raise \$400,000 for the newspaper. If you are interested, please visit: <https://www.invest.sonomawest.com/> It's also worth noting that this news made The New York Times: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/26/business/media/local-newspaper-shareholders.html> Rollie, we wish you all the best!



Rick Wilson gave us an update on Steve Z's health, he has had a heart attack, but is on the mend. He would appreciate anyone reaching out, but will be unable to attend Rotary lunches until November, as he is in therapy every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Nick Gurney has a hidden talent, which could help you in your world travels! **Nick** is multi-lingual, and offers language lessons. He donates 10% of his tuition fees to the Rotary Foundation. If you desire to learn a new language, or want to impress your sweetie with the romance of language, contact **Nick** today!





RECOGNITIONS



We learned that **Pauline Pellini** recently had a birthday on August 25th. She attended a surprise birthday party, but alas, it was not for her. That will still be \$5! **Bud Daviero** just turned the big eight-o! **Larry** asked Bud about his secret for looking so good at age 80. Is it a special face cream? Is it Botox? We'll never know, but we do know that Larry waived the rules, and skipped the \$5 charge. **Bud** said that if he knew of this unwritten rule, he would have turned 80 five years ago! There's more to celebrate, **Bud** is now a great grandfather. On that happy note, **Larry** had to ask for that five spot!



RAFFLE



(At this time, your humble scribe was panicking outside, hoping that our speaker would appear in time to, well, speak.) Your very own editor, not one to buy raffle tickets due to his general lack of expandable cash, happened to have a few dollars burning a hole in his pockets this very Friday, and WADDAYAKNOW!! My number got pulled.

After a few smooth moves and swings with the ball and strings, I am happy to say I caught the top bar, which appeared to generate the top prize of \$15 (though the rules seem to change weekly), which I think will do a better job in the Rotary Education foundation than in my pocket. (Ed.)



THE PROGRAM



Congressman Huffman advised us that the Trump Administration is planning a government shutdown in mid September. He will be going back to Washington after Labor Day to fight the shutdown.

Rick Wilson asked about the chances of the Democrats taking over the House and Senate in November, and will Nancy Pelosi become speaker? Congressman Huffman told the group that the Democrats have a 50-50 chance of taking the House. However, a Senate takeover by the Democrats is unlikely. He intends to support Nancy Pelosi if she runs for Speaker of the house in event of a Democratic takeover. If she cannot get the needed votes, he would be happy to see a generational change in leadership.

Frank Mayhew asked, in the light of the passing of Aretha Franklin and John McCain and the lack of respect in Washington, is there any chance of respect returning to politics. Congressman Huffman said that he had tremendous respect for John McCain, and desires that more politicians had his breed of bi-partisanship. He expressed tremendous frustration in the partisanship in DC.

Les Crawford asked about what could be done regarding the decay of rural communities on the North Coast like Crescent City. Congressman Huffman said that this is something where government could be of great help. One example is the expansion of broadband internet access to rural communities, which many communities now lack. He also told us how many rural communities are having a hard time recruiting doctors and medical professionals. He also stated that the North Coast will need to find new industries, as the logging industry will likely never return.

Richard Power asked what can be done to out-seat Republicans, like Congressman Tom McClintock. Congressman Huffman said that the chance of out-seating McClintock is slim, as his district is conservative. Huffman told us about one issue where the two see eye to eye. Long ago, Congressman Dan Flood added a rider to a defense bill which permitted a

Pennsylvania coal mine to supply power to an air base in Germany. Both Huffman and McClintock worked to kill the rider. They have both worked on killing attempts to re-introduce the rider.

Ken Jacobs asked if the Congressman has met Trump. Congressman Huffman said no, and said that he likely will not. He has never met Trump. He, along with fellow Democrats, have never been invited to the White House. Colleagues who have met Trump have said that his public demeanor in private is the same in public. He can be very charming and very persuasive.

Frank Mayhew asked about wave generation technology. Congressman Huffman said that an offshore wind and wave farm near Eureka is being studied. Despite some initial objections by the fishing community, support has been strong. There's also potential for production of wind turbines to take place in Eureka. **Dennis Judd** expressed great thanks to the Congressman. His wife has been dealing with leukemia, and Congressman Huffman's office helped grant visas to her family to visit from Russia. Congressman Huffman wished **Dennis** and his family well. He also thanked his staff, who work tirelessly to help his constituents. **Harry Simms** asked about the chances of removing harmful parts of the tax bill, like carried interest and capital gains. Congressman Huffman said that the real consequences of the tax bill are now clear. Over 80% of the benefits from the tax bill went to the wealthy and to powerful corporations. The promises of re-investment and higher wages never happened, as re-investment levels and wages have remained flat. The large expense of the tax bill is now resulting in discussions to cut Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.



THE FINAL BELL



After a thought provoking meeting, **President Larry** struck the Roto-bell at 1:40PM.

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.

September 14, 2018 – Anjana Utarid – Sebastopol Center for the Arts

Anjana joined Sebastopol Center for the Arts in October, 2017, after having served as the Executive Director of Sonoma County Children's Village, where she was awarded the esteemed Nonprofit Leadership Award in 2014. She earned her Bachelors of Arts degree in Psychology from Sonoma State University and a Masters of Arts degree in Educational Counseling from the University of San Francisco. In addition, she has served on local school boards and has published two children's books. Anjana loves to paint and enjoys cycling, yoga and cooking for her family and friends.



September 21, 2018 – Matt Stevens – Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (Smart Train)

Matt Stevens works in community outreach for the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) District. Matt has been facilitating SMART community outreach programs since 2001, first as an outreach consultant, then as staff when he was hired full time in 2012 by SMART. In his spare time, Matt plays bass in two rock bands, loves to backpack in remote backcountry mountains, and is a partner in a relic fishing resort in Northern Idaho. Matt is a father of two grown children and has lived in the Sebastopol area for over 37 years.

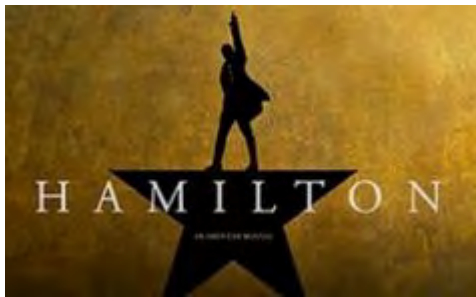
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All packages include airfare for two people. 100 tickets will be sold at \$100 each.

The winner will be drawn on October 27, 2018 at the end of the Live Auction at the Evening Gala, Santa Rosa Country Club – 5pm to 10pm. See sebastopolrotary.com for tickets if you would like to attend the event.

Approximate value of these vacation packages ranges from \$3,200-\$4,800

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Hamilton on Broadway

HAMILTON BROADWAY TICKETS and 3-Night Stay in New York City!

This experience includes:

- 2 rear mezzanine tickets to Hamilton on Broadway
- 3-night stay, standard guest room at the Hilton, Hyatt, or comparable hotel
- Round-trip coach class airfare for 2 from within the 48 contiguous United States to New York
- Winspire booking & concierge service



Charleston Luxury Getaway

CHARLESTON LUXURY GETAWAY – 3 nights in the elegant, historic city!

This experience includes:

- 3-night stay in a deluxe room at the Belmond Charleston Place Hotel
- Daily breakfast for two
- 2.5-hour private Charleston history and photo walking tour for two
- 6-course dinner with wine pairings for two at the Charleston Grill
- Round-trip coach class airfare for two from within the 48 contiguous United States to Charleston, SC
- Winspire booking & concierge service



Kentucky Bourbon Trail

KENTUCKY BOURBON TRAIL and a 3-night stay in the Bluegrass State

This experience includes:

- Stitzel-Weller Distillery exclusive before-hours tour and tasting of Bulleit Bourbon for two
- Maker's Mark Distillery tour and tasting for two, plus bottle to dip in wax
- Lunch for two in Bardstown
- Jim Beam Distillery tour and tasting for two
- Private custom experience in a luxury SUV
- 3-night stay in a standard guest room at the Hyatt, Hilton, Marriott, or comparable
- Round-trip coach class airfare for two from within the 48 contiguous United States to Louisville, KY
- Winspire booking & concierge service



Indianapolis 500

2019 INDIANAPOLIS 500!

This experience includes:

- Two paddock or C-stand tickets to the 2019 Indianapolis 500 on Sunday, May 26, 2019
- Two tickets to the Drivers' Meeting on Saturday, May 25, 2019
- Two admissions to Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum
- Three-night stay (check in Friday, out Monday) in a standard room at the Omni, Hilton, or comparable hotel
- Round-trip coach class airfare for two from within the 48 contiguous United States to Indianapolis, IN
- Winspire booking & concierge service

1. Must be 21 years of age to purchase a \$100 raffle ticket.
2. Maximum of ten tickets per person.
3. All proceeds, above Winspire program costs, are returned to the community in the form of community grants.

For information contact: Cindy Carter at 707-824-0846 or email cindycarterflamm@yahoo.com.

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