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"All the News that Fits We Print"



President 2018/2019:

BEFORE THE BELL



Larry Ford

A bright sunny day welcomes us as we climb the palace steps & promenade down the path of pillars, past the splashing fountain and enter the formidable Roto- palace doors.

Dana Moises and **Bob Cugini** are greeting Rotarians with a friendly handshake and a hearty "Welcome to Rotary."

Lu Frazier is taking Kenny Jacob\$ place collecting lunch money and she fleece\$ me just as effortle\$\$\!\square\$ as Ken.



AT THE BELL



Much to my dismay the salad today is laced with a deadly concoction of crumpled *blue cheese*......GAG! No salad today.

A prime seat front & center awaits me and lucky for me **Rick Wilson** with excellent hearing sits to my left. I've got my hearing aids on, He doesn't know it yet but he'll be my go to guy to answer my reoccurring question...... "What did they say?"



Rick Wilson on my left and guest <u>Daniel Shanahan</u> on my right were having an educational and fairly serious conversation about Queen, Freddy Mercury, George Thoroughgood and the Delta Destroyers, and some other musicians when......Ca-lang! President Larry interrupted everyone's conversations in the palace at 12:17 pm.



Future Programs



March 1, 2019
Neysa Hinton
Mayor of Sebastopol

March 8, 2019 Lee Rink

Treating Stroke Victims

March 15, 2019

Jo Sletbak

Norwegian Consular General

Events

Golf Tournament April 29,2019

Miscellany

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707-546-1234

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An old familiar face from the past

appeared. Past-&-maybe-Re-Joining-Rotarian Michael Hixson led us in the flag salute.



Jeff Boal led us with enthusiasm in my favorite American tribute song..... "America the Beautiful."



Ellen Harrington presented
"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." Vince Lombardi
President Larry released us to enjoy our lunch and to "Be the inspiration." Some of us would have enjoyed our lunches more, and would have been more inspirational if they'd leave the crumpled blue cheese off to the side of the salad bowl so as not to poison everyone else.

Our table-talk drifted off to old, classic, and unusual vehicles. **Rick W.** started ticking off all of his autos & trucksin detail, with foot-notes, this went on till......[much softer this time,] we were brought back to order and I had to abandon my meal because the tempo picked up, names were flying around and it was a somewhat chaotic scene





ROTARIANS & GUESTS



I could be wrong but for the first time in nearly 20 years <u>Dan Bornstein</u> the Santa Rosa Visiting Rotarian Dentist.....was not here.



The day was saved by a Sebastopol Sunrise Rotarian who looked vaguely similar to the poor lost Tibetan visitor with the red tee-pee cap that was here last week. This guy looked similar, but different....... More like a Pakistani Bachelor on the prowl. His name is Nick Randall. I was so taken with his outfit I didn't get the details of his visit but I believe he was once again pitching the Sebastopol Sunrise Club's upcoming Fundraiser Parisian Rendevous on March 23, 2019. His lovely wife Teresa was with him.

Aleia Coate introduced Paula Dillon



Bob Rogers introduced <u>Gerry Reilly-Ford</u> The love of Larry's life.

H. H. introduced <u>Daniel Shanahan</u>, collector, restorer & purveyor of interesting vehicles.



Patrick Dirden & Scott Briggs still have no tally from the crab feed at this time but it was all good.

President Larry reminded us of the upcoming District training for the incoming Board April 6^{th} at the Finley Center. **Larry** says if you're interested in attending the club will pay your entrance fee, or was that just for the new board? No guarantees about the *blue cheese* though.

At this point **Pres. Larry** announced that **Dave Madsen** will also be leading a new members mentoring discussion in the Fireside room after the regular meeting. New mentors are being sought. If you are interested, see Dave Madsen.

Peace Garden at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts...

Julie Cugini & David Still were acknowledged for shepherding the project through to completion.

David Still said that the project lasted through three Roto-Presidential-terms. And it is now officially and thoroughly finished. David acknowledged Ellen Harrington, Jack and Marie Blasco, Jim Pacatte, Tom Dilley, David Schreibman, Lu Frazier, and Ruthie Dunlap.









David Schreibman told us that we can direct money back to our club by registering credit cards with select businesses and up to 3% of the purchase price at participating merchants is directed back to our club. David promised to follow up with an email describing in detail how to set this program up and on Saturday David sent out an email to all members with detailed instructions. David, you-da-money-man.





RECOGNITIONS



Only one Birthday-Boy Mike Ferguson was in attendance. Mike celebrated his B-day bird watching with Greg Jacobs & Bird-Man Keller McDonald and spouses. Mike said it was a great adventure that he purchased at the last Roto-Grand-Fundraiser and that the adventure was worth every penny.

President Larry interrupted the train of thoughts about birds & such by waving a shirt at the palace crowd. The garment was left at **Greg Gill's** crabpalace. **Larry** returned the shirt to **Mario Ramos** saying that **Mario** was too good of a guy to fine.

I've never seen **Pres. Larry** mad but someone gave him a last minute announcement to make to the membership. Apparently **Larry** didn't do this announcement perfectly and was reprimanded by the nameless person who gave him this last minute note. This caused **Larry** to almost raise his voice and almost lose his ever-present smile. The message giver will have to remain nameless.

Green Badge-to-Red.....Almost

President Larry, slightly shaken after his almost-sudden-outburst launched into another subject. He talked about new members fulfilling their obligations to get promoted to a red-non-rookie-badge.



Larry called Stephen Zollman up to receive his red badge that was not there. It seems that our club's secretary Ken Jacob\$, who was not present to accept the blame, had forgotten to get the Red badge made. We'll have to see what kind of punishment he'll get at the next meeting. Maybe lunch on the house,...... Kenny'\$ house.

Well, **Stephen Z.** came up to the podium to accept his missing red badge and this little story leads into your elder-scribe's observations of new member **Stephen Z.**

Stephen was one of the few, maybe the only rookie that showed up at the Crab-Palace at 8am. **Stephen** was one of the crab-washers and I was amazed to

see him slug it out without rain-gear protection on that cold morning. He was soaked with cold water head to toe. At the crab-feed on Sat. he was busting his buns all night long including cleanup.

Stephen Zollman, welcome to full membership of Rotary!

Ruthie Dunlap.....Birthday on Feb 9th. She spent her B-day with 500 guests at the Holy Ghost hall.



Lu Frazier......Feb. 17th. She had a great meal at the Gravenstein Grill.

Norm & Judy Stupfel.....Feb. 5th. Norm & Judy had

their annual anniversary dinner at the Spinnaker in Sausalito where **Norm**

proposed to Judy.

Norm had this marriage advice. Always kiss before going to sleep and go to bed by 8:30. He didn't mention if that was pm. or am.



David Schreibman came to the podium after having his last name slaughtered by President Larry and proceeded to give the palace **members a**



lesson on the pronunciation of his last name.

David called <u>David Doffing</u> of Gaffney Insurance in Occidental to the podium to talk about Gene Gaffney insurance. <u>David</u> started his presentation talking about rumors of Insurance companies canceling fire insurance in fire prone areas of California. <u>David</u> said that will not happen. He said if anyone is confused about this they are invited to call him at 707-874-2666 for advice. He

said he is glad to explain fire insurance to us even if we are not their clie





Ruthie Dunlap had the winning ticket. Standing exactly 18ft. away from the split-rail fence she successfully got two sets of balls to wrap around the top & bottom rails and walked away with \$11.



THE PROGRAM

Patrick Dirden introduced <u>Deborah Ramelli</u> of the Ceres Project. <u>Deborah</u> said that Ceres started right in the Roto-Palace using the kitchen that prepares our meals. [Crumpled *blue-cheese* on the side please!]



Ceres provides organic meals, mostly vegetarian with some protein at their new home in Sebastopol next to our fire station on Bodega ave. They also have kitchens in Santa Rosa and San Rafael. Their organic gardens are in Sebastopol & Santa Rosa.

<u>*Deborah</u> said that they are hoping for a 16 % expansion this year. Student participant's sign up for a 3 month commitment and that their meals are prepared with love.

*Their meals are ¾ plant based with some protein. They have gluten free meals.

meals with Ceres recipes and donate a percentage of sales to Ceres.

*Students work 1-3 hours a week at Ceres.

I ask no one in particular what Ceres means and table-mate & guest <u>Daniel Shanahan</u> whispers in my ear that the word **Ceres** is the **Greek Goddess of plenty and the guardian of hearth & home.**



Roto-bell and just like that, it was over...... The meeting that is.



I was curious how my guest <u>Daniel Shanahan</u> knew so much about Ceres. It turns out he has been an early supporter of <u>Deborah</u> and Ceres from the beginning. After the meeting they greeted each other as old friends and talked about the early days of Ceres. It turns out that "It's a small world after all."



When the venerable Harry Polley asked me to compose a Membership Moment and share what Rotary means to me I quickly agreed. I started to write three times before asking myself why I was procrastinating. The reason is simply that after almost 12 years, there is just so much I love, and I was challenged with putting it into words.

Carolee and I moved to West County from Elk Grove in November 2006 knowing few people. We wanted to make friends and give back in our new community. Ken Silveira, a client of mine, told me that he had made the best friends of his life in the Sebastopol Rotary club and invited me to lunch. I accepted and joined not long after being impressed with the cause and the handful of people I met.

After getting immersed in a variety of committees over time, I began to forge some real friendships. I felt good about serving, had my vision expanded globally, and loved that I could use my talents to make a real difference. One year, while serving as a mentor for the Analy Interact club, we provided the internet and textbooks for a small Kenyan school. These kids had never had any vision of the world outside their village. Next year, they saved the lives of seven Vietnamese children by funding live-saving heart surgeries. When I read the community and teacher grant applications, I know my fundraising marketing efforts have led to more of them being funded. Rotary has afforded me many such opportunities to leave a legacy far beyond my years.

It seems that whatever I am passionate about, there are resources and opportunities to make it a reality. My two favorite programs are the Overcoming Obstacles Awards and Financial Literacy. I've been involved since their inception, and I know we impact the students we touch in a deeply meaningful way.

The three year process of preparing and serving as President while being on the Board is amongst the best times of my life. My President Elect training and trips to the Rotary International conventions blew up my view of Rotary's impact, but more importantly, the organization became MORE impressive the more closely I looked. That rarely happens in other organizations. Serving as president provided me with the blessing of seeing why this club is so special. We are the best because our people are great. The heart, the generosity, the selflessness... it makes me want to be a better person. I can feel it every time I walk into the hall each Friday. With the 4-way Test as a guide and such remarkable role models living its values, I want to be a better man just being around Rotarians.

David Schreibman

Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – February 14, 2019

Congratulations to all on a successful Crab Feed! The Friday cooking and cracking involved the veteran core of **volunteers** plus a number of **first timers** who enjoyed the fun and comradery. Saturday brought out more members and helpers to orchestrate the most delicious crab feast in Sonoma County. I was pleased to see so many Rotarians engaged and I reflected on our weekly gatherings to recharge our batteries with a sustaining dose of fellowship. Yet one third of our members don't make it to our meetings and it impacts us emotionally and financially. The deficit in our expenses is easily measured in dollars but what is the loss when the bond that we treasure begins to fade? Those who are not there are missed by those who are. My commitment is to make your one hundred and five minutes the most rewarding use of your time. I look forward to seeing you!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Larry Ford, President 2018-2019

[You can see the full Directors' reports at

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COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR PEGGY ROGERS:



FAMILY SAFETY / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Cory Maguire, Les Crawford**) – Toolbox publicity with Rotarians is on track, support of the Analy High School athletes and coach's day to promote equality, positive relationships, and peaceful conflict resolution ongoing. Other ideas in the works for this year and next.

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANT COMMITTEE (Chair: **Jack Blasco**) – Announcements have been sent to all school principals in our service area, soliciting applications for the Spring round of Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grants. Applications will be accepted from February 15 to March 17 and the committee meeting to select the grant recipients will take place in early April.

DICTIONARY COMMITTEE (Chair: **Paul Yeomans**) – A few dictionaries still need to be distributed. LEARN WITH ME COMMITTEE (Chair: **Linda Irving**) – No new report.

CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER (Co-Chairs: **Scott Briggs** and **Patrick Dirden**) – We're still awaiting the final revenue totals from the Crab Feed. A wrap up meeting will take place this week of February 20th. Planning for the 2020 Crab Feed will start in March.

LEARN TO SWIM COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Greg Jacobs** and **Rick Wilson**) – We are preparing for Learn to Swim, which begins April 22. We have contacted all the schools and all are on board. We received a check for \$6,000 from a local resident for the program.

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE (CHAIR: **Linda Johnson**) – Community Grants are active online – 6 applications so far. Total \$ amount available for grants raised this year at the annual Gala Fundraiser is \$34,450.00. Applications accepted starting Monday, December 13, 2018. Final deadline to submit request is Tuesday, March 7, 2019. Award announcements to be made by March 27, 2019. For details, see https://sebastopolrotary.com/sitepage/community-grants.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Steve Beck**, **Diana Rich**): Possibly will work with library to build a sound studio space for students to interview seniors, and ideas for larger projects in the works for next year.

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: (Chairs: Henry Alker, Steve Zivolich) - No new report.

GALA (FALL FUNDRAISER) 2018 (CHAIR: Keller McDonald) – Event happened, a great success.

REDWOOD FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS (Volunteer Coord.: **Jerry Warren**) – **Jerry** reports: "Our next workday at the Redwood Empire Food Bank is not on our traditional Thursday, but rather Tuesday, February 26, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. There are a couple of reasons for this. First, I tried to schedule our time for Thursday, but Kendall Jackson had already signed up for that time slot and they bring in a huge crew. I didn't ask about a later time on Thursday, like we did last month, but we had 11 people sign up for the 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. shift and only 5 showed up – so this does not appear to be a good time slot for our club. So, it's Tuesday, February 26 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and I hope that works for those who would like to volunteer."

TOOLBOX DISTRICT GRANT (**President Larry Ford** and **Keller McDonald**, Responsible Assignees) – [See also above under FAMILY SAFETY / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS COMMITTEE] No new report.

PEACE GARDEN (Chair: <u>Julie Cugini</u>) – Rotary signs made and waiting for weather to "plant" them in cement in the Rotary Peace Garden at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts.

MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT 5130 COMMITTEE (Contact: **Tom Boag**) – Contact **Tom Boag** for assistance with your neighborhood or further information.

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR HAL KWALWASSER:

INTERACT (**Chair/Coordinator: Barbara Bickford**): Brook Haven Interact is busy! They did a coat drive for the homeless in January and had a big response. The shelter gave them a \$800 value for their donation. They are currently selling lollypops as a Valentine fundraiser. Sales are strong and they will be delivered Thursday. Lastly and most important, they set the tables on Friday the 8th for the Crab Feed. On Saturday, five members showed up to help with the Crab Feed and wound up serving all night because Analy Interact had only 7 members show up. The five BH Interactors did an amazing job and will receive a share of the tips collected. I am bringing two members Friday for the speaker that I am sure they will enjoy. We are having a great year!!!



OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (Co-Chairs: Tom Boag, David Schreibman, and Hal Kwalwasser)

– The Committee has solicited 17 applications from students at the three high schools. [Selection will take place on Thursday January 24.] The space for the morning session is confirmed (at O'Reilly's Tarsier Conference Room. The judges' selection is almost done. Six participating students (and two alternates) were selected by the committee in January. Five of the students confirmed they will participate but one had a meeting conflict so we brought in one of the alternates to participate. A subcommittee of **Rick Wilson**, **Ellen Harrington**, **Harry Simms**, and **Tom Boag** met with all participating students for a "break-the-ice" meeting to explain the program and put the students, all winners, at ease – This subcommittee will likely assist the students with their speeches. Two community member morning speakers have been chosen. The OOA 2019 Event is on Friday, April 26.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (**Co-Chairs: Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyrka, Aleia Coate**) – Current Inbound Laura is living with **Aleia** for a transitional two weeks, then moves to her new family (last host family) in Santa Rosa. She will present to the club on her country, Austria, on April 12. Current Outbound Natasha is also moving to her third family in Taiwan soon. Next year's Outbound, Fay, has learned she will be going to Denmark for her year and is very excited. In a few months, we will learn our next year's Inbound and his/her country of origin.

We NEED host families for next year so Board Members, PLEASE let us know of any potential leads.

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (**Chair: Scott Briggs**) – Scott has confirmed with SRJC that we are all set for this year... Scholarship applications arriving March.

CAREER FAIR ANALY HS (Chair: Tom Lambert) - No new report.

COOL KIDS CAMP (Chair: Robin Maybury) - No new report.

FINANCIAL LITERACY (Co-Chairs: Tim Moore and David Schreibman) – No new report.

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (Chair: Richard Power) – The contest is now set for April 5th. No new report.

INTERACT ADOPT A FAMILY (Chair: Pauline Pellini) - No new report.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (Chair: Cindy Carter) - The camp has been cancelled for 2019 to allow for restructuring.

TRADE PATH (VOCATIONAL) AWARDS (Chair: **Rick Williams**) – No new report.

CLUB SERVICE AREA - DIRECTOR JIM PASSAGE:



AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE [Chair: Ron Puccinelli] – Nothing new to report, except we are gearing up for PETS – to be held first week of March in San Jose. **Ken Jacobs** is nailing down details of the District Conference to be in Reno. **John Blount** is up to his eyeballs in the International Conference in Hamburg Germany, and the rest of us are discussing the zone conference to be held in Denver in September. This Committee does get around.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE [Chair: Hal Kwalwasser] - No new report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE [Chair: David Schreibman - David reports as follows:

Kelly Back, new Exchange Bank Branch Manager, was inducted as new member on February 8th with **Dorothy Rodella** as sponsor and both **Jack Blasco** and **Mark Fink** as mentors.

There are no official membership applications pending but committee is actively following up on prospects identified at a meeting a couple of months ago. One in particular is seriously considering membership.

Harry Polley continues to solicit "Membership Moments" for the AppleKnocker on a regular basis.

We are working with the group formed from both Sebastopol clubs regarding public image and promotion of Rotary.

We are working with the new Sponsorship Committee to identify membership opportunities.

The request for Chamber of Commerce speakers has been very well received by Chamber members. At least six more are scheduled by mid-March. One of the previous speakers – a lawyer – inquired about membership.

Jack Blasco is taking over as the chair of the Retention Subcommittee which also includes the Mentors Program. **Dave Madsen** has raised this part of our Club's membership efforts to a new level of commitment towards integrating and keeping new members. We are all indebted. I am also very excited about **Jack's** new leadership because he shows a true passion for this effort.

APPLEKNOCKER COMMITTEE [Chair: David Still] - No new report

CLUB HISTORY COMMITTEE [Chair: Tom Boag] – No new report.

BIRTHDAY CALLER [Chair: Lu Frazier] – No new report.

GREETERS [Chair: Rick Wilson, Robin Maybury] – No new report.

PHOTOGRAPHY ROTO-PHOTO COMMITTEE [Chair-Wrangler: Harvey Henningsen] — Photogs are in place for the rest of the

(Rotary) year.

SCRIBES COMMITTEE [Chair-Wrangler: Patrick Dirden] - Patrick says Scribes are lined up through March.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE [Chair: Jørgen Holst] - Speakers are all lined up through April.

SERGEANT AT ARMS [Chair: Nao Noguchi]: No new report - but they are still looking for two microphone stands - new or used.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE [Chair: Linda Johnson] - No new report

Happy Hour Committee [Chair: Meredeth Bertacco] - Meredeth is going to reach out to Monica Kretschmer and see if they can organize a Happy Hour.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE [Chair: Cory Maguire] – No new report WEBSITE COMMITTEE [Chair: Robin Maybury] – No new report

CLUB ACTIVITIES AREA - DIRECTOR ALEIA COATE: -



CLUB PICNIC (Co-Chairs: Bob Cugini and David Still) - No new report. Picnic happened

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (Chair: Richard Petersen) – Golf Tournament is on track.

TOUR D'ORGANICS REST STOP (Chair: Torrey Olson) - Tour D'Organics cancelled this year.

HAPPY HOURS (WAS ROTARY AFTER HOURS) (Chair: **Meredeth Bertacco**) – **Aleia** is pursuing a Happy Hour with **Meredeth Bertacco**.

APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE FLOAT (Chair: TBD) - No new report.

DEBUNKING (Chair: Richard Power) - No new report.

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: Barbara Beedon and Ruthie Dunlap) - No new report.

HOLIDAY PARTY (Chair: Cindy Carter-Flamm) – No new report, event occurred.

SUPER BOWL BOARD (Co-Chairs: Aleia Coate and Torrey Olson) - Super Bowl Board happened.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM (Chair: Mike Ferguson) – No new report.

CLUB PHOTO (Chair: **Harvey Henningsen**) – Club Photo is finished and members who missed first photo but were in the make-up photo were "PhotoShopped" in. A club logo was added. The Club Photo is now available for the webpage and for meeting PowerPoint.

PEDAL 4 POLIO (Chair: Bob Rogers) - No new report.

SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY GROUP (CHAIR: Jim Passage) - No new report.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR LU FRAZIER:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (Chair: Dan Rasmus) - No new report.

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (WCS) (Chair: Bob Rogers) - [President Larry summarized for Bob Rogers and Lu Frazier...].

"Although **Dan Rasmus** indicated that there is no new information for a Foundation Report, I would like to revisit the World Community Service report from our January Board Meeting presented by **Jack Blasco** on behalf of **Bob Rogers**. We noted for funding at a podium meeting three weeks ago but not much information has been transferred from the World Community Service Committee to the Board or the membership. The projects that were funded were: 1) "Water Filters for Families" with Puerto Vallarta Sur, \$2,500; 2) 100 Hospital Mattresses for the Chidamoyo Hospital in Zimbabwe, \$5,000; and 3) Tanzania School Rainwater Harvesting and Toilet Blocks Project in combination with Sebastopol Sunrise, \$2,500. Other projects were mentioned but no funding was recommended. I anticipate that a WCS Committee report to the membership will be upcoming and I'd like to have the Board up to speed on these projects beforehand. I've provided an attachment from the January Board meeting to refresh everyone's memory."



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