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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Toni Beal WSCUHSD – CRAB FEED TOO



BE THE INSPIRATION

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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



Well, my goodness, where to begin? It's been a long, and from the looks of it, successful weekend of Roto-comradery, honest to goodness hard messy work with a finely coordinated, highly efficient volunteer crew of Rotarians to carry off another successful fund raising event. **Crab-Daze was a success on all levels.**

Congratulations to **Patrick Dirden & Scott Briggs** who coordinated this event.

Your Scribe bounced around the finely tuned undulating organism that was our club in action as we successfully raised \$\$\$ to fund **Mark Sell's** dream to provide mini-grants to the requests of interested West County teachers for classroom supplies.

Congratulations to all of you Sebastopol Rotarians who worked at different levels with enthusiasm, while having fun creating another successful Fund-Raiser.

Rotary Crab-Days season opened early for some Rotarians at **Greg Gill & Dan Davis's** Crab palace.



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Future Programs

February 15, 2019

**Lance Morgan
Marine Biologist**

February 22, 2019

**Deborah Ramelli
Ceres Community Project**

March 1, 2019

**Neysa Hinton
Mayor of Sebastopol**

Events

**Golf Tournament
April 29, 2019**

Miscellany

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I arrived under an intermittently sunny/cloudy sky that suggested rain would be coming. and was glad I had brought my brand new OSHA approved, highly visible rain suit. When the rains started falling It made for a blinding fashion-statement

The usual old-dogs of the club + a couple of new pups were already there.....just standing around, waiting for the Crabs to Arrive!



Jack Blasco, Greg Jacobs, Tom Dilley, Nao Noguchi, Scott & Sally Briggs, Bob Cary, Lucky Pierre, College friends Dave Madsen & Harry Polley, Bob Rogers, Co-Leader of Crab-Week Patrick Dirden, Sunrise Roto-Legend Michael McGlothlin, Jim Pacatte, Stephen Zollman, Jim Passage, Rick Wilson, Tom Boag, Richard Power, & Me.

As soon as the Crab-Mobile had parked **Jim Pacatte** jumped on the forklift and the bins of crabs were put in place the veteran high-trained & motivated crab-skinners sprang into action.





There was a crab-catchen team, a “last-rights” group, a crab-cleaning team, a crab-cooken team - working in perfect unison with cooking-timer and King of the Crab-Palace **Greg Gill**. There was a crab-kooling & Icing team to put the crabs on ice to be retrieved and cracked after the regular Friday Roto Meeting.

As you look at this week’s newsletter see if you can put the Rotarian’s names with each of the teams.



If you’ve never been to the morning part of Crab-days, it’s worth coming by just to see the ethereal scene effects that six gigantic pots of boiling water.....some boiling with crabs, some empty & steaming as the elite team of cooked-crab-carriers trails rising

steam while they hustle their crab pots to the crab-cold-water-&-cooling team. The crabs tumble to the table and the crab-washers cold water wash & pre-cool the crabs as they go to the put-the-crabs-on-ice team. The ever changing patterns of steam.....obscuring, and then revealing Rotarians working together as one.





Of particular interest to the afore mentioned teams were the hot-drinks. Coffee, hot cider, & Nao's famous "Sake" to warm the soul," Plus croissants & rolls.



By the time the crabs had all been prepared & put on ice it was time for our regular Friday Rotary meeting. As I drove to our Friday meeting I marveled at the enthusiasm and spirit of cooperation that runs throughout our club.

🍎 AT THE BELL 🍎



Arriving at the Roto-Palace I pushed through the palace doors and there was **Bob Cugini** extending his hand for a friendly hand-shake and an enthusiastic "Welcome to Rotary."

I get my #6 badge on death row and it's off to **Ken Jacobs** who takes my credit card swipes it, enters an unknown price for lunch and then signs the machine for me. Good thing I trust **Kenny**.

The lunch was soupy chicken.....not my favorite.

I'm into eating/slurping my soggy chicken and CLANG! Right on schedule **President Larry Ford** brings the meeting to order 3 minutes late.
The Flag salute.....Master-Crab-Cleaner **Tom Dilley** led us in the flag salute..



The Song.....Karen Daniels led us in the Song *America...* Wish our voices sounded as sweet as hers.

The Thought for the Day.....President Larry called past president, past district governor, current coordinator of the worldwide Rotary conference in



Hamburg Germany & darn-near the highest-ranking Rotarian you will ever have the pleasure to meet, **John Blount**.

John shared three thoughts for the day and urged us to consider joining him and other Rotarians in Hamburg Germany



From Houston Astros pitcher Larry Anderson: *If at first you don't succeed, failure might be your thing.*

From W.C. Fields : *There comes a time in everyone's life when they have to take the bull by the tail and face the situation.*

And from Walt Disney: *That's what we storytellers do. We restore order with imagination. We instill hope again and again and again.*

With the early meeting details taken care of, **Pres. Larry** dismissed us to our limp chicken urging us to "Be the Inspiration!"



ROTARIANS & GUESTS



My final cookie was being enjoyed with a 2nd cup of coffee when **Ca-LANG! Pres. Larry** brought the meeting back to order on [his schedule] at precisely 12:32 according to the palace timepiece

Arise Bud-Man, or in this case stand. Mr. mellow-voice **Bud Daveiro** said that there was just one Roto-Visitor.....and it's not like he's a visitor, he's been making up consistently at our club for 20 yrs. now.....Dan Bornstein. Dan, make it easy on yourself, switch clubs.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Paul Yeomans introduced Kelly Back, the new Exchange bank manager. Let's see..... there was **Dorothy**, then **Dave**, now **Kelly**. I suspect that the Exchange bank has become a secret recruiting agent for us. Check out the coffee-bar at the E. bank and the piles of Rotary Dictionaries around **Kelly Back's** desk.

Well, back to **Paul Yeomans**, he introduced Kelly who was indeed a guest at that moment but,...that would soon change. We were just talking about those dictionaries stacked up



around poor ol Kelly's desk at the E. Bank down the road. **President Larry** thanked **Paul** for his Chair-manship of the committee and also recognized new member **Kelly Back** along with **Dana Moises, Mike Carey & Ruthie Dunlap**.



I've already spilled the beans about **Kelly** coming in to the club. As I mentioned earlier **Kelly's** induction was quite a scene. He received a standing ovation.

Patrick Dirden & Scott Briggs were recognized for organizing and producing "Crab-Dazes-in-Sebastopol."



As scribe & having already done some in-depth interviews & investigations that morning at the Crab Palace and later at the main event the words that I kept hearing from at the crab-persons on the production line to the servers at the Feed were, "*this year it's really well organized.....It's easier this year because everyone knows what to do.*" Compliments like that are rare.

Your scribe thinks this event is the best yearly Roto-project that brings club members together in an almost perfect harmony of cooperation, comradery and fun year after year.



Torrey Olson and Aleia Coate took the podium to announce the winners of the Super Bowl Board. Because of the disappointing game and even more disappointing finish, the only real winner was the *Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation*. Some few people did take

home a little cash including **Hal Kwalwasser** and the big winner **Gene Nelson** which proves the power of prayer.

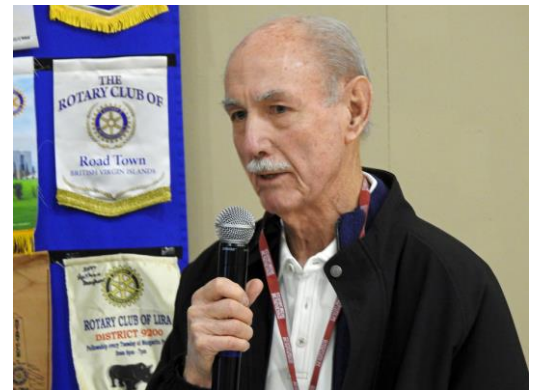


🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎



My table mate, the judge, **Bob Boyd**, Known as J-BB by the insiders over at the courthouse was recognized for Coming to two consecutive Roto-meetings.....Huh?..... Will Greg Gill get recognition if he shows up to a meeting? [I digress.] Bob is looking fit, still at his Navy-Seal weight and looking forward to more fishing & family time after retirement.

Russ Cunningham was called upon and he is retired but feeling stressed with his duties on the Oakmont Board. He has to make a presentation a few times a year. **President Larry** was not sympathetic





🍎 RAFFLE 🍎

Things must be slow in the Rotary Ladder ball department because **Smooth-Talkin President Larry** dropped the requirement that bolos land on separate rungs for the payout. **Guenter Meiberg** nailed two bolos on one rung and walked away with two bucks.



🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

Toni Beal member of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol and presently the Superintendent of West Sonoma County Schools was introduced by **Keller McDonald**. **Toni** has been on the job for two months. They say that if you want to look good, take a job with real problems so you can fix them and shine. **Toni** is in a perfect position to do just that.



Toni outlined some of the challenges faced by the district. Even though Measure A provided solid funding for some aspects of the District, declining enrollment is a separate and serious problem. Pension costs have also had a negative impact on levels of service.



The district is currently working on a program to nail down what is called a Portrait of a Graduate. What skills and behaviors are most desirable in all graduates of West County Schools going into the future. These questions and more face Rotarian **Toni Beal** and West County. We are confident she will succeed admirably

🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

President Larry brought out the hook to end Toni's program and rang the bell to close the meeting a 1:37



AFTER THE FINAL BELL



Rotarians adjourned and went back to the **Greg Gill Ranch** to finish preparations for the Crab Feed. Check out the photos and see who was there besides the 1,700 pounds of fresh Crab.





Rotary **MEMBERSHIP MOMENT**

I had been a Rotarian before in Southern California, but it was a 3-year experience working for a YMCA in Japan that made me appreciate the international scope and potential of Rotary. When we returned to California in 1979, I joined the Sebastopol Club as a starving insurance salesman thinking someday, I could apply some of my experience abroad to international service work.

I soon discovered that there were incredible opportunities to do community work as well. Members saw that I had some latent talents and encouraged me to be involved with club and community service work. When I volunteered in community and club projects side by side with other professionals, we got to know each other's character and professional skills. In so doing I met other club members who needed my insurance expertise and who trusted me to help them with their needs and refer me to others.

After 30 years, in 2009 my wife Jean and I moved to Weaverville, CA where she was called to be a minister of a small church. I joined the very small Rotary club there and again found that so much was possible through Rotary. Like in Sebastopol, I pitched in and came to be involved in new and borrowed ways to serve the community there. We borrowed the "Cool Kids Camp" idea founded by now deceased and beloved Sebastopol Rotarian Tom Farrell. A nearby private summer camp for kids from all over the US longed to serve underprivileged children in the area, most who could never afford to attend. Our club worked with Child Protective Services to get 12 underprivileged children be a part of this 2-week residence camp. And the Weaverville club funded these kids camp experience at cost from a fund-raising idea we heard about from Sebastopol Rotarian Bob Cary.

In 2015 Jean and I returned to Sonoma County and I rejoined the Sebastopol Rotary Club. We were welcomed back by those professionals and business owners I had volunteered with to put on crab feeds, or paint a home, or teach kids to swim. Many were also wonderful clients as well. We are now mostly retired and no longer starving. We are so thankful and fulfilled over these nearly 40 years by lifelong Rotary friendships.

Jeff Boal

The Supplement is coming

Readers, a forthcoming “**Crazy-Roto-Crab-Daze**” supplement will be coming to your favorite screen or monitor soon. It will be fun to look at, just like the funny papers.....Lots of pictures and not to many words.

The images you will see have been created by Rotarians, for Rotarians & their loved ones to enjoy. Share these images with friends so that they might see the power of many with single purpose.....having fun.

You will like these images and the supplement it comes in.

We promise, The Editors

February 15, 2019: Lance Morgan – Marine Biologist

Dr. Lance Morgan is a marine biologist who came to Marine Conservation Institute in 2000, becoming President in 2012. He has spoken to our club several times before.

Born in Connecticut and growing up as a son of a US Navy nuclear submarine captain, Lance learned about and became deeply committed to conserving our living oceans while living in California, Hawaii and Washington. Lance received his Master's in Marine Science from San Francisco State University. His doctoral research explored factors influencing recruitment of marine invertebrates, for which he received his PhD in Ecology from the University of California-Davis (1997).

