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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Pat Kerrigan – On the Air During the Fires



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL

Calling All Scribes. **Patrick Dirden** is presently on the prowl for scribe talent. Have you ever considered writing a letter to the Sonoma West paper and then didn't? You can be a scribe. Have you ever written out a grocery list? You can be a scribe. Sign up today.

AT THE BELL



At precisely 12:15 **President Larry Ford** rang the welcome bell and called on **Nancy Dwyer** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

JT Martin led us in the singing of *America (My Country 'Tis Of Thee)* at just the perfect pitch.



Jim Pacatte brought his wisdom in three thoughts-offered in the spirit of Rotary:

*A team can accomplish more than an individual.
We all have this limited time on earth, how can we help others?
Over analyzing brings indecision.*

🍎 Future Programs 🍎

January 25, 2019

Maile Arnold
The Wonder of Cover Crops

February 1, 2019

Ellen Bauer
Sonoma County Health Services

February 8, 2019

To Be Announced (Any got suggestions?)

February 15, 2019

Lance Morgan
Marine Biologist

February 22, 2019

Deborah Ramelli
Ceres Community Project

March 1, 2019

Neysa Hinton
Mayor of Sebastopol

🍎 Events 🍎

Crab Feed
February 9, 2019
Holy Ghost Hall, Sebastopol

Golf Tournament
April 29, 2019

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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🍎 ROTARIANS & GUESTS 🍎

Visiting Rotarian Michael McGlothlin was introduced by **Bud Daveiro**. **Bud** said that Michael's occupation is swimsuit model. (Hmmm, Four-Way Test???)



Dave McLennon introduced Guest of the Club Kelly Back.



He also introduced Troy Nebbit, manager of Andy's.

Keller McDonald introduced his wife and future first lady Marcia

Jeff Boal introduced his wife and past **first lady** Jean.

Guenther Meiburg introduced his wife Elaine.



Dana Moises introduced her friend Terri Moon



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jim Passage introduced his guest Dr. Steve Levenberg. Dr. Steve was given the podium where he took the opportunity to thank the Rotary Club of Sebastopol for our support of *Project Cure*.

Project Cure sponsored by the Sebastopol World Friends organization sought to raise funds to send hospital and medical supplies and machinery to our sister city Chyhyryn in Ukraine. Dr. Steve had previously visited Chyhyryn and noted an extreme lack of medical supplies etc. The Rotary Club of Sebastopol, through the World Service Committee was the largest financial donor for the project. The project was a huge success amassing a container full of supplies and devices delivered without incident to Ukraine.



Its Crab Feed Time. **Scott Briggs** announced the Crab feed is on the way. February 9 is the big night. Buy your tickets today or soon. **Aldean** is selling tickets or they are available on line. You can also sign up to volunteer on one of many exciting tasks. If you have never cracked crab on Friday afternoon after the Rotary meeting, you are really missing something. Your cats will love you when you get home.

Scott is also looking for donated wine. He suggests that if you are a wine club member at a West County Winery, ask them if they will donate some wine to our event. It can happen.

President Larry announced the next Redwood Empire Food Bank Work day coming on January 31.

Jeff Boal talked about an opportunity to help out locally. The City of Sebastopol is having a Goal Setting session at City Hall on January 29 at 9 am. **Jeff** suggests you bring your good ideas and come on down.

Paul Yeomans announced that he has a volunteer for every school covered by the Dictionary Program and all that remains now is the delivery. The dictionaries are on hand and at Exchange Bank.

🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

President Larry recognized **Tim Moore** and **Meredeth Bertacco** with a slide of them at *The Game Room*. If you don't know about this, **Tim** wants you to know that you go to *The Game Room* and they lock you in and give you some clues to find your way out. I suppose you could stay there all day and night. **Tim** credits his son-in-law for getting him out of there. If this sounds like fun to you, you should look it up. We hope you get out or at least have **Tim's** son-in-law's phone number handy.



Patty Blount had a recent birthday and went to dinner at Giostra in Petaluma.

Bob Hirsch had a big birthday befitting **Big Bob**. Although it had to be postponed by one day due to a family matter, he eventually celebrated his 70th with 100 of his closest friends.



Jim Pacatte also celebrated with dinner out. I don't think he had 100 guests but maybe.

Sally Ewald chose to celebrate her January 18 birthday with almost 100 Rotarians right here at the Roto Palace. As punishment, she had to listen to a weak rendition of the classic "Happy Birthday to You." Sorry **Sally**.

Patty and John Blount had an anniversary on 12/16. They went to Drake's Club to celebrate 45 years together, though since they also work together, it's technically 90, taking contributions to the *Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation* accordingly. She is still planning her anniversary celebration.



🍎 RAFFLE 🍎

Frequent Raffle winner **PDG Bob Rogers** once again struck luck. He has tried this so many times that one would almost think he would get it right. Nope. One bolo struck the bar, the other two caromed off into oblivion.

🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎



Barbara Beedon introduced Pat Kerrigan from Radio Station KSRO. Pat has become something of a local hero for staying on the microphone during the horrendous fires of October 2017. Pat has had a long and storied career as a radio personality. On October 8, she was awoken and evacuated from her home in Kenwood due to fires everywhere. She went to work.

As most people know, there was no cell service, most TV was down and the internet was missing in action. People turned to AM Radio to find out what was going on and Pat Kerrigan filled that need, staying on microphone for 24 days, reporting everything. The first twelve hours were a mess. No one knew what exactly was happening but Pat worked the phones and rounded up as much information as possible and relayed it via KSRO. People in the fire's

path listened to Pat. Medical personnel at Kaiser and Sutter listened to Pat. She became the defacto information center during the first difficult hours of the inferno and she stayed on it as long as she could

Pat was most impressed with the spirit of volunteerism that swept the county. The volunteer center fielded 14,000 phone calls looking to help, not looking for help. Pat points out that the two year anniversary will be here soon and many people will have to finally decide whether to stay or go. Pat also recommended that people take personal responsibility. As she said ' In these kinds of emergencies, Superman ain't coming. You need to be ready yourself to help yourself.'



THE FINAL BELL



With the crack of the bell at 1:30 PM sharp, **Prez Larry** concluded another successful meeting.

Rotary



MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Overcoming Obstacles is both profoundly moving and troubling, and it shows what a great local Rotary club can do.

Whenever I hear the stories of the kids we select as winners of this particular scholarship, I recognize how important it is for these students to find they have someone in their lives who wants to support them. Too often, I think, we forget that there are lots of young people in this country who are really struggling. Sometimes, it is a physical disability, which is an obvious, visible obstacle to overcome, but more likely, it is a kid from a totally dysfunctional home, who may look fine on the outside, but who is under the tremendous psychological - and sometimes physical - burden of having a mother or a father (or both) who are not there for them. Whether it is drugs, or physical abuse, or simply having parents who need to keep at 2-3 jobs at a time to survive, these kids grow up without the kind of support and sustenance every child deserves. Their experience with OOA may be the first time in their lives they have a caring adult in their lives.

OOA is a symbol of what a local Rotary can do. We can find things of real value to our community and tailor what we do to the special needs of the people we serve. At a time when the concept of community is strained in an America that is increasingly divided not just by race but also by class, it is a way to bridge a divide and demonstrate that kids who work hard and believe in themselves can still make it in America. That's a great message.

Hal Kwalwasser

January 25, 2019: Maile Arnold – The Wonder of Cover Crops

Maile Arnold, a resident of Hawaii and friend of our very own Richard Power, has an AB from Vassar College in Physiology, and MS in Environmental Education from Cal State East Bay. She has worked as an organic gardener and landscape designer for more than 40 years.



She will join us to talk about the wonder of cover crops, how we can sequester carbon through gardening.

February 1, 2019: Ellen Bauer – Sonoma County Health Services

The Department of Health Services works to promote and protect the health and well-being of every member of the community. The Director, Ellen Bauer, will be joined by Tracy Greenwald-Brown, their Director of Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health, to present their work to support healthy early child development during the very important “First 1000 Days.” They believe this “upstream” work is directly linked to preventing a wide range of health and social problems across the life course, including child abuse, domestic violence, addiction, mental illness, etc.