



Alison Bies – ARTSTART; Larry Ford 1st Mtg



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL

As we arrived for the first meeting of the new Rotary year, I must admit that our table was a bit disappointed not to find complementary toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss on the table. And the recording of a dentist drill in full operation was just a bit disconcerting! (just kidding).



AT THE BELL

Good news was that our new Prez was right on time and after calling the meeting to order received a standing ovation. Enjoy the moment, **President Larry**. **Julie Cugini** led the pledge and **Karen Daniels** led us in "America the Beautiful." For his Thought for the Day, **Dick Zimmer** shared some wisdom from the Talmud: "We do not see things as they are. We see things as we are." Good advice in these contentious and divisive times.



VISITORS AND GUESTS

Actually, there were no visiting Rotarians this day. Do they know something we don't know?

Guests of Rotarians:

Paul Yeomans introduced a return visitor, Kelly Back, the new manager at Exchange Bank. **Robin Maybury** introduced two guests from Yorkshire, both relatives of wife, **Jean**: Sheila Brown and Janet Symonds, **Marie Blasco** introduced a return visitor, Joyce Oneko

Richard Power introduced his wife, **Trish**, and **President Larry's wife, Gerry**, whom our president seemed to have forgotten. Ah, the burdens of high office. Welcome All!



Future Programs

July 13, 2018

Speaker – Linda Collins, Exec. Dir.
Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce

July 20, 2018

Speaker – Susan O’Sullivan, Dir.
Filoli Estate

July 27, 2018

Speaker – Patrick Slayter, Mayor
Sebastopol City Council

August 03, 2018

Speaker – Jeff Chuma
Sonoma County Dept. of
Rehabilitation

August 10, 2018

Offsite Meeting TBD

Future Events

Summer Picnic:
Saturday, August 18th

Miscellany

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–JackEDunlap@gmail.com

On-line Make-Ups:

www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Hal and our PR Committee...



He is still looking for any anecdotes from this past Rotary year. If you have any stories or special memories, he wants them. I know, for most of us the year was just a blur but scan your memory banks or what is left of your memory banks!

Also, **Michelle Kimble** has had to step down as our social media guru. A replacement is needed...now! If you have skills in Facebook, etc., please contact **Hal**.

President Larry then re-introduced our Rotary Board for 2018-19:

Youth/Vocational Service – **Hal Kwalwasser**

Club Service – **Jim Passage**

Club Activities - **Aleia Coate**

International Service – **Lu Frazier**

Community Service – **Peggy Rogers**

President Elect – **Keller McDonald**

Past-President – **Jack Blasco**

Treasurer – **Ken Jacobs**

Secretary – **Jack Dunlap**

President – **Larry Ford**.

President Larry stressed again that it is time to sign up for next year’s committees. This is where the real work of Rotary is done. Find an area of service that interests you and please sign up. And he reminded us that we really don’t want him to start “pulling teeth” to get these committees filled. He also reminded us that RI President, Barry Rassin, has chosen for his theme, “Be the Inspiration.” **Larry** then shared what this theme means to him as a core belief:

“We all desire to do good things to help our fellow humans and to make the world a better place. As individuals we struggle to find a path to achieve our lofty ideals. That’s where our collective power comes into play through Rotary. We like-minded individuals create a synergy that overcomes the inertia of the mundane. This elevates each of us to a higher

level of being and satisfaction. But this only happens if we are engaged. Here's how to become engaged. Those of you who haven't joined a committee, please review all the opportunities to serve and enjoy the fulfillment that is the reward of service." (see committee list at the bottom of this Appleknocker)

Speaking of committees, **President Larry** thanked **Ron Puccinelli** for his great job chairing the Debunking of Jack Blasco. It quite literally knocked **Jack** off his feet.

Upcoming Events:

Club Picnic – Saturday, 8/18 at the home of **Bob Hirsch**, 11:00 – 4:00. Bring swim suits for swimming in the pool or for playing pool. Price of this event to be announced soon.

Apple Fair – 8/10. Once again we will have an offsite meeting on the Friday of Apple Fair. Location will soon be announced. Hopefully it won't involve a dental chair.

Next Week's meeting will feature Linda Collins, Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce, as our speaker.

Good Byes: Both Bob Cary and Michael Hixson have announced their resignations from our Rotary Club. Hard to see them go.

RECOGNITIONS

An introductory Word on Recognitions: The amount we pay in dues will be just that...dues. Birthdays and Anniversaries will continue to be \$5.00 fine. All other recognitions will be over and above dues and will be meted out by our **President** as appropriate. The proper definition of "appropriate" will be determined as we move forward.

Scott Briggs – June 1. Sadly, **Scott** and **Sally** were forced to spend his birthday at their apartment in the south of France. He just can't seem to catch a break.

Mark Stevens – June 10. **Mark** celebrated his birthday at a Yoga retreat on the Cook River. Or was it a Yoda retreat? Fortunately, the rigors of yoga were assuaged by rafting and swimming.



Monica Kretschmer – June 21. She spent a relaxing day eating sushi and enjoying the company of her daughters.

Anniversaries

Hal Kwalwasser and **Estelle Rogers** – June 5. They shared a great dinner with good Sonoma County wine at Dry Creek.

Dick Zimmer and **Barbara** – June 7. A trip to Yosemite with grandchildren, along with some Warrior watching. Recent surgery could not keep Barbara from sharing in this memorable trip.

Harry Polley and **Jean** – June 17. A romantic evening was spent washing and drying laundry in Bozeman, Montana. Ah, love. And **Harry** was in a delightful mood after having a planned fishing trip washed out.



Dave Madsen and **Carleen** – June 19. **Dave** pointed out that they received no invitations for the south of France. So they chose a dinner with family.

Katy Spyrka and **Scott** – June 29. A trip to Capitola for a visit and dinner with good friends.

It should perhaps be pointed out that **President Larry** had to shell out \$15 for mentioning one birthday and two anniversaries that had already been recognized. A rookie mistake.



Brag Bucks:

Past District Governor, Bob Rogers, announced that at the RI convention in Toronto, our District 5130 was honored for being 16th in terms of Polio Plus giving in all of Rotary. And Bob had a lot to do with that.

🍎 THE RAFFLE 🍎

I really think you had to be there. **Our President** introduced us to ladder ball. The goal is to wrap an enclosed ball around one of the rungs of a three-rung ladder. If you succeed in doing that, you receive points depending on which rung your ball managed to find. And points must lead to cash, but I don't really know since the raffle "winner", **Jack Dunlap**, was unable to find a single ladder rung. He was rewarded \$5 for his effort. Have I managed to confuse you? Almost makes one wish for **Bob Rogers** and his vegetables!



🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

Our speaker was Alison Bies of ARTSTART. ARTSTART was begun 19 years ago by Liz Uribe. She modeled it after a program in Chicago designed to get and keep teenagers involved in the arts and to help kids transition to careers in the arts after high school. The ARTSTART mission statement: "Our mission is to provide job training, mentoring, and the fostering of life-changing breakthroughs by way of stimulation arts work experience for Sonoma County Youth, while creating public art for our community." This is an opportunity for teens to make a positive difference in their communities with their art.

The 2018 summer session has 14 kids – apprentices – who are mentored by two lead artists. The session runs from June 20 to July 20 and includes scholarships for the students. High school youth are asked to submit their art portfolios to apply for this program. ARTSTART public art can be found throughout the community: the Spring Lake Children's Memorial Grove, the Prince Memorial Greenway, silhouettes at the CASA offices - a project that included youth in the CASA program, public benches, a mural at the Palms Inn, indeed a number of murals and mosaics throughout Santa Rosa. They will also do projects for private individuals, because the program can always use extra money. Alison told of one project for a fire victim in which the student artists have turned fire-damaged china into a beautiful mosaic. Interestingly, years ago Jane Byrnes, whom many of us know, suggested that the plain brown tubes that the Press Democrat is delivered in could be turned into a community art project. And ARTSTART made it so! The Prince Greenway project has also involved repairing damaged and vandalized art. And the



kids of ARTSTART have been able to partner with many homeless people in the area to protect and preserve the art projects there.

Changing lives – and a community – one art project at a time, all the while encouraging and mentoring young artists. That is what ARTSTART is all about. Speaking of the Children’s Memorial at Spring Lake, Melissa Kelley, Executive Director of Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation, said, “Art and outdoor spaces both have the ability to help people heal.”

 **THE FINAL BELL** 

President Larry thanked Alison Bies for her informative talk and presented her with a gift in her name to Rotary’s Polio program – The gift provides polio immunization to 50 kids. Alison thanked President Larry for that... saying that her mother has Post-Polio. He then rang the bell (exactly 1:30), ending his first meeting.

 **AFTER THE BELL** 

Sign up for a committee...and here they are:

<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>	<u>PEGGY ROGERS</u>
CRAB FEED		Chair:	Nao Noguchi, Scott Briggs
FALL FUNDRAISER (formerly LobsterFest))		Chair:	Keller McDonald
COMMUNITY GRANTS		Chair:	TBD (Linda Johnson)
LEARN TO SWIM		Co-Chair:	Greg Jacobs, Rick Wilson
MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER MINI-GRANTS		Chair:	Jack Blasco
DICTIONARY		Chair:	TBD (Paul Yeomans)
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS		Co-Chair:	TBD (Steve Beck, Ellen Harrington)
LEARN WITH ME		Chair:	Linda Irving
PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION		Co-Chair:	TBD (Henry Alker, Steve Zivolich)
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS		Chair:	TBD (Cory Maguire)

<u>VOCATIONAL SERVICE</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>	<u>HAL KWALWASSER</u>
OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD		CoChair:	Tom Boag, David Schreibman, Hal Kwalwasser
INTERACT		Chair:	TBD (Barbara Bickford)
FINANCIAL LITERACY		Co-Chair:	Tim Moore, David Schreibman
ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)		Chair:	TBD (Cindy Carter)
YOUTH EXCHANGE		Co-Chair:	Jackie Moreira, Kati Spyrka, Aleia Coate
HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST		Chair:	TBD (Richard Power)
TRADE PATH (VOCATIONAL AWARDS)		Chair:	TBD (Rick Williams)
SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS		Chair:	Scott Briggs
INTERACT HOLIDAY ADOPT-A-FAMILY		Chair:	Pauline Pellini
CAREER FAIR ANALY HS		Chair:	TBD (Tom Lambert)
COOL KIDS CAMP		Chair:	TBD (Robin Maybury)
ROTARY FOUNDATION			

<u>CLUB SERVICE</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>	<u>JIM PASSAGE</u>
Audio Visual (A/V) Team		Chair:	Ron Puccinelli
PROGRAMS		Chair:	Jorgen Holst
APPLEKNOCKER		Chair:	David Still
PUBLIC RELATIONS		Chair:	Hal Kwalwasser
MEMBERSHIP		Chair:	David Schreibman
BIRTHDAY CALLER		Chair:	Lu Frazier
GREETERS		Co-Chair:	Rick Wilson, Robin Maybury
PHOTOGRAPHY		Chair:	Harvey Henningsen
SCRIBES (For AK)		Chair:	Patrick Dirden
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS		Chair:	Nao Noguchi
SUNSHINE		Chair:	Cory Maguire
CLUB HISTORY / ARCHIVE		Chair:	TBD (Tom Boag)
WEBSITE		Chair:	Robin Maybury
CLUB SECRETARY (ASSIST)			
CLUB TREASURER (ASSIST)			

<u>CLUB ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>	<u>ALEIA COATE</u>
DEBUNKING		Chair:	Richard Power
FRIENDSHIP DINNERS		Co-Chair:	TBD (Barbara Beedon, Ruthie Dunlap)
GOLF TOURNAMENT		Chair:	Richard Peterson
CLUB PICNIC		Co-Chair:	Bob Cugini, David Still
HOLIDAY PARTY		Chair:	Cindy Carter-Flamm
SUPER BOWL BOARD		Co-Chair:	TBD (Aleia Coate, Torrey Olson)
VETERANS DAY PROGRAM		Chair:	TBD (Mike Ferguson)
HAPPY HOUR		Chair:	TBD (Monica Kretschmer)
APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE FLOAT		Chair:	TBD
TOUR d'ORGANICS REST STOP		Chair:	TBD (Torrey Olson)
PEDAL 4 POLIO		Chair:	Bob Rogers

<u>INTERNATIONAL SERVICE</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>	<u>LU FRAZIER</u>
ROTARY INTERNATINOAL FOUNDATION		Chair:	TBD (Dan Rasmus)
WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE		Chair:	TBD (Frank Mayhew)
PROGRAMMA DE BECAS		Chair:	Tom Lambert


FUTURE PROGRAMS


JULY 13, 2018 – Linda Collins – Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce



Linda is the newly appointed Executive Director at the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, and has held this position since February of this year. Prior to this position she was the Marketing Director and a volunteer at the Chamber, as well as a member of the Board for six years, and President for two of those years.

She retired from Westamerica Bank in 2013 after spending 33 years in banking, to pursue a change of life style.

She is a Sebastopol native, was raised here, went to Gravenstein Elementary, and then on to Analy High School, before she attended the Santa Rosa J.C. for 2 years. She has always loved working in our community with our diverse and unique individuals, and is looking forward to sharing with us what

is happening at the Chamber of Commerce now and in the future.

July 20, 2018 – Susan O'Sullivan – Filoli Estate

Susan O'Sullivan is the director of development and external relations at Filoli, an historic country estate and public garden located in Woodside, California. Susan has been at Filoli for eight years in different capacities, including management responsibility for Filoli's 175,000 visitors per year, 10,000+ members, and 700 volunteers. In her current role she oversees Filoli's fundraising, marketing and publicity efforts. Susan loves sharing Filoli with the Bay Area community and feels that everyone can benefit from a day of respite, surrounded by beautiful gardens and nature.

