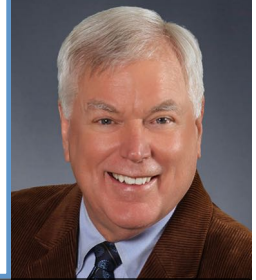




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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL

It was another perfect Friday afternoon. The Roto-flock gathered for the usual dose of friendship and fellowship, but was also eager to hear from our returning exchange student, MeeKa Martin, and the Mayor of our fair city, Patrick Slayter. So much to hear, so much to do! Let's get this party started!

AT THE BELL



Our fearless leader, **President Larry Ford**, struck the Roto-bell at 12:15PM sharp. He had a schedule to keep! **Steve Prandini** stepped to the front of the hall to lead the flock in the pledge. After which, **Scott Briggs** offered a two-for-one thought of the day, from Pablo Picasso and Sir Winston Churchill.

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." – Pablo Picasso

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life but what we give." – Winston Churchill

With his vocal chords all warmed up, **Robin Maybury** led the group in a rousing rendition of "God Bless America." Breaking order, **Richard Power** informed us that our star singer, **Karen Daniels**, was in the hospital for scheduled surgery. **Karen**, we're all wishing you a speedy recovery.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Our stalwart **Secretary Jack Dunlap** announced there were no visiting Rotarians this week. However, there were a few guests in the hall. **Dorothy Rodella** introduced us to a guest of the club, Kelly Back, the new Exchange Bank Sebastopol branch manager. **Steve Beck** introduced us to a guest of the club, Joyce Oneko. Joyce informed us that she will be out of the area until November. Safe travels, and we look forward to your return, Joyce! **Yvette Williams van Aggelen** introduced us to our returning Rotary Youth Exchange student, fresh from Taiwan, MeeKa Martin. Her parents, Eric & Yukako Martin, joined MeeKa. **Jim Passage** introduced us to our guest speaker, the Mayor of Sebastopol, Patrick Slayter.



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

August 03, 2018

**Speaker – Sandra Aguayo
Sonoma County Dept. of
Rehabilitation**

August 10, 2018

**Offsite at Gabriel Farms
3175 Sullivan Rd Sebastopol**

August 17, 2018

**Speaker – Michael Gillotti
Sebastopol Peace Wall**

August 24, 2018

Bridge of Hope Childrens Choir

August 31, 2018

Congressman Jared Huffman

September 7, 2018

**El Molino High School
Dance Company**

🍎 Future Events 🍎

**Summer Picnic:
Saturday, August 18th
Bob Hirsch's**

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–JackEDunlap@gmail.com

**On-line Make-Ups:
www.RotaryEClubOne.org**

**Domestic Violence Hotline:
707-546-1234**

sebastopolrotary.com



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

Dust off that golf bag in the closet folks, and make your way towards Oakmont! Yes folks, it's the annual Oakmont Golf Tournament, hosted by the Valley of the Moon Rotary Club. It takes place on Friday, August 10th. The deadline for entry is Wednesday, August 1st....that's today!

**Valley of the Moon Rotary
3rd Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner**
Proceeds go to VOM Rotary Youth & Community Service Programs

Rotary 

Friday- August 10, 2018
Oakmont Golf Club West Course
7025 Oakmont Drive, Santa Rosa (707)539-0415

<p>Entry Fee: \$100 per golfer/OGC member \$50 \$35 (for those having dinner only)</p> <p>Tournament Format: 4 Person Scramble</p> <p>Putting Contest: \$5, no sign up required, Open to Golfers & Non-Golfers</p>	<p>Entry Fee Includes: Green Fee, Cart Fee, Prizes & Dinner</p> <p>Tournament Schedule: 11:00am Check In Putting contest open 11am-5pm 1:00pm Shotgun Start No Host Cocktails to Follow 6:30pm Dinner, Awards & Raffle Prizes</p>
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SIGN UP FORM

1. _____	Phone & Email _____
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3. _____	Phone & Email _____
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<p>Dinner Only Names:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Enclosed Is:</p> <p>\$100 Golfer Fee X _____ Golfer(s) = \$ _____</p> <p>\$50 Member Fee X _____ Golfer(s) = \$ _____</p> <p>\$35 Dinner Only Fee X _____ Person(s) = \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Enclosed = \$ _____</p>
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DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 1, 2018

Make checks payable to VOM Rotary Foundation
Mail registration form to: Oakmont GC 7025 Oakmont Dr. Santa Rosa 95409
Or turn in to the West Golf Shop at Oakmont Golf Club

Those interested in sponsoring a tee sign, call Judith at (337)496-9810



Mama Mia, it's bocce ball time again! Join **David Schreiber** and other Rotarians on Saturday, August 4th at the So noma County Rotary Bocce Ball Tournament. If you are interested in exercising your throwing arm, contact **David Schreiber**. Just note, our club is the county champion. No pressure!

Enjoy some fresh air and fellowship at Rotary Day at the Laguna Environmental Center on Saturday, October 6th. **Ellen Harrington** needs twenty people to help with maintenance and gardening. All of the tools and training will be provided, so will the doughnuts! If you're interested, let **Ellen** know today!

Break out the sunscreen, and bring your appetite! It's time for the Rotary Club of Sebastopol's annual Summer picnic! Tickets are \$15 each, \$25 for couples, and the kiddies are free! Our own **Emeril Lagasse**, **Mario Ramos**, will be behind the BBQ. Our expert bartender, **Cindy Carter**, will be blending killer margaritas. There will be games, including our own "Wheel of Misfortune!" All this and more will be at Bob Hirsh's house on Saturday, August 18th! Buy your tickets this Friday!

Alert! Attention! On Friday, August 10th, we'll be meeting at **Torrey and Lucy Olson's** Gabriel Farm. Don't come to the Roto-palace. You'll be forced to prepare and bake apple pies!



What were **Bob and Peggy Rogers** doing in formal attire? Did the other Rotarians in attendance miss a memo? We're **Bob and Peggy** going to a gala? Well, they are....in October! Mark your calendars and save the date! October 27th, at Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club, will be the scene of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol's Fall Gala! **Bob and Peggy** are in charge of the live auction. If you love to eat, drink, and travel, they have an auction with your name on it! But, they can always use more items and more ideas! **Bob and Peggy** challenged every table to come up with five ideas for live auction items. **Tom Campbell** stepped forward and offered his cabin in Southern Oregon. Other members brought up ideas ranging from guided fishing trips to a puppy! If you have any ideas, or have a chateau in France, or a dusty case of Dom Perignon 1971 taking up room in the basement, let **Bob and Peggy** know today! Tickets go on sale this Friday!



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE



Our 2017-2018 youth exchange student, MeeKa Martin, recently returned home from a ten-month stint in Taiwan. MeeKa joined us to sum-up ten months of memories and experiences into ten minutes. For MeeKa, the whole experience was challenging and confidence boosting. Her academic experience was rigorous. School lasted until 5pm, and students attended evening courses. She joined several clubs at school, one in which she visited rural villages, and taught science experiments to kids. The students at school were very friendly, accommodating, and eager to help her succeed. The language gap was tough at times, but it became easier over time. Her host families were very welcoming and friendly. MeeKa met up with other exchange students while she was there, which made tough times easier. She forged many life-long friendships while she was there. The experience was life changing. MeeKa expressed her thanks and gratitude for the Rotary Youth Exchange program for this opportunity. Welcome home, MeeKa!





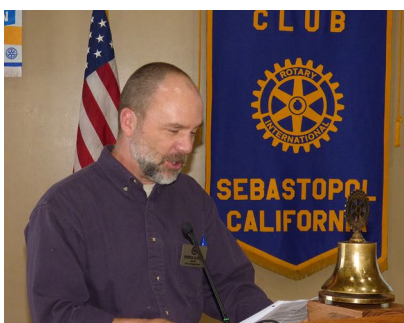
🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎



Mia Del Prete welcomed a new grandson to her family recently. She also announced that her fourth grandchild is on the way, expecting to arrive on Valentines Day next year. **Mia**, congratulations, but you still owe us \$5! **David Schreibman** looked tan, and for good reason. He was recently in San Diego, celebrating his birthday with his family. From the pictures, it looks like no fun was had....yeah right! **David**, hope you brought back \$5! **Dorothy Rodella** recently celebrated a birthday on July 15th. She proclaimed that every day is a holiday and every meal is a feast! Love that spirit, but that will still be \$5! We learned that **Jim Pacatte** recently welcomed his fifth grandson into the world.

Gene Nelson jumped from his chair to announce that he also welcomed a new grandson recently. Congratulations gents! That will be \$5 each!

🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎



Jim Passage stepped up to the Roto-Lectern to introduce our guest speaker, the Mayor of Sebastopol, Patrick Slayter. Patrick has been an active member of our community for years, participating in many civic organizations. He joined the City Council in 2010. Patrick is also a practicing architect. Patrick started his presentation by discussing his philosophy of politics. He finds the arts as a useful tool for understanding politics. The arts require looking at the world through a fresh set of eyes. It also creates more questions than answers. He explained how local governments could be creative,



since the focus of local government is micro focused (streets, schools, sewer systems, infrastructure, etc). He discussed how change creates hesitancy, and how government can serve as the best guide to wade through change.

Patrick discussed the latest happenings at City Hall. Recently, the city adopted its 2018-2019 budget of \$8 Million. The budget is balanced, thanks to conservative spending and tax revenue estimates. The city also has a reserve fund to finance infrastructure improvements and vehicle replacements. The reserve fund also contains funding to cover Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) funding liabilities. The 2008 great recession created a substantial funding deficit to cover public employee pensions. The city estimates a \$9 to \$11 million liability. The reserve funds will help fully cover the liability over time. Sebastopol is in a great position to cover PERS liabilities, when compared to other cities.

Patrick informed us that pedestrian and traffic safety improvements are coming to Sebastopol. A brand new crossing signal will be up and running on Bodega Avenue at Burbank Gardens in August. The city is also finalizing financing for a stop light at Bodega Avenue and Ragle Road. The city is also looking at other safety improvements along Bodega Avenue and Healdsburg Avenue. CalTrans just started a paving project on Highway 116 in Sebastopol. Work will take place in the overnight hours, and should be completed by the end of August. The city is working on addressing the influx of campers parking on Morris Street. The City Attorney and Police Chief are exploring all options. Patrick also announced that the city would be adopting new zoning rules soon. The General Plan update, which took months to complete, should be adopted in the coming weeks. **President Larry** presented Patrick a donation to Polio Plus on his behalf. Patrick shared that one of his closest friends growing up had polio. The donation meant the world to him.

🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

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

Life's A Rotary Beach



Well...there's no sand, but this will be a beachin' picnic!!!

Rotary Club of Sebastopol

When/Where: August 18, 11AM-4PM

Bob Hirsch's playground

1055 Montgomery Road, Sebastopol

1 guest = \$15

2 guests = \$25

Kids under 12 = free

Food: Mario from Mexico Lindo provides culinary needs-chicken, veggies, salads

Drinks: Beer, Margaritas, soda, iced tea, water

Hand-crafted sausages: Mike McGlothlin

Entertainment: Swimming (bring suit & towel), billiards, others

Don't miss the Sebastopol Rotary Wheel of Misfortune!!!



FUTURE PROGRAMS



August 3, 2018 – Sandra Aguayo, California Department of Rehabilitation



Sandra is a Student Services Coordinator with the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). She started with DOR in 2013 as an Employment Coordinator, where she developed employment preparation and training workshops. Last year, she transferred to Santa Clarita, where she conducted business outreach. Ten months navigating and battling LA's notorious freeways brought her back to Santa Rosa. She has a BA in Business Administration from Sonoma State University. Before joining DOJ, she was a Human Resources Recruiter and Analyst.

August 10, 2018 – Offsite meeting at Gabriel Farms – Speaker TBD

August 17, 2018 – Michael Gillotti – Sebastopol Peace Wall



Born in Des Moines, Iowa, Michael enrolled in a Catholic seminary right out of High School. The Vietnam War was raging during his seminary training and he came to feel that it would be a contradiction of his faith "to love your neighbor as yourself" to participate in warfare and so applied for Conscientious Objector status with his draft board. He subsequently served two years as a non combatant C.O.

Four years ago, in order to promote nonviolent resolutions of conflicts and create a more peaceful world, Michael designed and built the Sebastopol Living Peace Wall. It's purpose is to honor and recognize the peacemakers among us. Each year the names of four people are inscribed into the granite wall and added to the roll of Honorees on the peace wall web site: sebastopolivingpeacewall.com. An "induction ceremony" is then held in the Fall where the honorees are publicly acknowledged. This year the ceremony will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, 11:00AM to Noon at the town plaza. All are invited to attend.