



The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin



BE THE INSPIRATION

Stacy DeShazo – Sebastopol's Chinatown

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"All the News that Fits We Print"

🍎 BEFORE THE BELL 🍎

So much going on in Rotary – Events, Projects Workdays. It puts one in mind of the words of Ken Kesey and the Merry Pranksters =

Put Your Good Where It Will Do the Most

🍎 AT THE BELL 🍎

President Larry Ford rang the bell at precisely 12:15 and called on **Dick Zimmer** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



Karen Daniels and a virtual team of Rotary singers including **Steve Beck**, **Robin Maybury**, **Rick Wilson** and **Jeff Boal** led us in the singing of the very timely "Take me Out to the Ball Game." Except for **Karen**, this team reminds me of the team the SF Giants are fielding this year – Once big hitters but now a little past their prime.



It is every man's obligation to what he takes out of it.



Jack Dunlap offered the thought for the day:

put back into the world at least the equivalent of Albert Einstein

Future Programs

April 5, 2019

Cordelia Holst

April 12, 2019

Teacher of the Year

April 19, 2019

Julie Meridian:

What was lost in the flood

April 26, 2019

Overcoming Obstacles

Events

Golf Tournament:

April 29th

Debunking:

June 29th

Fall Fundraiser:

October 26th

SuperPlayGround-
FundraisingTamaleMaking

April 3rd

Miscellany

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707-546-1234

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ROTARIANS & GUESTS

Bud Daviero introduced visiting Rotarian Jenny Senter. Jenny is the President Elect for the Rotary Club of Willits California. **President Larry** quipped that maybe she came to see how a Rotary meeting should be run. Cue the groans.



Ruthie Dunlap introduced First Lady Gerry Reilly-Ford.



Katy Spyрка introduced her daughter Kelsey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Larry discussed the on-going progress of the Super Playground Committee. This committee of Rotarians from both our club and the Sunrise Club is in the middle of making literally thousands of Tamales to be sold at various community events such as the Apple Blossom Festival. These thousands of tamales will raise money for a new playground in Libby Park, the old one having been worn out through years of rough play.

On Wednesday March 27, thirty Rotarians and guests worked at the Community Church preparing said Tamales for sale. **Mario Ramos**, Sebastopol Rotarian and owner of the great *Mexico Lindo Restaurant* in Graton led the charge cooking and providing much needed training on tamale techniques. Rotarians will once again assemble Tamales on Monday April 1 and Wednesday also. Don't miss this fun event.

Read to the **After the Bell** section for a look at **Mario's** secret recipe for Tamales.



Cindy Carter noted that John Balletto local vintner and Rotarian has already agreed to purchase 150 tamales. They are going fast.

Aleia Coate announced that there will be a meeting of the Apple Blossom Parade Float Committee Tuesday April 2. By the time you read this, that meeting will have been concluded but stay tuned for information about Float Preparation.

April 26 will be the Overcoming Obstacles meeting at Rotary. The committee is looking for sponsors and mentors for the deserving young people.

Jerry Warren is once again looking for help with the Redwood Empire Food Bank

President Larry announced that next week's scheduled Speech Contest had to be cancelled. According to Committee Chair **Richard Power**, the new teacher at El Molino dropped the football on this one and didn't prep any students for the contest. The bad news is that we won't get the chance to see high school kids turn themselves into nervous wrecks. The good news is that the meeting will now feature Cordelia Holst speaking about her work at the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center.

President Larry showed a picture and a thank you from teacher Karen McKenna for last year's Mark Sell Teacher Grant. Apparently Ms McKenna purchased three "wobble Stools" to keep her habitual chair tipping students still.

🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎



John Blount took the podium to award **Mark Fink** with the prestigious Paul Harris Major Donor Award. **Mark** has now qualified as such for his donations to the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation was begun in 1928. It provides grants worldwide for good works of all kinds including Polio Plus – Rotary’s effort to erase Polio from the planet

After the Award,
President Larry

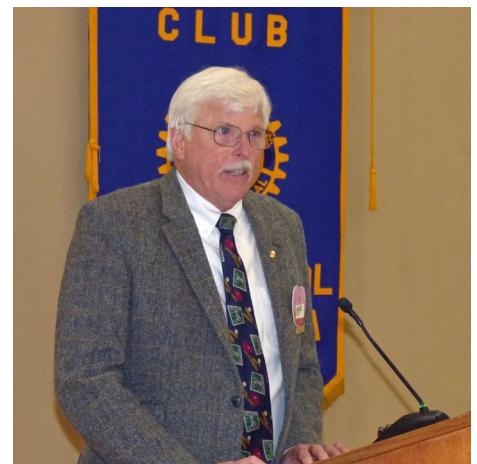
couldn’t resist reminiscing about how he and **John** both joined Rotary about the same time many years ago as young Sebastopol dentists.



Larry claimed that the two were often mistaken for each other and so **Larry** came up with the idea that **John** grow his signature mustache so people could tell them apart. Hmmmmmm---- Four Way Test???

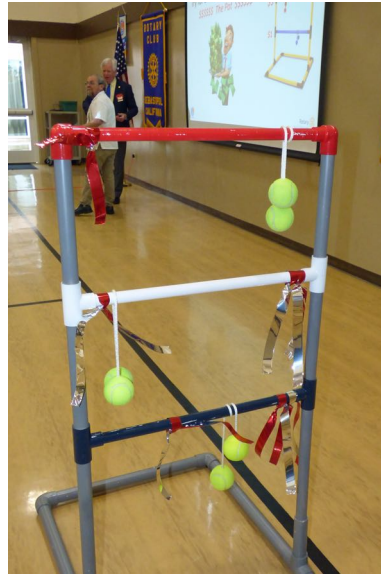


John didn’t deny that **Larry** came up with the facial hair idea and thanked **Larry** for actually backing him up as needed when he left town on Rotary business.



🍎 RAFFLE 🍎

Mario Ramos held the winning ticket. He took his place at the line and carefully tossed one, two, three bolos hitting each ladder in turn for only the third time in recorded history,



President Larry awarded the entire “Pot” of cash. **Mario** donated the oodles of cash to the *Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation*. Thanks **Mario**

🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

Jim Passage introduced Sally Evans and Stacy DeShazo, our speakers for the day. Sally and Stacy are actually working archeologists. They study everything old except dinosaurs which they leave to someone else. Stacy and Sally presented an overview of the Chinese in Sebastopol.

Using various techniques including old insurance fire maps, they have been able to trace the existence of enclaves of Chinese in Sebastopol beginning around 1850.. The first recorded enclave or “Chinatown” was located right on Main Street, Sebastopol, right around where **Ken Jacobs** office is today. The Chinese immigrants and citizens alike, worked on the railroads, in agriculture and laundries.



Beginning in the 1880s, anti Chinese hysteria began to sweep the state with one of the biggest proponents being one Thomas Geary of Santa Rosa. Geary was instrumental in the passing of several Chinese exclusion Acts, barring Chinese, American born or not, from entering the United States. Various vigilante actions caused the Chinese to flee most towns and cities. In Sebastopol they just moved.



1893 records show that someone named Brown leased some land to the Chinese in the middle of what is now downtown Sebastopol. Maps show over forty buildings including a Joss House. Fire of unknown origin swept through the area in 1893 but the enclave, called Brown's Chinatown was rebuilt right about where the new CVS pharmacy is today. (I wonder if they went through the design board?) Slowly, slowly, the Chinatowns in Sonoma County disbanded with the Sebastopol community disappearing last in about 1943 giving way to development

🍏 THE FINAL BELL 🍏

With a clang of the bell, President Larry adjourned the meeting.

🍏 AFTER THE BELL 🍏

Here is what you were looking for.

Mario's Secret Tamale Recipe.

Take 40
pounds of
Pork (or
Chicken)

Cook it
real good
with lots of
tasty
spices.

Stuff it in
Tamales.

Serves 300

1,100 tamales in four hours!!!!!!!
Opportunities on Monday, April 1
and Wednesday April 3, 12:00



All proceeds to fund
Super Playground
at Libby Park

Rotary
Clubs of Sebastopol

Hot
TAMALES

\$4.00 each, 3 for \$10
Pork • Chicken • Vegetarian



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Club of Sebastopol

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

April 5, 2019

Cordelia Holst - What's happening at the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center.

Cordelia Holst grew up in Sebastopol, lived in Norway for 13 years and returned here with her family, our club member and her husband Jorgen among them, in 2016. Since she became Executive Director of the Community Center at the beginning of last year, Cordelia Holst has spent time going in depth into what the community really needs. Through studying local research data, holding focus groups, outreach and local engagement, she created a strategy for how to address community needs in the short and longer term future, to continue to play an important part in the social fabric of our town. This strategy includes making changes to the facility to be more comfortable, useful and beautiful. Then came the floods of last month, and suddenly, the time for action is now. Cordelia has stepped in on short notice to give us an update on strategic goals of the community center as it rebuilds the main building and looks to the future.



April 19: Julie Meridian – What was not lost in the flood



Julie Meridian is an artist and designer. Her art captures the essence of people and places through representational paintings with impressionist details. Her designs have shaped products from LinkedIn and Adobe, including Photoshop.

She brings these worlds together as one of the volunteers of Operation Photo Rescue. By combining her knowledge of photo retouching with artistic interpretation, she works to recover what she can from family photos damaged in natural disasters.