

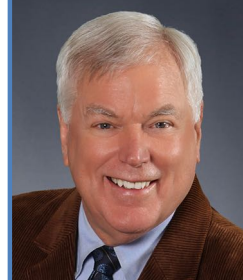


SREF Trade Paths



BE THE INSPIRATION

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BEFORE THE BELL

A lot of buzz and excitement today in the Rotary meeting room. There are many new faces at the meeting — folks eagerly awaiting our annual celebration of vocational programs and students. Should be a quite a day!

AT THE BELL



President Larry Ford called the meeting to order promptly at 12:15. **Patrick Dirden** led us in the Pledge.

Opening song — “America” was led by the tag team of **Maybury and Boal**. **Jeff** threatened to dance and, after hearing him sing, that may not have been a bad idea!



Gay McFarren shared these words from Henry David Thoreau: “*You must live in the present, launch yourself in every wave, find your eternity in each moment.*” Who knew he was a Buddhist?



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

🍎 Future Programs 🍎

May 10, 2019

The Honorable Tomochika Uyama,
Consul-general of Japan

May 17, 2019

DARK – District Conference

May 24, 2019

Climate Protection Org.

May 31, 2019

The Buck Foundation

🍎 Events 🍎

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS

JUNE 15 and 22

Debunking:
June 29th

Fall Fundraiser:
October 26th

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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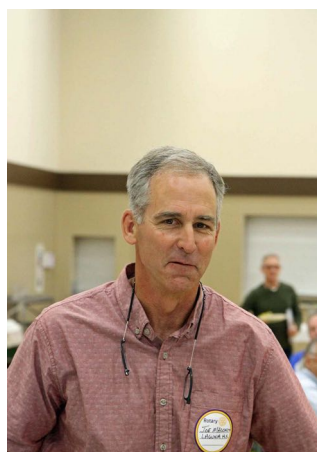
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🍎 ROTARIANS & GUESTS 🍎

Bud Daviero slowly stood – I think he was standing - to introduce visiting Rotarians, but all he and our President talked about was **Bud's** new dog. We learned that the dog is great fun and proving to be an expensive investment. Not sure if a college fund has been started.



Guests included Analy: Principal, Raul Guerrero, and Brent Gorris.



Laguna: Joe Maloney



El Molino: Principal Matt Dunkle, and Leah Woody

Robin Bartholow and Kassandra Villasener from North Bay Construction Corps. Robin would be our program

Linda Collins, Director of the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce



Patrick Slayter – Vice-Mayor of Sebastopol



Parents of Students: Kathy Smith, mother of Andrew Liput and Jennifer Young, mother of Rhyden Young and Lynn Kerr guest of Ethan Kerr



Pauline Pellini introduced exchange student, **Laura**, who continues to raise money for her year-end trip with other Rotary exchange students. A \$100 investment may win you a weekend at a beautiful Dillon Beach home.

And **Amee Sass's** daughter, Amalia, was also visiting. Start them young, **Amee!**



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

Friday, June 6th, Analy's Project Graduation. This wonderful evening can always use more volunteers. The midnight to morning shift is fun for all!

Friendship Dinners coming June 15 and June 22. Last date to sign up is Friday May 10. Sign up with **Julie Cugini**, **Cindy Carter-Flamm** or **David Still**.

YWCA Site Maintenance: This will be a project shared with the Santa Rosa East Rotary Club on Saturday, May 11. We will meet at 9:00 A.M. at 1117 Hahman Dr. in Santa Rosa, and will work until noon or when the project is completed. Refreshments will be provided.

Some projects: Clean up weeds on the property, Lay weed cloth, Spread gravel, Work with **Jim Pacatte** on fence repair and painting

Tools Need 2-3 weed whackers, 2 wheelbarrows, 3-4 shovels. 3-4 heavy-duty rakes.

Contact **Ellen Harrington** for more information.



Learn to Swim: The program is once again up and running. **Greg Jacobs**, after his best “Quint” of “Jaws” fame imitation –(**Greg**, don’t give up your day job)– thanked **Cindy Carter-Flamm** for all her help in coordinating the volunteers for this project. No small task!

Tamales – Tamales – Tamales! We have ‘em. Now we have to sell ‘em . Sign up on Club Runner to sell at the Sunday Sebastopol Farmers’ Market or at this summer’s Wednesday Peacetown Concerts at Ives Park.

ROOKIE SKETCH

Michael Hixson first joined our club in 2005, but was forced to resign when he took a job out of the area. But now he is back and it is great to have him back! Michael was born in Columbus, OH, and stayed for college attending Ohio State. (don’t you dare say the word, “Michigan”!) He went on to receive a Masters in Architecture, but it seems architecture was never more than a pleasant diversion for him. He moved to Chicago where he invented and marketed Baby – Kid - Safe devices and locks. In 1999 he and his family moved to Sebastopol, where he continued his work, becoming one of the top 100 e-commerce companies in the U.S. In his spare time, he also designed and built their home! Now working again in Sebastopol, he works as a consultant to small to medium companies hoping to grow their e-commerce markets – E-comm Growth Strategies. Welcome back, **Michael**





FOUNDATION MONTH



With Foundation month wrapping up, it was time for the eagerly anticipated Foundation raffle. Lucky winners were: **Ken Jacobs, David Schreibman, Robin Maybury, Jim Pacatte, Ron Puccinelli, Nao Noguchi, Pauline Pellini, Paul Thielen, Ken Silveira, Patrick Dirden, Larry Ford.** (we believe he won a free teeth cleaning) Those winning two prizes – and not willing to offer one to your poor scribe - **Patti Blount, Steve Beck. Harry Polley, and Keller McDonald.** Congratulations all and thank you for your faithful support of the Rotary Foundation.



RECOGNITIONS



Birthday Fun

Toni Beal – Feb. 20. She had no memory of this event – how could she forget that trip to Burger King - but made up a story of a fabulous evening.

Brenden Houston – Feb.21 – the big 50 – The celebration waited until after tax season, but included a trip to New Zealand.





Nao Noguchi – March 23 – A dinner was followed by a family trip to Japan where his children were reunited with Japanese relatives.

Jorgen Holst – April 23. On his actual birthday, he was hosting a house full of people, many of the children variety. Not much time for celebration. But a trip is coming soon.



Dave Madsen – April 25. Dinner with Carleen and with family. Then a second celebration lunch with some old friends.



Analay Principal, Raul Guerrero, on this very day – May 3. He received a song and, rather surprisingly, a \$5 fine! Welcome to Rotary, Raul. Hopefully no one took his phone and wallet.

President Larry and Gerry – Celebrated an anniversary on April 28th. They took a first brief journey in their new motor home. More extensive travel is planned after June. What could be happening at the end of June? Be afraid, **President Larry**, be very afraid.

A number of recognitions were planned but, and here is a shock, our President was unable to get his Power Point presentation operational. But it was fun staring at the blank screen. Almost as much fun as sitting in a dental chair. But...we finally received one image – **Pauline Pellini** hosting a gathering of members of her 8th grade class from Oak Grove School. Now that's a serious reunion! Congratulations! And not a one of them looked over....well, no one is getting any younger.



Ruthie Dunlap had the winning ticket and managed to get two of the bolos wrapped around the bar. That was worth \$25!



THE PROGRAM

Hal Kwalwasser introduced Robin Bartholow, Director of the North Bay Construction Corps and Workforce



Development. Robin began by sharing her familiarity with Rotary and its good work. Her daughter, who attended Cal, was the recipient of a Rotary scholarship. Robin first outlined the situation in the construction industry today. 80% of construction companies are struggling to hire skilled workers. For every five construction workers who are retiring, only one is taking their place. And the old clichés about construction workers being ignorant and underpaid couldn't be further from the truth. This market needs good workers and skilled people can make very good wages indeed. She reminded

us that in the North Bay, recent fires and floods destroyed 8900 structures doing \$14.5 billion in damage. Companies desperately need to hire and train good people. This has become a critical need.

But this need also comes at a time when high schools are cutting back on vocational programs. Which brings us to North Bay Construction Corps. Their mission is to take high school seniors who are interested in the construction trades and educate and train them. It is a 15 week program with a meeting one night a week and one Saturday a month. During those weeks topics such as career exploration, basic skill building, and mentoring are addressed and taught by industry volunteers. After the 15 weeks, the students participate in a two week "boot camp" during which they work full time and receive hands on training. They also receive a \$750 stipend. This year the boot camp will work on houses in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity. Graduation day from boot camp is also interview day. Graduates have the opportunity to meet with company reps and more often than not receive job offers.



This is not a school program. In one year the program grew from 41 to 150 students. There are now eight chapters in the North Bay with four in Sonoma County. Although there is not yet a chapter in the West County, five young men from local schools have participated in the program. And those students – Ethan Kerr, Andrew Liput, Aiden Herman, Rhyden Young and Kayden Zelczak, were our guests today. Andrew spoke on behalf of the program and how much it had meant to him, truly leading him in the direction he wants to go. In honor of their commitment and

their vocational direction, *Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation* presented each with a complete set of beautiful tools. Let's hope a chapter begins here soon. As Andrew pointed out, there is a deepening void which it can fill. Truly an innovative, even life-changing, program



🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

With a clang of the bell, **President Larry** called it all to end.

Rotary **MEMBERSHIP MOMENT**

I attended a meeting of a local charitable group recently. It wasn't Rotary. And when I say it wasn't Rotary, I mean that in the most important of ways : it didn't have the warmth and soul of Rotary. I felt it as soon as I walked in the door.

I think we sometimes take for granted what Rotary gives us. It's a family that welcomes me when I arrive, gathering me in as someone who counts and is valued for my contributions to our shared efforts. It gives me an opportunity to take on projects that are truly meaningful to my community. That means (for me) moving forward with my passion for youth employment and doing something tangible and meaningful to make that happen. As a Rotarian, I don't just meet with people who can make things happen, I am one of those people who can make things happen. Why? Because I have the authority and reputation and hardworking team members of my Club and the greater Rotary community standing behind and with me.

Last week when I walked in the door of my Rotary Club it was like I was reconnecting with my most favorite work group ever. It's like that every week. I was greeted warmly by multiple people and managed to chat with a number of members about joint projects we had going. I made sure I sat next to someone who was new to the group, and I had a nice time getting to know him (because that's what we do in Rotary). The food was terrific, and the presentation was engaging and informative. As

usual, there was a general buzz of voices and a sense of excitement about various initiatives our members are pursuing.

Rotary gives me everything I ever wanted in a community-minded organization. We get things done and enjoy doing them in the process. Everyone (without exception) is ethical, hard-working, and dedicated to doing good. What can I say....I love Rotary!

Diana Rich

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

May 10: The Honorable Tomochika Uyama, Consul-general of Japan

Consul General Tomochika Uyama began his career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 1986 and has been involved in the diplomatic service for over 30 years. His assignments overseas have included postings in Egypt, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, and the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva. His domestic assignments in Tokyo have included positions at the Economic Affairs Bureau, Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, and in the Ministry of International Trade and Industry.



May 31: Dr. Abhijit Kale - The Buck Foundation

Originally from Pune, India, Dr. Kale did his undergraduate studies in microbiology at the University of Pune. He started his research career at Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Mumbai, India, where he studied endocytosis in metazoans under the guidance of Dr. K. S. Krishnan. He received his master's and PhD degrees from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, where he studied the role of cell competition during development of an organism in the lab of Dr. Nick Baker. He is currently a SENS postdoctoral fellow in the Campisi lab, where he is studying the interaction of senescent cells with immune cells. In his free time, he likes to hike and travel. Novato's Buck Institute is the largest independent scientific institute in the Bay Area. The Buck aims to end the threat of age-related diseases for this and future generations by bringing together the most capable and passionate scientists from a broad range of disciplines to identify and impede the ways in which we age. Its goal is to increase human health span, or the healthy years of life. Globally recognized as the pioneer and leader in efforts to target aging, the number one risk factor for serious diseases including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cancer, macular degeneration, heart disease, and diabetes, the Buck wants to help people live better longer.

