

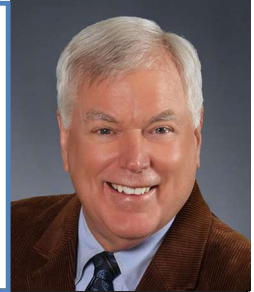


Conductor Francesco Lecce-Chong



BE THE INSPIRATION

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"All the News that Fits We Print"

🍎 **BEFORE THE BELL** 🍎

A flutter of activity, with club members still buzzing from the great gala of last Saturday, which was a huge success!

🍎 **AT THE BELL** 🍎

At the podium, **President Larry Ford** rang his bell and alerted us all to swallow the delicious chicken enchiladas and get down to business. And our first order of business is the Flag Salute, which was led by **Steve Prandini**, followed by a heartfelt rendition of *This Land is Your Land*, led by an always passionate **Jeff Boal**.

Aleia Coate then presented the Thought for the Day, by Wilfred A. Patterson:

Take a look at those two open hands of yours. They are tools with which to serve, make friends, and reach out for the best in life. Open hands open the way to achievement. Put them to work today.

🍎 **VISITORS & GUESTS** 🍎

Brian Bower visited us from the Sebastopol Sunrise club, while our exchange student, Laura Thurner, a regular by now, sat alongside **Katy Spyrka**.



Pauline Pellini let three members of the Brookhaven Interact introduce themselves, they were Remy Allen of grade 8, Quincy Allen of grade 8 and Sammy Johnston of grade 7. They shared some of their projects with us, such as adopt a family and an upcoming jogathon for a home less shelter. Keep up the great work!



Jim Passage introduced his friend Hideko Oga, as well as our speaker of the day, Santa Rosa Symphony Orchestra Conductor Francesco Lecce-Chong. **Edwin Wilson** introduce his wife, Diana, **Mark Stevens** introduced Susan Dzieza, a member of the Symphony board, and former **District Governor**



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🍎 Future Programs 🍎

November 9, 2018

**Veterans Day Program
GROUP PICTURE DAY – WEAR BLUE**

November 16, 2018

**Lorez Bailey
CHOPS Santa Rosa**

November 23, 2018

DARK – No Meeting

November 30, 2018

**James Conner
Sebastopol Police Chief**

December 7, 2018

**Christmas Caroling
Analy Choir**

🍎 Future Events 🍎

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–JackEDunlap@gmail.com

On-line Make-Ups:

www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

Bob Rogers introduced **President Larry's** very own



wife, Gerry. **Sally Ewald**
introduced her husband, David.

🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

As previously mentioned, the Annual Gala took place on the evening of Saturday the 27th, and it was a resounding success. **President Larry** congratulated **Keller McDonald** on shepherding a fantastic event, and **Keller** took the opportunity to thank all the chairs, sub chairs, and people who in general had participated, to great applause for all.



As he said: *"It takes a village to raise a child, but it takes an entire Rotary club to put on a Gala like that."* And when a one-night event like that brings in almost \$90,000, the applause is well earned.

The President also reminded those present that the Santa Rosa Rotary has a Fireside event this coming

Friday, and about the 2018 Positive Peace Conference, which takes place at Stanford on the 5th.

FOUNDATION MONTH



November is Foundation Month, which means **Dan Rasmus** gets to work on his podium skills.

There was a huge cake on the back table, and he was happy to tell us that it was because our club is #1 in the district for no less than four categories!

TOP TEN CLUBS - DISTRICT	
#1 Average Giving Club in District 5130	Sebastopol - \$885.06

#1 Club in Total Giving to the Annual Fund	Sebastopol - \$28,953.00

#1 Club in Total Giving to Polio Plus	Sebastopol - \$44,288.51

#1 Club in Total Giving	Sebastopol - \$98,241.51
(Incl. Spcl. Donation - \$25,000.00)	

He also congratulated two new level 1 donors, **Russ H. Cunningham** and **Jack & Ruthie Dunlap**, and one new level 4 donor, **Frank & Kathy Mayhew**, before he told us a little more about the Foundation's six focus areas.

NOVEMBER 9 2018 SEBASTOPOL ROTARY CLUB GROUP PHOTO

Aleia got on the microphone to remind us about the upcoming group photo this Friday. Wear a blue long sleeved shirt and prepare – at 1:30 pm --after the bell to look your best in the Group Photo. **HH** will risk life and limb to get the perfect shot. Be There.

November 9th will be a special Veteran's Day Program. If you have appropriate (military service related) photos of yourself or family, send them to **Tom Boag**.

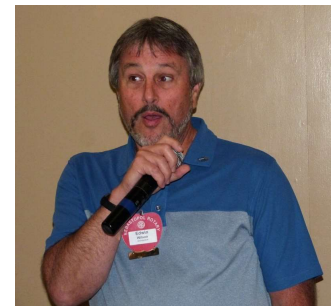


RECOGNITIONS



Ron Puccinelli went with his wife to a restaurant in Idaho for his birthday, and all he remembered was that it was really salty.

Edwin Wilson celebrated his birthday by enjoying one of last year's auction items, with **Pierre Lagourgue** cooking at **Mike Ferguson's** place for 8 guests. A very enjoyable evening, he said. Edwin was also recognized for his and his wife's anniversary, which he spent with **John Blount**, Simon & Garfunkel, at the Napa theatre.



SPECIAL REMINDER



Hal Kwawasser was not present at the meeting this Friday, as he was in monitoring the election in Florida, but had already made sure that all of those present got a solid reminder, and the editor can only echo his message. VOTE!!



RAFFLE



Our guest speaker won the raffle, but despite the encouraging cheers from the audience, he did not manage to land a single bollo! Oh well, he had other, much more impressive talents to share in the next segment, which leads me on to.....



THE PROGRAM



Jim Passage introduced our speaker, Santa Rosa Symphony Conductor Francesco Lecce-Chong, with one of the best and most passionate introductions we have heard in a while. And then the conductor took the microphone and led us on a fascinating journey through his own experience as growing up, home schooled only child on a farm outside of Boulder, Colorado, through New York University, to conducting in Eugene Oregon and now at the Santa Rosa Symphony. A charming person and natural story teller, Francesco started by thanking us for the work we do in the community, and sharing the important role he sees the orchestra also having in the community, spreading a message of hope and positivity through the medium of music. He reflected on how orchestras are changing, though at different speeds, and most are realizing that they are, in fact, service organizations, with a role to play in serving their communities. He told us how they have their own after school program, teaching kids to play, and even build their own, instruments, two hours every day. As he said, *"You may never know when the spark of music might hit someone."*



He did not come from a musical family himself, but once the spark hit him, his artist mother was encouraging, which enabled him to follow his path to where he is today. His ambition for the orchestra is to hit each and every person in the county once every year, and he feels the organization shares and supports this view. In his work, there are two things that important to him, innovation and connection. You cannot have one without the other. He really believes in new music, in not only performing the same old pieces, but also understands that but can be hard for people to accept it, because it is, after all new. People have not heard it before. It is different and sounds like nothing else. So you must introduce it consciously, not too surprising.

"We want to move forward and innovate around what an orchestra can be and do, but at the same time make sure we maintain that connection to our audience."

When asked about practicing vs playing in front of the audience, he explained that they can practice a million times, but once they come into the hall, their performance becomes powered and shaped by the energy of the audience. They feel it from the stage, and it helps them perform even better, while also make every performance unique.



THE FINAL BELL



With the swift crack of the bell at 1:30 pm, our **Fearless Leader** ended another successful meeting! Remember, show your Rotary pride, and wear blue on November 9th!

Photo Day at Rotary!
Friday, November 9th

Wear blue, bring your best smile, and stand up straight!

Be there, or face the wrath of our Photoshop Expert!!!

Future meetings:

November 9: Veteran's Day Program

Our annual Veteran's Day observance will be hosted by Mike Ferguson, and our guests will include the Coast Guard Honor Guard to present the colors and Clint St Martin, a former Marine who now works with the Devil Pups youth program. If you have appropriate photos of yourself or family, send them to **Tom Boag**.

November 16: Lorez Bailey – CHOPS Santa Rosa

Lorez Bailey is in her second year serving as the Executive Director of Chop's Teen Club located in downtown Santa Rosa. Chop's Teen Club is a modern, 21,000 square foot facility open to all Sonoma County 7th - 12th grade students after school and on weekends. Chop's is a free choice facility where teens can experience any number of different program areas during their time here. She has over 20 years' experience implementing and managing youth development programs. She has a passion for creating an environment and opportunities that empower youth to expand their capacity to be confident and well-prepared for whatever future endeavors they pursue. Previous to Chop's, Lorez worked at Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) as the Director of College and Career Readiness where she spearheaded the creation and revision of all Sonoma County high school college and career centers. A great part of that work also consisted leading a team of work-based learning coordinators who worked in schools to; elevate Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, connect schools to community and implement the work-based linked learning initiatives as part of a 14 million 5 county grant. Prior to working at SAY Lorez worked at West County Community Services in Sebastopol as the Manager of Youth and Adult Education and Employment Services.

