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BE THE INSPIRATION

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“All the News that Fits We Print”

🍎 BEFORE THE BELL 🍎

Sebastopol Rotarians and other readers, here's what I remember about yesterday's meeting and can discern from my smudged notes:

It was the first time I walked from my in-town home to our meeting. Near Burger King, a short 300 yards or so from the hall, I saw **Mark McDonnell** crossing Hwy 116 from the bus stop on the east side of the road. We talked as we walked and he noted he sometimes commutes by bus from his Santa Rosa Humboldt Street office. Greeter **Rick Wilson** asked me to connect with Jim Allen, a first time visitor and a past Tiburon Rotarian who lives in west Santa Rosa. He was considering rejoining Rotary ranks now that he was mostly retired from his bay area real estate business. After getting



through the meal line and got seated I asked President **Ford** who walked by about his recovery from a houseful of Ugandan dancers. “Just finished getting our house back to normal. Ironically, I thought, today's program would be some more dancers but this time they will return to their homes in our area.

🍎 AT THE BELL 🍎

President **Ford** gaveled us to order after pledging our allegiance, I popped up to lead “My Country ‘tis of Me”.

Ruthie Dunlap provided two thoughts for our day: one authored by performer Billy Porter about being positive and empowering and the other by famed radio talk show host Bernard Meltzer about how forgiving others will indeed change the future. (As your scribe, I hope you can forgive me for my feeble recall about the facts of this meeting)



Future Programs

September 14, 2018

**Anjana Utarid
Sebastopol Center for the Arts**

September 21, 2018

**Matt Stevens
Sonoma - Marin Area Rail Transit**

September 28, 2018

**M.E.N. Group
Men Evolving Non-Violently**

Future Events

**Fall Gala
Saturday, October 27th
Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club**

Miscellany

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www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

VISITORS AND GUESTS

There were no visiting Rotarians, I introduced Jim Allen, a past Rotarian who is looking to find a club in our area to join. There were many notable guests including Toni Beal, the recently hired West SoCo County Superintendent. **Jackie Moreira** introduced us to a very special visitor, Laura Thurner, who is our newly arrived Rotary Youth Exchange student from Austria. She presented us an Austrian club banner. **Jackie** reminded us how Youth Exchange students are delighted to be included club members' family outings. Speaking of special guests, **Tom Boag** introduced his partner, Ralph Hamblin. Also introduced were this year's three new Interact officers.





🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

Roll up your sleeves for a Saturday October 6th volunteer work day at the Laguna Environmental Center (see inexhaustible Ellen **Harrington** at classical_home@msn.com,

Our *Evening Gala* Live Auction dude, **Bob Rogers**, reported on the incredible Gala Raffle ONCE IN A LIFETIME/ONE WINNER of an incredible vacation package including airfare. \$100/ticket, limit of only 100 tickets to be sold. (Check out details on attachment for full details but how about NYC/Broadway's Hamilton or a luxury tour and fab 6 course dinner in Charleston SC restaurant or tickets to the Indy 500 that will certainly start your engines, or some serious Kentucky Bourbon Trail sipping? Check out all the top prizes at the end of this document.

Keller McDonald added a unique "prequel" Evening Gala whopper, a closed bid (\$1000 min bid; thanks to **Edwin** and **Diana Wilson**) 1 week stay at Kaanapali Maui Resort, October 18-25 (airfare not included). Because this precedes our Gala the closed bid auction will take place before our Gala and the lucky winners can, on their return, report on their trip.



Evening Gala's Instant Wine Cellar(s) – reminder by **Greg Jacobs'** stand-in, **Rick Wilson**, for each Rotarian to bring a couple bottles of wine valued around \$25 value or more in the next few weeks for this great "profit center" for our event. Thanks to the many who have already done so.

🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

Bob Cugini reported on his great birthday celebrations.

Tom Boag reported that he and Ralph celebrated their 50th Anniversary and were duly honored with a standing ovation.





Jim Pacatte tried to explain how his green thumb has produced a bumper crop of tomatoes. Projected on the screen was his prize 4 headed Siamese tomato. Not sure there is a ribbon at the fair for that one.



RAFFLE

The winner and bragging proud grandfather **Steve Beck** collected some coin for his top rung 2nd toss.

Another bragger was DDS **Ford** who along with Geri will be taking off right after the meeting to fly in his Glasair homebuilt plane to Portland, OR to join cousin for a some serious splurging and RV'ing including the famed Pendleton Roundup Rodeo.

Ford is not quitting his Friday gig with us but is testing out how retirement might feel when he can afford it after such a trip.



THE PROGRAM



The El Mo High Dancers were apparently delayed by traffic, explained Pres **Ford** as the clock ticked past 1 pm and beads of perspirations belied his constant dental reassuring smile. He admitted he had no bag of tricks or dental jokes to mollify the antsy audience.

So he called on **Mia DelPrete** to do her intro hoping they arrived as she finished. But alas, more "dead time" and a pacing Pres. Finally, the wonderful El Molino Dance Troupe arrived and put on a fine show of dance moves and choreography.

Jolene Johnson, their teacher (and a past awardee in our annual Teachers of the Year program) was brimming with pride on how each teen would practice some 5 to 6 hours a week. And these hours were on top of regular homework,

that for most of the troupe included their demanding Advanced Placement courses.



They have learned to be quick and efficient. **Rick Wilson**, never short of curiosity, asked the solo male dancer to show us how many pushups he could do. The student's quick and efficient reply, "After you, sir!" quieted **Rick** but not the applause and laughter.



THE FINAL BELL

After the bell tolled, I joined **Mark McDonell** on foot, hoofing home, only about 30 minutes of exercise without dance moves. Here are those grand Gala Raffle Prizes again:

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Saturday, October 27, 2018

5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club

333 Country Club Drive

Santa Rosa, CA 95401

An Elegant Evening of Dining, Drinks and Donating!

Live and Silent Auctions!

cocktail / black tie

Menu

- Pepper Crusted Striploin, dried cherry Zinfandel reduction, roasted potatoes
- Atlantic Salmon, pesto crust, tomato, basil, balsamic reduction, jasmine rice
- Chef's Seasonal Vegetarian Selection

Marinated beet salad, artisan fresh bread, sweet butter, apple galette dessert, coffee, tea
Wines to accompany dinner

Tickets \$125

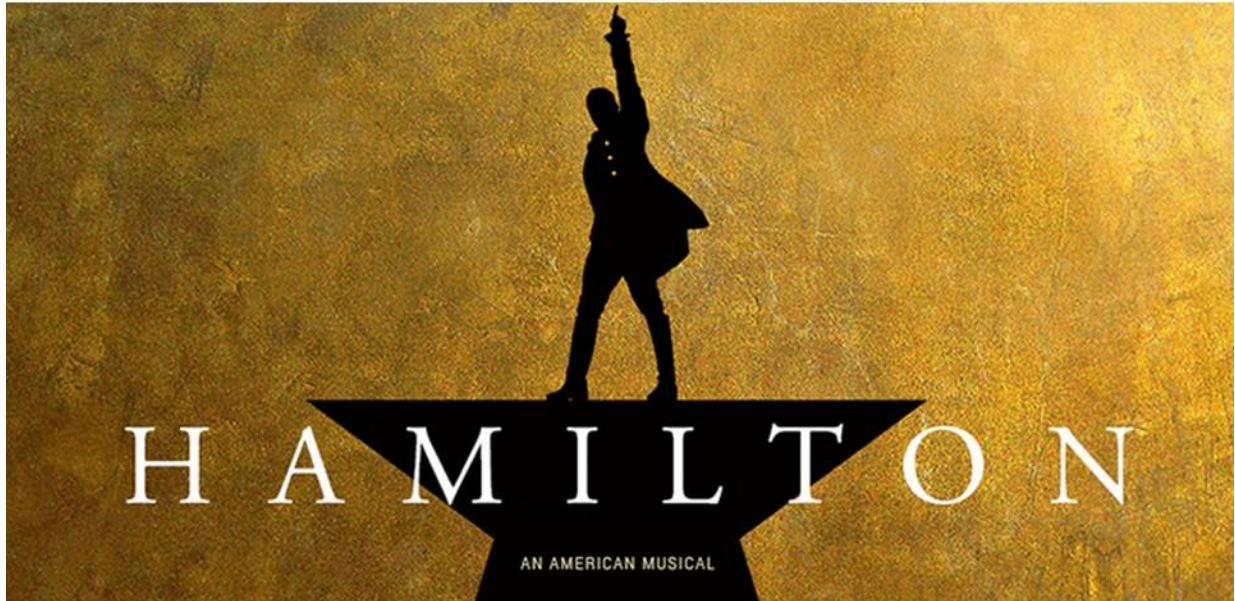
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HAMILTON BROADWAY TICKETS
and
3-Night Stay in New York City for 2
at the Hilton, Hyatt or comparable
hotel



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CHARLESTON LUXURY GETAWAY

- **Deluxe room at the Belmond Charleston Place Hotel for 3 nights (includes breakfast)**
- **2.5 hour private history/walking tour**
- **6 course dinner (with wine pairings) at the Charleston Grill**



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2019 INDIANAPOLIS 500 for 2

- Tickets to the Indy 500 (5/26), Driver's Meeting (5/25) & Indy Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum
- 3 nights at the Omni, Hilton, or comparable hotel.



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KENTUCKY BOURBON TRAIL for 2

- Distillery Tours & Tastings at Jim Beam, Maker's Mark & Stitzel-Weller
- 3-night stay in the Bluegrass State at the Hyatt, Hilton, Marriot or comparable hotel
- Private tour guide & luxury SUV driver
- Lunch at Bardstown



Future Programs:

September 14, 2018 – Anjana Utarid – Sebastopol Center for the Arts

Anjana joined Sebastopol Center for the Arts in October, 2017, after having served as the Executive Director of Sonoma County Children's Village, where she was awarded the esteemed Nonprofit Leadership Award in 2014. She earned her Bachelors of Arts degree in Psychology from Sonoma State University and a Masters of Arts degree in Educational Counseling from the University of San Francisco. In addition, she has served on local school boards and has published two children's books. Anjana loves to paint and enjoys cycling, yoga and cooking for her family and friends.



September 21, 2018 – Matt Stevens – Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (Smart Train)

Matt Stevens works in community outreach for the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) District. Matt has been facilitating SMART community outreach programs since 2001, first as an outreach consultant, then as staff when he was hired full time in 2012 by SMART. In his spare time, Matt plays bass in two rock bands, loves to backpack in remote backcountry mountains, and is a partner in a relic fishing resort in Northern Idaho. Matt is a father of two grown children and has lived in the Sebastopol area for over 37 years.