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## **BEFORE THE BELL**



Lots going on Before the Bell. Good Stuff Indeed









AT THE BELL



President Keller McDonald brought the hammer down on the Roto-Bell at approximately 12:15 to call the meeting to order









August 16, 2019
OFFSITE MEETING
Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation

**August 23, 2019** 

Craig Anderson Landpaths



Tamale Party August 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM Mexico Lindo, Graton

Summer Picnic Georgetown August 24, 2019

Fall Fundraiser
October 26th



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**Rollie Atkinson** got things rolling by honoring the Stars and Stripes with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Boal followed by leading us in the singing of "This Land is Your Land".

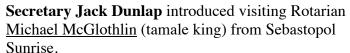


**Jim Passage** then provided us with the Thought for the Day.:

"Guard well within yourself that treasure KINDNESS. Know how to give without hesitation. How to lose without regret. How to acquire without meanness. -- George Sand

Before temporarily adjourning the meeting for lunch **The Prez** reminded us that Rotary connects the world and connects us.





Elizabeth Cruft-Anderson. Elizabeth is Senior Major Gifts Officer with the Rotary Foundation. Elizabeth is also a member of the Rotary Club of Lake Oswego, Oregon. We will hear more from Elizabeth later in the program.



**Jorgen Holst** introduced <u>Nick Simmons</u> and <u>Dave Silva</u>. <u>Nick and Dave</u> will provide us with today's program.



**Aleia Coate** introduced our <u>incoming exchange student from Finland, Anni</u>.

**Bob Hirsch** introduced his guest <u>Tina Dixon</u>.



# RECOGNITIONS



The Honorable Mayor of Sebastopol Neysa Hinton stepped to the podium to honor and pay tribute to one of Sebastopol Rotary's very own, **Greg Jacobs. Greg** is going to receive the City of Sebastopol's "Locals Who



Congratulations Greg.

Make a Difference" LWMAD Award. The LWMAD was created to acknowledge\_and thank members of the Sebastopol Community for their contributions in helping\_make Sebastopol a better place to live. There are three other honorees and they will all be recognized by having banners with their pictures on Sebastopol's Main Street and Downtown Plaza. Among other things **Greg** has served on the Sebastopol's Park and Recreation Commission and was Board Secretary for the Sebastopol Cultural and Community Center. **Greg** has also headed Sebastopol Rotary's "LEARN TO SWIM

PROGRAM" for a number of years.





**President Big Mac** played a video showing many of the wonderful things Rotary has done worldwide. He alluded to Arch Klumph and The Klumph Society. The Arch Klumph Society recognizes The Rotary

Foundation's highest tier of donors -- those that have contributed \$250,000 or

more during their lifetime.



Elizabeth Cruft Anderson, our visiting Rotarian from Lake Oswego, then stepped to the mic. Elizabeth has been staff member of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for 9 years. She currently serves as the Senior Gift Officer for the Pacific Northwest, Alaska Northern California, and British Columbia. She works with Rotarians to assist them in reaching their goals. Elizabeth mentioned that having raised and donated over \$400 million dollars to charities, Rotary is recognized as the world's number one charity by Charity Navigator. Rotary has donated over \$150 million to end polio, and we have almost wiped it out.

THE SENIOR CENTER WORK PROJECT: President Keller thanked Jim Pacatte, Scott Briggs, Tom Dilley, and Dianna Rich for completing work on the Senior Center work project. <u>Dante Del Prete</u> was also thanked for lending the equipment

## SENIOR CENTER HANDS-ON PROJECT - Wed., July 31

# **GIGANTIC** thanks to

Jim Pacatte, Scott Briggs, Tom Dilley, and Diana Rich; & Dante Del Prete, City of Sebastopol Public Works Superintendent,











**Aldean Nothig** reported that 35 people showed up at The First Friday Social held at the Woodfour brewing company in the Barlow. Here's to ya.

**Prez Big Mac** mentioned that we are going to need more help with our Super Play Ground Replacement Project. Join us in tamale making taking place at

Mario's Mexico Lindo in Graton on Sat. Aug. 10 with more dates to be announced. And Tamale selling at Ives Park PeaceTown Concerts every Wednesday through September 4 from 3-5 PM or 5-8 PM. We will also need help selling tamales at the Gravenstein Apple Fair: Fri. Aug 16 from 1-4 to set up

Sat Aug 17, 7;30 - 10,

10-2 and 2-6

Sun Aug 18, 7;30-10, 10-2, 2-6, and 6-8

**Fearless Leader** added that we are going to need 10 to 20 workers at ROTARY DAYAT THE LAGUNA on August 10 from 9- noon. We will be painting/ sealing andgardening. Tools and training will be provided. Address 900 Sanford Rd.

### RSVP to Ellen Harrington.

Due to the activities at the Apple Fair our August 16 meeting will be held off site at Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundations "Heron Hall" 900 Sanford Rd. The program will be "Restoration and Conservation of the Laguna de Santa Rosa".

There will be an optional tour of the facilities following the meeting.



The Rotary Club of Sebastopol's Annual Picnic will be held Saturday August 24 at George Town, 4015 Frei Rd. Sebastopol 12-4. The premises are going to need some work so talk to **David Still** if you can give a hand. See **David Still or Bob Cugini** for details. **David Still** also offered some advice to attendees: BRING YOUR OWN LAWNCHAIRS. SHOW UP ON TIME SO YOUR CAN TAKE THE 12;30 TOUR.





**Jack Blasco** took the mic to announce that our major fund raiser will be held Saturday Oct 26 at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club, with the theme being *Tropical Escape*. Tickets go on sale after Labor Day. The entertainment will be Polynesian. This is the year's big fundraiser. Don't miss it.



**Paul** and Yvonne **Thielen** donated two tickets for the play "*Hamilton*" being performed Tuesday August 13 at the Orpheum Theater in San Francisco. The tickets are worth \$250 each. The proceeds from the sale to go to the Rotary Foundation.

**Alain Serkissian** was the first one with his hand up and was awarded the tickets. **Richard Power** got his hand up second and donated \$200 to the Foundation anyway.





**Paul Thielen** parted with \$5 for acquiring a few more grey hairs. His BD was August 8.**Paul** looks pretty good for his age.

**Paul** and Suzanne **Yeomans** got an early start on celebrating their August 10 anniversary (1 year) by taking a trip to Maui. They plan on taking a follow up trip to Bodega this weekend. **Paul** did not say whether or not he would bring his ukelele.





To celebrate their August 5 anniversary **Mike Carey** and his dearly beloved plan on taking a trip to Lake Oswego Oregon.

Jim Pacatte, a very proud and happy father of three, grandfather of 8, and great grandfather of 8, celebrated the 1st birthday of his youngest great grandchild on July 21.

President Keller hit Jim with a \$10 fine which he immediately upped to \$100. Congrats Jim.

Jim and Rose Pacatte ... Greatgrandson's 1st birthday ...

4 generations of current or potential Rotarians!







Brenden Houston had the winning ticket and actually drew the colored ball from the sock (or whatever that thing is). Yes -Oodles of cash.







## THE PROGRAM



**Jorgen Holst** stepped to the podium to introduce today's program, Nick Simmons and Dave Silva from Play It Forward Music School. Two local music teachers set up their music school and then created a non profit to help talented students with financial needs continue with music lessons that can make a difference in their lives. When the Santa Rosa fires happened, the situation and needs quickly changed to helping budding Sonoma County Musicians.. Play it Forward Music Foundation (PIFMF) is a non profit arts education organization whose mission is to provide free instruments, private music lessons and programs to those with limited resources in our community.



For 20 years Nick and Dave shared a deep love of music. As their careers grew they knew that they wanted to



help students who couldn't afford lessons. Following the devastating wildfires of 2017, PIFMF partnered with Santa Rosa Symphony and Loud and Clear music in an effort to collect instruments for those who had lost theirs. Over 250 instruments were collected and distributed. Through generous donations PIFMF was able to provide free lessons to members of the community who lost homes and instruments. Since launching PIFMF it has created the following music programs free of charge: Free Private Music instruction Teaching music at New Horizon School in Santa Teaching music at the Living Room in Santa Rosa

The Living Room (TLR) is the only daycare center in Sonoma County specifically serving the homeless and at risk women and their children. TLR offers 2 programs (1) Music Mondays. This weekly program enlists local volunteer musicians to come share their music. (2) The second group Mother and Child (MAC) encourages mother and child to sing together.

Rosa

The New Horizon School provides individualized learning programs for kids with dyslexia, autism and other learning difficulties. The school feels that unity has been created through music and music has helped bridge the social gap that is so common in learning different kids.

At the present time at PIFMF thirteen people are on the waiting list and they hope to be able to get in the



program for the 2019-2020 School Year. Goals for 2019-2020 are: Expansion of Free Lesson program Establish music programs at assisted living facilities Raise the funds needed to continue programs at New Horizon School and The Living Room.



Our Fearless Leader brought the hammer down at 1:30PM on the dot



## **MEMBERSHIP MOMENT**



Approximate thirty years ago, I became interested in Rotary and as I lived in Sebastopol and worked in Santa Rosa would be eligible to consider Rotary Clubs in both cities. I talked to several Rotary members in different clubs and frequently heard that the Sebastopol club had the best food and the most fun. A friend of mine, George Riley offered to sponsor me, and I became a member. What I had heard about the Sebastopol club was accurate.

What I most value about my Rotary club membership are the friendships I have made and the opportunity to participate in various programs helping people both internationally and locally. I particularly enjoyed being involved in supporting the installation of clean water systems in Vietnam and elsewhere to have clean water available from water faucets in home villages rather that requiring villagers to walk long distances to collect unfiltered water from a river and carry it back to their homes. Most importantly, a local resident would be trained to maintain the systems to ensure that the village would continue to have clean water.



The club also annually makes a significant number of contributions to local west county organizations, educational projects, schoolteachers, provides swimming lessons to second grade students and passes out dictionaries to local elementary students. Rotary International has and continues to lead the quest to eliminate polio from the world, a goal we are very close to accomplishing.

My Rotary membership has given me the chance to become a much more active and involved member of my community. Our projects whether fund raising, helping at the food bank, or helping an elderly neighbor install a wheelchair ramp are always fun and rewarding. I feel that Rotary has enriched my life in many ways and allowed me to be an active contributor to development and betterment of Sebastopol

**BOB BOYD** 

### **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

#### August 16 - OFFSITE at Heron Hall

Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, more info to come.

#### August 23 – Landpaths CEO Craig Anderson

Craig has been the Executive Director of LandPaths since 1997. Craig is LandPaths lead on new nature preserve acquisitions and helped develop Bayer Farm as a place for renewing community and seeking social equity via access to open space and clean food. He speaks annually to international audiences at the Land Trust Alliance and was chosen by Bay Nature Magazine as its 2014 Local Conservation Hero. A fifth generation Californian, Craig received his MS degree in Range Management from University of California Berkeley after stints at the Nature Conservancy and Yosemite Institute. He directed the Outdoor Classroom Program, including wilderness trips, at the Ojai Valley School from 1989 to 1992. In his spare time he enjoys offshore kayak fishing, wild foraging, farming his front-yard, and playing music in the "Sonomacana" band Cahoots. Craig lives in Santa Rosa with his wife Lee Hackeling and their two children.



# ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL

# ANNUAL PICNIC

AUGUST 24 2019 12-4 pm

AT THE WORLD FAMOUS **GEORGETOWN** 



4015 FREI ROAD, SEBASTOPOL \*\*\$15 PER PERSON \*\*\*\$25 PER FAMILY