



Leslie Lopato Better Angels



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

🍏 AT THE BELL 🍏

President Keller McDonald rang the bell at precisely the precise opening minute. He called upon Nick Randall (Nick Randall?... from the morning club?) to lead the Pledge. Nick handled it with aplomb.



Steve Beck, first without a microphone and then with a microphone led a solid version of
Oh Beautiful for Spacious Skies.



Richard Power gave us the Thoughts for the Day with some variations on a theme.

Expectations are resentments waiting to happen

Amy Lamont

The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary
 Vince Lombardi

Perseverance furthers
 The I Ching



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

🍎 Future Programs 🍎

March 6, 2019

Tawny Tesconi

Sonoma County Farm Bureau

March 13, 2019

Mary Blake & Greg Nelson

Owls!

March 20, 2019

Jack Blasco

Venturing into Chernobyl

🍎 Events 🍎

Friendship Dinners
March 21 and March 28

Golf Tournament TBA

DeBunking
June 26

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

🍎 VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS 🍎

Visiting Rotarian Nick Randall came over from the Sunrise Club with the purpose of modeling his Chinese Winter Army Hat. Lookin' good but when he said he just came back from China, many people considered running for the door. Luckily, it turns out that he has not just come back from China but was gracing our presence to pitch the Sunrise Clubs upcoming *Parisian Rendezvous* fundraiser coming March 21. Nice hat though.



Visiting Rotarian Heather Edwards from the Eugene Oregon Metro club stopped by to tell us about a



couple of upcoming fundraisers for *Project Amigo*. Interestingly **Frank and Kathie Mayhew** spent many years working with *Project Amigo* in its good works in Mexico. There is a fundraiser in San Rafael this Thursday and if you miss it, there is another at the Presidio SF on May 2.

Lu Frazier introduced her guest Sue Labouvie



Richard Petersen introduced
Guest of the Club Gail Gijzen



🍎 ROOKIE SKETCH 🍎



Next up was new member **Meta Senocak** with a Rookie Sketch. **Meta** was born and raised in Turkey. His father was a distinguished member of the government and Meta lived in Ankara. As a teenager, **Meta** heard the sounds of American Soul music and fell in love. He took up the guitar, then the bass guitar and played in several bands. Although he never became the Turkish Paul McCartney, he had a great time. Not to ignore his studies, he enrolled in the Science High School and soon was off to Germany to study, earning an advanced engineering degree. He came to the United States in 1988. He enjoys roasting coffee as well as swimming, scuba and water sports.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



President Keller managed to give us a quick membership report followed by several Project updates for the year so far. Kind of like sneaking in an assembly but it was quick and painless. We have admitted three new members so far this year.

We have completed projects such as the Picnic, the Crab Feed, the Tropical Escape and the list goes on. We still have lots to do including the Golf Tournament, continued work on the Libby Park playground and, of course, the Debunking. Sounds like a lot of applause for that last one.

Friendship Dinners are coming March 21 and 28. **Cindy Carter** says we have lots of Rotarians who want to host, just need some more guests.

Redwood Empire Food Bank counted 11 volunteers from our club on the February 27 workday.

President Keller wanted to allow **Jim Pacatte** – Sebastopol Citizen of the Year- one more victory lap around the room. **President Keller** announced the big award dinner coming up on Thursday March 19, Reception at 5 Awards at 6. Come on down and hear **Jim** give a speech.

The Rotary Club of Napa is having a 100th anniversary celebration coming up on March 28. The Napa club is in our family tree having begat the Santa Rosa club which begat our club.

You can earn some money for the club by volunteering at the 10K IPA run coming soon. If you work it, they will pay our club for your time. Win-Win.

You might remember back on November 22 **Bob Rogers** and a host of Sebastopol Rotarians did a *Pedal for Polio* event right in the clubhouse. They didn't go far but pedaled like heck. Well, it turns out that this fundraiser was the number one Polio Plus fundraiser of the year and **Bob** got a trophy. Nice job. We're Number One.

Remember the “Indoor Ride to End Polio” last November?



Bob

also wanted to mention the upcoming Healdsburg St Patrick's Day event on March 17. You are invited but they might dye your hair green. You have been warned.

🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

Mark Fink had a birthday on February 23. He went to the beach.



Tony Given and Gloria celebrated their anniversary on 2/26 with a fine meal at a fancy restaurant. 48 years.



Robin Maybury just got back from a trip to the British Isles. He also managed a visit to Mad Ludwig's castle in Bavaria with his daughter along for company.



Dr Harry Simms is retiring after taking care of Sonoma County for 45 years. He says he is retiring but was heard asking about someone's health on the phone while coming to the meeting today. I guess you can't retire completely.

🍎 RAFFLE 🍎

Marie Blasco held the winning number and said something to **President Keller** that turned him, **John Blount**, **Jack Blasco**, and many other Rotarians seated nearby a brilliant shade of Scarlet. I haven't seen that much red in the room since Valentine's day. Way to go Marie, Keep them on their toes. And she won by the way.





THE PROGRAM



President Keller introduced Leslie Lopato. Leslie and her group *Better Angels* have taken on the enviable but difficult task of bringing together people with opposing political viewpoints and fomenting discussion and understanding.

Everyone knows that this country and its politics are polarized and people talk past each other. *Better Angels* uses a variety of techniques to bring people together, not with the goal of changing minds but with the goal of bringing about understanding and furthering communication.

One method is to take a group of perhaps red state types and place them in a circle. Then blue state types sit around the outside of the group. The red state types talk amongst themselves while the blue state types listen. At this point, they do not interact. Then the groups switch places. At some point, the groups are allowed to speak to each other but not for the purposes of debate but for the purposes of clarification. These techniques are adapted from family therapy and produce results.

Leslie was highly encouraged after she took a close look at Rotary and discovered the Four Way Test. She said that this is exactly the type of communication and understanding that her group is trying to foster. *Better Angels* presents workshops, training and the fish bowl discussions described herein. We wish Leslie good luck in her endeavors to bring us together.



Better Angels

- Join Better Angels for \$12 per year
better-angels.org or text BA to 66866
- Participate in a workshop
You can get on our mailing list and look for future events at
better-angels-sfbay.org
- Be trained as a moderator or organizer



THE FINAL BELL



With another successful meeting complete, **Keller** brought the hammer down at 1:30pm sharp.

A Parisian Rendezvous

Saturday March 21st

6:00 - 10:00

Sebastopol Center for the Arts

- ∞ French Cuisine*
- ∞ Wine Tasting*
- ∞ Silent and Live Auctions*
- ∞ Entertainment*

\$100 per person
Sponsor Packages Available

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For Tickets

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<https://bpt.me/4419594>

FUTURE PROGRAMS

March 6th: Tawny Tesconi of Sonoma County Farm Bureau

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