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John Mathers Rotary Action Climate Team



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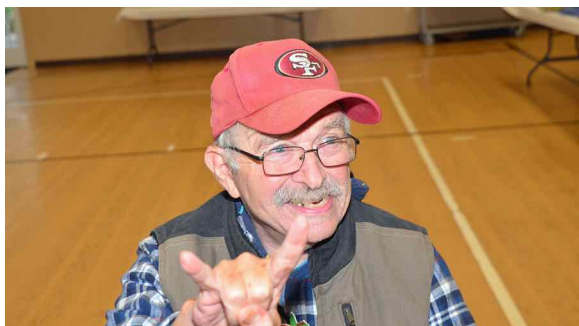
BEFORE THE BELL



With a serious environmental topic on the agenda, your humble scribe's thoughts turn to the recent spill of 100,000 gallons of good Rodney Strong red wine into the Russian River. Would there be a major impact on the health of the River? Would it be fun to be a Divin' Duck?



AT THE BELL



Bob Cugini had already greeted everyone with his blinking 49er cap when **President Keller McDonald** struck the starting bell.

Jack Blasco led the assembled in the Pledge.



Gene Nelson, obviously still in pain over the recent walloping his Packers received at the hands of the 49ers, tried to make us all forget with a spirited rendition of "Kokomo" The Beach Boys might be looking for fill in singer one day and **Gene** could step in.





Future Programs



January 31, 2019

**A Debate on the Future of Palm Drive
Hospital District**

February 7, 2020

State Senator Mike McGuire

February 14, 2020

A Romantic Speaker of Sorts?

February 21, 2020

Kristen Madsen of Creative Sonoma



Events



**Crab Feed
February 8, 2020**



Miscellany



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The thought for the day was from **Larry Ford**.



*Airplanes
are safe in
the hangar
But that's
not what
they were
built for.*



**In Memory of
Maurine Doerken**



-Club Member 2012-2016

-Friend of Rotary Club of Sebastopol 2016 – 2020

-Classification: Marriage and Family Counselor/ Author

-Interests: Reading, music, family and friends, golf, tennis,
making this world a better place for all



President Keller asked for a moment of silence to remember **Maureen Doerken**, past club member, past friend of Rotary, good friend and solid citizen.



VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS



Visiting Rotarian Dan Bornstein was introduced. **President Keller** noted that our club is open to transfers from other clubs. Dr Dan said he will take it under advisement.

Rick Wilson introduced his guest and our guest speaker and technically a visiting Rotarian John Mathers.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Patrick Dirden reminded everyone to sell those Crab Feed tickets. Bring Everybody. It's the best Crab Feed going.

You can sign up online at: <https://signup.com/go/wJoucch>



CRAB FEED

We need every member to fill at least 1
--- hopefully more ---
volunteer slots

See email from Dan Rasmus or
click on "SignUp.com" or
contact Dan Rasmus to volunteer



President Keller noted that someone pointed out an error in his otherwise perfect and flawless powerpoint presentation last week when the word Pulitzer was somehow mistranscribed as Pulizer. **Keller** did not fine himself however it is assured that his team of writers, editors, and proofreaders will hear about it.

Torrey Olsen was questioned about the health of the Super Bowl board being filled out in the rear of the room and he announced that it was almost filled in entirely.



David Schreibman took the podium to discuss and reintroduce the Club's Financial Literacy Committee. This hard working group has, for the past ten years, spoken to local high school seniors about such real life issues as saving, investing, credit cards and debt. It is often the only financial instruction the students get in their entire high school career. The committee also hands out thumb drives with real practical financial information to the students. **David** acknowledged the help of Rotarians **Tim Moore, Meredith Bertacco, Richard Power, Henry Alker, Paul Yeomans, David McLennon, and Aleia Coate.**

President Keller turned the spotlight on our club's recent donation of \$1000 to Hurricane Dorian relief. Rotary clubs in general provide disaster relief and assistance in many ways including immediate response, short term assistance, and long term rebuilding. **Keller** urged members to google "*Rotary Disaster Response*" and take a look at the comprehensive list of projects and funds currently in play. **Bob Rogers** noted that our district 5130 keeps a 501©(3) fund at the ready to assist in local emergencies



The Global Telemedicine Annual meeting is coming up on Saturday 2/1 in Petaluma and Rotarians are invited.

RECOGNITIONS

Sally Ewald has a big birthday dinner celebration promised but it has not yet been fulfilled.





Frank Mayhew unpacked more boxes in his new home on his 1/19 birthday which is about what he did on 1/18 and 1/20.

Keller asked **HH** about his upcoming 1/25 birthday to which **HH** questioned if **Keller** had the Happy Birthday Banners ready. **Keller** said that they were on order.



President Keller congratulated **Jack Blasco** on his recent 10 day vacation trip to Ukraine. **Jack** was positively glowing as he recounted his five days in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone. **Jack** had photos of himself at the control panel for Reactor #4, visiting the deserted city of Pripjat, and a long shot of the new sarcophagus covering the reactor. Good job getting the long shot. As people moved away from **Jack**, he offered to provide advice to anyone who wants to vacation at the most highly radiated tourist destination in the world.

Jack's
January
vacation



Mia Del Prete received the Spirit of Sonoma Award on December 13.
Congratulations **Mia**



Richard Power and family welcomed a new grandson to the pack. Rowan was born on January 7.

President Keller noted that **Guenter Meiberg** should receive a special “Service Above Self” award. Around his recent big birthday **Guenter** came into possession of a special Grand Cru Bordeaux bottle of Chateau Marguax. Rather than sneak into his room and drink it alone as most people would do, he shared it with his poker playing pals. These pals enjoyed a high stakes drink with **Guenter** and were fined by **President Keller** for their good luck. Paying up were **Ken Jacobs**, **David Schreibman** and **Richard Power**.



🍎 RAFFLE 🍎



Guenter Meiberg held the lucky ticket but, alas, did not pick the lucky ball. Better luck at poker **Guenter**.

🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

Rick Wilson introduced our guest speaker John Mathers. **Rick** felt compelled to complain about the rainy weather on his recent trip to Hawaii. Sure **Rick** – Everybody complains about the weather but nobody does anything about it.

John Mathers is a past President of San Francisco Rotary Club #2 and he is currently working on a project called Rotary Climate Action Teams. (What? Somebody wants to do something about the weather?) John and his group have set out to enlist Rotary Clubs throughout the world to get involved in Climate Change. They want to educate clubs and encourage them to get started if they are not already in the fight against climate change.



John noted that there is quite a bit of discussion about the why of climate change but the fact of climate change is not in dispute. There are real dangers to the increase in global temperature worldwide and there are real concrete things that can be done on many levels regardless of who started it.

The biggest culprit in the global temperature rise is carbon emissions followed by land and agriculture practices and transportation. People can take individuals actions to combat the problem. Rotary Clubs can get involved by having speakers on the topic, educating people on simple steps they can take and supporting local efforts that are taken.

John urged people to look at some simple steps including replacing your lawn, shopping local, composting, and recycling. He urged people to go farther and buy an electric car, plant trees, support ecosystem restoration projects or buy carbon offsets next time they fly.

The Rotary Action Climate Teams (RCATnow.com) have extensive information available on line. John urged the club to get involved in this very important issue.



🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

With a swift crack of the hammer at 1:30pm sharp, **President Keller** brought another successful meeting to a close.









FUTURE PROGRAMS

January 31st: A Debate on the Future of the Palm Drive Hospital

Formed in April 2000, Palm Drive Health Care District serves the approximately 50,000 people who live in western Sonoma County, including the communities of Sebastopol, Graton, Forestville, Bodega Bay and more.



But since the sale of the hospital in 2019, the disbanding of the district is a topic of contention. Some say it's high time we disband the district and get rid of it, before it accrues more debt, while the other side have a constructive look and want to make it work. For this Rotary program, we are going to experiment with a new format: a public debate

between the two sides, moderated by our own Jorgen Holst.

February 7th: State Senator Mike McGuire

State Senator Mike McGuire is a third generation Northern Californian, whose family farmed prunes and grapes in the Alexander Valley for nearly a half century. Raised by his mom and grandma, Mike worked his way through high school and college and enjoyed a career in the radio and television industries. He was first elected to the Healdsburg School Board when he was 19. As one of Northern California's youngest school board presidents, he led successful efforts to rebuild local decaying schools.



He then progressed through the Healdsburg City Council where he was the city's youngest mayor, then the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. He helped lead efforts that turned years of deficits into a multi-million-dollar surplus and brought forward the county's economic recovery and jobs plan that made Sonoma County one of top counties in job growth in California. Mike attended Santa Rosa Junior College and graduated from Sonoma State University. He is married to local high school teacher and middle school assistant-principal, Erika McGuire. Erika and Mike live in Healdsburg.

February 21st: Kristen Madsen of Creative Sonoma

Kristin Madsen, Dir. of Creative Sonoma, a department of the Sonoma County Economic Development Board, will present an overview of the place of arts in the economy of Sonoma County. The purpose of the Creative Sonoma department is to help the arts community in Sonoma County by developing the skills of all creative people in Sonoma County to enhance the value of the work they provide. Creative Sonoma is helping to foster new ways of presenting artwork to the community, both for the economic enhancement of the artists involved, as well as to the general exposure the public to works of art.

