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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



Act One, Scene One – The All-New **President Keller McDonald** Rotary Year is about to begin. Will it be a Hit?....Or a Miss? Can't wait to read the critic's reviews in tomorrow's papers.



AT THE BELL





Tom Dilley cheerfully led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.





Rick Wilson asked President Keller to join him in a duet of Roger Miller's Classic "King of the Road". The entire assembled could not resist joining in the song.







Future Programs



July 19, 2019 Tales of Hamburg

July 26, 2019 TBA

August 02, 2019 Eileen Heflich

Fire Prevention



Tamales Construction Parties @ Mario's Mexico Lindos Mexico Lindo 9:00 AM - ???

July 20 and 27

August 3 and 10

Annual Picnic Georgetown **August 24, 2019**

Fall Fundraiser October 26th





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Harry Polley was called on to present the Thought for The Day. **Harry** gave a thoughtful review of the nearly 100 years of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol (and he has been a member almost that long.) Harry noted that change has been a constant in the club. Some changes have made some members uncomfortable. That's the way it goes. Looking at those changes, virtually all of them have been for the best. He quoted some other sage's thoughts on change:



Any change, even a change for the better, is always

accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts. Arnold Bennett

I cannot say whether things will get better if we change, what I can say is that they must change if they are to get better. Georg C Lichtenberg

When you are finished changing, you are finished. Benjamin Franklin.



ROTARIANS & GUESTS



Bud Daveiro introduced visiting Rotarian Sebastopol Sunrise Club President Laurie Darling.

Also visiting from the Sunrise Club The Tamale King Michael McGlothlin. More from Michael later.



Dana Moises introduced her guest Julie Aiello.





Guest of the Club was <u>Laura Van Gorder</u> introduced by **Ruthie Dunlap**.



Steve Beck introduced Guest of the Club <u>Joyce</u> Oneko



Not formally introduced but lighting up the room nevertheless were **Dick Zimmer's** guests <u>Juliet</u> and <u>Alexandra</u>



<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>



President Keller took back the microphone. (note- not an orange road cone megaphone. Thanks A/V Team) and gave a few shout outs for jobs well done.

Friendship Dinners

Saturdays, June 15 and June 22



Julie Cuginii, Chair assisted by Cindy Carter-Flamm and David Still









Friendship dinners were noted. Over 40 Rotarians participated at dinners all over the county. Committee chairs **Cindy Carter Flamm**, <u>Julie Cugini</u> and **David Still** got recognized.



The Super Playground Tamale Project is in full swing. Tamale Kings Michael McGlothlin and Mario Ramos remind us of service opportunities making the Tamales (Saturday mornings at Mexico Lindo) and sales opportunities at the Peacetown Concerts. Sign up Today.

Michael is also selling tamales before and after the meetings 3 for \$10. Try Em – You'll Love Em.



Richard Power was recognized for putting together a fantastic debunking for President Larry Ford. Richard noted that he didn't do it all himself and had various and sundry Rotarians

stand and be recognized for their assistance. Dan Rasmus – the

white- coated stranger, stood for applause. The question is "Will Dan play himself when he is debunked in two years? Stand by to find out.





One more time for the Past President Larry Ford's Rotarians of the Year David Schriebman and Tom Boag.

Service Above Self is our motto and **President Keller** announced many opportunities to serve coming up. Rotary is now requiring clubs to send some representatives to Youth Exchange Training. Katy Spyrka and Yvette Van Aggelin will represent at the training.



Ellen Harrington is spearheading a service project at the Santa Rosa YWCA in Santa Rosa.

Turns out that July 10 was Ellen's birthday and Keller managed to levy a hefty fine.

David Still announced this year's Rotary Club of Sebastopol Picnic. It will be held on Saturday August 24 at the World Famous Georgetown. For those who don't know, Georgetown is the creation of Rotarian **Guy Smith's** father and it is an unbelievable Old West Village right on Frei Road. If you have been there, you know and you want to go again. If you haven't been there, you have got to go. This is not open to the public, it is a rare opportunity to see one of the gems of California.

Sign ups begin next week. Check your calendar – look at the flyer in this publication and be ready to commit to a fun summer afternoon with Rotary



President Keller also showed a slide of the cutest baby ever born, **David Still's** new grandson <u>Dean David</u> Still. Sorry your humble scribe couldn't maintain humility on this one.



David Schreibman was recognized for a road trip he recently took to Utah. Idaho and Montana. I wonder if he really saw that moose.



Robin Maybury also took a road trip north. He visited Burney Falls and the Environs of Mt .Shasta



Bud Daviero was recognized for a mysterious interaction he had with a giant potato. Although Bud's getting

chummy with the spud was well documented in another publication (Sonoma Times West) your humble scribe reports that he is unable to understand just what happened with **Bud** and the Potato. **Bud** claims that he was merely serving as a representative of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol when he was photographed stroking the spud. **President Keller** felt that it merited a \$10 fine. You might have to go through the dusty archives over at Sonoma West to get the real story.



Ken Jacobs sent photos of his recent trip to Molokai. A Zen type question arose over this visit: Did **Ken** do nothing on Molokai because he chose to do nothing or is there nothing to do on Molokai?

Ken also notes that Invoices (\$\$\$\$) have been sent out for this year's club dues. Time to Pay for all of this fun







President Keller announced this year's Raffle related fun; In keeping with the long tradition of dangerous and exotic contests such as giant zucchini toss, Death Darts and "see if you can hit the photographer" bolo slinging, **Keller** has planned that whoever has their ticket selected will have a cage style wrestling match with Big **Bob Hirsch** and **Gunther Meiberg.** Each week there will be a two of three falls gladiator match with the winner taking home at least \$5.

Keller carefully reached in the can to select the next Rotary Gladiator'

Unfortunately, **Keller's** legal team was not able to secure the proper approvals for the Gladiator death match this week but he has his best people working on it and it will, in all probability, be coming to us next week. Be sure to bring lots of loose cash to buy tickets. In its stead, **Keller** went into the Sebastopol Rotary Raffle Museum and found **Bud Daviero's** famous velvet bag with six marbles: pick the colored one and win ,win, win. Almost as exciting as Rotary Gladiators.



Harry Polley had the winner and, although you could tell he was wishing he could take the Gladiator route, he reached into the bag and drew out the colored ball. A Winner.

Harry generously gave his oodles of cash winnings to a very surprised Juliet and Alexandra.





THE PROGRAM





Lorenzo Alviso representing *Transcendence Theatre* group was introduced. *Transcendence* is a group of performers who work and entertain in Sonoma County. They have performed at many Rotary functions. One of their founding members is in the Sonoma Rotary Club. They are best known for their shows at Jack London Historical State Park in Glen Ellen, performed outdoors in a beautiful vineyard park setting.

Transcendence began with three like minded Broadway performers who were tired of the Broadway grind and looking for new avenues to present their talents. They first began performing

while in Baja California engaging the locals and tourists alike. Soon Broadway class performances were taking place in small town Mexico. Enthused by the response, they took their show on the road, traveling across the United States in a barnstorming style performing and teaching performance whenever possible.

Hearing that California State Parks were on track to close due to budget problems, they decided to explore the idea of performing in Jack London State Park and thereby raising funds for it. The Park Rangers were stumped. As far as they knew, it couldn't be done. Transcendence pressed on until they were able to put on evening summer performances. Despite the naysayers, they performed for 900 on opening night.

Since the successful premier, *Transcendence* has had eight years of outstanding programs. Along with the Jack London Park shows, the group has a teaching and training corp. for young theater enthusiasts. It has performed at several Rotary functions including fund raisers and the District Conference.

Keller thanked <u>Lorenzo</u> for his presentation. Keller informed him that a donation has been made in his name to the West County Community Services





President Keller McDonald rang the bell to adjourn meeting the first at precisely 1:30pm.



The reviews are in and they are raves. **President Keller's** first meeting was a huge success. The critics are predicting a long and glorious run until at least June 2020.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

ELLEN HEFLICH



Fire! Consequences and Prevention of Petrochemical Fires and Explosions

Eileen Haflich (pronounced Hay-flea) will be our speaker on Friday, August 2. Eileen's story is remarkable for several reasons. Her first career after graduating from Monash University in Melbourne, Australia was in city planning. After her second layoff due to lack of work, she decided to go back to school. She always loved math and had worked with several engineers in previous jobs so she decided to pursued an engineering degree. In

engineering classes she was often the only woman as this field was dominated by males. She eventually was hired by Chevron. After rising through the ranks, she was chosen as the project manager for team of 300 researchers to develop a fire suppression system for major fires at the Chevron refinery.

Eileen will share her remarkable story with us on August 2. If you have female students who would like to hear a story of a successful woman in the male dominated field of engineer, please invite them to attend.

Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – July 9, 2019

President's Report to the Club for July 2019

Fellow Club Members and Friends,

The new Rotary year is off and running! Thanks for enthusiastically stepping up to fill club committees for the new Rotary year. Club Directors and Committee Chairs are finalizing committee assignments, which will be posted on Club Runner very shortly.

Your Club Board is tackling the task of updating our club's strategic plan for 2020-2024. Our last strategic plan was done in 2015. We'll be collecting input from club members and identifying the directions our club wants to take itself in the coming 5 years.

We're making solid progress on the Libby Park Super PlayGround Replacement Project, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise and the City of Sebastopol. In addition to tamale sale revenue, we've received donations of over \$2,300 from Interact Clubs and community members to move us toward our \$30,000 fundraising goal.

Plans for the Tropical Escape fall fundraiser (Saturday, October 26 at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club) are moving ahead at full speed. Ticket sales will kick off soon!

Continuing the momentum set by **Past President Larry Ford's** leadership team, your Club Directors are working on a full slate of projects and activities in all 5 avenues of Rotary service. Indeed, Rotarians are People of Action!

Welcome to the new Rotary Year,

Keller McDonald

Rotary Club of Sebastopol President, 2019-20

[You can see the full Directors' reports at

ClubRunner| Member Area| MyClubRunner| ViewClubDocuments| BoardMeetingMinutes| 2019-2020. -Ed.]

CLUB ACTIVITIES – ELLEN HARRINGTON, DIRECTOR:



APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE FLOAT (**Dan Rasmus**, Chair) – The Committee is established & plans will be forthcoming later on. **Dan & Aleia** Coate have agreed to work on the float project together.

DEBUNKING (**Ellen Harrington**, Chair) – The Committee has already been brainstorming on the program & venue. It's never to early to start your roast!

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS COMMITTEE (**Cindy Carter-Flamm**, Chair) – **Cindy** is planning friendship dinners for March 2020.

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyrka, Aleia Coate, Co-Chairs) – The great Golf team will plan a fun event where all club members will be able to attend. The event will take place in April & will be held at Northwood Golf club in Monte Rio.

HAPPY HOUR / FIRST FRIDAY (**Aldean Noethig**, Chair) – **Aldean** has some ideas for these monthly get togethers to be shared with the Sebastopol Sunrise Club.

HOLIDAY PARTY (CLUB) (Cindy Carter-Flamm, Chair) – Cindy & Ellen have a potential venue for this event. We should hear soon on possible confirmation.

PAST PRESIDENT DAY (CLUB) (Harry Polley, Chair) – Harry has some ideas & we will be discussing them soon. The Friday date for this is yet to be established.

PICNIC (CLUB) (**David Still, Bob Cugini**, Co-Chairs) – **Guy & Michelle Smith** are hosting this year's club picnic at their <u>Georgetown</u> location on August 24th. **David** is in touch with the **Smiths** & is in the process of generating a flyer to put out to the club. It will be announced at our first meeting on July 12th.

SUPER BOWL BOARD (**Aleia Coate**, **Torrey Olson**, Co-Chairs) – **Aleia** & **Torrey** have discussed this coming year's SB Board & are looking forward to running it again.

VETERAN'S DAY (**Mike Ferguson**, Chair) – **Mike** is once more on top of this fine celebration. He has a team this year to brainstorm new ideas & support his great program.

CLUB SERVICE - PATRICK DIRDEN. DIRECTOR:

ANNIVERSARY CARDS (**Sue Engle**, Chair) – **Sue** is ready to help with the cards. **Keller** is ordering all the of the supplies.

APPLEKNOCKER EDITORS (David Still, Chair) - We have Editors lined up for July and August.

AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM (Paul Thielen, Chair) - No new report received.

BIRTHDAY CALLER (Pam Graber, Chair) - Pam is ready to dispense birthday greetings near and far.

GREETERS (**Rick Wilson**, Chair) – **Rick** is looking for someone to mentor and take this over. **Bob Cugini** is onboard for greeting.

HISTORY (CLUB) / ARCHIVAL (**Chair: Tom Boag**) – **Tom** reports: "This year an annual budget of \$400 will be requested to cover annual fee for Microsoft 365 service (necessary for cloud-based archive and Office 365 subscription for AppleKnocker **Editors** and others (6). A committee meeting will be held in conjunction with an AppleKnocker and Website Editor meeting to be held in August-September – This will explore duties and options for the archive."

MEMBERSHIP (**David Schreibman**, Chair; Subcommittees: ROTARY INFORMATION, MENTORING, NEW MEMBER ATTRACTION) – We have two new member proposals.

PHOTOGRAPHY (AK) (Harvey Henningsen, Chair) – Photographers are lined up for the entire year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair; Subcommittees: PRINT/RADIO, TV AD MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA, WEB DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE) – No new report received.

SCRIBE (AK) COMMITTEE (Patrick Dirden, Chair) - Actively recruiting Scribes for July-September.

SECRETARY SUPPORT (**Jack Dunlap**, Chair) – No new report received. [Have assisted committee membership selection by directors.]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (**Nao Noguchi**, Chair; Subcommittee: Song Leaders (**Jeff Boal**, Chair) – No new activity since previous month.

SPEAKERS, WEEKLY (**Jørgen Holst**, Chair) – With the exception of July 26th, speakers are lined up to the week of August 23rd.

SUNSHINE (TBA, Chair) - No activity since previous month.

TREASURER SUPPORT (KEN JACOBS, Chair) - No new report received.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA – SCOTT BRIGGS, DIRECTOR:



COMMUNITY GRANTS (**Linda Johnson**, Chair) – **Linda** to co-chair and **Robin Maybury** to co-chair ("Secretary"). Committee membership updated for new year.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS (**Diana Rich**, Chair) – Committee membership updated for new year. CRAB FEED (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair; **Scott Briggs**, Secretary; **Nao Noguchi**, Secretary) – Committee membership updated for new year.

DICTIONARY PROJECT (Paul Yeomans, Chair) - Committee membership updated for new year.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS (**Stephen Zollman**, Chair) – Membership updated for new year. Kick-Off meeting scheduled to follow 7/12/19 Rotary meeting.

LEARN TO SWIM (Rick Wilson, Greg Jacobs, Co-Chairs) – Membership updated for new year.

LEARN WITH ME (TBA, Chair) - Keller handling this for now.

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANTS (Jack Blasco, Chair) - Membership updated for new year.

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: (Henry Alker, Chair) – Membership updated for new year.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE (Ellen Harrington, Patrick Dirden, Co-Chairs) – Ellen and Patrick have met this month to coordinate committee efforts.

SUPER PLAYGROUND PROJECT (TBA, Chair) – Keller handling this for now.

TROPICAL ESCAPE FALL FUNDRAISER (**Mia Del Prete**, Event General Chair) – Other subcommittees updated...For now defer to **Keller** re ticket sales and volunteer help subcommittees.

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – JØRGEN HOLST, DIRECTOR:



Career Fair at Analy High (**TBA**, Chair, if Analy has event) – Holding off for now, until we know for sure whether it's happening or not, and what possible format. I have asked **Linda Johnson** to chair but need to know more details from Analy.

COOL KIDS CAMP (**Robin Maybury**, Chair) – Nothing to report yet, but this is a committee and project with a lot of good energy and some new ideas around it, so watch this space for updates.

FINANCIAL LITERACY (**David Schreibman, Tim Moore**, Co-Chairs) – Nothing to report yet, program takes place in spring.

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (**Richard Power**, **Larry Ford**, Co-Chairs) – Nothing to report yet. Due to shifting personnel and misunderstandings, last years didn't happen, so we are looking to learn more about what went wrong and fix that as soon as school is in session.

INTERACT (ANALY, TWIN HILLS, BROOK HAVEN) (**Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – No updates during summer vacation. Brook Haven and Twin Hills have elected new officials, and Interact advisors are meeting on August 8th to plan the coming year.

INTERACT HOLIDAY ADOPT A FAMILY (Chair: Pauline Pellini, Chair) - Nothing new to report. [December activity]

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (**Tom Boag**, **David Schreibman**, **Hal Kwalwasser**, Co-Chairs) – Nothing new to report. [Program starts in September with choice of 2020 event date.]

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (TBA, Chair if event is held) – TBA if event is held.

SRJC Scholarships (**Scott Briggs**, Chair) – Nothing new to report, next year's committee roster is still being put together. TRADE PATHS (VOCATIONAL) AWARDS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair) – Nothing new to report.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (**Aleia Coate, Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyrka**, Co-Chairs) – <u>Laura</u> from Austria went back last week, Outbound <u>Faye</u> is going to Denmark in August and our next incoming student, <u>Anni</u>, will arrive from Finland on august 6th.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA - BUD DAVEIRO, DIRECTOR:

PROGRAMMA DE Becas (Dorothy Rodella, Chair) - Nothing new to report.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (**Ruthie Dunlap**, **Lu Frazier**, Co-Chairs) — Nothing new to report. WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (Chair: **Bob Rogers**, Chair) — Nothing new to report.



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