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Tales of Hamburg



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BEFORE THE BELL



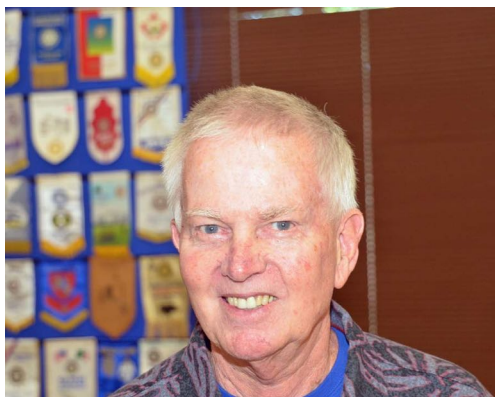
First it was a relief to see new **President Keller McDonald** standing by the podium. Good to know he decided to return for week #2 of his presidency. But your faithful scribe was somewhat concerned to learn that **John Blount, Greg Jacobs and Rick Wilson** would all be speaking during today's meeting. I hope my pen doesn't run out of ink and the room doesn't run out of oxygen!



AT THE BELL



Promptly at 12:15, **President Keller** rang the bell.



Mike Carey led us in the Pledge. Wonderful to see Mike today.



Opening song: **Steve Beck** led us in the singing of "America."



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

Future Programs

July 26, 2019

Tales of Liverpool

August 02, 2019

Eileen Haflich

Fire Prevention

August 16, 2019

Off site meeting

Laguna de Santa Rosa

Events 

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

July 27

August 3 and 10

Annual Picnic
Georgetown
August 24, 2019

Fall Fundraiser
October 26th

 **Miscellany** 

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS--JackE Dunlap@gmail.com

Scribe, **Gene Nelson**, shared this reflection from the Jewish tradition – “*Tales of the Hasidim.*” An old Rabbi once asked his pupils how they could tell when the night had ended and the day had begun. “*Could it be,*” asked one of the students, “*when you see an animal in the distance and can tell whether it is a sheep or a dog?*” “No,” answered the Rabbi.



Another asked,
“*Is it when you can look at a tree in the distance and tell whether it is a fig tree or a peach tree?*”
“No,” answered the rabbi.
“*Then when is it?*” the pupils demanded.

“*It is when you can look in the face of any man or woman and see that it is the face of your brother or sister. Because if you cannot see this, it is still night.*”



ROTARIANS & GUESTS

....**Bud Daveiro** introduced two visiting Rotarians: Dan Bornstein, our favorite dentist from Santa Rosa, and



Sebastopol's tamale guru, Michael McGlothlin from the morning club.

At this point there was confusion in Rotary – how can that be? – when **Bob Rogers** took the microphone, never a good idea, and pointed out that Dr. Bornstein had recently scored a hole-in-one on the 6th hole at Bodega.



Looking at **Bob** as if he wanted to give him a root canal without the benefit of anesthesia, Dan pointed out that his hole-in-one was on the 7th hole, was not at Bodega, and occurred in 2018! Perhaps **Bob** should return to the vegetable raffle.

Struggling to regain control, **President Keller** moved on to...Guests of Rotarians



David Still introduced Tamale King Michael McGlothlin's better half Jean

Steve Beck introduced **Joyce Oneko**, who was just minutes away from becoming a member of our club.

Ruthie Dunlap introduced **Laura Victor van Gorder** who would also be joining the club today.

Greg Jacobs introduced some key members of his Learn-to-Swim team: Sergeant Tim Murphy, a state park lifeguard supervisor; Ricardo Freitas, Ives Pool manager; Robbie Woosely and our own Ann Hill – two extraordinary volunteers who are there year after year – Ann for 20 years!



It was also pointed out that **Mario Ramos** instructed in every Learn-to-Swim class this year. Talk about Service above Self



Pauline Pellini introduced Jeff Stucker, former teacher of the year and Interact advisor.

🍎 NEW MEMBERS 🍎

David Schreibman then invited **Joyce Oneko** and **Laura Victor van Gorder** to come forward, at which time they were inducted into membership in the Rotary Club of Sebastopol. Joyce's sponsor is **Steve Beck** – her neighbor – and her mentors are **Diana Rich** and **Richard Power**. (Actually, the Power Point slide said Diana Rick. The ghost of **Larry Ford** lingers on and cost our president \$10)



Joyce was formerly a member of Rotary in Nairobi, Kenya, is one of 21 children – can that possibly be right? – and is an attorney and life coach. She is also the founder of an NGO dedicated to the education of young woman. Welcome **Joyce**!

Laura is a retired elementary teacher. In fact, **Aleia Coate** was one of her students, and it is not true that Laura retired the next year. Her sponsor is **Dana Moises** and her mentors are Aleia and **Ruthie Dunlap**. Welcome, **Laura**.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our outbound Rotary Exchange student, Fay McNamara, was introduced by **Yvette Williams van Aggelen**.

Swimming to Denmark: The day before she leaves, two weeks from now, Fay will be participating in a one person swim-a-thon – “*Swimming to Denmark*.” She will swim for two hours and is asking for pledges in order to help finance her trip. Sign up forms are available at Rotary.



Learn-to Swim: **Greg Jacobs and Rick Wilson** provided a summary of this year’s Learn-to-Swim program. This program, first envisioned by **Jeff Boal** 35 years ago, has been a project with lasting impact that has changed lives. 11,500 second graders have gone through the program – a program that each year requires more than 100 volunteers from Rotary and our wider community. Certainly time well spent. Along with the wonderful community volunteers present at the meeting, **Greg** also thanked Lehla Irwin, Sebastopol Sea Serpents, who teaches our volunteers how to teach the kids; Keith Miller of Gone Tropo, who not only provided shirts for the volunteers and kids, but also underwrote a portion of the cost; Iris Lovelace, administrative aide who has handled all the program’s paperwork for twenty years; and the McDaniel Family Trust and Dr. John Sweeney for their generous financial support.

YWCA hands on project: Thanks to all who helped on the 13th. Next work day is Saturday, July 27th. **Ellen Harrington** is coordinating this effort.

Tamales and Super Playground Project: Planned construction is April/May, 2020. Volunteers will be needed next spring. But, in the meantime....Tamales! Tamales! Tamales! Next Tamale construction day will be Saturday, July 27, at **Mario’s** Mexico Lindo Restaurant in Graton, 9 - noon. It really is a fun time. Also tamales are being sold at the Wednesday Peacetown concerts and after our Friday meetings. It seems that anywhere Michael McGlothlin goes, he has tamales with him!

The picnic this year will be hosted by **Guy Smith** at Georgetown. If you haven’t seen Georgetown, an authentic western town built by **Guy’s** father, George, and maintained by Guy, you won’t want to miss it. Date will be Saturday, August 24th and cost is \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families.

This Rotary year’s Friendship Exchange team is from District 3040 in India. It will consist of five couples. They will be in our district from April to June, 2020. In order to host them in Sebastopol we will need five host homes for three nights. Jack and Ruthie Dunlap are the contact people



RECOGNITIONS



Greg Jacobs – July 17. It seems he spent his birthday in Chester birdwatching. He was invited to evaluate a piece of property for its birdwatching potential. I understand that a spotted owl provided a cake.



Mia Del Prete – July 18. She actually worked on her birthday, but then went out to a nice dinner with husband, Jim. But what she was really looking forward to was a Girls' Weekend in Napa. I suppose that what happens in Napa will stay in Napa, but local wineries were bringing in extra cases. There was also a fine for a red, white and blue family July 4th gathering...waaay too cute!

Jack and Ruthie Dunlap. A week-long Anniversary celebration included attending “Hamilton” and dinners at local restaurants



RAFFLE



ROTARY GLADIATORS!



It would seem our President ran out of time for further recognitions – beware next week! – but there was time for the raffle. Unfortunately, all of the approvals and permits necessary to commence with Rotary Gladiators have still not been secured. The winning ticket belonged to anniversary boy, **Jack Dunlap**, but alas, he did not pick the magic ball. Bigger pot next week! Maybe some wrestling too.



THE PROGRAM

This year, 12 Sebastopol Rotarians joined over 26,000 Rotarians from around the world at the International Convention in Hamburg, a convention chaired by our very own **John Blount**.

Rick Wilson was called upon by **President Keller** to share some of his observations on the conference. For **Rick** it was an overpowering experience. So many things stood out for him: the opening flag ceremony where 181 young people, most dressed in traditional clothing from their country, paraded their country's flag up the aisle; personal stories shared on stage by people whose lives had been positively changed forever by Rotary; the House of Friendship, occupying two huge exhibit halls, with 120 exhibitors and vendors, including the Shelter Box Project in which our club participated during **Jerry Warren's** year. **Rick** "drooled" over the exhibit of exotic European automobiles.

Cindy had better check the credit card bill! **Rick** appreciated the workshops, there were over ninety, particularly the workshop on the "Future of Rotary" led by Tom Thorfinnson, who has spoken at our club. And he could not say enough



about the wonderful camaraderie shared with Rotarians from around the world.



Next **John Blount** shared the "inside story" on how such a meeting is put together – and held together! First, why hold a convention anyway? John believes that it is the best way to connect local clubs to the wider Rotary world and Rotary corporate in Evanston. And it can be a great learning experience. Shelter Box, for example. Or **Dave Madsen** getting the idea for "Suitcase Night" which grew into the large Fall fund-raiser we have now. (there was also "English Week", but John will have to tell you about that one!)

As you might guess, actually putting on an international convention is no small task. John now has enough frequent flyer miles to go to the moon and back. Three entities are involved: the RI Convention Committee, chaired by John; the Host Onsite Committee (HOC); and the convention event staff – finance, marketing, production, etc. Talk about herding cats! **John**'s big task was getting them all to pull in the same direction.

A tale of intrigue and adventure ...

Twelve intrepid Rotarians left the comforts of West County, migrated 6,000 miles to historic Hamburg, and hobknobbed with 26,859 emissaries from across the globe for fun, fellowship, invigoration, and enlightenment! Hear their story of:



“What we brought home from the 2019 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION”



Oh yes, there is also a 112 page Manuel for Conventions. The Host Committee actually begins working 6 – 9 years before the convention. For the Hamburg event, each German Rotarian contributed \$50. The theme this year, “Capture the Moment” was suggested by **John**, and the planners were dedicated to incorporating a set of core values into all convention events: Fellowship, Service, Leadership, Diversity and Integrity. Entertainment, for example, was chosen that would add to the theme and focus, and not just entertain. And, as we might expect from John, great effort was put into providing different modes of communication, including use of video, all intended to make a huge event space more manageable... even intimate. **President Keller** then closed the program with his reflections. First, major kudos to **John**. He was the first speaker and eloquently set the tone for the conference and it was easy, especially for those who have known John all these years, to see his impact on everything from production values to scheduling. For **Keller** there were five take home messages:

Rotary Club of Sebastopol

July 19, 2019

What did we bring back from Hamburg?

- Rotary is an amazing force for good at home and around the world
- Rotarians are passionate about making the world a better place
- Let's treat Rotaractors, Rotex and Interact as Rotarians!
- The Rotary Foundation has an immense impact across world, and we're already working to identify next major world project after Polio Plus!

- Every Rotarian should attend at least one convention to feel the power of Rotary



- The five core values that influenced and shaped the Rotarians' entire time together
- The growing importance and influence of women in Rotary. The stated goal is to increase both the membership of and leadership positions for women. RI leadership will be reflecting greater gender equality.
- The importance internationally of

Rotaract, Rotex – an organization of former Rotary Exchange students – and Interact.

- The need for increased Motivation and Encouragement for Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians if Rotary is to have any hope of growing and reaching new generations.
- Renewed dedication to completing the work of Polio Plus, especially in Pakistan and Afghanistan, where the political effort is as crucial as the medical outreach. There is also talk about Rotary's next worldwide goal. Creative ideas are welcome.

Keller concluded by expressing his renewed appreciation for the worldwide impact of Rotary, and of Rotarians' passion to make this world a better place.

Next convention: June 6-10 in Honolulu.

THE FINAL BELL

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

AFTER THE BELL

It is important to note that when there were some AV technical difficulties at the beginning of **John's** talk, **Past-President Larry** quickly volunteered to help, at which point **Tom Boag** tackled him and dragged him from the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Rotary Membership Moment Cindy Carter-Flamm

As most Sebastopol Rotary Club members already know I was blackmailed into joining the Rotary club. My partner, Rick Wilson, was soon to become President of the 2015-2016 Sebastopol Rotary Club year. Rick had learned at PETS (President Elect Training) that if you want to be successful at attracting new members during your year then you needed to induct a new member at your first meeting. Growing the membership was extremely important to him. Rick started his campaign to get me installed as a new member many months before his first meeting was to occur in July 2015. I don't know how he moved my membership application through so quickly, but he did. Mike Long willingly provided Rotary information at my home, just the two of us. I am still not sure how Rick pulled that off either.

Well it turns out that Donna Pantzer was inducted at Rick's first meeting also. Why didn't I know this? Why didn't I back out? I had already been to several events with Rick while he was a member. I had already met some great people at a friendship dinner hosted by Carleen and Dave Madsen. They included Harry and Jean Polley, Bob and Julie Cugini, and Trish and Richard Power. What a small world it turned out to be; Bob and I had both worked for Robert McNeil and had an instant bond.



Why didn't I back out of joining? I still had time. Well I thought I'd at least give it a try for a year. We had moved to Sebastopol in 2009 and had found that Rotary was a good way to make connections. We needed an electrician and Scott Spyрка came to our rescue many times and we'd

found him through the club. We needed to move our property and car insurance and found Mark Fink. We needed a new place to take family and friends when they came for a visit and Tom Lambert turned us on to the Sonoma Wine Club. We often wine and dined on the beautiful outdoor patio at Chris O'Neil's restaurant and vineyard. I have a beautiful three-generation family portrait thanks to Harvey Henningson. We found joy, music, and friendship with J T and Theresa Martin. J T even shared with us the best places to go on our trip to New Orleans. I have certainly met some interesting characters from other clubs too while playing in the annual bocce ball tournament hosted by the Santa Rosa club. What's not to like about the people and connections we have made through the Sebastopol Rotary Club?

Why haven't I quit? Well to be honest with you I truly enjoy the Friday noon meetings. The catered food is delicious especially when compared to my typical Lean Cuisine packaged lunch at my work desk. The speakers are interesting and varied. The fellowship, friendship and connections couldn't be better. Now, those raffle games are a different story.... balloon darts and ladder ball. The novelty wears off after the first month or two. Can't we try to change these games up quarterly?

And, who knew that I would learn new skills that I can use at work or in future endeavors with family and friends.....like....

- 1) Distributing videos for a former Sonoma County prosecutor. Who knew those Learn to Swim videos had so much to offer?
- 2) Making and "pushing" drugs at a debunking event. Who knows what went into the "Novocain" signature drinks?

Kudos to my mentor on this project too.

Why haven't I quit? Because I love wearing a crab hat and necklace? Working to raise money to give back to our community in the form of teacher grants, dictionaries, water safety, mentoring programs, RYLA, Overcoming Obstacles awards, Trade path awards, the list just keeps growing. I like the camaraderie of working on teams that do great things for the community. The enthusiasm is contagious. I have learned so much from others in the club. Jerry Warren at the food bank. Tom Lambert sharing dictionaries at Salmon Creek school. Raising money via Dine Around when we couldn't get crab one year. Cracking crab at Greg Gill's. Knocking on doors to get donations for the silent auction with the help of Greg Jacobs and Julie Cugini. Tony, Tom, and Scott working on RYLA. Selling tickets with Lu and Pam. This list could go on all day. Thank you to every one of the Sebastopol Rotary Club members who have made my years with Rotary something I will treasure forever.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

EILEEN HAFLICH

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 lay-off 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 pursue 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 design engineers to develop a fire suppression system for major fires at the Chevron refinery.

In addition to her engineering work, she also consulted with Sonoma Valley High School as part of Chevron's STEM (Science,Technology,Engineer and Math) program

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.

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