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"All the News that Fits We Print"

🍏 BEFORE THE BELL 🍏

For some odd reason, there are these wiper blades going back and forth on my windshield En route to the Roto Palace. What can it be? Ahhhhhh Raindrops.

🍏 AT THE BELL 🍏

President Keller McDonald rang the bell (rather quietly it seemed) at the precise minute and hour to commence our merry meeting.



He called upon **Mark Stevens** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Robin Maybury took the microphone, gave us the note and led us in *God Bless America*, I think he is getting better at singing, or maybe it's just us.



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234



Future Programs



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

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707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

Steve Beck provided the Thoughts for the Day from that old sage Anonymous

*Life's challenges come in three categories
Easy. Difficult and Impossible*

For those taking the easy challenges; they will have a safe, but boring life.

For those accepting the difficult challenges; their life will be tough but satisfying

Those who tackle the impossible challenges will be remembered forever.



VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS



Past President **Bud Daviero** first broke the sad news that Dan Bornstein from the Santa Rosa club will not be making up with us today. He is on vacation. Hurry back Dan.





Nick Randall from the Sebastopol Sunrise once again visiting and this time wearing a simply ravishing knit chapeau of the home made variety. He is not here to invite us to a Mad Hatters Tea Party but to the Sebastopol Sunrise Fundraiser *Parisian Rendezvous* coming March 21. See details in After the Bell.

Another visiting Rotarian was Tawny Tesconi from Petaluma who provides today's program

Guy Smith introduced his wife Michelle

Mark Stevens introduced Gail Gijzen.



HH brought along his grandson Jack



Harry Polley introduced Karen Lopez



Laura Victor Van Gorder introduced her son Peter Van Gorder



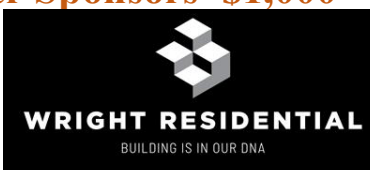
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NEW MEMBER



David Schreibmen called upon **Gail Gijzen** to come forward to be inducted into the Rotary Club of Sebastopol. **Gail** has attended several meetings and also pitched in to work on several projects already. Accompanying her were her sponsor **Mark Stevens** and her mentor **Pauline Pellini**. Her second mentor **Aleia Coate** could not attend as she is off in Aruba somewhere.



Gail was given a couple of plaques, a pin, a To-Do list for her red badge and, somewhere in the mix, an invoice for her dues. This kind of fun isn't free.

Welcome **Gail**.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



President Keller announced that the money from the Crab Feed has been counted and a new record has been set. The event netted over \$26,000 which will all be given away. Is that fun or what? Thanks again to **Nao, Scott** and **Patrick** and everyone else who pitched in. Best Crab Feed Ever.

Speaking of money, **President Keller** announced that the Board has shifted the yearly funding forward. That sounds complicated but it's not. It means that the incoming President will have a budget (with money) when he or she takes the helm instead of having to guess and hope at what the budget will be. Some slight discomfort for the treasurer and the board in the short run. Ease and comfort for the executive in the long run.



Happy Hour at **John and Patty Blounts** coming up on March 13. BYOB and some snacks to share.

See you at 5:30 at 921 Jewell.

Our exchange student Anni will be holding a raffle to help her raise funds to take the big United States tour with the other international students this summer. The raffle prize will be a dinner for 10. Buy your tickets on March 13 and 20 and help Anni out



Yes, it's time again for Learn to Swim. **Greg Jacobs** and **Rick Wilson** took the podium to talk about this year's program. The 36th year of Sebastopol Rotary teaching kids to swim at Ives pool will require lots of volunteer help but luckily, little funding. The program found a funding angel for the year and expenses are covered. Still need staff though. There will be 370 eager kids ready to go, Needed 100 Volunteers

The new band director at Analy High School has invited Sebastopol Rotarians to come and watch a rehearsal next week at the new Band Room. Friday March 13 at 10:30. A great opportunity.

President Keller reminded everyone that the CoronaVirus is in the news these days and there is information available on the Rotary website. Nothing has been cancelled so far.

🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎



Bob Rogers had a birthday on 3/2. He was scheduled to go to Chicago and had a big Greek meal planned. The trip was canceled and he settled for some local Greek food.

President Keller noted that this is International Women's Month. It turns out that the women of Sonoma County were instrumental in getting the Women's Month started way back in 1978. It is now a national event. Our own **Peg Rogers** is presently a Commissioner on the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women. For providing all of this interesting information, **Bob Rogers** was fined \$10.

Bob Hirsch recently returned from a road trip to Georgia and Florida where he hung out with his tall friends in the Tall Club. He had the exciting opportunity to meet a cardboard cut out of Paula Deen and also get a photo with Miss Tall Universe 1992. That cost **Bob** \$10.



Nao Noguchi, Larry Ford, Bob and Peg Rogers recently attended a celebration of the Emperor's Birthday at the Japanese Consulate in San Francisco. They clearly got all dressed up and practiced their diplomatic skills.

🍎 RAFFLE 🍎

Newest Rotarian **Gail Gijzen** had the lucky number and, even better, had the lucky hand to pull the winning marble from the sack.





THE PROGRAM



Harry Polley introduced the Executive Director of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Tawny Tesconi.



Tawny is a Rotarian and a local. She was raised on a working farm on Todd Road. She spent 30 years in farm management and public service before joining the Farm Bureau. She has received numerous awards including the Spirit of Sonoma Award 2006 and the friend of 4-H award in 2019.

Tawny noted that agriculture is of major importance in Sonoma County. The economic value to the county is over a billion dollars. 59 % of the agriculture dollar comes from wine grapes but there are other crops as well including dairy, apples and nursery stock.

Tawny introduced Karen Lopez who is a student at Santa Rosa Junior College and who is presently interning with the Farm Bureau. Even though Karen has only had two days on the job, she gamely took the microphone and introduced herself. Although not from an agricultural family, she has always had an interest in agriculture and would like to attend Cal Poly (Go Mustangs)

Tawny noted a few of the challenges faced by the industry and highlighted the assistance that the Farm Bureau provides. The dairy industry is presently threatened by mega dairies and lax standards on organic products. Dairies are also closing all over the state. There is also an issue with small scale production such as dairy production and slaughterhouses. As these small scale operations close down, it becomes difficult for other small scale producers to continue. Wealthy individuals are also buying up large tracts of land and leaving them fallow believing that this is a conservation effort. It brings about new issues of fire prevention and adjacent property management. The Farm Bureau is tackling these issues on behalf of the farmers as it has for over a hundred years.



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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