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Immigration Reform-A History Lesson



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BEFORE THE BELL



And me without my gym clothes! I walk into our meeting room and what to my wondering eyes should appear? No, not a sleigh and reindeer but exercise bikes...with people actually pedaling them! Spin class at Langerman's gym? No, it's Rotary all right. So, as scribe for the day, I decide to find **President Keller** and get the story. But then I discover something even more frightening than **Bob Rogers** in gym shorts.

Standing at the podium is not **President Keller**. Instead I confront **THE RETURN OF LARRY FORD!** And they have given him a computer! A return to Larry Land? I don't recall anyone requesting a sequel. Really, how can we miss you if you will never leave? But now, it's 12:15 so awaaaaay we go! God bless us everyone.





Future Programs



November 29, 2019

DARK for Thanksgiving

December 6 2019

Analay Choir

December 13, 2019

District Governor Flamson

December 20, 2019

Kristen Madsen – Creative Sonoma



Events



**HOLIDAY PARTY
DECEMBER 14, 2019**

**TROPICAL ESCAPE
JANUARY 25, 2020**

**CRAB FEED
FEBRUARY 8, 2020**



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AT THE BELL



That Totem of Tamales, Michael McGlothlin, led us in the Pledge. He then added that we will soon have the “opportunity” to roll 600 more for the Community Christmas Dinner at the Community Church.



Can **Mario Ramos** really do red and green fillings?

Robin

Maybury then led us in the singing of “My Country ‘Tis of Thee.” Love the accent, but didn’t we win the war?



Paul Yeomans

then shared these words of wisdom: *“You gotta dance like there’s nobody watching, love like you’ll never be hurt, sing like there’s nobody listening and live like it’s heaven on earth.”* A certain Community Church minister actually used those words, sung by Kathy Mattea, as an occasional Sunday benediction. Thanks, **Paul**.





VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS



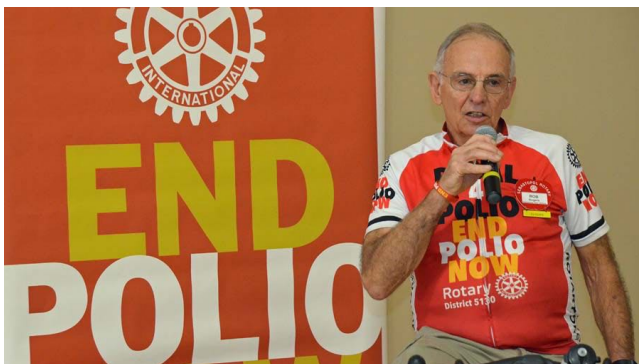
Following lunch....**Bud Daveiro** introduced our one visiting Rotarians, the previously mentioned Michael McGlothlin. His wife, Jean, was introduced as a guest.



With us also was our exchange student, Anni . Welcome!



FOUNDATION MONTH



Past President Larry reminded us that November is Rotary Foundation Month. Our club goal for the month is \$32K for the Foundation and an additional \$10K for Polio Plus. Which brings us back to the bicycles. **Bob Rogers** has set a goal of riding 104 miles on the stationary bike this month – the length of a Polio Plus ride in Arizona he was not able to attend. He invites us to support him with our gifts to Polio Plus. And on this day, other members of the club were invited to join him on the bikes...which several did throughout our meeting.

A video was then shown – “*Why Zero Matters*” – which highlighted the phenomenal success of Rotary’s Polio Plus campaign – 2.5 billion children protected against polio! A 99.9% reduction in polio cases around the world. This is the largest such effort in history. Following the video, **Bob** announced that the last case of polio reported in Nigeria was August, 2016. That country will soon be proclaimed polio free.



David Schreiber then came forward for some special *Paul Harris* recognitions. He shared some Foundation history: began in 1917 with a gift of \$26.50; first grant of \$500 in 1930 to the organization that become the Easter Seals; since its inception the Foundation has spent more than \$34 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects that have changed lives and it has consistently been rated amongst the top charities of the world. **David** then recognized **Paul Yeomans** who has now reached the level of *Paul Harris* Fellow +4 and **Pam Graber** – *Paul Harris* +2. **Harry Simms** – *Paul Harris* +3 – will be recognized at a later date.



Thanks to them for a level of generosity that can change a world.



🍏 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍏

Hal Kwalwasser reported that interviews for applicants for the North Bay Construction Corps will begin the first week of December. We could use a few more Rotarian interviewers – see **Hal**. Training for those students selected to be part of the Construction Corps will begin in January. There will be a Paddle Raise at our rescheduled January 25th fund-raiser to help fund this important project.



Sebastopol Rotary Holiday Party:

We will gather on Saturday, December 14th, from 6-9 P.M. at the home of **Jim and Rosemarie Pacatte**, 1011 Watertrough Road. Rumors that we will be asked to help them pack for their upcoming move are unfounded...so far! But rumors that we will have a great time are true indeed! RSVP to **Cindy Carter**. Program Committee. See the flyer in **After the Bell**.

President-for-the-Day Larry, then offered recognition and thanks to our hard-working weekly program committee, ably chaired by **Jorgen Holst**. Members: **Tom Boag, Dave Madsen, Harry Polley, Patrick Dirden, Jerry Warren, and Dan Rasmus**. Thanks for all your good work.

Here is a photo of some of them on duty.



Nao Noguchi invited us all to his yearly Mochitsuki celebration. Too big for one night, it will be December 20th and 21st at his home. Sake purification on Friday night with a whole roast pig on the menu for Saturday. Sake, home-brewed beer, wine, pork and Mochi for all. See **Nao** for details. RSVP by December 19.

🍏 RECOGNITIONS 🍏

Tim Moore and Meredith Bertacco and their families are recently returned from a great trip to Puerto Vallarta. It has become a tradition to celebrate birthdays together at a faraway place. A great time was had by all.



Hal Kwalwasser recently had an opinion piece published by the San Francisco Chronicle. The listing of his many impressive credentials did not include membership in the Rotary Club of Sebastopol, but Hal explained that the sharp political angle of his piece made it a bit inappropriate for sensitive Rotarians. Good call, **Hal**. But congratulations.

Steve Prandini – Nov. 24th. He plans a birthday celebration with family linked to Thanksgiving.



Norm Stupfel – Nov 26th. He figures he is thankful simply for another year.



Ken Jacobs

– Nov. 29th. He said something about a yearly flossing, but we will leave that between him and his dentist.

🍎 **RAFFLE** 🍎

Larry, still mourning the loss of ladderball – rather like mourning the loss of hair lice – announced the drawing. Winning ticket was held by Bicycle **Bob Rogers**. He reached in and what did he find? The bolo balls from ladderball! Boy, some guys just can't let go. Winnings were donated to Polio Plus. Balls immediately destroyed by Sergeant at Arms.





THE PROGRAM



Our own **David Still** presented today's program. He began with the U.S. Immigration Service in 1977, eventually becoming District Director for the San Francisco District. He retired 12 years ago. Of course, the Immigration Service no longer exists, having become part of the Department of Homeland Security. The last significant effort at immigration reform, assuming children in wire enclosures does not count as reform, was in 1986.



In that year, three problems related to immigration were identified:

- #1: too many people entering the country illegally
- #2: too many people working without proper documentation
- #3: too many people living in the U.S. long term without proper documentation.

In that year, in an effort to address these issues, the Immigration Reform and Control Act was passed and signed by President Reagan. It sought to address the three identified problems with

these measures:

- #1: Double the size of the border Patrol from 3000- to 6000.
- #2: Employers were required to check documents, then sign an I-9 form saying their workers were legal.
- #3: People could stay and apply for legalization if they met certain conditions: they had to have lived in the U.S. at least 4 years, they had a clean record, and they needed to learn U.S. history and government.

This all sounded good, but the words and music did not quite match. For example:

- #1: No money was appropriated to hire additional Border Patrol officers. The extra 3000 never happened.
- #2: Employers were presented with a blizzard of differing documents, and had no way of knowing if they were genuine or phony. There was little enforcement, so the law depended on voluntary compliance. For many it was easier just to sign the I-9 form and be done with it. Too much paperwork.
- #3: Adjustments were made to the law allowing anyone who had worked in agriculture for 90 days to apply for legalization. Thus people from urban areas were showing up with paperwork saying they worked in agriculture. The program was meant to last for a year, but when the year expired there were thousands of unresolved cases. Eventually, a decision was made to grant them all legalization.

In 1986 the IRCA law was passed with good intentions, but it seems real reform never had a chance. It is anyone's guess what might happen next. Oh yes, the Border Patrol now numbers 12,000 agents.



🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

With that, our meeting was adjourned. Thanks **David**, for an extremely interesting and timely program.

🍎 AFTER THE FINAL BELL 🍎

Don't forget our Holiday Party, December 14th. And don't forget our rescheduled fund-raiser – Jan. 25th at the Santa Rosa Country Club.

December 6: Foundation Raffle. Each ticket \$20. Six tickets for \$100 foundation donation.

And we are dark on Nov. 29th. Happy Thanksgiving everyone



SEBASTOPOL ROTARY CLUB

2019

HOLIDAY PARTY

It's time to celebrate with your Rotarian friends and family!
Bring a date & enjoy tons of holiday cheer!!

When: Saturday, December 14, 2019
6 – 9 pm

Where: Jim and Rosemarie Pacatte's
Sebastopol, California 95472

Please bring a sweet or savory dish to share.

Drinks will be provided for all to enjoy. Dress is casual.

Parking is limited; please try to carpool.

RSVP: Cindy Carter at cindycarterflamm@yahoo.com or 408-431-7820 (cell ph