

# *The Appleknocker* Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Dr. Joe Serra – Polio in Malawi



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



## AT THE BELL

**Aleia Coate** started things off by leading us in honoring Old Glory. This was followed by **Gene Nelson** and **Rick Wilson** leading us in song. This was a unique melody, a cute little ditty, something about Kokomo, Aruba, Jamaica, Key Largo and some pretty mama, a performance was sure to excite us about our Tropical Escape Fund Raiser on Saturday Night (now postponed). Was **Rick** going for that high note, or wishing **Gene** would stop singing? **Rick Wilson** then wrapped things up by providing us with the thought for the day "Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art". (Eleanor Roosevelt)



## Future Programs

**November 8, 2019**

**Veterans' Day**

## Events

**Tropical Escape  
Fall Fundraiser  
New Date TBD**

## Miscellany

**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS—JackE Dunlap@gmail.com**

**On-line Make-Ups:**

**[www.RotaryEClubOne.org](http://www.RotaryEClubOne.org)**

**Domestic Violence Hotline:**

**707-546-1234**

**[sebastopolrotary.com](http://sebastopolrotary.com)**

Before adjourning us for lunch **Prez Keller** reminded us that that Rotary not only connects people, but connects the World. **Prez Keller, AKA Big Mac**, brought the hammer down on the Roto Bell at 12:15 on the dot.

## ROTARIANS & GUESTS

**Budman Bud Daviero** introduced Maria Robinson, a financial consultant from Santa Rosa East. **Edwin Wilson** introduced his wife **Diana**, father-in-law Ralph Schram, daughter Daniele Waters and son in law Torin Waters. **Tom Dilley** introduced his wife **Pat**. **John Blount** introduced Dorothy Serra, wife of today's speaker.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our very own and **PDG John Blount** stepped to the podium to talk about the Rotary Foundation. John mentioned that that the Foundation transforms our gifts into service projects that changes lives both close to home and





around the world. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago the foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life changing sustainable programs. Our guest Torin Waters accompanied by his family stepped forward to receive his Paul Harris Fellowship Award from **John Blount**.



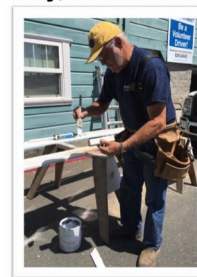
**Jim Passage** took the mic and mentioned that Sebastopol World Friends is sponsoring a dinner on Saturday November 2, being held at the Enmanji Temple in Sebastopol. The proceeds will go to aid flood relief effort for Takeo City Japan. The event will be attended by many Ukrainians and Japanese.

**KUDOS in SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETTER for HANDS-ON PROJECT July 31**



**Jim Pacatte, Scott Briggs, Tom Dilley, Diana Rich**

**Big Mac** recognized and thanked **Jim Pacatte, Scott Briggs, Tom Dilley** and **Diana Rich** for the work they did on the Senior Center on the Hands On Project they worked on at the Senior Center on July 31<sup>st</sup>.



**Jerry Warren** stepped up and asked for a show of hands of everybody who is planning on being at the work party at Redwood Empire Food Bank Tuesday October 29 from 9:30 to 11:30.



## RECOGNITIONS



**Richard Power** was dinged \$10 his October 21 BD. Turing 75 qualifies **Richard** as an old fart, although he does not look it.



Michael and Daranee in Japan



**Michael** and his dearly beloved **Darnee Hixon** parted with \$10 for a trip they took to Japan where they did a lot snorkeling, hiking and site seeing.

**Tim** and **Mary Ann Moore** took a trip to Italy where they did a lot of cycling and site seeing. **Tim** said caio to \$10 for the experience.



Jeff and Jean's granddaughter, **Tabitha Boal**, 11<sup>th</sup> birthday!



**Jim** and **Jean Boal** visited their granddaughter **Tabitha Boal** in sunny southern Calif. to help celebrate her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.



**Prez Big Mac** along with our **First Lady** flew to San Diego to welcome their son home from an 8 month tour of duty in Afghanistan.



## **MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Our own former Governor, **PDG Bob Rogers** took the mic to talk about Pedal 4 Polio bike ride. The original idea for this year's P4P was be for riders traveling to Tucson to ride in District 5500's "The Ride to End Polio," however, **Bob** was only able to garner 2 other Rorarians to join him. Bob ended up with a blood clot in his leg which was caused by a 3 week road trip he took in his car and sitting too long. Anyway, to make a long story short, the Doc put him on blood thinners for 3 months to avoid clotting and **Bob** cannot take the chance of falling and re-injuring himself. To compensate, **Bob** committed to ridding 104 miles in the gym on an indoor bike during the month of November and solicit pledges for that instead. So don't put your check books away—help **Bob** meet his goal!



## RAFFLE

Our Visiting Rotarian Maria Robinson from Santa Rose had the lucky number but after that her luck ran out, she did not draw the black marble - too bad Maria, better luck next time.

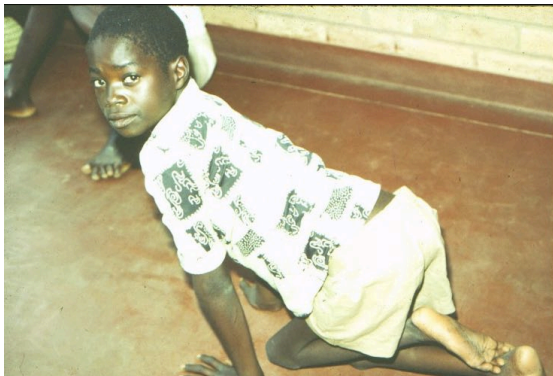
## THE PROGRAM



**PDG John Blount** stepped to the podium to introduce today's guest speaker, Doctor Joseph Serra. Joe was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He served in the Korean war from 1950-51 as a Navy medical corpsman First Marine Division. He obtained his pre-med degree at Albion College, in Albion, Michigan, and attended Wayne State University College Medicine graduating in 1960. He interned at Los Angeles County Hospital then returned to Wayne State University for his residency in Orthopedic Surgery. Joe, and his wife Dorothy, moved to Stockton in 1966 where he entered private practice. Dr. Serra has served as orthopedic team physician for the University of Pacific, the Milwaukee Brewers farm system, and the Stockton Ports baseball team.

He joined Stockton Rotary in 1977 and was President in 1990-91. He was District 5220 Governor from 1994-95. He has served the Rotary Foundation as a volunteer orthopedic surgeon to Malawi, Africa on eleven tours; primarily performing surgery on polio victims called "crawlers". He has received many awards including the Service Above Self award, the foundation PolioPlus Pioneer award, and the Distinguished Service Award of the Rotary Foundation. Joe and Dorothy have two sons and four grand kids.

With that, Dr. Serra stepped to the podium and mentioned that in Malawi society the crawlers, that's kids who have been effected by polio, have been left behind. We perform these operation just to get these kids back on their feet. Sometimes this is not possible, so on many occasions, after the operation crutches or some type of wheel chair is provided to aid the child in getting around. Dr. Serra mentioned that there are three different types of polio virus type one, type two, and type three and each one must be treated differently—giving immunity to one does not immunize against the other two.



Dr. Serra said that there are two different types of polio vaccines (1) oral polio vaccine (OPV) and (2) injectable polio vaccine (IPV). The problem is that OPV is an attenuated virus and can and does cause polio. The IPV is a killed virus and cannot cause cases of polio. So there are cases of polio due to the vaccine especially in malnourished kids. So we can never reach zero cases of polio as long as OPV is used. But it is the only way to immunize an average of 500 million kids per year under the age of five. Using the IPV in the developing world, using needles and syringes, would be too costly. IPV is being used in the wealthier industrialized countries.



There are 120 countries using the IPV at this time. Research might develop another way to deliver the IPV vaccine, but OPV remains the only way to immunize millions easily, however it does have the risk of causing a few cases. We are working on ways to develop another way to deliver the IPV without needles. For example apply the vaccine through tape to the skin and then remove the tape. Since 1988 tremendous progress has been made in the fight against polio. In 1988 there were over 350 thousand cases of polio and so far In 2019 we have under 100. The number of cases in 2018 was 33.

Not being able to eliminate polio completely are human and not scientific. We need a world that will work together to see this campaign succeed. Rotary is working in conjunction with The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, The World Health Organization, the CDC in this effort to eliminate Polio. In addition, the The US Government, the UK, India, Japan Canada and Germany are contributing money to eliminating polio. To date Rotary has contributed \$1.9 billion to fight polio.

## THE FINAL BELL

With that, **Prez Keller** brought the hammer down at 1:30pm sharp.

## AFTER THE BELL

On the afternoon of the 25<sup>th</sup>, the Roto-team was transforming the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club into a tropical paradise, in advance of our highly anticipated fall fundraiser, Tropical Escape. The venue was set, the mai-tai's were on the ready, when Mother Nature drew a card that brought Sonoma County, and the Roto-family to it's knees, yet again. In anticipation of historically strong winds, most of northern and western Sonoma County was evacuated, impacting almost every member of the extended Roto-family from Alexander Valley to Sebastopol, Oakmont to Bodega Bay, and every place in between. Because of the emergency, our fall fundraiser was postponed. The team is working on a new date. When it's announced, you'll hear it here. Your **editor** wishes all of you reading these lines all the best.



**Prez Keller**, you're doing it the wrong way! Back in my day...





We have to taste test all of this????

Hands off the merchandise!



I've got this!!!!