



The Appleknocker

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President Dan's Rotary Jeopardy !!



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



AT THE BELL



At 12:15 **President Dan**, courageously facing the waning days of his presidency, called our hybrid meeting to order at our Russian River Vineyards Rotary home away from home.

Jackie Moreira led the Pledge,

and **Steve Prandini** shared a couple of "Thoughts for The Day":

"Life is like a camera. Focus on what is important. Capture the good times. Develop from the negatives. And if things don't work out, take another shot." Ziad K. Abdelnour

And this from Kahlil Gibran:

"I slept and I dreamed that all life is joy. I woke and saw that life is service. I served and I saw that service is joy."

Who knew that Gibran was a Rotarian! Thanks, **Steve**.





Future Programs



May 28, 2021

**Dr. Michael Krasny - A Life
On The Radio**

June 4, 2021

**Dr. Craig Clements – Fire
Weather Research Lab**

Coming Events

Debunking

June 25, 2021



Miscellany



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VISITING ROTARIANS



We welcomed Ray Giampaoli, President elect of the Santa Rosa Main Club, and Past District Governor of 5130, Bruce Campbell.



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS



Actually two guests of the club were with us again – our newest favorite dentists, Anthony Grados and Karimeh Shehadeh. Welcome!

Loren Coburn and Alicia Matthies from SRJC were introduced as well, but we shall return to them soon.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



President Dan then offered congratulations to our **incoming President, Ellen Harrington**, who has successfully completed the Rotary Leadership Academy.

He also reminded us that May is Foundation Month and urged donations to support all the wonderful work done by the foundation in our names.

Debunking - June 25th !!!

Just when you thought all hope was lost....you turn the calendar page to June and there it is...DEBUNKING!! The people who walked for so long in darkness have seen a great light! The debunking of **President Dan**, Friday, June 25th Russian River Vineyards. Food, drinks, entertainment and a collective sigh of relief.....all for only \$48. Sign up now! Festivities begin that day at 5:30 P.M. For tickets, call **Lu Frazier**, mail or bring a check to our Friday meeting, or pay online on our club's home page. This will be our biggest celebration of the year. Not to be missed. But remember, you must phrase your answer in the form of a question. This will be a night of Rotary Jeopardy as never seen before....or again!

Polio Plus:

Bob Rogers was eager to report that we have now gone 16 weeks without any cases of "wild" polio virus in the world. Great news. Let's keep up our generous support!



ANNIVERSARIES



David and Carolee Schreiber – 39 years. They enjoyed a getaway at Pacific Grove.

Richard and Trish Power – 38 years. They celebrated with a low-key celebration at home with family.

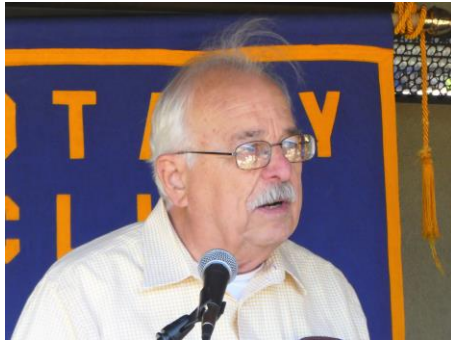
Rotary Service Anniversaries:

David Still – 11 years

Oh, by the Way...Did you know that Luther Burbank, Prince Phillip and Dolly Pardon have all been named Honorary Rotarians? President Dan thought you might like to know. Our own honorary Rotarians....**Sharon Daveiro** and Bristol Hassler.



SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS



President Dan introduced **Jim Passage**, chair of our club's SRJC Scholarship Program. **Jim** outlined the program and thanked his hard-working committee: **Scott Briggs, Tom Boag, Ellen Harrington, Hal Kwalwasser, Jack Dunlap, Laura Victor van Gorder, and Kelly Back.**

Scott Briggs then shared this year's process. The club awarded four scholarships of \$4,000 each. The club provided \$12,000 from this year's budget, there was \$2,000 left from an unused scholarship and SREF provided \$2,000 for

a total of \$16,000. 40 applications were received and interviews were conducted via Zoom. And the winners are:



- Jennifer Phay – Analy graduate, currently working at Spring Lake Village and enrolled in the JC nursing program
- Rocco Scinto – El Molino graduate, a veteran of two tours in Afghanistan and a computer wizard.
- Alicia Matthies - El Molino graduate, single mother of two sons and a first responder EMT on an ambulance team. She is also enrolled in the nursing program.
- Akshay Pagare – Analy grad, currently working full time while taking courses at the JC. Plans to be an M.D. and pursue a medical practice in India.



Jim then introduced Lauren Coburn who coordinates the scholarship program at SRJC. She worked closely with our scholarship committee this year. She told us that the JC has almost \$1 million available for scholarships each year and awards over 600 scholarship opportunities. She thanked the club for our generous support over the years. Lives are changed when students are enabled to stay in school through generous financial support.

Jim then introduced one of those students...Alicia Matthies. A child of Sebastopol, attending Oak Grove and Willowside and then El Molino, she told us that as a single mom also working as an EMT, the Rotary scholarship will enable her to stay in school and complete her nursing degree. Oh, and did I mention she also grew up in The Community Church of Sebastopol?



Jim then closed this portion of the meeting, recalling how important financial aid had been to him, enabling him to attend the University of Michigan, something that could never have happened without a scholarship. He recommended that we expand this program, perhaps beginning a scholarship program for west county students attending Sonoma State. In his words: "Among our many worthwhile projects of this club, the scholarship program does rank very high for its long-range value to humanity and to the community." If you have any doubts, just take a moment, and look into the eyes of a grateful student like Alicia.

Later in the meeting, **Rick Wilson** added a word of thanks to community colleges such as the J.C., sharing that he took a course there to learn power point. And if they can teach **Rick**, imagine what they could do for each of us!



THE PROGRAM

Well, a funny thing happened on the way to our program...actually not so funny. Our scheduled speaker, James Alexander, suffered a serious fall on Thursday and was in Memorial Hospital. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

President Dan was left with every Rotary president's nightmare... No Program!! What to do? What to do? Your faithful scribe offered to provide a summary of recent sermons, but incredibly was turned down. Because **President Dan** had another idea. What else? It's time for Rotary Jeopardy! Needless to say, that announcement set off a rush to the wine bar. Who ever thought we would miss **Bob Rogers** and his vegetables?

Our Rotary players were **Larry Ford**, **Pauline Pellini**, and **Michelle Kimble**. And a good time – or at least, a time - was had by all? We learned all about Women in Rotary, Derby Day and how much **President Dan** has enjoyed his year. Of course, no one asked how we have enjoyed his year! Somebody won, but by then your scribe was on his third glass of wine, and most of the audience was napping.

THE FINAL BELL

Meeting adjourned at 1:15...I think! [It doesn't appear there was an official timekeeper -**Ed**.]



FUTURE PROGRAMS



MAY 28, 2021 - Life On The Radio - Michael Krasny

Dr. Michael Krasny was the host of the award winning KQED FORUM, a program discussing news and public affairs, current events, culture, health, business, and technology. He is also a veteran interviewer for the nationally broadcast City Arts and Lectures series. Focus magazine named him Best Bay Area Talk Show Host, and he was selected Best Talk Host and Best Interviewer by the editorial staff of San Francisco Weekly, as well as in their annual readers poll.

June 4, 2021 – Fire Weather Research Lab - Dr. Craig Clements

Dr. Craig Clements is a Professor of Meteorology at San José State University and Director of the Fire Weather Research Laboratory. He leads research on fire weather, extreme fire behavior, fire-atmosphere interactions, and conducting wildland fire field experiments. His current research focuses on obtaining meteorological measurements using state-of-the-art Mobile Atmospheric Profiling Systems such as Doppler Lidar and Radar at active wildfires in the western US and his research has been featured in PBS NOVA, Rolling Stone, The New York Times, Time Magazine, CNN, and Scientific American.

