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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Richard Correia – Policing in America



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



Heading to Memorial Hall this pleasant August Friday. Kind of quiet. Not much going on. Looking back on August past and remembering evacuations, fire, smoke, COVID stay at home and electioneering. I like the routine stuff just fine.



AT THE BELL



Tibetan proverb:

"The secret to living well and longer is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple, and love without measure."

President Ellen Harrington boldly rang the bell at precisely 12:15 pm to call the routine meeting to order. **Aldean Noethig** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dana Moises was called upon to recite the Thought for the Day but since she forgot her glasses she was led carefully close to the screen to read the material.

There were no visiting Rotarians.

Aleia Coate introduced Myriah Volk. Myriah is interested in membership according to **Aleia**.

Rick Wilson introduced Carl Tennenbaum as a guest for the last time. Carl IS on the verge of membership as well.



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🍎 Future Programs 🍎

September 3

**Your Fundraising Efforts
Making a Difference
In Sebastopol**

September 10

**Asian Hate Crimes
WWII to Today**

September 11

Summer Picnic

September 17

**Dr. Charlie Evans
A 160 Mile Walk
Across Kenya**

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

With the bell properly re-rung and lunch finished, **President Ellen** recognized a few lucky Rotarians.

Pauline Pellini had a birthday of late and in its honor **President Ellen** flashed up a screen full of **Pauline's** favorite pastime venues – Opera Houses around the world. **President Ellen** challenged **Pauline** to name some of the famous places but **Pauline** wasn't into it. Maybe she forgot her glasses.

At any rate, **Pauline** said that she had been forced to cancel a planned trip to Reno but she did have a nice 8/25 lunch and dinner out.



Laura Victor Van Gorder was surprised to see that **President Ellen** had a picture from her birthday party. It was just the night before. What powers does this President have? The photo was a dinner with **Jack and Ruthie Dunlap**. **Laura** also went to Pajaro Dunes with family to celebrate.



Bud in Bloom



Bud Daviero's birthday was recognized but he wasn't in attendance. **President Ellen** said she would send him birthday greetings with a fine enclosed.

Mia Del Prete and **Jim** recently celebrated their anniversary of 40 years.

Scott and **Sally Briggs** did one better with their 47 anniversary.

And **Steve Prandini** and **Roseann** celebrated the big 50th anniversary. After a well deserved round of applause (more for **Roseann** for sticking it out than for **Steve**) **Steve** said they had gone to San Francisco to celebrate visiting the Van Gogh exhibit.

Richard Power had a Rotary anniversary of 20 years. When asked how it felt, he explained that he was in the club before and left to help organize and begin the Sunrise Club before returning to this club. Welcome Back **Richard**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



President Ellen thanked several members for their recent assist at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Helpers included **Jerry Warren**, **Jim Passage**, **Mark Fink**, and **David Schreibman**.

Thank you, Rotary...

August volunteer day
at REFB

They bagged over
1500 pounds of sweet
potatoes that are
going out to
hungry people today!



Sebastopol Rotary Annual Picnic.....

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Noon to 4pm

Great food, swimming, good company, and of course a bit of fun. Hope you can join us.

Details:

- Bob & Peg Rogers' home, 1250 Garden Lane, Sebastopol
- BBQ chicken, Chile rellenos, salads, margaritas, water, sodas, and beer provided. BYOB wine.

\$20 per person. RSVP to cindycarterflamm@yahoo.com or in person at a Friday Rotary Club meeting.



Children always
welcome as long
as they are fully
vaccinated.



The Picnic is coming on September 11. SAVE THE DATE. It will cost \$20 a person to attend and get some good grub and drink. It will be at **Bob and Peggy Rogers** house and don't forget that they have a swimming pool. Bring your own wine if that's what you want but there will be other drinks and beer provided.

The Apple Blossom event on September 18 is coming and **Hal Kwalwasser** is heading up the crew. If you want to be in the crew, talk to **Hal**. There will be work on the day before and the day off. And plan on marching in the parade too.



WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE



President Ellen called out number 132 as the winner and **Rick Williams** jumped up and came forward. He gave the wheel a spin and won the big prize – ten bucks.

But wait – **Kathy Schwartz** pointed out that **Dana Moises** was sitting at number 132? What happened? **Rick** quickly gave the ten bucks to **Dana**.

We are chalking it up to no one wearing their glasses these days. Is there an optometrist we can recruit for this club?



THE PROGRAM



Rick Wilson introduced out guest speaker – retired San Francisco Police Commander Richard Correia. Richard served in virtually every aspect of the San Francisco Department from jailer and beat patrolman to Commander and every job title in between. He ran a station, SF International Airport, the Police Academy and Internal Affairs. He has a master's degree and a J.D. degree.

Richard took us back to his first assignments as a rookie in law enforcement. He was assigned to an old timer who told him to "Listen carefully to everyone – and don't believe a word they say." He was given the keys to the San Francisco Jail on his first day of work. He was also told that as a policeman he had a front row seat to "the greatest show on earth". His experience has taught him that, in fact, with the type of close scrutiny on law enforcement today, it is more accurate to say that the police are participants in the show – not spectators.

Richard said that policing is essentially unskilled labor taught on the job. Yes, the academy gives the basics, and, like many jobs, then you learn how its done. He recommends that good potential police officers like people, like helping people, and have good judgement. A gregarious nature is a key to good policing according to Richard.

Richard said that police officers are sent into horrific situations of all kinds and advance training for such situations is not possible. The public has come to rely on the police to handle all kinds of problems that are not really public safety issues like homelessness, and drug and alcohol abuse. Constant exposure to these situations can lead to Post Traumatic Stress. Richard urged that police be cared for rather than scorned.

He also noted that a good deal of police training is in use of force. Since the September 11 attacks, the police has been militarized. In fact, good policing seldom involves force.

Community policing is unfortunately a thing of the past with recent emphasis on force. De-escalation is the key to success.

Richard stayed on for a lively question and answer session as usual.



THE FINAL BELL



With that, **Ellen** struck the hearty Roto-Bell at 1:30pm sharp, and left the flock with this thought.





UPCOMING PROGRAMS



September 10, 2021: Henry Kaku – Asian Hate Crimes WWII to Present



Henry Kaku, a third generation Japanese American, will be speaking to our club on Asian Hate Crimes dating back from WWII to present day. His entire family was incarcerated during WWII for 4 years. At the end of the War, they were deported and had their US Citizenship taken away because Henry's Father spoke out against being sent to Prison. When Henry was born in Japan, he was Stateless. He became US Citizen in 1956 when his family was reinstated as US Citizens. Henry graduated from SJSU with a degree in Psychology. He was a High School teacher/Counselor as well as a Human Resource Director in Banking for 30 years. Currently, Henry is a Substitute Teacher and Martial Arts and Origami Instructor in Petaluma.