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“All the News that Fits We Print”

🍏 BEFORE THE BELL 🍏



What a great day for a Rotary meeting! The masked flock streamed into the Roto-Palace for some great food and some great company. Even with the fear of the Delta variant spreading, nothing can keep the Roto-flock from catching up for lost social time! With taste buds satisfied by the great team at Trends Catering, it's time to move on with the show!

🍏 AT THE BELL 🍏



Right at 12:15 pm sharp, **President Ellen Harrington** struck the Roto-bell at 12:15pm sharp, bringing the room to attention. **Pam Graber** gave us a wonderful and original thought of the day:

"If you ever wonder exactly who you are and what your priorities really are, just check where you spend your time and money. Your calendar and wallet will provide your truth."

Our own Bing Crosby-inspired crooner, **Keller McDonald**, led the flock in his own version "America The Beautiful." I'm sure Katharine Lee Bates would approve of his version and the fact that no reports of self-inflicted punctured eardrums were reported.



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

August 6

**Deanna Martin
Sonoma County
Agriculture Trends**

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎



Ken Silveira celebrated his big day on July 31st by catching one hell of a big fish. Nice catch, \$5 please!

Barbara Beedon celebrated her 25th anniversary with our Club. We're so glad you are with us, **Barbara!**

Someone was playing in the snow (in July????) and chasing waterfalls. Why it was **Robin Maybury** and his better half **Jean!** They spent two weeks exploring Oregon and Washington, including time on the Olympic Peninsula and Mount Rainier. All that fun must be worth \$5!

Hoh Forest in Washington



Keller, wearing a Hawaiian shirt, a lei, and playing the ukulele? But of course! He was recently spotted in town serenading folks at The Barlow. Guess he took a wrong turn at The Farralon's...and landed in Sebastopol rather than Honolulu. That wrong turn will cost \$5.





THE RAFFLE



Oh dear, it's time for the Wheel of MisFortune. Who's our victim.....err.....contestant today? Why it's **Anthony Grados**! **Keller's** lucky.....or unlucky streak, was over! After a spin of the wheel, **Anthony** landed on the Roto Wheel, walking away with \$5.



MEMBERSHIP



Ellen swung the Roto-spotlight on **David Schreibman** for a membership update. **David** shared how COVID-19 has brought many challenges to Rotary and to other service clubs worldwide. He reported how most service clubs had attrition rates of 10% to 19%. Where do we stand you ask? Only at 5%. We're still saddened by the loss of our beloved friend and fellow Rotarian Yvette Williams van Aggelen. We've seen some depart for career and health reasons, and we miss them as well. Some still maintain their ties as Friends of Rotary, such as Peggy Rogers, Dennis Judd, and Jorgen Holst.



The Hixon's appear to be roughing it in Thailand. While they are enjoying their new home, Michael recently made a plea for help getting a vaccine.

Ron "The Pooch" and Lynda Puccinelli are living it up on a beautiful Lake in Idaho. Despite the distance, Pooch and Lynda still hold the club close to their hearts.





Torrey and Lucy Olson have moved to the Islands, Whidbey Island to be exact! They are enjoying their new home north of Seattle.

Despite all the challenges, we have managed to welcome four very engaging members, with several interested people in the pipeline. **David** ended by reflecting on the lessons learned from the pandemic. We all gained a greater appreciation for this club during this time. Appreciation for being together. Appreciation for the power a group of service-minded people, and the good it creates, both in our community, and around the world. He encouraged everyone in the community to open their eyes and seek out future Rotarians. Invite them to lunch! If you need help finding the right words to close the deal, reach out to **David**.



THE PROGRAM



The \$64,000 question on the mind of **Dan Rasmus**....where is our speaker??????? Due to a force majeure, today's speaker was nowhere to be seen, and his fate is still unlearned. Neither rain, nor sleet, nor absent speaker will ever stop a Rotary meeting from proceeding forward. Two amazing members stepped forward to fill the dead air!

First up was one of our newest members, **Karimeh Shehadeh**. She gave an on-the-fly rookie speech. We learned that she was born in San Francisco and raised on the Peninsula. She is the eldest of five sisters. They all grew up working in their parent's health food store

in San Francisco, Green Earth. She studied dentistry in San Francisco and New York City, which is where she met her husband, **Anthony Grados**. **Karimeh** and **Anthony** bought **John** and **Patti Blount's** dental practice. We learned that she practices general dentistry with an emphasis on pediatric care in the practice and epigenetic orthodontics to improve and treat sleeping disorders. Treat TMJ and grow underdeveloped jaws without surgery. They have an Australian labradoodle and the three of them have been enjoying life in Sonoma County. They love the beach, the good food and wine, and the wonderful community. We're happy to have you and your husband in our club! And, we love your drawing skills, too!



Second up was **Amee Sas**. She gave the club an overview of the real estate market over the past year. Yes, you are seeing new faces in town. There are many people from San Francisco moving to Sebastopol permanently. We learned that homes that are up to date are selling at premium prices. Should you sell now? Well, if you have plenty of equity and can wait out the next downturn, don't panic. However, if a downturn could impact your future plans, now is a good time to sell. Even though July and August are slow months, fear not, as eager buyers will show up in the fall. Inventory is still low. She also said that homes in high fire danger areas are now subject to new point of sale regulations.



THE FINAL BELL



Kudos to **Karimeh Shehadeh** and **Amee Sas** for saving the day. And, no **Ellen**, this was not your mess-up meeting! And with that, **Ellen** struck the hearty Roto-Bell at 1:30pm sharp.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS



August 6, 2021: Deanna Martin – Sonoma County Agricultural Land Trends



Deanna Martin is Vice President of Lending at American AgCredit. Deanna has been in agriculture lending for the past 13 years. She began her lending career with the USDA Farm Service Agency where she worked for 6 years. During her tenure with FSA she worked in Fresno, Yuba, and Stanislaus Counties serving the credit needs of farmers and ranchers. Deanna has been with American AgCredit for 7 years now, working in Santa Rosa, CA. She began in underwriting with American AgCredit's Agribusiness/Capital Markets group underwriting the largest credit deals/syndication's for 3 years before taking an opportunity as a relationship manager. As an RM she oversees a portfolio of \$200MM throughout the north coast (Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake County).

Deanna grew up in Lodi, CA on her families dairy farm. She attended Fresno State where is obtained her bachelor's degree in Agriculture Business and just recently completed her Masters in Wine Business through Sonoma State (July 30th, 2021). When not at work, Deanna enjoys traveling, being outdoors, spending time with family and going to the coast or being on a lake (anywhere with water really). Deanna has been with her now wife for 13 years, the two got married right before the pandemic on Feb. 29th of 2020.



COMING AUGUST 6, 2021

APPLYING LESSONS LEARNED IN 2020 TO YOUR WINE BUSINESS

**CLAY POPKO, REGIONAL BANKING EXECUTIVE
DEANNA MARTIN, VICE PRESIDENT OF LENDING,
VINEYARD AND WINERY GROUP**

The coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States has had a significant impact on agriculture. From growers, processors, and handlers all the way to consumers in the grocery store, each step in the agricultural production process has been tested over the past year.

Few sectors have been as significantly impacted as the wine industry, which has experienced severe disruptions due to restaurant, bar, and tasting room closures following a historic season of wildfires in the Western U.S. that interfered with the fall harvest. Revenue from agritourism also declined in 2020 as travelers stayed home.

Come to our meeting on August 6 as Deanna Martin will be speaking to us on the way agriculture in our own Sonoma County has been able to address the challenge of fires and a pandemic to keep our wonderful home productive!

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