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JOEL BARTLETT – Tales of a Legendary Weatherman

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“All the News that Fits We Print”

🍎 **BEFORE THE BELL** 🍎

Very exciting to be venturing back to the Community Church Hall for the Rotary Club of Sebastopol meeting.

Not that the Russian River Vineyards was a problem (Thanks **Chris O'Neill**) but there is just something comforting about being in



our old digs. We were greeted at the door with a smile and a question. Question answered, we were welcomed into the Hall full of Rotarians. Just like old times.



🍎 **AT THE BELL** 🍎

At 12:15 pm **President Ellen Harrington** rang a little tiny bell – something you would use to call a bellboy. Then Sergeant at Arms **Nao Noguchi** approached the podium with what looked like a case of wine. Are we going back to the Russian River Vineyards days and breaking out the vino? No – It was the Bell! **Ellen** rang it boldly to begin the first Rotary meeting of the year.

Paul Theilen volunteered to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and did a pretty good job of it.



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Future Programs

July 16

**Police Chief, Kevin Kilgore
An Update On Sebastopol**

Coming Events

Happy Hour

July 16, 2021

The Dilley's

Miscellany

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Tom Lambert brought us the "Thought for the Day" – first remarking on the special nature of the day; first time back in the Memorial Hall and first meeting of the Rotary year.



"Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

It was obvious that some Rotarians haven't lifted their voices in song for over a year but **Keller McDonald** did his best to tune us up by leading a version of "*This Land is Your Land.*"



VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS



Michael McGlothlin came for lunch. He is a stalwart in the Sunrise Club.

Mike Ferguson introduced his guest **Cal Horton** from Scotts Valley. Also **Joel Bartlett**, our speaker.



Ruthie Dunlap introduced her guest **Beth Lamb**, a retired Geologist and current Board Chair of **Sebastopol World Friends** – the Sebastopol Sister City program.



DEBUNKING CONTINUED??



President Ellen introduced immediate Past President **Dan Rasmus**. **Dan** thanked everyone for the Debunking, singling out the committee and its chair **Ken Jacobs**. He enjoyed the high energy evening as did we all.



President Ellen then pinned the President Elect pin on **President Elect Hal Kwalwasser**.



GREEN BADGE TO RED



Two green badges turned red and were awarded to **Sue Engle** and **Gail Gijzen**. Brand new Red Badgers – both on the President's Board.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



President Ellen scanned the crowd for Birthday celebrators. Finding none – she wished herself Happy Birthday. Yes, her special day was July 10. She then levied the hefty fine of \$5. On herself. Get up there with the fine box, **Nao**.





Cindy Carter had a Rotary Anniversary.

RECOGNITIONS

Jackie Moreira became a first time Grandma on May 22, with the birth of her granddaughter Jolene Marie. Awesome. **Jackie** wasn't in attendance to pay up.



Edwin Wilson took a trip with Diana, **Tom** and Pat Dilley and another couple to *Turley Winery* in Paso Robles. It was an auction item that he bought way back in the pre Covid Days. **President Ellen** asked him what his fine should be (???) and he replied that he would put \$100 into his Paul Harris. Wow. That's setting the bar pretty high.



Quick photo of **David Schreibman** and **Sue Engle** pitching in at the Redwood Empire Food Bank last month. You too can pitch in on July 29. Be there.



President Ellen recognized a couple of Thank Yous. The first from the Laguna Environmental Center thanking the Rotary Club of Sebastopol for the recent community grant. Another Thank You from the Born2Ball basketball club that we supported with a community grant.



THE RAFFLE



Well – here goes this year's raffle. No sign of a bag of marbles OR a zucchini, so it will probably work out okay.

Voila – The Wheel of Misfortune was unveiled. This tiny wheel was built by **Tom Dille** and from the looks of it, made when **Tom** was a much younger man. There appear to be tiny pictures of the Rotary Board members each with a photo and a prize. Beware – If you land of **Ken Jacobs** bad things happen – you pay.

Guest speaker Joel Bartlett drew a number which corresponded to numbers written on the table. Everybody was in the game. Who won? It was **Keller McDonald**.

Keller bravely spun the wheel. Well, it didn't really spin, it kind of clunked. Maybe some oil or graphite before next week. Anyway – **Keller** landed on **Amee Sas** and was declared the winner of a \$10 prize.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



President Ellen noted that regular polio updates once again tallied zero new cases.

She name-checked new Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta. You can read all about him in the new Rotarian Magazine. His motto is "You be the movers, I'll be the Shekhar."

Also, name-checked, our new District Governor Dustin Littlefield.

Rotary will have seven areas of service starting this July – up from the previous six. New on the list is Environmental Sustainability. Our club is already preparing for this with a new committee formed up and with projects in the works. The Committee Chair is **Kathy Schwartz**.

The club has another new committee, the Homeless Committee, chaired by **Jack Dunlap**. This committee was formed initially to consider the establishment of a sustainable village for formerly homeless. However, it has become clear there are many groups in Sonoma County working toward this very challenging goal, or at least helping to find safe shelter and to reduce food insecurity. The immediate goal of the committee is to learn the current issues and activities and ultimately to develop a project where Sebastopol Rotary club can help.

Also coming soon will be birding expeditions led by **Keller McDonald** and **Greg Jacobs**. The first one is scheduled for September 17. You really need to be there. Fun and educational.

Ellen closed her business meeting with a quiz. Who taught Ellen how to use PowerPoint? Was it **Larry Ford**? **Tom Boag**? Larry Ellison? NO. She is self-taught. Who could imagine?



THE PROGRAM



Mike Ferguson introduced our Speaker Joel Bartlett. You don't have to be an old timer to remember Joel Bartlett Weatherman Extraordinaire on Channel 5 and 7 but it helps. Joel always brought humor and wit to his forecasts. How he got there is interesting too.

Joel began by excusing himself and taking a quick walk outside where he looked up at the sky. He immediately returned and reported that it was a very nice day out. Even though he retired in 2006, old habits die hard apparently.

Joel studied engineering in college. When he joined the Air Force his aptitude test got him into weather school. He loved it. It took a year to learn weather for the military and he enjoyed hanging out in Texas, wearing the uniform, and the whole science of weather. When he mustered out, he found a job with Pacific Gas and Electric in his field of weather forecasting, here in the Bay Area.

Weather, he said, is not an exact science. Weather forecasting even less so. You are working in the world's largest laboratory. In the 60s and 70s there were few computer aids and few satellite assists. PGE was looking for forecasts that would help them adjust fuel supplies to need.



Joel enjoyed his time at PGE. One of his hobbies was sailing and he and a friend spent hours on the Bay in a 26 foot Thunderbird sloop. One evening a surprise storm ran them on the rocks and broke the boat in half. An alert newsman from the Examiner got the photos, interviewed the shipwrecked Joel and came out with the front page story. *Weatherman and Insurance adjuster surprised by storm – wreck ship.*

This rather embarrassing circumstance ended up getting Joel invited to speak at a couple of yacht clubs. At the Tiburon club, he was approached by an executive from Channel 5 who offered him an audition as on-air weatherman. Joel took the chance, aced the audition, and became a nightly fixture in Bay Area homes for years to come.

Joel described the nightly weather segment from back in the day. Each channel got the same satellite printout about 1pm. By the five o'clock news, the weatherman was reporting what might happen. By the eleven o'clock news, he was reporting what had happened. The idea of a three-day forecast was unheard of – a seven day? You were just guessing.

Joel finished his presentation with a lively question and answer session with the group.

Program number one of this Rotary year was a great success.



THE FINAL BELL



President Ellen Harrington thanked our guest and informed him that a donation in his name will be made to the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Overcoming Obstacles Scholarship Program. Then she rang the Bell (Thank you **Nao**) at precisely 1:30 PM.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS



AN UPDATE FROM SEBASTOPOL POLICE CHIEF, KEVIN KILGORE



Jul 16, 2021 12:15 PM

**Kevin Kilgore, Sebastopol
PoliceChief@Memorial Hall**

**An update from Sebastopol Police Chief,
Kevin Kilgore**

Chief Kilgore was sworn in to office on March 1, 2021. We will receive the latest updates on our local police department and hear about his initial impressions of our community.

Kevin Kilgore has twenty-four years' experience in municipal, county and university law enforcement. He began his career as a Deputy Sheriff in Lebanon, Ohio in 1997 and worked throughout southwestern Ohio for nine years before relocating to Southern California to join the UCLA and UC Santa Barbara Police Departments. Over the next several years, Kevin Kilgore advanced through the ranks and was promoted to lieutenant with the UCLA Police Department in 2017.

Kevin Kilgore is an avid equestrian, bicyclist, and traveler and looks forward to exploring his new home and community.