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“All the News that Fits We Print”

BEFORE THE BELL

The doors to the beloved Roto-Palace were wide open, warmly welcoming all who entered. Smiles were plentiful, as the flock chose to leave the masks at home. Hopefully a sign of good things to come.



AT THE BELL



President Ellen Harrington struck the roto-bell at 12:15 pm and welcomed everyone to the *Sebastopol Rotary* meeting. **Greg Jacobs** led the salute to old glory. **Dick Zimmer** gave us a two-for-one Thought of the Day:

“The reason why worry kills more people than work is because more people worry than work”

Robert Frost

“The hardest thing to learn is which bridge to cross and which bridge to burn”

David Russell

Our crazy Brit and the seventh missing Beatle, **Robin Maybury**, led the flock in a spirited version of *God Bless America* or was it *God Save the Queen*?



Future Programs

March 11, 2022

**Shirley Zindler, Founder of
Dogwood Rescue - Pet
Rescues and Adoptions in
Sonoma County**

*Bring your dog to Rotary
Day!*

March 18, 2022

TBA

March 25, 2022

**John Blount and
Gene Nelson**

How I got into the business

Miscellany

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www.RotaryEClubOne.org

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707-546-1234

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VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

The following visiting Rotarians were in the Roto-palace today: Kathleen Patterson and John Muhlnher from the St. Helena club, Dan Balfe from the Santa Rosa club, and Maria Robinson from the Santa Rosa East-West club. **Tom Lambert** introduced Stacy Fortin from Sonoma County Career Fest.



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Rogers celebrated his big day on March 2nd and **Michelle Kimble** celebrated hers on March 5th. **President Ellen** gladly enforced the \$5 birthday tax. There were no wedding anniversaries this week, but there were a few Rotary anniversaries!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Ellen swung the Roto-spotlight on **Cindy Carter** who gave us the final totals for the successful Drive-Thru Crab Feed in February. After three straight days of calculations by a NASA super-computer, we now have the final results. Drumroll please...

Funds Received:	\$39,988
Donations Received:	\$3,550
Expenses:	<u>\$20,914</u>
Net (estimated)	<u>\$22,624</u>

\$22,624 for the students across the west county! Your scribe recalls an estimate of \$17,000 was quoted by the Crab Feed committee. Well done!



Tom Lambert introduced us to Stacy Fortin from the Career Technical Education and Sonoma County High Schools who talked about the upcoming SOCO Career Fest for high school seniors. This event is a virtual event on March 7, 8 & 9. You can register online at <https://ctesonomacounty.org/careerfest/>. Guy Fieri will be the special guest.

President Ellen swung the Roto-spotlight on **Jack Dunlap** and the Homeless Committee. There are many questions to ask about homelessness. Why are there so many homeless now? What are the resources addressing homeless issues? What is the Housing First model? What projects are already underway to increase housing?

Housing is scarce and expensive. Values, zoning restrictions, urban planning requirements, and the NIMBY factor. There is legislation in place to address these issues, including allowing multiple housing units in residential areas, changed housing goals for cities and counties, oversight to enforce compliance.

There are many resources available in Sonoma County. Continuum of Care offers outreach, intake, assessment, emergency shelter, transitional housing with supportive services, permanent housing and permanent supportive housing. Catholic Charities serves 20,000 people annually.

The obvious solution to homelessness is housing. The aim is to get people onto housing and then offer supportive services including substance abuse and mental health counseling, and life skills.



Across street from Exchange Bank on Highway 116 is the safe parking village called Horizon Shine. There is space for 20 RVs. The RV's originally parked on Morris Street get first priority. The facility contains porta potties, shower, laundry facilities and a community dining tent. There is a resident on-site manager and wrap-around support services.

The County of Sonoma has awarded \$2 million for homeless shelters and safe parking programs in Petaluma, Sonoma, Guerneville, and Santa Rosa.

Homeless issues are a serious problem, and it will be expensive to solve. Doing nothing is not a option. Rotary can support those making critical decisions. Rotary can find ways to help. The small committee of **Sue Engle, Steve Beck and Tom Boag** welcomes new members.

Youth Exchange-
Pauline Pellini

Aliyah Contreras
outbound exchange student

Tamale Sale

Place your order by March 11, 2022



Support Exchange Student Aliyah Contreras
Price: \$25 for a dozen
Types of tamales: pork, chicken, vegetables with cheese
Text (707)975-5236 or email aliyahcontreras90@gmail.com to place your order
Pick up at 159 West Hills Circle from 1-6pm on March 14th
Delivery for an extra \$10 or FREE delivery with a purchase of two or more dozens (Sebastopol only)
Payable through Cash, Check, or Venmo
Any donations are accepted

President Ellen then swung the spotlight on **Pauline Pellini** who gave us an update on the Rotary Youth Exchange. **Aliyah** is our outbound exchange student, and she's is going to Italy!

In order to get to Italy, she needs to raise \$\$\$. Toward that end, she is selling tamales. The price is \$25 for a dozen. They freeze well. They are either pork, chicken, or vegetables with cheese.

You can call or text to (707) 975-5236. Or email to aliyahcontreras90@gmail.com. Delivery for an extra \$10 or FREE delivery with a purchase of two or more dozen (Sebastopol only). Payable through Cash, Check or Venmo. Donations are always welcome.

THE PROGRAM

Spearheaded by the St. Helena Rotary Club members John Muhlnher and Kathleen Patterson along with Dan Balfe.

The project to build two wells in villages outside of Harare, Zimbabwe is completed. They raised over \$40,000 from Sebastopol, Calistoga, Napa Sunrise, Santa Rosa Main and St. Helena. With matching funds, over \$80,000 was raised.

Problems encountered: dry hole on first drilling, inflation, Covid, International Banking Rules and Regulations, educating villagers and getting their buy-in, 10 hours difference and drought.

To start the project, the committee did a needs assessment- did the villagers need and want water?

After many months drilling began. Villagers helped dig ditches and build solar panels and storage tanks. Good water was found at 200 feet at both villages. There are six more villages to go. St. Helena considering how to cover the other six villages.



THE FINAL BELL



After an interesting meeting, President Ellen left the flock with the following thought: Why does your alarm go off by going on? With that, **President Ellen** struck the Roto-bell at 1:30 pm, bringing another successful meeting to a close.

Arf! Arf! Bring your pets to the March 11th Meeting! You'll have a howling good time!