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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

The Left Edge Theater

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“All the News that Fits We Print”

BEFORE THE BELL

It was a bit disconcerting when your scribe sat down only to discover a bow and two arrows on the table. Weapons on the lunch table? Have I stumbled into a Rotary meeting in Texas? There is more to be revealed.

Also, it was great to hear the animated talking and laughter before the meeting. High energy in the room today. In fact it took a few rings of the bell before **President Ellen Harrington** could get everyone's attention. Good to hear Rotarians enjoying each other's company.



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

November 12, 2021

Shugri Salh

The Last Nomad

November 19, 2021

Paul Sloan

**Sustainable Winery
Practices**

Coming Events

REFB

November 17, 2021

2p-4p

Holiday Party

December 11, 2021

6p-9p

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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🍎 AT THE BELL 🍎

Eventually, our president was able to call the troops together and the meeting began.

David Still led our Pledge of Allegiance.

Ameé Sas shared this thought for the day from Winston Churchill: *"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."*

I suppose that makes the Detroit Lions a great success story!

Gene Nelson then led the singing of "America the Beautiful"



🍎 VISITING ROTARIANS 🍎

We welcomed Sasha Aponte, member of the Rotary Club of Global Action.

The club's home base Santa Clara, but it is actually a club of 37 members from 14 countries, an example of the ever-changing face of Rotary.



Friend of Sasha



Sasha

Welcome Sasha.

No other guests or visitors but lots of members.



🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

David and **Nan Still** had an anniversary on November 4 - 49 years. After the trip to France, all the energy they had left for a celebration was a round of golf. Also a short walk to the restaurant across the street. Congratulations!



Hard to believe it's been 49 years. They look so young.

Rotary Anniversaries

Norm Stupfel, Oct. 25 - `19 years. Actually this isn't quite accurate. Norm first joined Sebastopol Rotary over 40 years ago. This is his second stint in our club.

Toni Beal, Oct. 26 – 3 years

Amee Sas – Oct. 26 – 3 years

Patti Blount – Oct. 27 – 26 years

Keller McDonald – Oct. 28 – 16 years

Larry Ford – Nov. 1 – 45 years

Chris O'Neill – Nov. 6 - 6 years

Edwin Wilson – Nov. 6 – 29 years

Scott Briggs- Nov. 6 – 6 years.

On Oct. 28, **Tony Given**, **Sue Engle**, and **Sally Ewald** represented our club at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. **Cindy Carter** wants to know if any Rotarians would be available to volunteer in December. A date has been established on November 17, 2021.

In the big storm of October, a Dutch Elm came down on **Harvey** and **Bev Hennigsen's** property, inflicting some damage to their home. But more tragic was the complete loss of dog, Amber's, home. Fortunately she was not in it at the time. Not sure if FEMA will look into the loss. **Harvey** also gave a shout out to long time Sebastopol tree man, Chip Sandborn, for his company's good work in clean up.



Harvey Branches Out



Atmospheric river storm,
7 1/2 inches of rain, gust
of wind & our beloved
Dutch Elm.



Once again this year, **Ruthie Dunlap** and **Cindy Carter** are spearheading a pre-winter warm coat drive. If you have a spare coat or gloves or wool socks or other warm clothes, you can drop them off at the meeting on Nov. 12th, or at **Ruthie** or **Cindy's** homes.



Thanks to **Nao Noguchi** for hosting our highly successful Halloween Social. A good time was had by all the ghosts and goblins or Rotarians simply looking for a drink and some food. Speaking of food, thanks to **Aldean** for the wonderful goodies. An extra special treat was **Nao** playing his Taiko drum. Thanks to **President Ellen** for providing a video of the drumming we all could see.



It's not every day you witness a Taiko drummer dressed for a square dance. That is some serious cultural diversity. Thanks again, **Nao**, and thanks for your gentle and loving tribute to your late wife, Kathy.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



But wait...there is more party time on the horizon, i.e. our Sebastopol Rotary Holiday Party, December 11!!! It will be at the home of J.T. and Teresa Martin, 3555 Thorn Road – 6 – 9 P.M. COVID vaccination required. Potluck appetizers and desserts – wine provided. RSVP to **Ruthie Dunlap** or **Kathy Schwartz**.



THE WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE



Aleia Coate had the lucky number, gave the wheel a spin and pocketed \$25 dollars, courtesy of **Hal Kwalwasser**.





THE PROGRAM



Dan Rasmus introduced Argo Thompson, artistic director of Left Edge Theatre and the Young Actors Studio of Sonoma County. Argo is a fourth generation Santa Rosan who loves all things Sonoma County. He has directed and/or produced over 100 shows locally and feels quite fortunate to be in an area which attracts so many talented performers and artists.



Left Edge was founded in Santa Rosa in 2015, and is located at the Luther Burbank Center, on the side near Punky's pumpkin patch. Left Edge produces recent plays in its 72 seat theater, plays never before seen in Sonoma County and which have been written within the last seven years.



Left Edge, which never shies away from cutting edge material, believes theater has the power to open hearts, broaden perspectives and transform lives. The company's goal is to share this experience with as many people and communities as possible. The theater provides them – and us – the opportunity to share our richly diverse human story – a story that binds us all together.

Argo then introduced us to Abbey Lee and Gina Alvarado who performed two scenes from Left Edge's current production – "How to Transcend a Happy Marriage." This is their third show since COVID restrictions have been relaxed. He told us that during the COVID shut down, he

and Left Edge solicited original plays – no more than ten minutes long - which could be performed via zoom. They received hundreds of scripts from folks all over the world, and were able to perform plays with actors in different rooms with different cameras. A number of creative innovations were discovered and used. If it was possible for a pandemic to have a silver lining, for Left Edge this was it.

Abbey and Gina were wonderfully entertaining as they took us from a forest bow and arrow hunt gone bad – "I shot a dog!" – to a jail cell – "Who knew you need a permit to hunt deer with a bow?" They led us in an exploration of ground deer meat with coconut milk, a runaway God-daughter, a "home-brew" for calming nerves but not improving marksmanship, the lack of cell phones in jail and the consideration of tangled necklaces as a metaphor for marriage. Why didn't I think of that when I was preaching?



Thanks to Argo, Abbey and Gina for a delightful and informative program. Left Edge is a gift – an experience – not to be missed.



🍏 THE FINAL BELL 🍏

A final word from **President Ellen** via **Ken Jacobs**: Where does the phrase "cut checks" come from? Why is it that people write checks but businesses cut checks? Don't blame your faithful scribe. I only report this stuff up.

President Ellen Harrington closed the meeting at 1:30 pm.



FUTURE PROGRAMS



November 12, 2021

Shugri Salh The Last Nomad

Shugri Salh is a woman of two profoundly different worlds. A nurse and self-described “soccer mom,” she lives a comfortable American life in a southeast Santa Rosa subdivision with her Ethiopian-born husband, Selehdin Salh, who is a software engineer, and three California-raised kids ages 14 to 23.

She also is a daughter of the desert and is still overwhelmed with wonder at how far she has come in the 30 years since she fled her war-torn native Somalia for Canada. She was a wary young girl who had never seen snow, a microwave or a washing machine. The girl who once outran a herd of enraged warthogs, took a long time before she had the courage to step on an escalator.

She is the author of “The Last Nomad”, which was just released in August and has already garnered critical praise and on track to become a modern classic.

Salh, a beautiful storyteller, will share some of the story with us on November 12.

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Paul Sloan Sustainable Winery Practices