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Bob Rogers – World Polio Day - Updates

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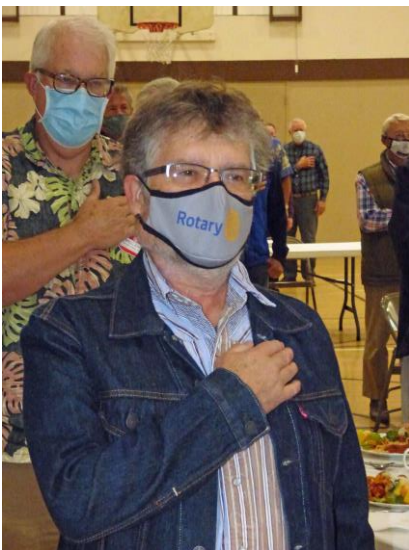


“All the News that Fits We Print”

🍏 AT THE BELL 🍏

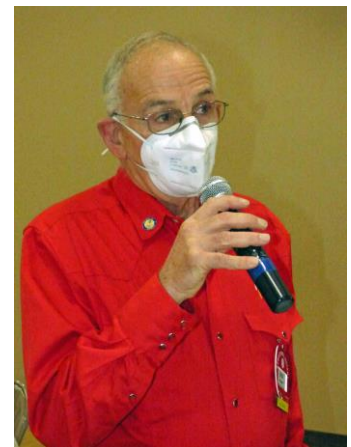
President Ellen Harrington rang the bell promptly at 12:17 pm and welcomed everyone to Sebastopol Rotary at the Community Church. The doors were open to let air circulate throughout the room in deference to Covid, along with two HEPA filters.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by David Mark-Raymond, President of Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary.



Thought of the Day: Presented by **Past District Governor, Bob Rogers**.

It was a video of a picture taken on February 14th, 1990, by NASA's Voyager 1 on its way out of the solar system. Carl Sagan's book was named after the picture- "Pale Blue Dot".



Future Programs

October 29, 2021

**John Mathers
Climate Crisis**

November 5, 2021

**Argo Thompson and Left
Edge Theatre Cast – How
to Transcend a Happy
Marriage**

Miscellany

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VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

Bob Hirsch introduced Jason Martin, Contractor, from Charleston, South Carolina. Much was said about how much his name was like **JT Martin**



Gerry Ford snuck in later and was recognized by her husband, **Larry Ford** which garnered him a \$5 fine. He claimed he wasn't late because he was retired and was now always on time!!!

David Mark-Raymond, President of Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary was introduced as a visiting Rotarian. He thanked Sebastopol Rotary for their contributions to the community organization outreach in the West County.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Steve Beck celebrated his birthday on October 20.

Rick Wilson celebrated his 11 years in *Sebastopol Rotary* on October 22.



RECOGNITIONS



Jim Pacatte was recognized as a Rotary Club Superstar! His ongoing construction projects have improved Sebastopol and West County immensely.



Rick Wilson attended a \$300,000 wedding in St. Michaels, Maryland, Fallingwater, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky Knob, Pennsylvania. He also visited the Wilson headstone at Arlington National Cemetery.



CRAFT TALK



Harvey Henningsen dubbed his craft talk “my brief but spectacular teaching career”. Harvey gave a rousing speech of his teaching career all over the world, starting with Salinas and ending in Germany. He concluded by sharing a story of he and Linda running out of money while trying to get back to Germany. A stranger bought them train tickets but told them to pay it forward, which they did very soon after, and many times after that.



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

Just a friendly reminder from the Happy Hour Committee!!!

Halloween Happy Hour at Nao's on October 28. Location- 6090 Fredericks Road. 5-7 pm. BYOB.

🍎 THE WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE 🍎



The winner of the raffle was **David Still**. David spun the wheel and won \$5. Good times for all!!

Raffle – Wheel of Misfortune



🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

Past Rotary International Director, John Blount, introduced past Sebastopol Rotary president, past District 5130 Governor, current District 5130 PolioPlus Chair and Zone 27 End Polio Now Coordinator **Bob Rogers**.

Bob Rogers updated the club on the recent optimistic progress of the battle to end Polio. He started the presentation being thankful that social media did not exist when Rotary started the battle in 1988. At that time 350,000 children per year were contracting the wild polio strain in 125 countries. Today, we are down to seeing Polio in only 2 countries.

Bob reminded us that there have been 3 known strains of the wild poliovirus, but only 1 exists today – Type 1.



In 2019, there was a spike in cases – 176. Last year at this date, there were 125 cases in 2020. This year, the total year to date is only TWO cases since January 1, 2021.

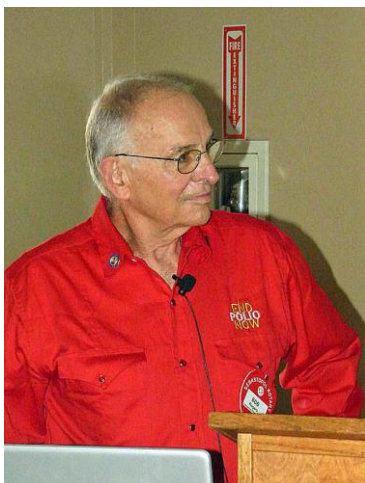
The primary reason for the uptick in 2019 was a viral video spreading false information and the Taliban forbidding home visits for fear that it was a trick to learn where Taliban leaders lived. Since then, the fake news has been forgotten and just very recently, the Taliban has allowed vaccination campaigns to resume.

Fighting to eradicate Polio is expensive. In 2021, the GPEI (Global Polio Eradication Initiative) budget is \$1.034 Billion. Rotarians have raised \$50 million per year in recent years. With the Gates 2 for 1 match, that turns into \$150 million.

Bob concluded by reminding us of the Polio Plus Society. All you have to do is make a commitment to donate \$100 minimum per year to Rotary's World Polio Fund and continue to do so until the world is declared Polio Free. The goal is 2026.

Bob announced 8 new members bringing our club's total members to 37!

Rollie Atkinson; Kelly Back; Jeff Boal; Bob Boyd; Tim Moore; Richard Power; Amee Sas; and Ken Silveira.



THE FINAL BELL



This Week's Pondering...

Tell a man that there are 400 billion stars, and he'll believe you.

Tell him a bench has wet paint, and he has to touch it.

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



FUTURE PROGRAMS



October 29, 2021: John Mathers

John has spoken to us before about the critical crisis of climate change. This time, he will focus on the economics of this existential crisis. John will display colorful graphics to help us follow the money. John is a past president of the second Rotary Club in the world, San Francisco. He is District 5150's Environmental Chair and a Climate Reality Project leader. In this capacity, John has spoken to

numerous U.S. and international organizations about global warming and its dire effects on our planet.

You will not want to miss John's take on what's happening to our world.

November 5, 2021: Argo Thompson and the Left Edge Theatre

You will be entertained by scenes from an exciting new play from Santa Rosa's Left Edge Theatre: "How to Transcend a Happy Marriage". It opens November 6.

Founded in 2015, Left Edge Theatre distinguishes itself by producing contemporary plays never produced in Sonoma County before - We endeavor to thrill, challenge and engage audiences in ideas that make us think, laugh and feel more

"At a dinner party in New Jersey, two couples discuss polyamory. Discussion turns to action and the exploration of unexplored desire turns animalistic. How to Transcend a Happy Marriage blurs the lines of monogamy and asks how deeply can friends, lovers, and strangers connect."