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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Henry Kaku Asian Hate Crimes WW II to Today

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“All the News that Fits We Print”

BEFORE THE BELL

Jack Dunlap is setting up a test of streaming of the podium. It has had its problems with some kinks worked out and some still remaining. The Rotary computer still does not talk with the Wi-Fi at the Community Church and the sound still needs improvement. The problem is still being worked on. Or, to quote **Jack Dunlap**, “the trial vMix software that integrates the webcam, the President's slides, and the A/v box sound is solid and powerful but has a learning curve. Every session, there is something new to learn”. Never a dull moment for the AV crew.

AT THE BELL

President Ellen Harrington rang the bell at 12:20 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. Can't wait for winter with the doors open.



All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by newest member **Carl Tennenbaum**.

The Thought of the Day was presented by **J.T Martin**

“It is paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the thought of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone.” ~ Andy Rooney



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

Sept 17, 2021
Dr. Charlie Evans
A walk thru Kenya

Sept 24, 2021
DG Dustin Littlefield

Oct 1, 2021
Greg Jacobs
Trial and sentencing of
Polly Klaas' Despicable
Murderer

Coming Events

September 18

Apple Blossom Parade

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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🍎 VISITING GUESTS 🍎



Luis Ojeda, Dietary Aide was introduced by **Keller McDonald**.



Myriah Volk, Non-profit director was introduced by Linda Irving.



Shela Borr, a Human Resources Coordinator was introduced by **Mike Ferguson**.



RECOGNITIONS



Birthdays: None this last week – but just wait until the end of the month.

Anniversaries: None by those in attendance – they must be out celebrating and will report later.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



ANNUAL PICNIC ON September 11th. **Bob & Peggy Rogers** are hosting this year. Pictures of the picnic taken by **Tom Boag** are at end of After the Bell.



Guy Smith is back after a month's absence. He was operating a bulldozer at the Dixie fire for 32 (12 hour) days without a break - and will be heading back next week. At the picnic, he was explaining the afternoon winds and the fact that the fire is burning on granite makes it very difficult to make headway.

Apple Blossom Parade

September 18, 2021

Sebastopol Rotary Co-Chairs:
President-Elect Hal Kwalwasser
President-Elect Diana Curtis –
Sebastopol Sunrise



Come cheer for Jim Pacatte who will be riding in the "Citizen of the Year" vehicle.

The Apple Blossom Parade will be held on September 18, a few months late, but better late than never.

President-Elect Hal Kwalwasser is co-chairing along with **President-Elect Diana Curtis** from the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise. They have a great plan for a float and much more. Hal asked for superheroes, aka

community volunteers, to volunteer to walk in the parade. The superheroes enlisted so far, picked up their costumes after the meeting. There are more costumes to go around if you want to participate.

Jim Pacatte will be riding in the parade as Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.



Joint Rotary Club Project

Sebastopol Rotary & Sebastopol Sunrise Clubs

The Sebastopol Rotary and Sunrise Rotary Clubs are doing a joint Rotary Club Project. The Ives Park Project takes place September 13th and 14th from 9:00 to 12:00 on both days. They are repairing stage steps, installing a wheelchair ramp to the stage, and playground fence construction to replace the white PVC piping with a redwood fence. **Jim Pacatte** is head honcho.



Ives Park Project

September 13th & 14th

9:00-noon

- Repair stage steps
- Install wheelchair ramp to stage
- Playground fence construction



THE WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE



The winner of the raffle was **Ken Jacobs**. **Ken** spun the wheel and won \$10! There is a photo of **Ken** where he is actually smiling and having fun. [He was just glad he didn't land on his own square and have to pay \$1 -**Ed**]



END POLIO NOW



Bob Rogers reported (using slides to back him up) that no new wild polio cases have shown up. The last reported cases were in January, and they were in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Reporting from Afghanistan may be a little difficult this year. Rotary 5150 - Marin, SF, etc. is sponsoring a French river cruise to benefit polio eradication next May. The flyer is appended after the Closing Bell.



THE PROGRAM



Mike Ferguson introduced the program with a speech about his recollection of what was happening to others during WWII and the lack of information available to the public such as the internment camps for the people of Japanese descent. **Mike** explained that we need to remember so we don't repeat.



The second introduction came from **Nao Noguchi**. **Nao** explained the unique background of Henry Kaku and how he and his family made it back to the US. Henry is part of GIRI (Giving Back, Going forward.) The Sonoma County Japanese American Citizens League. He is part of their oral history group.



Henry Kaku is a third generation Japanese American. His entire family was incarcerated during WWII for 4 years. At the end of the War, they were deported and had their US Citizenship taken away, because Henry's Father spoke out against being sent to prison. When Henry was born in Japan, he was Stateless because the US Citizenship of his parents had been revoked. He became a US Citizen in 1956 when his family was reinstated as US Citizens. Henry graduated from SJSU with a degree in Psychology. He was a High School teacher/counselor as well as a Human Resource Director in Banking for 30 years. Currently, Henry is a Substitute Teacher and Martial Arts and Origami Instructor in Petaluma.

Henry explained that Anti-Asian sentiment has been part of the American Culture since the first Asians Came to the United States. Asians have experienced hatred from when they were first brought over to help build the Transcontinental Railroad system in the 1860's to the current day association with COVID. In America the "Melting Pot" refers to the White Europeans who immigrated to this country, NOT to those of Color. The many examples of discrimination and hatred include: the 1890's the Anti-Asian Exclusion act, the banning of Asians from coming to America in the 1920's, anti-Asian violence in the 1980's leading to the killing of an Asian man because the auto industry had to lay off workers in Detroit, violence against Asians after the 9/11 destruction of the Twin Towers, and now because of COVID, violence against Asians has increased to over 9,000 acts of violence against Asian in 2020.



But the most outrageous act against Asians occurred during WWII when 120,000 Japanese Americans were sent to Internment camps. Some 75,000 were Americans born in the United States. Henry's family were among the few who protested being incarcerated. His father who was serving in the US Army before the War began was kicked out of the Army and sent home to be sent to be incarcerated. They spoke out against how they were being treated, being in prison, losing their livelihood and all possessions, having all their civil rights taken away, and having NO recourse. Henry's father was separated from his



mother, sister (age 3) and brother (age 6 mos.) and sent to a POW prison in North Dakota for over a year.

Then to top it off after the War had ended, in March 1946, the family was sent to Portland Oregon, their US Citizenship was taken away and they were deported to Japan. Henry's entire family born and raised in America became Stateless. He was born in 1948 in Japan and for the first 8 years of his life was Stateless.

In 1956 after his parents hired an attorney in San Francisco, where he took his family's case to the Superior Court, the Judge declared that the US government did not have the right to take their US Citizenship away and thus they were able to come home.

These stories of unjust acts against minorities in this country which have continued for 100's of years, need to be told. It must stop. We need to learn from our past mistakes and end discrimination.

THE FINAL BELL

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

AFTER THE BELL



Successful and relaxing Sebastopol Rotary picnic. It was a beautiful day, and the temperature was perfect. The food was outstanding. The chicken barbequed to perfection, the chili rellenos delicious. **President Ellen's** potato salad was a hit. The flan was wonderful.



Sue Engle managed the margarita table and served them around. Some actually swam in the pool or played Corn Hole. Most sat and chatted and had a great time.

A big thanks to the Picnic Committee, especially **Cindy Carter**. Another thanks to **Rick Wilson** for manning the barbeque along with **Mario Ramos**, his wife and son for working the barbeque (check out the picture of the barbeque) and for the great food. The soup was a big hit along with the flan. Another thanks to **Jack Dunlap** and **Tom Dilley** for directing traffic.

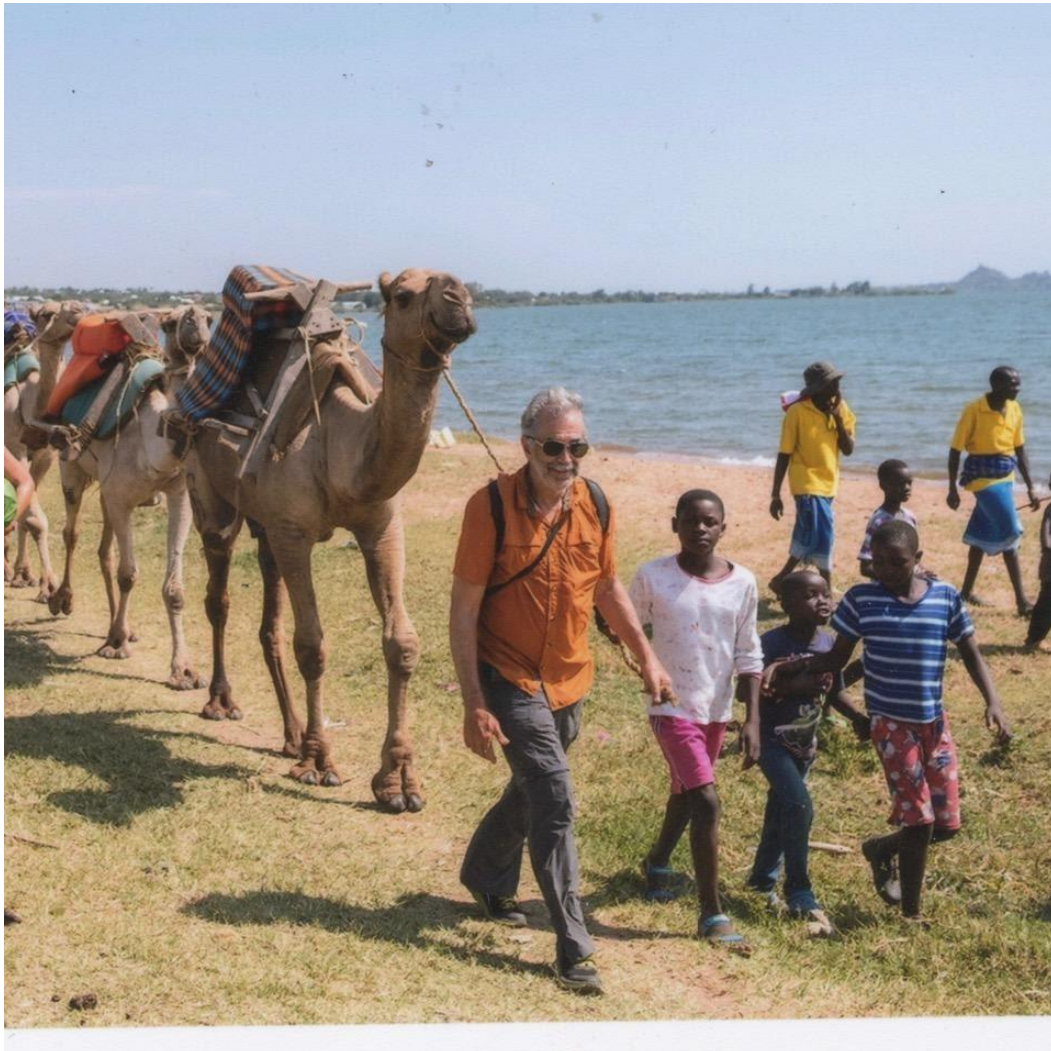




FUTURE PROGRAMS



Sep 17, 2021
Dr. Charlie Evans
A 170 mile walk across Kenya



Dr. Charlie Evans recently returned from Kenya where he led a 160 mile walk across the Great Rift valley in Kenya to raise funds for an orphanage in Ethiopia.

Dr. Evans started his journey as a 16 year old volunteer, walking from village to village in Central America vaccinating young children for polio, smallpox and measles.

He also worked in Kenya for several years, creating a clinic to help people in local villages. Their vaccination clinic helped eradicate polio in the area.

His story is an interesting one and resonates with the philosophy of Rotary. Charlie has been an ER doctor in Petaluma and Healdsburg for many years.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION 2022 CRUISE

A Fundraiser for the Eradication of Polio



COLORS OF PROVENCE

April 28 - May 5, 2022 | aboard AmaKristina
7-night river cruise from Lyon to Avignon

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