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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

David Schreibman – Safari Adventures

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“All the News that Fits We Print”



AT THE BELL



President Hal called what would soon become our travelogue meeting to order promptly at 12:15.



Richard Petersen led us in the pledge, and **Steve Beck** followed with a song, leading us in a rousing Rotary version of “Jingle Bells.”



J.T. Martin provided today’s words of wisdom:

“There is no way to happiness. Happiness is the way.” - Trich Nhat Hanh

“Be happy for this moment. This moment is your life” - Omar Khyyam

“Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others, whenever they go.” - Oscar Wilde



Future Programs

December 16, 2022
Sebastopol World Friends

December 23, 2022
Dark for the Holidays

December 30, 2022
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January 6, 2023
Les Crawford
Rotary in Mexico

Coming Events

December 17, 2022
Holiday Party
5:30 to 8:30
February 11, 2023
Crab Feed

Miscellany

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS:
scottbriggs50@yahoo.com

On-line Make-Ups:
www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

GUESTS

Visiting Rotarians:



Dan Needham – Sebastopol Sunrise. Dan announced that on December 20th, at both Fircrest and Pacific Markets, Rotarians will be passing out lists of foods needed by the Food Bank. Hopefully shoppers will add a few of those items to their own shopping lists and make donations.

Our club is invited to help. 20 Rotarians are needed.

Bano Cummings from Petaluma Rotary also joined us.

Guests of Rotarians:



David Schreiber introduced his wife, **Carolee**.

Jackie Moreira introduced our exchange student, Hye Joo Han.



Mia Del Prete introduced **Chris Meredith**, West County High School Superintendent.

Ellen Harrington introduced Lyn Gannon, a prospective member.

Welcome all!





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ellen announced the need for emergency help for families made homeless by recent fires. Contact her for more details.

Sebastopol Rotary Holiday Party – December 17th, 5:30 – 8:30 P.M., at the now famous home of **John and Patti Blount**, 821 Jewell Ave. Come see home decorations that put even Snoopy's dog house to shame. Bring finger food or dessert to share. Beverages provided. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

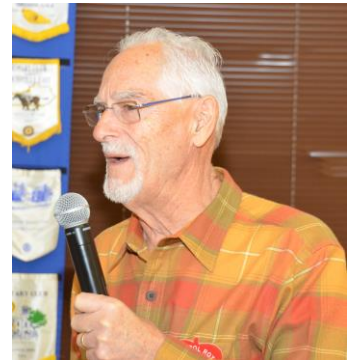
And earlier that same day...the justifiably famous Mochitsuki party at the home of **Nao Noguchi**, 6090 Fredericks Rd. You don't want to miss that roasted pig and other surprises.



Cindy Carter announced that tickets for our crab feed, February 11h, are now on sale. Perfect Christmas stocking stuffers - \$80 a ticket. Volunteer sign ups begin in January.

Richard Power reported that our club was the number one fund-raising team at the Alzheimer's Walk held at Sonoma State on October 8th. The club received a certificate of accomplishment for the wonderful donations. See After the Bell for details.

Harry Polley reported that **Dave Madsen** fell at home and suffered a fractured leg. He is doing ok but will be confined for several weeks.



ROTARY NEWS – TRAVELS NEAR AND FAR



Frank Mayhew shared his recent trip to Egypt with his son, a trip booked through Road Scholar, a tour company he highly recommends. **Frank** has traveled widely but had never been to Egypt. This was a top of the bucket list item for him. And to be able to travel with his son made it even more special.

From the pyramids of Giza to the Temple of Ramses, the incredible size and scale of the various statues and monuments was take-your-breath-away amazing. Simply unimaginable engineering feats accomplished thousands of years ago. Photos are ok, but this truly is a land to be seen with one's own eyes, and even then, seeing isn't always believing. You could not miss the lasting wonder and amazement in **Frank's** voice as he shared with us.



Then **Harvey Henningsen** took us on a photo safari of his trip to the Monterrey peninsula with Beverly as they celebrated her 70th birthday. They stayed in Pacific Grove near the beautiful Asilomar beach. There were great bike rides, walks on the beach, good food, and Bloody Mary's that came with an entire salad in the glass. Harvey told us that when it comes to sightseeing on bikes, the E-bikes are the only way to go. Hills and distance become a non-factor.



Thanks for the great photos of such a beautiful place, and Happy Birthday Beverly!



THE SONOMA GAME



Time was running short, but there was still time for the much loved....**President Hal's** Sonoma Game!!! You all do love it...right?

Thanks to Friday's game, we now know that Bodega Bay is named for Don Juan Francisco de la Bodega y Quadra. How did he ever fit all of that on a check...or driver's license? We know that Sonoma County once grew a fair amount tobacco – hints of tobacco with a dry finish. We know that there was a lynching in our county in 1920, that sheriff's deputies in the county did not wear uniforms or have marked cars until 1959, and that, in the early 20th century, the City Council of Santa Rosa actually regulated bordellos and allowed them to sell liquor without a license. Ah...the good ol' days.

By the way, Table #1, the table with the minister, won the cash payout when it guessed right about the bordellos.

Our day of travel adventures then concluded with....



THE PROGRAM - OUT OF AFRICA



Just a mere few years ago, a seventeen-year-old student named **David** dared to dream. He made a list of his life goals, which he still has by the way. We aren't sure if becoming a Rotary President was on that list, but what was on that list was someday, sometime, taking a trip to Africa and getting up close and personal with its fabulous wildlife. And, thanks to Rotary, he and wife, **Carolee**, were finally able to go.

Return to January 25, 2020, Sebastopol's Tropical Escape fund-raiser. One live auction item was a dream trip - a South Africa Safari – nine days and eight nights for two. Here was the opportunity. **David** made his bid...and he won! Who says dreams don't come true? Of course, because of the pandemic, the journey was delayed almost three years.

But finally they departed in August, 2022, on a 39 hour journey to a lodge in South Africa, a place with great food, great accommodations. Highlights included a pet hippo - Jessica! Nothing like sharing afternoon tea with an animal that weighs one and a half tons!



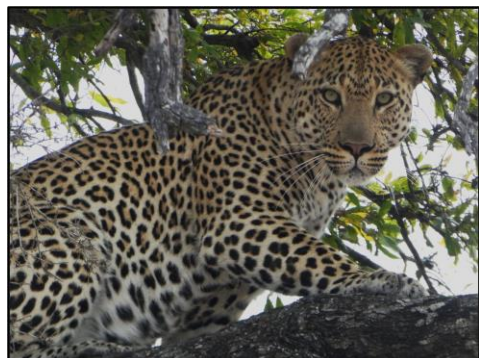
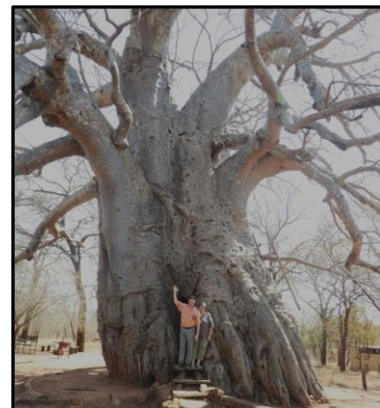
It was the African spring, so temperatures were moderate, and mosquitos were not a problem. There were a number of animals at the lodge, and many were people friendly.

On some of the many outings, **David** made friends with a lion cub and fed elephants.



The inhabitants at a nearby crocodile farm were perhaps not so friendly, but since they have been around since the dinosaurs, they don't have to answer to anyone. A croc can actually go three years without eating. But it is advised not to be anywhere near one at the beginning of that 4th year!

We have our majestic sequoias, if we don't burn them all down, but Africa has its Baobab trees, some of which are over 2000 years old and gigantic.



The main feature of the tour was Kruger National Park, an immense nature and animal preserve. This is the place to go to view natural Africa at its best, with a wonderful variety of animals and birds, many of whom, such as Rhinos, are endangered. The scenery isn't too shabby either. David shared wonderful photos of wildlife, the highlight of which was a great view of a leopard. Wild dogs are cute, but it is probably not a good idea to try to pet one. They are among the best hunters in Africa. He also showed us a Rhino without a horn. Horns are removed from young rhinos to discourage poachers who kill these magnificent beasts for their horns.



Time Out! **President Hal** stepped up to announce the program was running past 1:30 but will continue. Those who have schedules to keep are free to go. Now on with the show!

David reported that poaching is way down everywhere in South Africa, one reason being that poachers can now be shot on sight – not so good for the poachers, but great for the wildlife which thrives in this wonderful park and on many private game farms.

For **David** and **Carolee**, this truly was the trip of a lifetime. Thanks for sharing it with us. Yes, keep wishing on that star because sometimes... dreams do come true.

THE FINAL BELL

With that, meeting adjourned. A little past 1:30 pm. **President Hal** closed our meeting with a resounding ring of the Rotary bell.



AFTER THE BELL



Certificate recognizing Sebastopol Rotary Club contributions to Walk to end Alzheimer's.



Certificate of Award

SEBASTOPOL ROTARY CLUB

TOP FUNDRAISING TEAM: \$10,000+ CLUB
2022 SONOMA-MARIN WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

12/8/22

Date

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Alzheimer's Association

Thank you for leading the way to end Alzheimer's and all dementia.