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"All the News that Fits We Print"





A massive heat wave bakes the country and the world. Not here in good old West Sonoma County. It's perfect.







President Hal Kwalwasser took the lectern and informed the group that the Sergeant at Arms committee had requested that he begin the meeting by squarely striking THE BELL instead of the lectern. Hal sized up the hit. He was concentrating so much he looked like Frank Mayhew lining up a putt. But, unlike Frank, he didn't miss. In fact, the Bell rang loudly throughout the Memorial Hall to kick off the July 22nd meeting of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol.



Future Programs



July 29, 2022 Special Club Budget Meeting

AUGUST 12, 2022
MEETING OFF SITE - GEORGETOWN

Coming Events

July 27, 2022
Rotary Day At Redwood
Empire Food Bank

Miscellany

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President Hal called on Paul Yeomans to lead the Pledge.



Robin Maybury led a terrific version of the song, *God Bless America*. **Robin** hinted that he has a big day coming up down at 630 Sansome in San Francisco, after which he will be fully qualified to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.



Steve Beck provided the Thought for the Day.

Some Wisdom for Today...

- "Equal rights, fair play, justice, are all like the air.

 We all have it, or none of us has it."
 - ------Maya Angelou
 - Offered by Steve Beck

After an outstanding lunch – really – hamburgers and chicken and salad and stuff – outstanding – **President Hal** took the lectern once again. He reminded everyone that committee signup sheets are due. So fill those forms out and send them in and get on some committees. Remember – Service above Self.

He also noted that today Friday July 22 is the last day for budget proposals.



VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS



Bud Daviero introduced several visiting Rotarians.

From Sebastopol Sunrise Jim Goodenough.

And also Linda Sinkay

From Santa Rosa East – Jim Valinoti

From Petaluma Sunrise - Greg Freitas





Jackie Moriera introduced our outgoing Youth Exchange Student Aliyah Contreras. Aliyah is still prepping for her adventure in Italy. She organized a raffle of a free chiropractic treatment. Winners announced this week were Mario Ramos, Richard Petersen, and Cindy Carter. Thanks for supporting Aliyah and enjoy the treatment.

David Schreibman introduced <u>Mary McClary</u>. She is visiting the club today. Welcome <u>Mary</u>.





THE PASSING OF BRUCE CAMPBELL



On a sad note, the recent passing of <u>Bruce Campbell</u> was announced. **John Blount** took the microphone to talk about <u>Bruce</u>, a great Rotarian.

<u>Bruce</u> joined the Club many years ago but work took him away from California for quite some time. Upon his return in 1987, he jumped into the club serving as secretary. In 1997, he and others formed the Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary Club. <u>Bruce</u> was a charter member and the first president. He patterned the club after our club with similar emphasis. The club became known for *Guys Can Cook* and the *Cajun Fest* fundraisers.



<u>Bruce</u> served as District Governor in 2007. He loved the Peace Fellows project and supported it with vigor. In 2013 <u>Bruce</u>'s wife <u>Helaine</u> served as District Governor. What a Rotary power couple. They recently moved to Sparks Nevada. <u>Bruce</u> would often Zoom in on our meetings during covid times. Bruce exemplified three traits – Involvement-Commitment-Passion.

There will be a memorial service in the Fall.



SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS



Les Crawford and Jim Passage took the floor to honor our recent SRJC Scholarship recipients. The committee also included Harry Simms, Tom Boag, Scott Briggs, Laura Victor Van Gorder, Jack Dunlap and Pam Graber. Many hours were spent reviewing applications.

The club awarded three scholarships of \$4000 each. <u>Lauren Coburn</u> from the SRJC Financial Aid office was introduced and took the lectern. She noted that there are several hundred scholarships available at SRJC.





Emily Eakins, scholarship recipient, was introduced. She grew up in Forestville. She was active in 4-H and FFA. At one point she had an egg business with over 200 chickens. She got her Emergency Medical Tech license and is a practicing EMT with Sonoma Life Support.. She recently was accepted to the SRJC Nursing Program Great Job, Emily.

Unable to attend today were scholarship recipients <u>Steven</u> <u>Pettway</u> and <u>Mayu Robbins</u>. See <u>After the Bell</u> for their stories.



Mike Ferguson was called upon to report on his recent Road Trip. Mike hit the road with the intention of visiting lots of old friends who have relocated across the west. His trip included stops in Kennewick, Washington (part of the tricities) Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Whidby Island, Washington, Kingsport, Vancouver, Washington, and Portland Oregon. Mike racked up lots of miles and lots of old friend time. He was fined \$19.25 for his Last Gasp road trip.





Harry Polley reported on his recent progressive dinner. **Harry** won the dinner at the *Out of Africa* fundraiser. Upon winning the dinner for eight, his wife immediately invited the people sitting at his fundraiser table.

Harry and his crew were picked up by Marcia and Keller McDonald serving as their designated drivers for the evening. The first stop was the McDonald manse for drinks and snacks. Then off to the home of Ellen Harrington's nephew where Ellen put together a feast. Final stop was at Rick Wilson and Cindy Carters where – according to Harry – everything was hilarious. Good thing he had a designated driver. Harry also said that Rick regaled the party with stories "some of them true."

THE PROGRAM ®



Mike Ferguson introduced today's speaker. **Mike** read her book a while back and was so impressed with her story of an epic motorcycle ride with her husband and newly graduated son that he contacted the publisher. Now, a few years later she is on a book tour and **Mike** offered to host her at his motorcycle club and at Rotary.

<u>C. Jane Taylor</u> has worn many hats and had multiple careers. She has been a resume writer, a welder, and a yoga teacher. Growing up, her mother owned a motorcycle store in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She and her sister would ride a tricked up Honda 50 with sidecar around the backyard. But she left motorcycles for a goodly portion of her adult life.

She and her husband decided to take a prolonged ride across the United States from Vermont to California. She read from her recent book "Spirit Traffic" about arriving in California. She contrasted the dry Central Valley, the Delta and the Napa Valley. She finally arrived at Pt Reyes National Seashore to lay eyes on the Pacific. As most people would do, she, husband and son immediately went in the water.





She has logged 8000 miles on the book tour already, her and her manager/husband aboard their BMW motorcycles. The bikes were parked just outside the hall. Listening to her writing, she clearly absorbs the world around her and becomes one with nature on the bike. Her prose was beautifully crafted and sparkling in clarity.







President Hal reminded all that next meeting on July 29 will bring a wide ranging discussion of the budget and future projects.

He also reminded us that we will not be meeting at the Church Hall on August 12 but instead will gather at Georgetown, home of **Guy** and <u>Michelle</u> **Smith** for an off-site meeting. It should be lots of fun.

And the final bell was rung at exactly 1:30 P.M.



Unable to have lunch with us today, SRJC Scholarship <u>Mayu Robbins</u> sent along a letter of thanks to the Club. <u>Mayu</u> was raised by a single father working two jobs. She is very grateful for the Rotary Scholarship. She has been accepted to the Nursing program. Her long term goal is to become a nurse practitioner with an emphasis on Wilderness Expedition Nursing.

Also sending a letter of thanks was scholarship recipient <u>Steven Pettway</u>. Steven's story is straight out of an Overcoming Obstacles meeting. Raised in an unstable environment resulted in brushes with the law and a difficult family situation. He is now on his way to an Associates Degree. He would like to do counseling, perhaps in a rehab facility or setting.

Both of these students are very grateful for the assistance provided by the SRJC scholarship program.



July 29, 2022 - Special Budget Meeting

On July 29 the Club will hold a club meeting for the purpose of guiding the Board of Directors in the finalizing of the budget. The principal goal of the meeting will be for all club members to decide which projects to fund, and in what rank order of priority. The Board will then finalize the budget by working out an allocation of available funds to projects consistent with the direction of the Club. A detailed explanation of this process has been distributed to all club members by email. Please contact **President Hal** if you have questions.