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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Pgm.: Larry Ford - Sebastopol Rotary 2012 Speech Contest



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



Before the Bell



This was Club Group Photo Day for The Rotary Club of Sebastopol. Most Rotarians remembered that today was Rotary picture day and that explained the almost universal wearing of "photo friendly" light blue shirts and dark colored pants. For those (like your **scribe**) who had a senior moment and forgot, our **Photog-in-Chief HH** had an ample supply of loaners. [Classy, huh! —Ed.] Our guest photographer, Tom Deininger, a colleague of HH from Glen Ellen, had his equipment set up on the eave just outside Memorial Hall from which he would take the Sebastopol Rotary's group portrait. Shortly after 12:15PM everyone proceeded outside for the photo shoot and, after many clicks of the lens, the ideal picture was captured and we all proceeded inside to enjoy our wonderful meal.



"I want to thank the 90 Rotarians that made the effort to show up on Friday the 13th... on a predicted rain day. We hung in there & got 'er done!!! Thank you for putting up with almost 2 months of reminders; thank you for making the effort to dress in uniformity; thank you for your good spirits on a darned cold day; and most importantly, thank you for your support & friendship that you have shared with me & others in the club when they have experienced losses or hit bumps in the road of life.

I look forward to seeing you in the Roto-palace every Friday.

I'm hoping we can use this updated image to market the faces of our club to the Sebastopol community as we continue to give back to our town.

With appreciation & gratitude, **hh**... (cat herder & image maker)"

🍎 Future Programs 🍎

Speaker: Efrén Carrillo and more
Program: Overcoming Obstacles Award
Host: Tom Boag
April 27th
Program: Rotary Foundation Program
Host: Mike Ferguson
 (SEE ATTACHMENT)
May 4th
Program: Vocational Awards
Host: Katy Spyrka
May 11th
Speaker: Michael Ruppert
Program: Collapse
Host: Mike Ferguson
May 18th
Speaker: Paul Voissen
Program: Recent Trends in Sonoma County Agriculture
Host: Henry Alker
May 25th
Speaker: Aleia Coate
Program: Club Assembly
June 1st
Speaker: Richard Power
Program: GSE Team from Turkey
June 8th
Speaker: Michael Ellis
Program: Footloose Forays
Host: Sally Glendening
June 15th

DARK – DISTRICT CONFERENCE

June 22nd
Speaker: Dr. Alan Bernstein
Program: Stroke – Every Minute Counts
Host: Harry Simms

🍎 Future Events 🍎

Friendship Dinners, April 14th and 21st
 HAPPY HOUR AT GTO's Seafood House
 (3rd Friday of the Month), 234 South Main, Seb.
 NEXT HAPPY HOUR @ GTO's – APRIL 20th, 2012
 Apple Blossom Festival Float, April 21,
 Contact Bob Hirsch – Still help needed
 Wine Valley Cycle for Sight, April 21st (*See Attached*)
 Learn to Swim Program Orientation, April 23rd - June
 Polio Music Benefit, April 27th
 Rebuilding Together, April 28th – See Gene Nelson
 District 5130 Conference, June 15th – 17th

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

NEXT Board Meeting (3rd Wednesdays)
Location: Mike Long Office, 7724 Healdsburg Ave, Seb.
Date/Time: Wednesday April 18th, 5:30 p.m.
 Web Site for Make-Up Locations
www.rotary5130.org/meeting_locations.shtml
MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – Send to JOHN BLASCO at
jcblasco@comcast.net
On-line Make-Ups: www.RotaryEClubOne.org
Interact Make-Ups
 Analy High: 12:35 Wed. In the Choir Room
 Brook Haven: 12:40, 1st & 3rd Thurs., Rm. 4
 (Check-in @ Front Office first)
 Hillcrest: 12:20, Every 3rd Tues., Rm. 6
 CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

🍎 At the Bell 🍎

Prez Aleia finally rang the meeting to order at 12:35PM. Paul Yeomans led us in *The Pledge*. This was followed by "The Thin Man" Keller McDonald (being just a Shadow of his former self)



again leading us in song with *Take Me Out to a Giants Ball Game* — not giving Aleia a break.



Past Rotary International Director, our own John Blount, first thanked everyone for the condolences that he had received upon the recent

passing of his 98 year old mother, remembering "My mother always started the day with a positive thought." Then he added the Thought for the Day. It was about an engineer in Nebraska who had a barn on the lower part of his land that flooded every year during the spring rains, and he wanted to move the barn some 143 feet to higher ground. He had a vision and plan. So he built an identical foundation up on the hill. Then he went down to the barn at the bottom of the hill and did some measurements. (What people must have said when they watched him fasten 344 handles to the sides of the barn.) When he finished, he called his friends over to help him move the barn and some 4,000 people came that Saturday afternoon to laugh and perhaps mock those that would try to lift a 9 ton barn... but, on command, 344 people lifted together; that barn came off the old foundation; and, in less than 3 minutes, was carried 143 feet uphill and set down on its new foundation. This is like Rotary — There is power in people and, when we build a team and work together, there is nothing we can't do.



🍎 Visiting Rotarians and Guests 🍎

Randy Seelye from Santa Rosa Sunrise, in Newspaper Publishing, and Dan Bornstein from Santa Rosa, a Dentist, were introduced by The Budman.

Edwin Wilson introduced his wife, Diana, and daughter, Danelle; Larry Ford introduced his wife, Gerry; and Rich Power introduced his friend and neighbor, Oak Sawyer. President Aleia introduced our photographer, Tom Deininger.

There were many more introductions at the completion of the Speech contest.



🍎 Recognitions and Fines 🍎



Prez gave us a sabbatical from fines this week so bring your wallet and checkbook next week.



Announcements



David Schreiber reminded us that, next week, our program will be Overcoming Obstacles Award Event and he would like to have as many of us as possible to be here early to greet these kids, shake their hands and welcome them.

Bob Hirsch mentioned that, on Saturday 4/21, we will have a float in the Apple Blossom Parade and that we still need help — so if you can lend a hand, give **Bob** a call.



PROGRAM



Larry Ford then came forward to introduce the program, the 2012 Sebastopol Rotary Speech Contest.

The Subject of the Speeches: "Achieving the American Dream — What are the Challenges you face today compared to the experiences of your parents, grandparents?"

Eligibility: Students enrolled in West Sonoma County Union High School District: Analy, El Molino and Laguna High Schools. Each school may provide 2 contestants — with any unfilled slots made available to the other schools for a maximum of 6 contestants in the contest.

Prizes: 1st place \$125, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50, and 3 remaining speakers \$25 Honorable Mention.

Three judges will score on: 1) Clarity of Organization, 2) Content and Language, 3) Physical Expression, 4) Vocal Expression, and 5) Overall Impact.

Judges will be selected from outside the Rotary Club, and will not be

introduced by name until after the contest has concluded. Judges will not be paid and will not confer amongst themselves during the presentation. Judges' worksheets are confidential. Judges may (or may not) give an advisor/teacher the participants' scores, but not to any other contestant.

Rules: Length — 6 minutes with a penalty (one point for every 15 seconds deviation) assessed if the duration is shorter or longer. A contest official will provide prompts

at 5½, 6, and 6½ minutes. No props are to be used — Audience participation will be considered a prop. Penalty points will be subtracted for use of props... at 2 points per infraction.

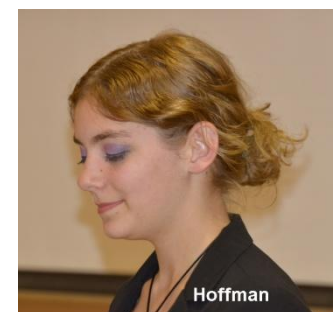
Speaker Aids: A lectern and microphone will be provided for all presenters — They will be scored on how effectively they use them.

Larry asked to please withhold all applause until after the contest. Rots of Ruck.

The Speakers: There were six contestants, four from Analy High School, four from El Molino, but none from Laguna High School. Each student drew a number for their order of speaking:



<u>Order</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>FINISHED</u>
1 st	Alia Williams	11 th	Analy	2nd
2 nd	Sara Soares	9 th	Analy	3rd
3 rd	Michelle Nozzari	12 th	Analy	Hon. Mention
4 th	Jamie Lynn Hoffman	12 th	El Molino	Hon. Mention
5 th	Jasmine Steinwand	9 th	Analy	1st
6 th	Katie Cady	11 th	El Molino	Hon. Mention



So what did the students talk about? – Some samples:



Alia Williams, winner of 2nd place in our competition, began "I am third generation American. My paternal grandmother's parents took a boat from Germany in the 1920s with everything taken from them except their name, and a hope to start a new life in America. When they got here, even their name was taken.... I am fourth generation American. My mother's father's parents...boarded a boat from Italy with exactly no money to their name, a 2 year old, and a child just weeks from being born. I am 7th generation Californian...."

"I am Italian. I am German. I am Irish, Scottish, Welsh, and Polish. But most of all, I am American. And only in America is that possible. Only here can I be third, fourth, and God only knows how many generations American. And that is the foundation of the American Dream. We are the nation of 'only in America can I _____...fill in the blank here.'"

"The American Dream is more than immigrants, so much more. It is freedom, democracy, justice. It is hardships, bravery, and opportunity. And it is the hard work and dedication for social mobility.... My American Dream is college, a career, and to build a life for myself, like my parents and grandparents before me."

"These rough home lives led my parents to set off in search of their own American Dream... with more than a few nightmares. My father left his home at 16... My mother got in with the wrong crowd... however, she graduated at the top of her class... I asked her why she went through all that trouble, she told me 'because everyone said I couldn't.' ..."

"My parents... passed their courage and dedication on to me, as some of the best role models one could ask for.... Attending college won't be nearly as easy for me as it was for my grandparents. Finding a job won't be nearly as easy for me as it was for my parents. And, well, that's my reality, not just my American Dream."



Jasmine Steinwand, 1st Place winner in our competition, summarized her talk as follows: "Everyone has variations on what the American Dream for him or herself wishes to achieve. While looking at my own past generation someone who I believe has had the greatest uphill battle is my great grandmother, Lucia. Not only did she have to deal with one of the worst historical things to happen - called the holocaust - but with it came the loss of family, money and childhood memories. During the holocaust my Grandmother was supposed to get on a train that was to take her and her brother and sister to safety, but that day my grandmother did not get on the train — which saved her life because the train was taken to a death camp and took with it her beloved brother and sister. Can you imagine your siblings being ripped away from you for a reason you may not even comprehend? Can you imagine the grief and the sadness or the anger my Grandmother felt at that moment? If my grandmother had gotten on the train not only would it have been a great loss of a beautiful and intelligent woman, I wouldn't be here to tell her story."

According to the judges, the balloting was extremely close with no penalty points given. **Moderator Larry** then gave thanks to the three judges: Chuck Kensler, Nancy Winn, and Susan Snow; then the Teachers/Coaches: Lynette Williamson, Speech and Debate Coach from Analay, and Ginger Riley, Speech Teacher from El Molino. **Moderator Larry** then introduced his Committee: **Sally Ewald**, Director Vocational and Youth Services, **Rick Wilson**, Timer, and Gofers, **Steve Jorgensen** and **Paul Yeomans**.





The Raffle



Believe it or not, after all of this, we still had time for the raffle. Who is going to step forward, take a chance, and make the big spin to win more than \$800 big ones. The lucky (or not) winner of the first draw was Liz Schott [That's **Liz Schott** –Ed.] — She took a spin and... *Nada!* Then, wanting to really give somebody today the chance to win \$800++ big ones, **President Aleia** decided to give another spin and the lucky winner (or not) was **Al Carrion**. **Al** took a spin and... *Nada!* What is going on?



The Closing Bell



President Aleia graciously thanked all Club members, all visiting Rotarians, guests, and our guest photographer for attending. Then, scrambling to find the Bell, she rang the meeting to a close at 1:30 pm.



After The Bell



Bob Rogers sent on an announcement from Gerald S. Besses, 2011-12 District GSE Chair from Petaluma, that our outgoing GSE team will be in Turkey, May 3rd to June 4th. He asked that we include the following URLs in our newsletter so you can click them directly. Please follow their adventures at their blog, <http://gse2012.tumblr.com/>. Funds that our District donated to the RI Foundation paid for this trip, so please sign on and appreciate what YOU have done. Look also at that of the team that is currently in France, <http://rotary5130francegse.blogspot.com/>. Check out last year's blog for the team that went to Japan, at <http://acrossthepacific.net/>



The ABC's of Rotary

(Taken from "The ABCs of Rotary", a Rotary International publication originally prepared by Dr. Cliff Dochterman who was RI President in 1992-93)

#13: The ROTARIAN and Regional Magazines

The month of April is annually designated as "Rotary Magazine Month", an occasion to recognize and promote the reading and use of the official RI Magazine, *THE ROTARIAN*, and the regional magazines.

THE ROTARIAN has been around since 1911 as the medium to communicate with Rotarians and to advance the program and Object of Rotary. A primary goal of the magazine is to support the annual theme and philosophy of the RI president and to disseminate information about new and special programs, major meetings, and emphasis of the several official "months" of Rotary.

THE ROTARIAN provides a forum in which both Rotary-related and general interest topics may be explored. The magazine serves as an excellent source of information and ideas for programs at Rotary club meetings and district conferences. Many articles promote international fellowship, goodwill, and understanding. Regular readers usually have superior knowledge of the activities of Rotary and how each Rotarian may be more fully involved in the Four Avenues of Service around the world.

In addition to *THE ROTARIAN* there are 27 regional magazines printed in 21 languages. Although each regional publication has its own unique style and content, they all provide Rotarians with up-to-date information and good reading in April—and all through the year.



You are cordially invited...

**It's a Celebration, Our
Foundation Program**

The "Paul Harris Rotary Oscars"

On April 27th,

**At Memorial Hall,
Community Church**



**Honoring our
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