

"All the News that Fits We Print"



[It is alleged that... - Ed.] Rollie Atkinson led the Pledge of Allegiance and then Karen Daniels led the song. Tom Lambert provided two thoughts of the week, from Winston Churchill:

"The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter." and "It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government, except all the others that have been tried."









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Visiting Rotarians and Guests

At 12:30pm, **President Edwin** rang the "cowbell" and <u>re</u>-initiated the meeting. **Dick Zimmer** introduced visiting Rotarians: <u>Sandra Stoltz</u>, Lawyer–Retired, and <u>Malcolm Laird</u>, both of <u>Puerto Vallarta Sur</u>; <u>Peggy Soberanis</u>, Girls Scouts–Retired, <u>Santa Rosa</u>; and <u>Creed Wood</u>, Physician, <u>Santa Rosa Downtown</u>.



Guests were introduced: First, **President Edwin** introduced his wife, **Diana**. Then <u>Kathy Austin</u> was introduced by **Pauline Pellini**;

<u>Amélie Depireux</u>, our exchange student from <u>Belgium</u> who is now <u>attending Analy</u> <u>High School</u>; and

<u>Elizabeth Tiarks</u>, an [another -Ed.] <u>Attorney. returning</u> guest of **Ken Jacobs**.











President Edwin announced that there would be a brief Board meeting at the lectern at 1:30pm. [What do those people talk about all the time? **-Ed**.]

Richard Power spoke of the <u>need to find</u> <u>sponsors for the Lobster Feed</u>... an advisable thing to do to avoid being called by him. **President Edwin** then repeated that there is a need for AppleKnocker Scribes for the first two weeks in September and all of October, and **Photographers** for all of February, May, and June of 2013 – To volunteer, contact **Harvey Henningsen** or **Tom Boag**.



Appreciative words were spoken for **Bob Cugini** who set up this year's <u>Club</u> <u>Picnic</u>; **Guy Smith** who provided the location;

Mario Ramos and son who provided the food; Guenter Meiburg, Rick Wilson, David Still, and



David Pittman who operated the BBQ; and **Kathie Mayhew** and **Julie Cugini** who had the very important task of mixing [and testing **-Ed.**] the <u>Margaritas</u>.

President Wilson reminded those present that next Saturday the Cajun/Zydeco Festival, produced by the Rotary Club of <u>Sebastopol</u> <u>Sunrise</u>, will be taking place.

Our Club will be offering flu vaccinations on September 28th.

On October 6th the Rotary Foundation Dinner South will be taking place at the Flamingo Hotel & Resort. It will be an occasion to celebrate the good Foundation work that took place during (Past)



Regarding the <u>upcoming Lobster Feed on</u> <u>Saturday, October 20th</u>, **Jackie Moreira** announced that <u>tickets are now on sale</u>. <u>Bristol Hassler</u> informed us that <u>20 tables</u> <u>have already been sold and that tickets</u> <u>cost \$100 each</u>.

The website is up, (CLICK HERE:

http://sebastopolrotarylobsterfeed.wordpress.com/) information can be obtained there, but the Live Auction items have not been added yet. Next step will be for **Jack Blasco** to begin soliciting volunteers.

Keller McDonald, <u>Chair of the Live Auction</u> <u>Committee</u> informed us that there are some great

live auction packages already committed and suggested that another way to donate is to give cold hard cash so his Committee can purchase live auction items. <u>The deadline</u> for Live Auction items is <u>September 15th</u>. **Dan Rasmus**, <u>Chair of the Silent</u> Auction Committee, advised





us that items are currently trickling in and that now is the time to seek items. Donated items can be given to him or to Liz Schott.

Sandra Stolz and Malcolm Laird of the Rotary Club of Puerto Vallarta South spoke about their Club. They currently have <u>48 members</u> and meet on Thursday mornings at the Marriott Casa Magna. They are focused on computer education since their economy is fueled by the Tourism business and computer skills are needed for employment. They also have a clean water drinking project in partnership with Disaster Aid Canada. They provide 300 scholarships to children so they can attend school with their Becas Program and also have an after school computer program for disadvantaged children. They provide eveglasses and eye surgeries for kids for free and provide a hot lunch to moms and kids of





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80 families who live in the vicinity of the Magisterio, which is the local dump. These families make their living by picking through the dump. Ms. Stolz presented their Club banner to our Club.

During the next portion of the meeting, President Edwin shared that he has been a member of our Club for 19 years, and that when he joined gasoline was \$1.13/gallon. "Unforgiven", Clint Eastwood's movie, was popular then, and the motto of the Rotary International President was "Real Happiness is Helping Others." Mike Ferguson was the president of our Club at that time. Mike took to the mic and shared that during his year he tried to get 100 members - and actually did ("maybe for one day"). They were already working with the Puerto Vallarta Club, and... Mike is happy he has not missed a meeting for 29 years.



BIRTHDAYS:



Rick Williams was recognized for his August 18th birthday, which he spent talking to customers at his business since it was "Harmony Farm's "Customer Appreciation Day." Pauline Pellini celebrated her birthday on August 25th

with son and two grandchildren in Sonoma and really enjoyed going to a quilt store. Since Paul Martinovich's birthday was on August 31st, the Club members sang him "Happy Birthday". He was planning on going to his son's house for a BBQ dinner. A photo of him as an I966 high school senior wearing a sweater and tie was shown.







ANNIVERSARIES:

Guenter Meiburg, 55 years, on September 5th Tom Boag, 44 years, September 3rd. Both were fined \$5.







MORE FINES:

Bill Cole was fined for thinking Thursday was Friday and showing up to a nonhappening meeting. President Edwin did not think it was good form for Barbara **Beedon** to give him her business card at a reception for our District Governor, so he fined her. Vikki Patiño was fined \$5 for traveling to Puerto Rico and Miami. She, however, thoughtfully gave **President Edwin** a bright pink cowbell which was louder and more attractive than the one he is currently using.





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Left over snacks from the last open house from Bill Facendini



Larry Ford had the winning raffle ticket [#379484 **-Ed.**] but only drew the <u>Terra Firma Global Partners card</u> – entitling him to "<u>Left over snacks from</u> **Bill Facendini's** last open house".

Program – Captain Greg Tracey – "CHP"

Mike Ferguson introduced our <u>Program Speaker, Captain</u> <u>Greg Tracey of the California Highway Patrol</u>. Captain Tracey graduated from <u>Petaluma High School</u>, went on to <u>New Mexico State University</u>, and started his <u>police career</u> with the University of California Police Air Operations Unit in <u>1995</u>. He formerly worked in the CHP's Golden Gate Division <u>Communications Center</u> and was a <u>lieutenant in</u> <u>Sonoma County</u>. He has been assigned to the <u>Governor's</u> <u>protection detail</u> and <u>managed the CHP's Air Operations</u>

<u>Unit, multi-disciplinary accident investigation team, and commercial operations</u> <u>unit</u>. He now <u>commands 80 officers who work out of the Rohnert Park office and</u> <u>cover most of Sonoma County</u>. He lives in Petaluma with his wife and his 17 year old daughter.

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Captain Tracey started his discussion by soliciting confessions. When none were forthcoming he stated that the most frequent question he receives is, "What

to do when I get pulled over?" His answer mentioned two types of service: <u>educational</u> and <u>enforcement</u>. When he taps your car window and you have all the necessary documents, you might be educated.

He has been working, and been dedicated to public service, for 32 years. He has worked all holidays, has seen terrible things, has lost friends, and admits that the job has been toxic for some. He, however, feels compensated as he has done it for the <u>love of public service</u>.

He spoke of some of the rules of driving. He shared that a ramp is called a "ramp" because, "it's okay to accelerate". He also shared that if the lanes are free, "it's okay to move over".

He warned about something Paul Newman stated, "The brakes don't work when you are driving upside down."

<u>Regarding drinking and driving, people should not take the option of riding in the backseat of a patrol car</u>.... It's less expensive to take a taxi ride roundtrip to Los Angeles than paying for a DUI offense.

He is the Commander of the Santa Rosa area and runs a small "corporation". His agency includes 80 uniformed workers, 29 cars, and they are open 24/7. They patrol 1,400 miles of incorporated roadways. The <u>CHP is a specially-funded</u> <u>organization</u> and is not subject to the General Fund. They return money each year that is not used.



He explained that there is a high level of impaired drivers and that the <u>number of drug impaired drivers is on the increase</u>. He feels that <u>cell phone devices "suck the brain out of the head</u>" and that the CHP will stop those who are texting while driving as they feel that those who are texting are operating while impaired. He feels that the inherent danger of texting or talking on the phone while driving needs to be recognized and that there should be zero tolerance.

Regarding <u>cyclists</u>, he questioned where civility might have gone off to. He stated that the last place to manifest anger is behind the wheel of a car. He recommends that people get off their phones and slow down to be better able to deal with cyclists.

<u>PIO Blair Hardcastle</u> helped Captain Tracey answer the questions posed by the audience.



President Edwin thanked <u>Captain Tracey</u> and <u>PIO Hardcastle</u> for their presentation and presented them with a certificate acknowledging that the club is making a donation in their name to the Pathway Home, a rehab center in Napa dedicated to returning vets from Iraq and Afghanistan, helping them make the transition back home.

He then stated that a <u>special bulletin</u> from the **head of the A/V committee** stated that <u>the video of **Mike Ferguson's**</u> <u>debunking will be up on the website this afternoon</u>.

Next he reminded us that "Next week's program is a presentation by **Frank Mayhew** giving an <u>update on clubs Adopt a Village Project</u>. Also next week will also be the NFL season so all that wish to wear their team colors may do so."

President Edwin then reminded us that, last weekend, we all lost a famous American, Neil Armstrong. "We all know his most famous quotes but here is another:

'It suddenly struck me that tiny pea, pretty and blue, was the Earth. I put up my thumb and shut one eye, and my thumb blotted out the planet Earth. I didn't feel like a giant. I felt very, very small."

President Edwin then wished all a great Labor Day holiday weekend and rang the bell, closing the meeting.



The ABC's of Rotary

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

#32 Official Directory

How do you find out when the Rotary club meets in Toowoomba, Pondicherry, or Recklinghausen? Simply turn to the *Official Directory* of Rotary International. The approximately 825-page annual publication is filled with current information about Rotarians and Rotary clubs. The meeting day, time and location of every one of the more than 31,000 clubs is listed. From the Rotary Club of A'Famosa Malacca, Malaysia, to Zwolle-Noord, The Netherlands, the *Official Directory* provides the name, street address, and e-mail address if available of each club president and secretary, as well as the number of club members and charter date.

The Official Directory also records a wealth of information about the approximately 530 Rotary districts, as well as the composition and purpose of all official RI committees and task forces. Included are names and addresses of the current RI Board of Directors and all previous boards. There is a list of all past RI presidents with the themes for their year. An excellent directory of hotels around the world and a list of vendors licensed to sell Rotary merchandise are added features. It is a perfect guidebook for making Rotary contacts when you travel.

Available in a print version or on compact disc, the *Official Directory* can be ordered from RI World Headquarters or the international offices. Rotarians can also find information on club meetings in the Where Clubs Meet section on the RI Web site.

And, by the way, Toowoomba meets every Monday at 1800 hours, Pondicherry on Wednesdays at 1930, and Recklinghausen on Mondays at 1900. Now, that's good to know!

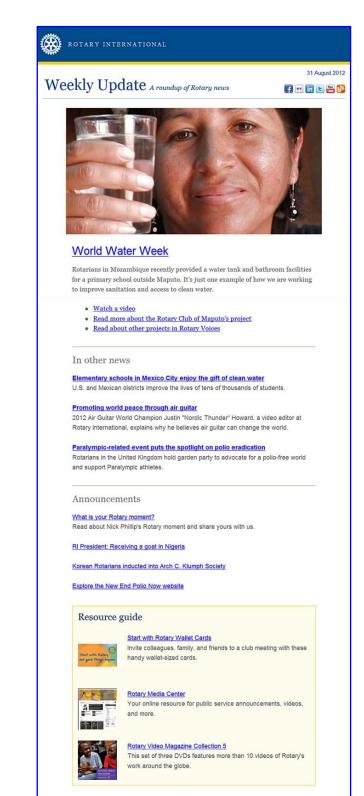
Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary, Cajun Zydeco Festival, Sept. 8, 2012 Read about it at <u>CLICK HERE: http://www.winecountrycajun.com/</u>

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More RI Reading: Weekly Update – World Water Week Check it out.

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JUST A REMINDER: GET YOUR FLU SHOT before it's too late

- Remember to get your flu shot. It's the best way to help fight this uncompromising virus and enjoy a healthy flu-free season.
- The flu is much worse than the common cold or winter bug. When it hits, the uncomfortable symptoms can disrupt your life for days...
- But, you can protect yourself. A flu shot now will give your body time to develop immunity before flu season begins. It's the smart way to protect yourself against the flu.
- Remember, you cannot get flu from a flu shot. The vaccine is made from inactivated or "killed" flu viruses, which are not infectious.
- Influenza vaccine should not be administered to anyone with a history of hypersensitivity to eggs or egg products. As with any vaccine, vaccination may not protect 100% of all susceptible individuals. The most common side effect is soreness at the injection site for up to two days. Less common side effects are fever and fatigue.

FLU SHOT CLINICS HERE - on these days!

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