



The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Program: Brendon Houston—"A Family in Rhodesia"



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We should have suspected something was up with the large number of guests streaming into the room.

[At the Bell](#)



Still, no proper bell. The cow bell seems not to be going anywhere.

The flag salute was led by **Greg Jacobs**. **Keller McDonald** guided us through "America the Beautiful," once he was cued for the first line, and **Linda Collins** shared the following words of Rosalynn Carter: "I believe that one of the most important things to learn in life is that you can make a difference in your community no matter who you are or where you live. I have seen so many good deeds – people helped, lives improved – because someone cared."

[Visiting Rotarians & Guests](#)

Visiting Rotarians:

Dick Zimmer introduced Sarah Giometti from the New Generations Santa Rosa Club. Sarah, a charter member of that club, was our sole visitor today. Their charter party will be held on August 19.

Introduction of Guests:



Alyssa Herr, our club's outbound Youth Exchange student, was at the meeting with **Tom Lambert**. She will travel to Thailand on August 9. She is having a yard sale to raise funds to defray expenses during her exchange year. The yard sale will be on July 30 and 31st from early in the morning (6 a.m. -ish) to about 12 or 1pm. It will be held at: 8693 Oak Grove Ave, which is in the greater Graton area, next to Oak Grove Elementary School and on the same road as Mrs. Hallberg's Butterfly Garden. Please support Alyssa by shopping at the sale and spreading the word about it.

Tom was also accompanied by his wife, **Sally**, and Teresa Book Webster, today.

Steve Prandini introduced his wife, **Roseanne**, and Major Mereki from Chidamoyo Hospital in Zimbabwe.

Mike Long's wife, Vicki, was his guest.



Diana Wilson, Past Honorary Rotarian, accompanied her husband, **Edwin**.

Pat Dilley and **Peggy Rogers** improved the look of the tables of their husbands, **Tom** and **Bob**.

Future Programs

July 29th

Speaker: Nao Noguchi
Program: Earthquake & Tsunami Disasters in Japan
Host: Dick Zimmer
Note: Nao will also hold event 8/11-see below

August 5th

Speaker: Emily Buller
Program: Red Cross Disaster Preparedness
Host: Dave Madsen

August 12th

Location: **OFFSITE AT GABRIEL FARMS**
 3175 Sullivan Road, Sebastopol

Speaker, Host: Torrey Olson
Program: Tour of Farm, Organic Farming

August 19th

Speaker: John Zanzi
Program: Sebastopol Fire Dept. – CERT Training
Host: Sarah Gurney

August 26th

Speaker: Rich Thomas
Program: Recent & Future Trends in the Wine Industry
Host: Rollie Atkinson

Future Events

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thurs Aug. 4th at Sebastopol Golf Course-See Att.
FULL – Bring your \$75 (per person) on 7/29 !

CLUB PICNIC SUNDAY AUGUST 7TH

Location: Bodega Rancho (Harvey's)
 Across Russian Rvr fm Duncans Mills

CHANGE: All Food Provided (Mario) !

Contact: Bob Cugini

HAPPY HOUR AT GTO's Seafood House
 (3rd Friday of the Month), 234 South Main, Seb.
 Friday, August 20th at 5:30 p.m.

Fundraising for EQ, Tsunami Victims and Recovery in Japan – Nao's Home

Aug. 11th Thurs

Lobster Feed is October 15 – Mark calendar!

Miscellany

NEXT Board Meeting (3rd Wednesdays)

Location: Mike Long's Office
 7724 Healdsburg Ave, Seb.
Date/Time: **Wednesday August 17th, 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.org4

Interact Make-Ups (during school)

Analy High: 12:35 Wed. in the Choir Room

Brook Haven: 12:40, 1st & 3rd Thurs., Rm 4
 (Check-in @ Front Office first)

Hillcrest: 1:20, Every 3rd Tues., Rm. 6
 CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

Appleknocker Archive

sebastopolrotary.com/appleknocker.shtml

Sebastopol Rotary Carpool Website

<http://buduri.com/t8mk>

Sally Ewald's husband, David, was her guest.

Michael Hixson's son, Jack, probably got more than he bargained for when his dad roped him into coming to THIS meeting.

Announcements

1. The Golf Tournament is FULL. Bring your money next week.

2. The Club Picnic is Sunday, August 7, noon to 5.

We don't have to bring food. Mario is cooking and some additional food is coming from Fircrest Market. There will be Margaritas, guitars, geocaching, horseshoes, and bocce ball.



3. Jackie Moreira told us that the Lobster Feed's live auction committee will be publishing items on the website, and announcing them at a future meeting. Cash donations are always welcome to punch up the value of the packages.



The next announcement came from **Pauline Pellini**. What I heard was that we were going to be invited to a Bachelorette Party for **President Aleia**. What I didn't realize was that it was happening at that very moment. But when six beautiful women – Summer, Christine, Leslie, Angela, Sianna, and **President Aleia's sister Jennifer** -with star-shaped sunglasses, tiaras, leis, a veil for **President Aleia**, and champagne for the rest of us glided in, I knew we were all in for a treat. With Pink urging us to "Get this Party Started," Captain Polio, aka **Bob Rodgers**, strutted into the

room in his airline pilot's uniform, trench coat, aviators, and flight bag in hand. After draping a Bachelorette sash on **President Aleia**, Captain Polio proceeded to demonstrate all he learned in layovers in . . . Amsterdam? Quite a few moves and a defiled Rotary sash later, accompanied by "Voulez-vous coucher avec moi?" on the boom box, the good



Captain collected tips (\$411) for Polio Plus, to be donated in **President Aleia's** name. The *piece de resistance* came with a special version of the *Hand Jive* – the Ham Bone – customized for **President Aleia** and bearing special significance to those who



attended the Rotary conference in New Orleans. The last trick in the Captain's bag was the discovery of the real meeting Bell! No more cowbells for the lunch club. The entire party was a hoot, but may make eloping an attractive plan for any future Rotarians who get engaged.



Major Mereki from Chidamoyo Hospital in Zimbabwe was introduced by **Steve Prandini**. **Steve and Roseanne** visited Zimbabwe in June of last year, and came back dedicated to raising money for a generator for the hospital in Chidamoyo. Major reports that nothing as important as receiving the generator has ever happened in Chidamoyo. Multiple demands on the generator don't faze it. "The hospital can actually have operations being performed at the same time as laundry, cooking, lab functions, and x-rays are taking place." Major was here to thank the club for the generator.



Mike Long pulls raffle ticket. **Norm Stupfel** spins, and . . . sorry! No prize this week.



PROGRAM



Mike Long introduced our speaker, club member **Brendon Houston**. **Brendon** was raised in Zimbabwe, which was Rhodesia then, prior to attending school in the U.S., where he became a C.P.A. **Brendon** experienced white rule in Rhodesia as a child, then as a young man, he lived under black rule in the newly independent Zimbabwe.

Brendon gave us a brief history and geography lesson of Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, from tribal trading societies and conflicts, to the importance of mineral rights in British colonization. The country had 250,000 white citizens, and 7 million black citizens. Farming, tobacco (2nd largest producer in the world), mining, and tourism form the backbone of the economy. Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, is in Zimbabwe.

Brendon's father was in the Air Force, and served all three governments. His family stayed on after independence even though many white families left. The only blacks their family knew were the maid and gardener, who were paid \$20/month, and provided with rudimentary housing. It was a privileged life at the expense of others, according to **Brendon**.

And then, the black majority, led by Robert Mugabe, revolted. As Mugabe strengthened his hold on power, the press was controlled, so **Brendon** knew nothing of the struggles. The new government preached racial reconciliation, and for the first time in his life, **Brendon** went to school with black children, although everyone gravitated to his/her own race. **Brendon's** impression of the new government was positive because trade sanctions were lifted and they got to experience foreign candy!

In summary, **Brendon** told us that, politics aside, Rhodesia/Zimbabwe was a great place to grow up.

He then shared family photos, including the Rotary obligatory fishing pictures, although his fish were a lot more interesting than those we see on a weekly basis – Tiger Fish, Bream, Catfish, Bottlenose. Other photos detailed the rich biology of the country: a fish eagle catching a Bream, elephants, lions, hippos, crocodiles, rhinoceros, leopards, a Baobab tree, Victoria Falls, and **Brendon** riding an ostrich.

Zimbabwe from 1988 to the present struggles with 25% of the population being HIV positive, 11.2 million percent inflation, and corruption and bribery epitomized by the arable land struggles depicted in the documentary **Brendon** showed us. **Brendon** emphasized that the corruption is being perpetrated by the government, not by the Zimbabwean people. He also praised Rotary for finding a way to bypass the greed and graft, and do great things like supply the Chidamoyo hospital with its generator.



P.S. Another Announcement



Bob Rogers announced the next International Project, an ambulance for Chidamoyo Hospital.



The Closing Bell



The meeting adjourned at 1:30 to Tina Turner crooning “*Proud Mary*”, which **President Aleia** dedicated to **Patti Blount**.



After the Bell



(The Charter Members of the *Committee-to-Manage-the-Rollout-and-Subsequent-Management-of-the-ClubRunner-(CR)-software* (Chairman **Jack Blasco**, **Michael Hixson**, **David Pittman**, **Ron Puccinelli**, **Edwin Wilson**, **President Aleia**, and **Your Editor** were supposed to meet after the meeting to discuss uploading information from the club's various systems into ClubRunner and transferring content from our existing website. Actually they all met, got instructions, passwords, and marching orders – except **Your Editor**, who forgot and went home. He has been reprimanded, assigned tasks since and is onboard. This is a big project and a lot of work but will bring our club a useful merging of systems and better function. –Ed.)



OCTOBER 15

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)

#58: Interact

Interact, a Rotary-Sponsored youth service club, was launched by the RI Board of Directors in 1962. The first Interact club was established by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Florida, USA. Interact clubs provide opportunities for young people of secondary school age to work together in a world fellowship of service and international understanding. The term "Interact" is derived from "inter", for international, and "act", for action. Every Interact club must be sponsored and supervised by a Rotary club and must plan annual projects of service to its school, community, and the world.

Today, there are more than 8,600 Interact clubs with about 200,000 members in some 110 countries. Interactors develop skills in leadership and attain practical experience in conducting service projects, thereby learning the satisfaction that comes from serving others. A major goal of Interact is to provide opportunities for young people to create greater understanding and goodwill with youth throughout the world.



SEBASTOPOL ROTARY CLUB

Member Profile

David Schreiberman – Badge No. 82



Classification

Business Machines - Sales

Joined Rotary

2007

Sponsor

Ken Silveira



Educational Background: Santa Rosa Junior College and University of California at Berkeley, Majored in Mathematics, Graduated in 1980.

Personal Background and Employment: I was born in Dayton, OH and later moved to Columbus, then Boston and New York before landing in Boyes Hot Springs at the age of 16. I moved to the Bay Area for college and my first job. In the second year of my one and only marriage, we relocated to Sacramento as we were expecting twins. We raised three children, now 32, 27, and 27, in Elk Grove before moving to West County at the end of 2006.

Personal Interests & Hobbies: I cherish time with close friends and family. Carolee and I love to travel. I enjoy photography, geocaching, golf, watching sports, and fishing. I am active on computers and Facebook. One of my passions is mentoring high schoolers. I've volunteered with Junior Achievement for ten years and enjoy my roles with Interact, RYLA, and the fledgling Financial Literacy Program.

Employment Background: While at SRJC and Cal, I ran an Amway business that supported me through school. After graduating in 1980, I became a salesman for a cash register company in San Francisco and have remained in that industry ever since. Over the years, technology has evolved and we now sell scales and video surveillance systems as well. My primary clientele are independent grocers, and I work from home most days for Quality Business Machines, based in Sacramento.

Rotary Leadership Positions: I served (2010-11) on Richard Power's board as Vocational Services Director. I lead the Analy H.S. Interact club, have chaired and co-chaired the Lobster Feed live auction, and am very active with both the Financial Literacy and Overcoming Obstacles Award committees. Next year, I will chair the Teacher Mini Grants Committee.

What Rotary Means to You: It is an opportunity to give, both locally and internationally, while getting to meet great people in our new community. Before joining the club, I had no idea what Rotary was. Now that I have a better idea, I have a much greater appreciation for its values and its value. I've been very impressed with the quality of people and their generous dedication.

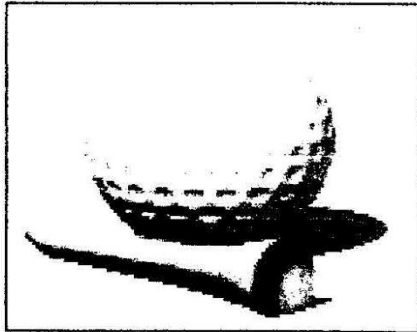
Favorite Rotary Service Project: Adopt-A-Family, Financial Literacy, RYLA

Who have you sponsored as a Rotary Member? None yet.

NOTE: **FULL – Bring your \$75 (per person) on 7/29 !**

Sebastopol Rotary Club 85th Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 4, 2011
Sebastopol Golf Course
\$75 per person
includes golf, BBQ, and tee prizes



Check-in: 12:00 PM
Shotgun Start: 1:00 PM
Dinner: 6:00 PM
Awards & Raffle

REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for Registration: Friday, July 29th
No Registration accepted without Entry Fee.

Team Captain: _____

Individual Player: \$75

Non-Player Dinner: \$30

Other Golfers: _____

Checks Payable to: Sebastopol Rotary Club
Bud Daveiro, Chairman

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RESCHEDULED

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In Conjunction with Fort Bragg Rotary

FUND RAISING FOR THE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI VICTIMS AND RECOVERY IN JAPAN

THEME: A Day of Good Food, Taiko, Sake, Wine and Beer at Noguchi's

DATE: Rescheduled Saturday, AUGUST 27th

TIME: 1:00 P.M. on

PLACE: 6090 Fredericks Road
Sebastopol, CA 95472

ORGANIZED BY: San Francisco Taru-Mikoshi and
Sonoma County Taiko

CONTACT: Nao Noguchi
707-479-1497
knnoguchi@comcast.net

NOTES:

1. We will cook a whole pig in a luau style plus BBQ turkeys, chickens, steak and other edible exotic items. We plan to dig out the pig at 5:00 PM.
2. Taiko performances will be provided by Sonoma County Taiko.
3. We will have kegs of home brewed beer using home grown hops from our garden.
4. We ask each member (not the guests) to bring a side dish to share with 10 plus people.
5. If you plan to drink, please consider staying in Sebastopol, we have floor space in the house, plus a few tents and sleeping bags.
6. Bring your family, friends and check book.
7. Both San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival, Inc. (Taru-Mikoshi) and Sonoma County Taiko are 501 (c) 3 non-profit organizations and any donation is tax deductible. If you write a check, please indicate "Earthquake relief for Japan".

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Join Us for Festival of Brotherhood 2011

October 21-30, 2011 Puerto Vallarta Guadalajara

October 26-30 Guadalajara only



Festival is full of surprises like this one from 2010. A youth mariachi band showed up to serenade at our first morning meeting. This young man had an amazing voice. We learn about Mexico, its culture and people in both planned and unplanned ways. During the trip we experience many opportunities for fellowship with Rotarians from Mexico's District 4150 and our fellow District 5130 Rotarians.

We also get to visit and explore a variety of projects that we might decide to support. They are in the fields of medical, clean water, education and job training. These are fascinating visits where we have the honor of sharing the passion of the local Rotarians. We also go to Festival to have fun—visiting the beach, shopping, parties, home visits and more. Lastly, Festival is a good place to learn more about yourself. Visiting a different culture has a way of bringing out new sides of yourself that you weren't aware of—life is an adventure!

Travel arrangements include non-stop flights between San Francisco and our Mexican destinations. All transfers and ground travel will be on deluxe buses. We have arranged great hotels. We will be staying at the Krystal Hotel in Puerto Vallarta. Our rooms are all ocean view in a low rise building directly on the beach. There are multiple pools and other amenities on the grounds of this large hotel complex. Continental buffet, tips and room tax are included in the room price. For Guadalajara our hotel is in the Tlaquepaque area, a picturesque village that is now part of greater Guadalajara and is noted for its unique shopping district. The hotel is a bed and breakfast, Quinta Don Jose. It has a pool, comfortable patio and beautiful grounds. Our group will have the entire facility during our stay. Breakfast and room tax are included in the room price.

Wow! How do I sign up? A prompt reply is needed. Our Puerto Vallarta flights need to be booked by June 23. All who register before that date get our great group rate. Registering after that date will result in higher airfares. Our Tlaquepaque hotel will not accommodate the whole group and you need to select a room on one of our forms. Early registration gets the most choice of rooms. The latest registrants will be in nearby hotels. We need a \$700 per person deposit by June 15 for airfare and Krystal deposit.

To register you need to read the terms and conditions, fill out the registration form and select a room at Quinta Don Jose. All three of these forms are attached. Mail them with your deposit check and a copy of your passport to the address on the registration. Checks only for payments. We have no way of processing credit card payments. Call Doug at 962-0788 for answers to any questions you might have.

**Registration forms are located on the district website. Here's the URL
http://www.rotary5130.org/festival_of_brotherhood.shtml**