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"All the News that Fits We Print"



President Aleia called the meeting to order. Linda Collins led the flag Too many cameras."





On this beautiful day for Teacher Recognitions there were no visiting Rotarians. There were however many guests! (My apologies if I left anyone out). Brendon Houston welcomed his beautiful Mother, visiting from England, Toppy Houston. Mel Davis' guest was Ralph Schram. Ken McHugh introduced Jack Dunlap. Harry Simms brought the love of his life, Susanna. Sally Ewald and her David were also in the house!

Visiting Rotarians and Guests





Steve Jorgensen introduced Doria Trombetta and Brenda Hoff, principals of El Molino and Laguna High Schools. Introductions were made for Teachers of the Year, Gianna De Persiis Vona and Rachel Lasek and Rachel's proud father Jake Goldberg, a science teacher at Analy.



District Conference – June 14-17 in Fortuna (See attached) SCARC Meeting - May 31 Woof! Roto Dog Day! - Bring your Dog to Rotary. June 1st







salute, Keller McDonald led us in song, and Bill Cole provided a Thought for the Day: "When I was a boy my Mama would send me to the corner store with \$1 and I would come home with a bag of potatoes, 2 loaves of bread, a bottle of milk, a hunk of cheese and a box of tea. You can't do that now ...

Future Programs				
	<u>May 18th (CHANGE)</u>			
Speaker:	Tim Murphy, Lifeguard, N. Calif.			
Program:	Being a State Lifeguard, Ocean			
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Host:	Greg Jacobs			
	May 25 th			
Speaker:	Aleia Coate			
Program:	Club Assembly			
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Speaker:	Richard Power			
Program:	GSE Team from Turkey			
	June 8 th			
Speaker:	Michael Ellis			
Program:	Footloose Forays			
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Host:	Sally Glendening			
	June 15 th			
DARK	- DISTRICT CONFERENCE			
	(*See Attached*)			
	June 22 nd			
Speaker:	Dr. Alan Bernstein			
Program:	Stroke – Every Minute Counts			
Host:	Harry Simms			
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	June 29 th			
Speaker:	Sheriff Dept. Personnel			
Program:	So.Co. Sheriff Rescue Helicopter			
Host:	Mike Ferguson			
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	Future Events 🔍			
<u>НАРРҮ Н</u>	OUR AT GTO's Seafood House			
(3 rd Friday o	f the Month), 234 South Main, Seb.			
ΝΕΧΤ ΗΑΡΡΥ	′ HOUR @ GTO's– <mark>MAY 18th, 2012</mark>			
Learn to Swim Program April - June				
<u>Sonoma County Backroad Challenge</u> , May 19 th				
(*See Attached*)				
GUYS CAN COOK TOO! Seb. Sunrise, May 19 th				
(*See Attached*)				
<u>May SCARC Meeting – "Inspired By Youth"</u> <u>Overcoming Obstacles Award</u> , Thursday May 31 st ,				
Community Church (See Vikki Patiño & Attached Page)				
District 5130 Conference, June 15 th – 17 th				
Saturday, June 23 rd				
The Debunking of President Aleia				
Location:	Holy Ghost Hall			
Subject:	Who Else?President Aleia			
Contact:	Pauline Pellini			
Tickets:	Only \$10 per person			
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NEXT Board Meeting (3 rd Wednesdays)					
Location:	Mike Long Office, 7724 Healdsburg Ave, Seb.				
Date/Time:	Wednesday May 16 th , 5:30 p.m.				
Web Site for Make-Up Locations					
www.rotary5130.org/meeting locations.shtml					
MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS - Send to JOHN BLASCO at					
icblasco@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, 1 st & 3 rd Thurs., Rm. 4				
	(Check-in @ Front Office first)				
Hillcrest:	12:20, Every 3 rd Tues., Rm. 6				
	CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS				

The Debunking of Aleia Coate is on! Saturday; June 23rd at the Holy Ghost Hall. <u>\$10.00 a</u> ticket for drinks and a show not to be missed! Each attendee will have the opportunity to purchase their dinner food truck. from a Sign up with **Dorothy** Rodella.



<u>Green to Red Badge</u> – **Les Crawford** was awarded his Red Badge. Congratulations Les!

> this happen

<u>Rotarians of the Month</u>! Every Friday we walk into the Roto Palace and our flags are placed in their spots (like they live there every day!) the podium is ready for our **President Aleia** her bell perfectly positioned and there are couple of guys that consistently make





and then you layer in special projects like Rebuilding Together and The Forget me Not Farm construction projects. You can always count on Tom Dilley and Jim Pacatte our Rotarians of the Month! Thank you Tom & Jim for all that you do!

SebastopolRotaryEducationFoundation(SREF)President,PattiBlount,andKellerMcDonaldpresentedTeacheroftheYearAwardstoLagunaHighSchoolEnglishTeacherGiannaDePersiisVonaandElMolinoHighSchoolMathTeacherRachelLasek.





Some words used to describe these special individuals from their students, alumni, fellow teachers and administrators were they energize, excite, and provide experiences only special educators can provide. Each received \$1,000.00.

The mission of the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation is to secure and annually distribute funds in the form of grants, scholarships, and educational equipment or materials. The Foundation was established as an ongoing Endowment Fund from which it directs funds each year for educational gifts. It is a nonprofit, tax-exempt Foundation.



Birthdays:

David Still – April 15th New Orleans! He did try and check out the Dungeon recommend by **J.T. Martin**... but it opens past his bedtime! \$5.00 for the Birthday and \$35.00 for the trip.

Anniversaries:

Larry & Gerry Reilly-Ford – April 28th (They have been married for 12 years.) Being the <u>romantic</u> that he is, they went to an Electric <u>Aircraft</u> Symposium and he spent some time <u>Salmon Fishing</u> on <u>The Jolly Rogers</u>. Something about providing the fish a special treat was alluded to.....\$5.00 for the Birthday and \$25.00 for the special memory making day fishing trip.

Ken Silveira – Ski trip \$35 please. Thank you!

Jerry, Harry, Dave, Tom Dilley, Greg Jacobs and Gene Nelson endured rain, hail, thunder storms and lighting to go fishing in the lower Sacramento River, to fulfill their desire to have a steak at Jack's Steakhouse, and to partake in the best bananas foster at an Italian Restaurant. The Fishing group then raised and donated \$550.00 to the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation!

Tom Campbell – Vacation to Mexico; which included driving, flying, a bus and a train ride! \$35.00

Sally Ewald – Trip to Ohio where she honored her father's memory and traveled with a group of the <u>Stalag Luft</u> i.e. The Great Escape. They were given a biker escort. **Sally** gifted \$100.00 to SREF.















Aleia Coate & Matt Munson – Secretary Jack Blasco interrupted President Aleia by asking her what she was personally celebrating......4-years ago was her first date with Matt! Matt then entered from the kitchen with a <u>beautiful bouquet of red</u> roses for his beautiful Aleia! No fine.



Mike Ferguson introduced <u>Michael C. Ruppert</u>, a local activist with global impact on the subject: "<u>What is going to matter</u> is taking care of each other and working together". Ruppert, an honors UCLA graduate and a decorated LAPD officer,



and working together". Ruppert, an honors UCLA graduate and a decorated LAPD officer, became an investigative reporter. In 1978 he investigated a CIA scandal involving complicity in drug dealing. His 2004 book, *Crossing the Rubicon: The decline of the American Empire at the End of the Age of Oil* is in the Harvard Business School Library. His work as an investigative reporter included his newsletter's expose of the friendly fire killing of Army Ranger and pro-football star, <u>Pat Tillman</u>. A book in 2009, "*Confronting Collapse: The Crisis of Energy and Money in a Post Peak Oil World*" was made into a movie "Collapse" that predicted many things - <u>many that have already come true</u>. Ruppert started CollapseNet (<u>www.collapsenet.com</u>) website. Until recently, he was <u>president</u> of <u>Collapse</u> <u>Network, Inc</u>. and still hosts <u>The Lifeboat Hour</u> on Progressive Radio Network. He lives in Sebastopol where he practices organic permaculture and sustainable living.



<u>Ruppert</u> started out his talk with a surprising statement that "<u>You all</u> <u>live 5 to 10 to 15 miles from where I live and you are the most</u> <u>important relations that I have</u>". That beginning began his real theme of priorities for dealing with the collapse of state and federal infrastructure, based upon knowledge, preparation, living in the right place, and who you know.

He continued with an observation on what is happening. "Corruption in the U.S. is running full tilt – everybody is busy 'getting theirs'. The problem is related to the fact that the <u>infinite growth paradigm is</u> <u>not possible</u> and the <u>42 to 43 Trillion dollar debt cannot ever be paid</u> <u>back</u>."

<u>Ruppert</u> calls himself a whistle blower and related that his father was a career Air Force officer, and CIA liaison for the Titan 3C spy plane. His mother was a codebreaker. One of his proudest pieces of investigative reporting was the 2006 Pat Tillman 2006 cover-up that

resulted in the discipline of 3 generals plus many other officers and the resignation of Don Rumsfield. Concerning his whistle blowing activities he stated that "I have no other loyalty above truth."

Returning to energy and oil discussion, he stated that his 2009 Book, Crossing the Rubicon" discussed Peak Oil and Peak Energy and that "you cannot grow the economy without oil. There are no substitutes for oil. We are dependent upon automobiles – and all alternatives have been systematically stymied. Oil is a 1-time resource; no alternate energy sources are available." He went on to explain what he means by "Past Peak Oil" with the explanation that originally there was a 100:1 return on oil (meaning that you can spend one barrel of oil energy and get 100 barrels to sell) but now that return is only 8 to 10:1 and getting less.

So he says that we "Live in challenging times. <u>We need to organize Lifeboats so we can disengage from the Titanic of economy</u>. Our energy-permitted bonds with the rest of the world are going away – The day of strawberries from Chile are soon over."

Recently Ruppert has been concentrating on what he calls "mapmaking work" and analysis continues at CollapseNet (<u>www.collapsenet.com</u>). He recently gave his company to employees and is starting a 3rd book.

Returning to the solution or survival during collapse, <u>his main point is that our region</u>, <u>Sonoma County</u>, and <u>particularly</u> <u>West County</u>, is a magic location where survival – even if state federal governments collapse – is possible if we work together</u>. "We have <u>enough land to feed people</u>. We have many local permaculture experts, such as Occidental Arts and Ecology, that with the Sustainability Movement that make a critical difference. A new TransitionUS (<u>www.transitionus.com</u>) headquarters is located in Petaluma." <u>Our relative distance from high density cities offers</u> protection. "Zombies in cities, without connection to land, will kill themselves before they get here." "It's possible to feed a lot of people here – and outside people are less of a threat because <u>they wouldn't even recognize an edible in the ground</u>."

The real key is how we get along together. <u>Organizations like Rotary and Grange will be called upon for serious things like saving lives</u>. "People need to develop their skill sets – Think about where you live and how to take care of yourself."

Michael ended his prepared talk with some <u>warnings of imminent threats</u>: "<u>Fukushima</u> is the biggest threat right now <and if the tower falls>, 85 times more radiation <will be released> than all released before. We <u>don't have a solution</u> because no <u>machine is known that can even approach</u> that kind of radiation. Closer to home, "With San Onofre Nuclear plant down, there are going to be major blackouts in LA area this summer".

Several members asked questions indicating that they had already considered some of these issues and related it to their own experience. **Les Crawford** stated that lower school revenues from the State of California are worsening ("already at the bottom") and asked whether Ruppert could correlate the decline in education with collapse. <u>Ruppert</u>'s answer was that "Education is not producing useful human beings. Education won't come back – <lt> will continue to decline. **Yvette Williams van Aggelen** asked about the <u>Bioneers October Convention in San Rafael</u>: "Aren't they thinking of the same issues?" Yes, responded Ruppert, "There is more knowledge and skills here in West Sonoma County per square mile than anywhere else". **Harvey Henningsen** asked "Are you a survivalist? Do you advocate arming ourselves?" and Michael responded "Not really – unless people are trained to use them. I have wilderness training, and I'm trained in firearms. You do need to learn how to avoid an ambush but I don't advocate getting a gun without training - Without training, <you> should not have a gun."



Mel Davis was the lucky winner of his very own Rotary hat! Congratulations Mel.



President Aleia then adjourned the meeting!





<u>Paul Weaver Memorial Service</u>: **Gene Nelson** reports that, right now, the memorial service for Paul Weaver will be at the Community Church, but not until <u>Saturday</u>, July 14. **Gene** will let us know if there are any changes.

[Editorial Comments: -Ed. saw that a lot of our audience had issues with our speaker's presentation, especially the imminent urgency and timescale, but we need to relate more to the potential solutions (or at least improvements) he is suggesting rather than just react (and go numb or get mad) with his examples of chaos. This was heavy stuff... quite a contrast to honoring our teachers. It does seem that Michael Ruppert is quick to dispense with alternates to oil – specifically natural gas.

Here you are – You've made it. You are with all those great people in Rotary. You are doing good things. You have gathered enough "chips" to last until you are 110... but you're concerned about that bump on your forehead. So here comes this (61 year old) hard-talking guy who stands on street corners (Did you do that 40-50 years ago?) and tells you that your lights are going out, that your car won't have gas, and that you <u>won't have strawberries from Chile anymore</u>! Your neighbor's house was auctioned off, your IRA suffered badly, and all those election people are telling you how wrong the leadership has been recently (ignoring preceding of course). It's enough to make you lose confidence and fear for your own and your family's security. After a while you even have come to the conclusion that maybe you are being manipulated? Are we really going to be growing our own food soon? 20 years from now?

Americans are supposed to be flexible and resourceful - but a lot of them need to be pushed into action - just like an alcoholic needs to hit "rock bottom" before recovering. (Is that necessary here? Maybe you don't feel like facing "rock bottom" guite vet?) So our speaker is stressing that our location and people are key – that we are in an optimum place. (Have you noticed that we do have great strawberries nearby? Are you growing any?) It certainly makes sense to -Ed. that it's better here in West Sonoma County than in, say, Oakland if any of a number of bad things is to happen: Collapse, Earthquake, or other. As far as interruption of infrastructure, an earthquake might, short-medium term, mimic the conditions of a longer collapse. Short term, an earthquake might actually be a more likely event. -Ed. had the opportunity as an engineer to study, up close & real technical, a major earthquake (3,000 deaths, cities leveled) and concentrate on the way people, with or without good government leadership, organize themselves for care, shelter, and food. -Ed.'s had the learning opportunity of returning to the same exact places at 1, 2, 3, and 10 years afterwards to see and record what was recovered, who rebuilt and who did not, and what was not recovered. In some places, people are strong and respond well. -Ed. spends a lot of time as a board member (and sometimes teacher) of Sebastopol Fire Department's CERT group that has trained over 300 local people in basic first aid, fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, law enforcement, communications, and medical operations. Besides that useful training, a new CERT Neighborhood Program is organizing more than a dozen neighborhood groups (12 to 20 houses each) to be able to respond to an earthquake - That's another several hundred people involved. Neighborhood people are learning (for the first time in many cases) who their neighbors are and what resources - and needs - they have. One of the most important lessons of CERT training is to know what you and your team members can do and what you are not trained to do - and how to organize. A lot of the advantages that our speaker is talking about for West Sonoma County folks are people advantages. Worry can be immobilizing, serves no purpose - but a little educational and preparation effort will help all to endure whatever happens.

Some of this volunteer work might strike you as just that, work. (-Ed.'s not special in West County – He's just trying to keep himself occupied.) He finds it interesting, satisfying to help out at a local level, even fun. One of his <u>hobbies</u>, Ham Radio (-Ed. has the call sign **AF6TB**, an Amateur Extra License), is involved – with a purpose. -Ed.'s point, and our speaker's more positive statements indicate -- given you are lucky enough to be here -- that <u>there are things you can do</u>

to increase your awareness of what and who is around – to your advantage in many different types of disaster. You can prepare tools and supplies (really simple to integrate with everyday things), and <u>learn</u> some new skills (like taking an interesting class to learn how to identify good things to eat when you're away from Safeway), maybe learn how to raise a fun vegetable garden – that really works, and this preparation, whether things go wrong or not, is better than sitting around worrying about it. (It's really a good idea to have a 30 day supply of food and medicines (Get a discount too!) around – for a lot of different scenarios.) **–Ed.]**



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)

#15: The Sponsor of a New Member

The bylaws of Rotary clearly outline the procedure for proposing someone for rotary club membership. The "proposer" or sponsor is the key person in the growth and advancement of Rotary. Without a sponsor, an individual will never have the opportunity to become a Rotarian. Individuals must be asked to join Rotary; thus, it is every member's responsibility to identify and invite prospective members.

The task of the sponsor should not end merely by submitting a name to the club secretary or membership committee. Rotary has not established formal responsibilities for sponsors; however, these procedures are recommended in many clubs.

The sponsor should:

- 1. Invite a prospective member to several meetings prior to proposing the individual for membership
- 2. Accompany the prospective new member to one or more orientation/informational meetings
- 3. Introduce the new member to other club members each week for the first month.
- 4. Encourage the new member to become involved in any club service projects underway
- 5. Invite the new member to attend meetings of the Interact or Rotaract clubs sponsored by the club
- 6. Provide opportunities for the new member to get involved in international program efforts, such as Group Study Exchange or Youth Exchange
- 7. Invite the new member to accompany the sponsor to neighboring clubs for the first make-up meeting to learn the process and observe the spirit of friendship
- 8. Ask the new member and spouse to accompany the sponsor to the club's social activities, dinners, or other special occasions
- 9. Urge the new member and spouse to attend the district conference with the sponsor
- 10. Serve as a special friend to assure that the new member becomes an active Rotarian

When a new member becomes involved and connected, both Rotary and the new member become stronger.



Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary Presents – GUYS CAN COOK TOO! THIS SATURDAY 5/19 If you want to go, contact Linda J. Johnson at <u>RotaryLinda@sbcglobal.net</u> or at (707) 849-1609



On May 19, 2012 enjoy some of the most celebrated chefs and wineries in Sonoma County at the SRJC Dutton Agricultural Pavilion (Shone Farm) while having fun sampling dishes from talented local residents vying for a grand prize award in the Amateur Chef Competition. This is an epicurean event packed with great food, great wine, and fantastic live and silent auctions. This is an event you won't want to miss.

> "This was our first time attending and we each enjoyed it so much that we are already planning to attend next year."

Featured Entertainment







Honey B and the Pollinators



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Online ticket sales are available until May 12th. Purchase your tickets now and SAVE! <u>More info</u>...

Tickets available at:

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Forestville Pharmacy 6652 Front Street, Forestville

GTO's Seafood House 234 S. Main St., Sebastopol

Sonoma Bank 201 N. Main St., Sebastopol

Sebastopol Specialty Center 6880 Palm Avenue, Sebastopol

Sebastopol Hardware 660 Gravenstein Hwy No, Sebastopol

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INSPIRED BY YOUTH OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD

HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL THURSDAY, MAY 31ST

Community Church 1000 Gravenstein Highway North, Sebastopol

6:00 PM - Wine Bar

Station Appetizers Cheese Torta with summer fruit Thai Quesadillas

7:30 to 8:30 PM - Buffet Dinner

Salad of Baby Greens, Shaved Apples, Vanilla Pecans, Chevre and Cider Vinaigrette Mustard Crusted London Broil with Cognac Béarnaise Smashed Yukon Gold Potatoes with Roasted Garlic Butter Grilled Summer vegetable Bread Basket/Butter

Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp with Whipped Cream

8:30 to 9:00 PM - Program

\$35.00 per person

RSVP to Vikki Patiño by May 24th

Email : toptrips@sonic.net (707) 824-1374

Rotary District 5130 presents Pinot for Polio

Raising Money for PolioPlus - one Case at a Time



Pinot for Polio Order Form

Pinot for Polio is a Rotary District 5130 fundraising project for PolioPlus.

Increase your Paul Harris credits, contribute to PolioPlus. and drink great wine at the same time ... What could be better?

Your cost per case of 12 bottles of Balletto Vineyards 2011 Russian River Valley Sonoma County Pinot for Polio is:

Cost per case	\$305.00
Sales tax	\$27.00
Total cost	\$332.00

\$150.00 from each case will be sent in your name to PolioPlus. You will receive Paul Harris credits and it will also count towards your club's annual Foundation giving.

What a simple, effective and delicous way to raise money for PolioPlus.

We're This Close, All We Need is You

Cases of Pinot for Polio at \$332/case = Winery Pickup (Balletto Vineyards) Ship to me - \$30 inside CA. Number		CheckCredit Card VIMCAXDS	Ending polio worldwide.
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Fax to 707-829-3184 or Mail to: Pinot for Polio - P.O. Box 2481 Sebastopol, CA. 95473

For more information contact Michael McGlothlin at 707-829-3529 or michael.mcglothlin@gmail.com

5130 DISTRICT CONFERENCE JUNE 15TH TO 17TH

CONVENIENT LINK: HOME http://www.theheartofrotary.org/index.html

