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"All the News that Fits We Print"



The Rotary Club of Sebastopol held its 87th pre-Thanksgiving meeting on Friday, Nov. 16, with nary a gobbler in sight. (The club will be dark next week, meeting next on Friday, Nov. 30.



On the subject of food and appetites, **Club President Edwin Wilson** opened the meeting reminding everyone that the club has donated 50 bags of groceries and 169 pounds of food, plus \$950 in donations to local food pantries. He thanked member **Sally Glendening** for coordinating the monthly "First Friday" collections.





Tony Given led *The Pledge of Allegiance* and **Rick Wilson** led a "marvelous" rendition of *God Bless America*.



Paul Martinovich quoted from poet <u>Robert Frost</u> for his <u>thought</u> <u>of the day</u>: "The reason why worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work."



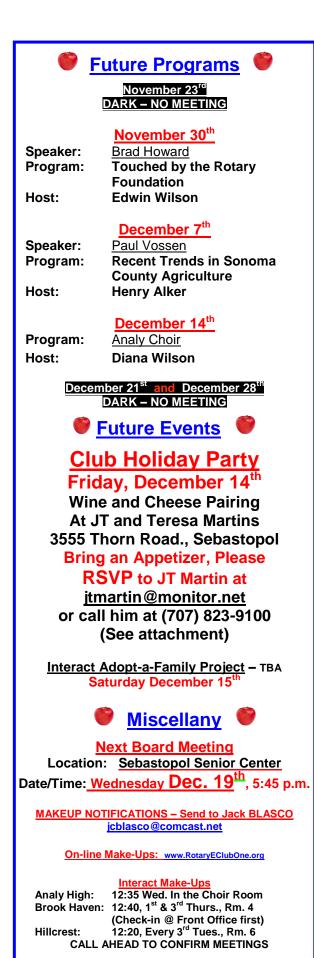






Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Club Secretary Jack Blasco introduced a trio of visiting Rotarians including <u>Keith Schoenthal,</u> <u>president of the Rancho Cotati Club; Gay</u> <u>McFarren, of Downtown Modesto;</u> and <u>Randy</u> <u>Seelye, Santa Rosa Sunrise</u>.



Guests included the club's <u>Belgium</u> exchange student Amélie Depireux;



Jerry Warren introduced his wife, Kay, and friends, Jay and Gail Rowe. Dick Zimmer introduced his granddaughter, Alexandra.

Brook Haven student and Interact Club member, <u>Clare</u> Nelson.







President Edwin introduced his wife Diana.



Past Rotary International Director and Two-Time Green Badger John Blount was called upon by **President Edwin** to describe a <u>Zone Institute</u> – which several club members attended last week in Lake Tahoe/Reno. **Blount** said there are <u>34</u> <u>Zones around the world</u>, attended annually by past officers, incoming District Governors and other <u>leader-types</u> for Rotary updates and leadership training.



President Edwin waved a pair of lost reading glasses from the podium, with no takers. In a bright sunshine report, member **Maurine Doerken** was said to be recovering nicely form recent surgery.

Via email, member **Mike Carey** informed the club that <u>a new Interact Club has been formally certified by the District</u> <u>Governor</u>.

Holiday Party

J.T. Martin announced plans for an <u>annual club Holiday Party</u>, to be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14 at the Martin residence at 3555 Thorn Rd. For directions (<u>and to RSVP</u>) call 823-9100 and watch for more update [See attachment in this AppleKnocker. **–Ed.**] In future Appleknockers. <u>Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer plate</u>.... and to RSVP at either <u>itmartin@monitor.net</u> or 823-9100.

Crab Feed

2013 Crab Feed Chair Rick Wilson unrolled a rousing intro announcement for the annual club fundraiser that supports thousands of dollars in <u>West County Teacher Mini-Grants</u>.

The Feed will have a <u>Mardi Gras</u> theme this year and promises to be a "<u>wang. dang. doodle</u>" <u>affair</u>, promised by Wilson. A Crab Feed committee meeting will be held at **Mike Long's** office at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27. **President Edwin** thought so much of **Rick's** prepared remarks that he fined him \$10 for them.

President Edwin reminded the members of an <u>open house at the Ceres Project on Dec. 2</u> from 3 to 6 p.m. (The Club has supported this community food pantry on several occasions.)

Rotarians can still make crisis donations to Sandy storm victims on the East Coast through a New Jersey Rotary website to be found at <u>www.nyrotary.org</u>.

Foundation

With November continuing as <u>Rotary Foundation month</u>, the club's **Foundation Chair Mike Ferguson** suggested a very delicious way members could donate to the Foundation. Cases of <u>Pinot for Polio</u> wine made by <u>Balletto Vineyards</u> are still available for sale and \$150 from each case price goes directly to the R.I. Foundation. [See attachment. **–Ed.**]

Ferguson also reminded members they could still buy tickets for the <u>Dec. 2 performance of</u> the Asante Children's Choir from Africa, to be held in Occidental. [See attachment. **–Ed.**]

In a <u>Foundation fashion show</u>, member **Barbara Beedon** displayed <u>Rotary-themed scarves</u> <u>and men's neck ties</u> that can be received for any <u>Foundation Month donation</u> by a member.

In some other excellent news, member **Henry Alker** announced that the club has successfully been <u>selected to sponsor a Rotary International Peace Fellow from Sierra</u> <u>Leone</u>, who will attend the <u>Rotary Peace Fellow Academy at Duke University</u> in North Carolina for the next two years.

Lobster Feed

Succeeding in topping that great news, **President Edwin** announced the <u>final tally from</u> the Oct. 20 Lobster Feed. A challenge grant netted <u>\$4,375</u> for the Analy-based Maker <u>Project</u> and another challenge grant raised <u>\$5,180</u> for the Polio Plus campaign. On top of that, the <u>375 attendees at the 2012 Lobster Feed donated and pledged \$73,000 in overall</u> net proceeds to support the Club's Community Grants programs for 2012-2013.

Nostalgia:

In a retrospective moment, **President Wilson** took the club members back to the year 1999 when gasoline cost \$1.17 per gallon and the Academy Award movie of the year was "American Beauty". Rotary International President was <u>Carlo Ravizza</u> and **Brad Benedetti** was the Rotary Club of Sebastopol's president. **Brad** recalled that year as being the <u>75th anniversary year of the club</u> (founded in 1925) and the year leading up to <u>Y2K when the World's watch stem was supposed to freeze</u>. He also recalled his trip to Vietnam and the <u>founding of Cool Kids Camp for abused children</u>, inspired by member **Tom Farrell**.











Birthdays:

Richard Power and **Raoul McDuff** had unexciting birthdays and were fined \$5 each.

A special birthday was announced for the Club's #1 badge holder, **Hal Pellini**. <u>Hal joined the club in 1960 and has been</u> <u>a member for 52 years</u>. He will be 93 years old on Nov. 19.

Special Recognitions:

Hal's daughter-in-law Pauline Pellini was acknowledged for recently selling the family's former auto dealership property in downtown Sebastopol. She donated \$595 to one of her family's Paul Harris Fellow fundS.









Bob Rogers got a double-recognition for having his <u>son Nate enter medical school at Tufts</u> <u>University</u> and for having a <u>new grandson born recently in Ecuador</u>. He made two \$100 donations to the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation and to Rotary International



Foundation.

Aleia Coate was also doubly recognized for a <u>new radio</u> <u>commercial</u> about her and her Sonoma National bank, as well as for a <u>trip to Seattle to watch her beloved New</u> England Patriots get whipped by the football Seattle Seahawks.







Harry Polley won the raffle and <u>picked the winning card</u> for \$25.

The Program — John Blount, "Past, Present, and future of Rotary"



<u>Pitch-hitting for scheduled speaker Dr. Joe Serra</u>, **John Blount** was called upon to give a talk of the <u>"past, present and future" of Rotary</u>.

John opened his remarks with a series of <u>recent accomplishments by members of the</u> <u>club on behalf of the Rotary International Foundation</u>. Last year, club members <u>donated</u> <u>more than \$50,000 the R.I. Foundation</u>, continuing a string of several years of leading or being <u>at the top of Foundation giving in the District</u>.

Foundation Chair Mike Ferguson said <u>club members have donated \$12,087 so far this</u> year with a goal of \$29,500 to be reached by next July.

Blount also gave an update on the <u>global effort to eradicate the polio virus</u> from the human population, noting there have <u>only been 178 new cases over the past 12 months</u>, primarily in just three countries — Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan. He invited everyone to visit the website <u>www.endpolio.org</u> to "advocate" for the <u>Polio Plus</u> campaign that may finally achieve its eradication goal with two years.



Past District Governor Brad Howard will address the club on Nov. 30.

As is his custom, **President Wilson** sent everyone back to their work and outside worlds with a <u>favorite quote</u>, this one from Fred De Witt Van Amburgh:

"None is more impoverished than the one who has no gratitude. Gratitude is a currency that we can mint for ourselves, and spend without fear of bankruptcy."

HAPPY THANKSGIVING





[***We seem to have a recurring "gremlin" in the masthead years of President Edwin Wilson. This error ("2011-2012") was noted by previous AK Editor, **Bob Rogers**, and corrected by **–Ed.** (to "2012-2013") in September 14, 21, 28, October 5 but reverted to the incorrect years in the October 12, 19, 20 (three photo supplements), and 26, November 2, and 9 issues – eight issues in total. We apologize for this repeated error and have sent corrected copies of the corrected AppleKnocker .pdf files to the ClubRunner AppleKnocker archives. **–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)

#43 No Personal Privileges

Frequently, friends ask whether Rotarians receive special business benefits from their Rotary membership. Should Rotarians expect a special discount or some preferential service just because they are dealing with a fellow Rotarian?

The answer is clearly "no?' The RI *Manual of Procedure* expressly states the Rotary position on this matter. The policy, originally approved by the RI Board of Directors in 1933, is that in business and professional relations "a Rotarian should not expect, and far less should a Rotarian ask for, more consideration or advantages from a fellow Rotarian than the latter would give to any other business or professional associate...Any use of the fellowship of Rotary as a means of gaining an advantage or profit is contrary to the spirit of Rotary."

On the other hand, if new or increased business comes as the natural result of friendship created in Rotary, it is the same normal development that takes place outside of Rotary as well as inside, so it is not an infringement on the ethics of Rotary membership.

It is important to remember that the primary purpose of Rotary membership is to provide each member with a unique opportunity to serve others, and membership is not intended as a means for personal profit or special privileges.



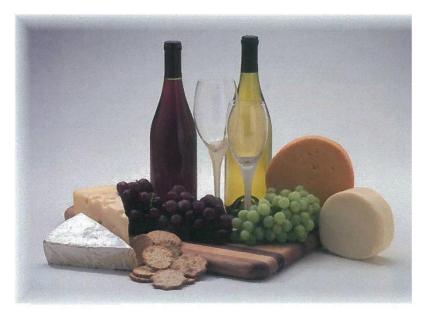
<u> Membership Moment – Keller McDonald</u>





My Dad became a Rotarian in Petaluma when I was a high school lad. Dad's positive experiences on local and international Rotary projects were inspirational to my brothers and me. It's a big reason we are all Past Presidents of our respective Rotary Clubs. Being introduced as a charter member of the Rotary Club of Middletown, in 1985, remains a proud Rotary moment. Watching the success of Polio Plus from the day the campaign was announced at the club level through the current push to eradicate polio, is another great Rotary moment for me.

Rotary gives me a chance to work with interesting, fun people who share a passion for serving others, serving our community, and serving our world. I've been a member of three Rotary clubs, each with a different flavor and focus -- but each filled with folks who give to others straight from their hearts. It's a privilege and an honor for me to help make a difference through Rotary! – Keller McDonald, November 13, 2012



Rotary Wine and Cheese Pairing Holiday Party

When: December 14, 2012 [5:30 – 9:00pm] Where: JT and Teresa Martin's 479-8960 3555 Thorn Rd., Sebastopol

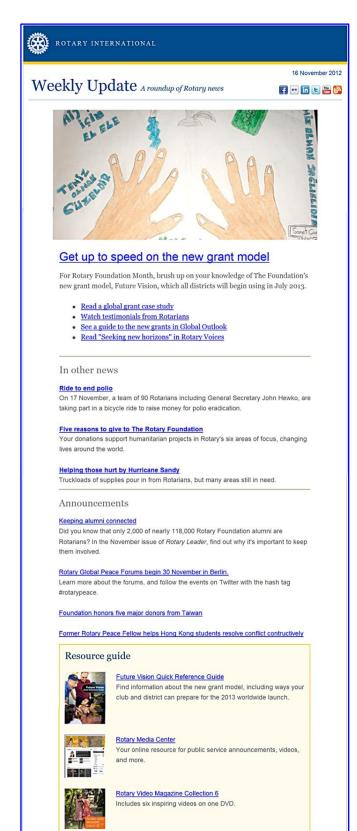
What to bring? An Appetizer, Please <u>RSVP to J.T.</u> Martin at jtmartin@monitor.net or call him at (707) 823-9100 - <u>Which Appetizer?</u>



RI Reading: Weekly Update - The New Grant Model

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Weekly Update brings you the latest Rotary news, features, and links to resources that will equip you for all your Rotary activities. Use this content free of charge in any of your Rotary communications, including club or district newsletters and websites. Download free photos at <u>Rotary Images</u>.



Will you join us as a Silent Auction Partner for a very special event?

Dear Potential Auction Partner:

Hope for the hopeless: that is our passion and our mission. For the last 9 years, Asante* has helped to create environments in East Africa where children are given hope for a better future and the tools to make that future a reality. Asante's work is accomplished through education, medical care and community outreach. We currently operate two primary schools and several children's homes in Rwanda and Burundi supporting more than 1,700 orphans and children from very poor families.



On Sunday December 2nd, 2012 at 5:00pm, the Asante Children's Choir will be performing at The Sound of Hope Benefit Dinner at The CYO Retreat Center in Occidental, CA. Your help would go a long way to make this event successful. We are asking local businesses and individuals to donate an item or service to our silent auction as a means of raising money for the first English-speaking school to be built in Burundi. In return for your generosity and with your permission, we will recognize your contribution to our guests in our banquet program. Your donation is tax-deductible where the law allows.

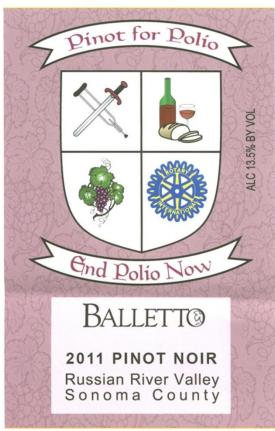
We thank you for considering an investment that will create lasting sustainability for one of the poorest nations in the world. Please join our efforts to change lives and bring the sound of hope to Burundi. If you have any questions, please call us at (503) 296-4853.

Sincerely, Danielle DeIeso Banquet Coordinator

*Asante is program of Africa Mission Alliance, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization tax ID# 13-4350412.

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.		CheckCredit Card VIMCAXDS	Ending polio worldwide.
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