Rotarians and guests attending the Nov. 15, 2013 meeting of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol were rewarded with a presentation on the spiritual reverence and important preservation of our region’s sacred sites and ancient human culture, dating back 13,000 years to the earliest years of Pomo and Miwok civilizations.

But first, President Bob Rogers had to clang the club’s beautiful brass bell and lead everyone through a series of present-day matters.

Such as, Bill Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance and our superintendent of song, Keller McDonald, led everyone through a version of God Bless America.

Banker Dorothy Rodella offered a quote of the day from Vincent van Gogh:
“If you hear a voice within you saying, ‘You are not a painter,’ then by all means paint and that voice will be silenced.”

Bud Daveiro introduced the visiting Rotarians including Linda Johnson, of Sebastopol Sunrise,
Future Programs

November 22
Speaker: Tom Harlan
Program: Palm Drive Hospital Update

November 29
Dark – No Meeting

December 6, 13, 20 -- TBA

December 29
Dark – No Meeting

Future Events

Rotary Foundation Dinner
Saturday, November 2
Sally Tomatoes, Rohnert Park

Rotary Christmas Party
Friday, December 6

Handy Links
Pinot for Polio Form
Scribes and Photogs
Sebastopol Rotary Website
Veterans Slide Show

Miscellany

Next Board Meeting
Date/Time: Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 5:30 p.m.
Location: President Bob's Home (Address in C/R)
(Normally 3rd Tuesday of month, except October 8th and November 19th.)

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – Send to Jack BLASCO
jblasco@comcast.net

On-line Make-Ups: www.RotaryEClubOne.org

INTERACT MAKE-UPS – HAVE YOU TRIED IT YET?
(Committee Member to call to confirm)

Anay High: 12:40 Most Wednesdays In Choir Room
(Check with Bob Hirsch, Jack Dunlap, Ted Baggett)

Brook Haven: 12:10 First & Third Thursday, Room 18
(Check with Pauline Pellini, Mike Carey)

Hillcrest: 3:30 Every First Thursday, (Chk @ Office)
(Check with Troy McAdams, Bill Cole, Tony Given)

Orchard View: Different meeting times
(Check with Mike Carey)

Twin Hills: Every Other Tuesday beginning 10/1/13
(except for Holidays)
12:45pm - 1:20pm
(Check with Dan Rasmus)

For all Interact Mts.: CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

!!! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !!!

someone named Kent Seegmiller from Glen Ellen, Carson Case, of Evansville Indiana and

Jessica Schieberl, incoming-president of the Rohnert Park-Cotati club.

Guests included many spouses, once referred to as “Rotary Anns” until the Supreme Court ordered Rotary International to admit female members in 1986. Introduced were Nan Still, Peggy Rogers, Pat Dilley, Jennifer Dunlap,

Carlene Ferguson, Julie Cugini,

Kathy Benedetti and Diana Wilson.

Other guests were Edwin Wilson’s mother, Barbara
and a cadre of friends and relatives belonging to Bob Cary including his winemaker girlfriend Lynda, and grandsons Colby and Brayden.

Bob Hirsch introduced Charles Thomas and

Bob Cugini introduced two friends, George Steel and Nick Tipon, our speaker for today.

❓ Moment of Silence ❓

President Bob led the club through a moment of silence for typhoon victims in the Philippines where the club supports two adopt-a-village projects and has a partner Rotary club.

❓ Sunshine ❓

Next there was a wheelchair roll-off between Tom Farrell and Bob Cugini. President Bob thanked each for attending and members cheered their presence with hearty applause.

President Bob forwarded a sunshine report update on Mark and Lena Sell, who are working through a series of personal health and other issues, including a kitchen remodel. Mark had recent foot surgery and Lena’s father had a stay at Palm Drive Hospital before recently being released to a local nursing home. The club members sent collective good thoughts and prayers to the Sell family.

❓ Announcements ❓

J.T. Martin announced the annual Holiday Party, to be held Friday, Dec. 6 at the Mayhew’s residence. The party will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. It’s a potluck affair and members were asked to sign up for hors d’oeuvres and anything else to be shared.

❓ Rotary Foundation Month ❓

November is Rotary International Foundation Month and the club is conducting a Paul Harris raffle with prizes and PHF points. President Bob showed a few slides of the club’s “Hands to Honduras” water project where the club’s $600 donation was matched by District 5130 and Rotary International to become a $3,300 project to provide clean water to 60 people.

President Bob announced that Nov. 16 is World Toilet Day, adding that water projects should be enhanced to be water and sanitation projects. There was some snickering in the crowd when the word “toilet” was used, but one visitor said, “Hey, if you can’t talk about it, you can’t fix it.”

“Until sanitation is improved and girls are assured of privacy at schools, there will be no breakthrough in education and literacy. Nor will we see improvement in health and disease prevention. Even the permanent eradication of polio will be difficult unless clean water and safe sanitation are assured,” stated Rotarian Ron Denham, chair emeritus of Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group.
Past President Edwin Wilson announced some news concerning the club from the November District Foundation Dinner. The Rotary Club of Sebastopol had the second-highest contribution in the district for Polio Eradication, with members donating $9,655, including $1,500 that came from the Hillcrest Interact students. The club also was second in overall contributions during last year with $39,109 in donations. Joined by the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise, the 170 local Rotarians combined for $81,000 in total donations to the Rotary International Foundation.

Edwin offered extra thanks to Mike Ferguson who has chaired the club’s Foundation committee for the past three years and also applauded member Sally Ewald for her extra efforts as well.

Paul Harris Fellows

Next, Sally Ewald bestowed several Paul Harris Fellowship recognitions on members, including a “plus 4” pin for Edwin Wilson who introduced his mother, Barbara as the newest recipient of his Foundation donations. Bob Cary was given his “plus 5” pin, as his grandson Brayden Cleland, was given his Paul Harris pin.

Other club members to join or climb a level in the Paul Harris Fellowship included Jack Dunlap, Jackie Moreira (plus 1) and Tony Given (plus 4).

Recognition

President Bob offered a few slides of Jackie Moreira’s recent Hawaii trip and collected $35.

The Raffle [AKA Rotarian Powered Slot Machine]

Rotarians Linda Johnson, Jessica Shieberl, and Maurine Doerken all extracted the same kind of vegetable, so we had a winner. Jerry Warren had the winning raffle ticket number #760929) and donated his winnings to the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation. Thank you, Jerry.
Bob Cugini introduced speaker Nick Tipon, a member of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. Nick is the chair of the tribe’s environmental and cultural resources committees and is a retired high school teacher.

The Federated Tribe has 1,260 members and recently opened the Graton Resort & Casino in Rohnert Park. The Tribe is recognized by the federal government as a sovereign nation and is led by an elected tribal council of seven members.

Tipon dispelled some myths about Indians and their cultural history. “We didn’t chase buffalo here,” he said, “and I like to drive a car. We still believe we live with the land and not on it. We try not to modify or destroy it.” [Thank you Nick for updating my 4th grade (57 years ago) teaching of California history that failed to communicate the profound impact of missions on Native Americans –Ed.]

He showed slides of Tolay Lake at the northern edge of San Pablo Bay where one can see four sacred mountains, (Diablo, Tamalpais, Mt. St. Helena and Mt. Burdell.)

Tipon has worked to recover artifacts and ancestor remains in the region of his ancestors in Sonoma and Marin counties and out at Pt. Reyes.

President Bob thanked Nick for his presentation with a gift in his name to PolioPlus.

President Bob adjourned the meeting at 1:30 with the sweet tone of the newly returned Rotary Bell.

Next week, Tom Harlan, CEO of Palm Drive Hospital will talk about “Palm Drive Hospital — A Community Treasure” and will be introduced by member Dave Madsen.
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)

#11: Four Avenues of Service

The term “Four Avenues of Service” refers to the four elements of the Object of Rotary: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service.

- Although the Avenues of Service are not found in any formal part of the constitutional documents of Rotary, many Rotarians use this concept to describe the primary areas of Rotary activity.

  Club Service involves all of the necessary activities Rotarians perform to make their club function successfully.

  Vocational Service describes the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one’s vocation to the other members of the club, as well as the responsibility of the club to undertake projects related to such areas as career planning, vocational training, and the promotion of high ethical standards in the workplace.

  Community Service pertains to those activities that Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, the disabled, and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life.

  The Fourth Avenue of Service, International Service, describes the many programs and activities that Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace. International service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands. When a Rotarian understands and travels down the four Avenues of Service, the Object of Rotary takes on even greater meaning.
Rotary clubs take action for typhoon-ravaged Philippines

Rotary clubs around the world are pledging emergency aid to communities in central Philippines after last week's massive typhoon flattened entire coastal towns and villages, killed thousands of people, and displaced nearly 600,000 more. Rotary President Ron Burton is urging our 34,000 clubs worldwide to continue to assist storm victims.

- Read more
- Learn how we are working with ShelterBox
- Join a discussion with other Rotary members on LinkedIn

In other news

Rotary, UN bring industry leaders together to exchange ideas
United Nations diplomats and officials gathered with 1,300 Rotary members in early November to discuss ways to engage youth activists, prevent disease, promote peace, and resolve conflict around the world.

How to get publicity for your club projects
Atlanta Rotarian Bob Hope has discovered that news media are interested in what we are doing to make our communities better. Learn how inviting the media along on a project can be a great way to publicize Rotary’s good work.

Share an infographic on our work to end polio
Rotary, in collaboration with Northwestern University’s Center for Global Health, informed and inspired people on World Polio Day about the fight to end polio. Download an infographic you can use to let people know about Rotary and our work to end polio.

Rotary in the news

Actress Archie Panjabi talks about her work with Rotary to eradicate polio in the Huffington Post

Voice of America cites Rotary’s role in Nigeria’s drop in polio cases

Dr. Bruce Aylward explains that polio eradication is within our grasp in an interview with the Journal of the American Medical Association

Mayor Donor Rajashree Birla rates Rotary’s role in keeping India polio-free in the Times of India

Resource guide

Rotary leaders in Kamboga, Uganda, are seeking a partner for their project to provide clean and safe drinking water to a school in rural Uganda. Learn how you can help, or use Rotary’s crowdfunding platform to promote your own project.

Learn how two Rotary clubs successfully funded a microcredit project in Honduras.

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