Once again, it was Mr. Rogers, in his ever-so-comfortable-and-comforting sweater [and comfortable moccasins -Ed.], ringing the bell and calling us back into his neighborhood...along with video highlights of last week’s meeting. And, believe me, highlights were hard to come by!

Sally Glendening led the flag salute and Keller McDonald led us in a rousing version of “God save the...” Oops, “My Country ‘tis of Thee.” The tune, shared by our British cousins, was in honor of the Royal Birth. Rick Wilson shared a thought for the day on true amusement.

Visiting Rotarians:

Bud Daveiro introduced our visiting Rotarian, Dan Bornstein from the Santa Rosa Club.

Guests were introduced:

Peggy Rogers, introduced by Mister Rogers. With Peggy was their grandson, Austin Flynn.
**Future Programs**

**August 2**
Speaker: Chris Knight  
Program: Identity Theft

**August 9**
Speaker: OFFSITE at Enmanji Temple  
Program: 1200 Gravenstein Hwy S, Seb.  
Host: Nao Noguchi

**August 16**
Speaker: DG Helaine Campbell  
Program: District Governor Visit

**August 23**
Speaker: Nick Frey  
Program: The Hands and Brains that Work in our Vineyards

**August 30**
Speaker: Naomi Tickle  
Program: Face Pattern Recognition

**September 6**
Speaker: Susan Hirschfield  
Program: ~Mindful Life Transitions~

**Future Events**

**ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC**
August 3rd, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Rogers’ Gopher Ranch, $15/person/kids free

**Golf Tournament, 88th Ann. Seb. Rotary**
Monday, August 12th  
S.R. Golf & Country Club – See Bud Daveiro  
Link to Golf Tournament Entry Form

**Handy Links**

Golf Tournament Sign Up  
Pinot for Polio Form  
Scribes and Photogs

**Miscellany**

**Next Board Meeting**
Date/Time: Tuesday, Aug 20th, 5:30 p.m.  
Location: President Bob’s Home (Address in C/R)  
(Normally 3rd Tuesday of month, except October 8th.)

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

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**Announcements**

Gwen O’Malley was introduced by Bob Hirsch.

Daughters, Ashlyn and Reanne, and mom, Regina, were introduced by Monica Kretschmer.

Lorena Frigault, loyal employee of Bank of the Year – Exchange Bank, Sebastopol – was introduced by a grateful and modest Dorothy Rodella.

Steve Anton, former member of our club (joined during Gene Nelson’s year), was introduced by Ken Silveira.

Monica and Meredith reminded us of the once a month Friday “Happy Hour”, to happen this very Friday, July 26th at GTO’s beginning at 5:00.
Tour d’Organics: The tour will be on August 11th. Rest stop at Gabriel Farms. Both shifts are now filled. Thanks to all the volunteers.

The Rotary Club of Sebastopol’s 88th Golf Tournament – Monday, August 12th. Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club. Remember, no jeans or collarless shirts! [!] -Ed.] Some Rotary wardrobes are going to need major upgrading. [!! -Ed.] August 2 is the deadline for sign-ups. Golf and dinner - $100. Dinner only - $35. And you won’t want to miss that opportunity to golf with The Tiger.

Club Picnic – Saturday, August 3rd, at the Rogers’ Gopher Ranch, [You will look up the address in ClubRunner. Right? Here’s how. In ClubRunner, go to the main Admin page. Look under My ClubRunner. Click on View club Directory. When the Club Directory comes up, click on any member’s name – Bob Rogers, for example – and that will take you to their complete profile which has address and everything. (Garden Lane is North off Mill Station Road, about 0.3 mile West of Gravenstein Hwy and 300 feet West of Ragle Road.) -Ed.] $15 – kids free. Great food and drink catered by Mario Ramos. That announcement was not made by Bob Cugini, but rather by his better half, Julie. And – under new Rotary rules – her attendance at our meeting means he does not have to make up. There could be a growing market out there for Rotary stand-ins. “Hey buddy, need a little help with your Rotary attendance?”

Recognitions

Birthdays:

Tom Farrell on June 10th. Somehow, Edwin missed this one, or perhaps he was kinder and gentler than Mister Rogers - $5


Dorothy Rodella again serenaded herself for her July 15th birthday - $5 even with the song.

Anniversaries:

The above-mentioned Dorothy Rodella and Ron – July 14th.
- Another song and another $5.

Ron and Lynda Puccinelli – June 26th.
- They had an intimate dinner…with 120 of their closest friends at Debunking.

JT Martin and Teresa – July 23rd. They celebrated with a trip to Costa Rica, where JT witnessed the rescue of a young boy from a hotel safe. No, I am not making this stuff up. Yet another wonderful tale from JT. Of course, the story did increase the fine from $5 to $30. Don’t mess with Mister Roger’s agenda.
Mike and Carleen Ferguson – June 18th. Something about O.J. and a white Bronco. Best to ask Mike.

Frank and Kathy Mayhew – July 16th. Frank had a wonderful celebration planned, but it seems Richard Power took all his money in a poker game. But Kathy did enjoy that Taco Bell burrito. $5 for Frank, we have yet to hear Kathy’s version.

Other Excuses:

It would seem that Frank Mayhew, Jack Blasco, Mel Davis, and Tony Given all left their bill invoices behind on the tables last week. They were able to buy them back for $5.

Mike Long seems to have forgotten to put away his badge - $5. And, speaking of Mike...he paid $15 for a 14-inch abalone pried from its ocean home last May, an abalone bigger that Bob Cary’s head. Now we’re talking abalone. This may be close to TMI, but Mike and Vickie also installed two new high tech toilets in their home. Our President proceeded to give us a toilet update with slides. This man definitely has too much (time) on his hands. I rather like the toilet with video capability. Mike was hit for $10 for the toilet and then, just for grins, paid $10 for a successful salmon fishing trip with our President – invite a guy, then fine him. When the dust settled, Mike’s wallet was lighter by $40. But it sure was fun….right, Mike?

Bob Cary also received further recognition. $15 for the previously mentioned abalone, then $20 for a hike with his son, Todd, and a friend, Mark Stewart, on the Pacific Crest Trail – 75 miles in 5 days...toe nails lost, heat exhaustion, blisters, heavy rain...what a way to spend a vacation. And, by the way, absolutely spectacular country! Bob found himself with a final fine total for the day of $40.

JT Martin, Jerry Warren, and The President Himself were also fined $10 for that successful salmon trip on the President's boat, the S.S. Minnow. That brought JT’s total also up to the magic $40 mark. Mister Rogers was certainly making up for lost time. Can you say extortion, boys and girls?
**The Raffle**

Once again, the moment you have all been waiting for...the **Slot Machine Raffle**. This time the **President** actually called a ticket number – Keller McDonald!!! And we were back to **vegetables** – held aloft by Rick Wilson, Rick Williams, and Richard Power. Wheels were spun, vegetables were held skyward, and Keller was a loser. All makes perfect sense, right?

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**The Program**

Dave Madsen introduced our speaker, Jim Smith, from Parent-Sorenson Funeral Home in Petaluma. He was a last minute substitute for scheduled speaker, Ron Henderson, who was called away for yes, a funeral. Jim is a lifetime Sonoma County Resident, actually attended school with Chris Dawson. He talked about recent trends, developments and changes in the funeral business, and fielded a number of questions. He called his business “one” of the oldest professions. It seems that as long as there has been conscious life on the earth, there have been end of life rituals. More and more people are choosing cremation and most ashes are taken home by families of the deceased. There are regulations about disposal of human ashes, but people generally do whatever they like. Funeral costs are always an issue and he acknowledged they it can be expensive. He urged pre-planning and thereby locking in costs. Cremation is less expensive. He outlined some of the issues around organ donation...one really needs to die at the right time in the right place so that organs can be harvested. People in this part of the world also at times choose to keep the body of a loved one at home for a time. He said it really is up to the family or loved one to decide how long. Clearly, there was a lot of energy in the room concerning end of life decisions.

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**The Closing Bell**

Mr. Rogers thanked our speaker and wished all a good week until once again we get a tight hold on our wallets and join him in the neighborhood.
Two very special awards of recognition occasionally are presented by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to Rotarians who render outstanding service to the Foundation. The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service recognizes significant and dedicated service by a Rotarian to promote Foundation programs and thus advance the Foundation’s goal of better understanding and friendly relations among people of the world.

The second award, called The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award, is presented to a Rotarian whose outstanding record of service to The Rotary Foundation is on a much broader basis and spreads beyond the district level and continues over an extended period of time. The Distinguished Service Award acknowledges the efforts of a Rotarian who has already received the Citation of Meritorious Service, for continuing to promote international understanding.

Both of these select awards are presented for exemplary personal service and devotion to the Foundation rather than for financial contributions. No more than 50 Distinguished Service Awards are granted by the Trustees in any one year, and there is only one recipient of a Citation of Meritorious Service in any district each year. A recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service is not eligible for nomination for a Distinguished Service Award until four full years have elapsed.

It is a very proud distinction for any Rotarian to be selected for one of these high levels of recognition by The Rotary Foundation Trustees.
Polio in the News

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Polio in the news
All Musse Maalin, a district polio officer recently described as a "hero of polio," passed away from a sudden illness on July 22 in Somalia. Also, Rotary received significant mention in a New York Times article about polio-eradication efforts in Pakistan.

- Read a blog post about Maalin
- Read a tribute to Maalin
- Read about media coverage of Rotary and polio

In other news

A nanopart to Rotary
Rotarian in Illinois, USA, comes up with creative idea to engage Rotary and inspire service during her club presidency.

Life after becoming a Rotary Peace Fellow
Are Smiley finds a way to "do no harm" and promote peace while living next to a major U.S. military base.

Pakistan's war on polio
Senior program officer for country support, polio, blogs about why he is confident Pakistan will eradicate the disease.

Announcements

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