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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East
The Crown Jewel of District 5130

November 13, 2018 meeting

Edited by: **The Fall Guy**



President
David Collier

Get Going, Visiting Rotarian & Guests

The bearded/grizzled President **DAVID COLLIER (PDC)** opened today's meeting exclaiming: "Rotary does what matters helping locally & internationally!" **Linda Bonar** led our salute to Old Glory. **LARRY LIRA** followed in song which took 1 reboot, to get the correct song: *Hail Hail*. **PDC** inspired with a paraphrase from Roseland University Prep (RUP) graduate & S.R. East Scholarship recipient, **Vincente Espinosa Hernandez**. Everything in life is blessing, life is a little journey which is he is grateful for assistance from Santa Rosa East Rotary Club. **BRIAN REED** chimed in that 4 out of 5 of the RUP scholarship recipients emailed a Thank You back to our Club! **ANDY SCHEXNAYDRE** introduced guest speaker **Linda Bonar** & husband **John Stratton**. **MIKE ROBERTSON** introduced co-worker Kevin Freimiller. **RON TAYLOR** introduced his son **Benjamin Taylor** who was here for a **Big Check** (see below) to the Santa Rosa Symphony for its program at Brook Hill School. **KEN MOLHOLT-SEIBERT** introduced his guest **Ryan Bundrick** new to Santa Rosa, performing carpentry work. Secretary **MARILYN LIRA** introduced visiting Rotarian **Steve Amend** from S.R. Sunrise Club.

Images below from the 11/8/18 Veteran's Luncheon



Santa Rosa Symphony gets \$2K for Brook Hill School Music

Rotarians paint red barn at Pony Express

RITA ALONSO gets Paul Harris Award from PDC



The 11/13/18 Meeting Happenings

LARRY LIRA & PDC present \$2,000 to **Benjamin Taylor** representing the Santa Rosa Symphony (above left). The \$\$\$ will be used assist the S.R. Symphony conduct its comprehensive music appreciation program at Brook Hill School. The S.R. Symphony started the program 10 years ago, has served over 30,000 students at many schools, bridging a gap as many schools have dropped music programs. Recently, **DAN LAMBERT, JEFF SchUTT & HAP CULP** painted the barn **RED** @ Pony Express (Director Linda Aldrich & equine, above center) **PDC** presented **RITA ALONSO** with a Paul Harris Award, (above right). **TOM JACKSON** gave an update on the successful Veterans Day Luncheon that he coordinated along with others including **DAN DRUMMOND, JIM WEISCHENDORFF & TOM CROFT**. **NANCY HILL** mentioned a surprise to take place at our 11/27/18 Club Meeting. **PDC** summarized some things discussed at the S.R. East Board meeting on past Monday Eve: 1) The Board voted for the rest of Rotary year to 6/30/19, a prospective Member Guest will have their lunch paid for first 3 visits to our Club Meetings. (A 4 Way Test to their host). 2) Stories told at Club Meetings about attempts to get new Club Members will be greeted with an "Oh My, That's Awesome!" by **PDC**. 3) There will be some exciting news coming about Rotary pins. **PDC** announced the Rotary is taking action on the (2) recent tragic wildfires in California. Donations can be made to our Club Rotary Foundation by check or credit card. You can also donate through the sources identified on this e-mail. **GIULIANA BROCKWAY** confirmed the **Rotary Christmas Party** will be Saturday, December 8, 2018 at the Villa Restaurant, details next week. **MARILYN LIRA** announced that the next SCARC dinner will be Thursday 11/29/18 hosted by the Petaluma South Club. The cost is \$50 RSVP to **MARILYN** by 11/22/18, program is membership/retention. **MARILYN** also mentioned that on January 31, 2019, S.R. East Rotary Club will host the SCARC dinner, also to be held at the Villa Restaurant. The program will be about Rotary grants, **MARILYN** needs wine donations/ideas for event.

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RAFFLE, we have new marbles & Some interesting Avalanche facts

We now have new **blue marbles** with one **yellow marble**. If you draw the **yellow marble** you get the **\$\$\$!** **JIM WEISCHENDORFF** drew a **blue marble**, so red wine for **JIM**. Avalanches can reach speeds of 250 miles per hour. Most avalanches occur between 30 and 45 degrees, on a slope that faces the north, east and northeast directions. Mountains that are heavily forested are safer areas, where avalanches happen the least. Slab avalanches are the most common and most deadly avalanches, where layers of a snowpack fail and slide down the slope. Since 1950, 235 people in the U.S. have been killed in slab avalanches. Hard slab involve large blocks of snow & debris sliding down a slope. January is the most avalanche-prone month, thaw is likely cause in April.



PDC touted the following Volunteer Opportunities for camaraderie with fellow Club Members!

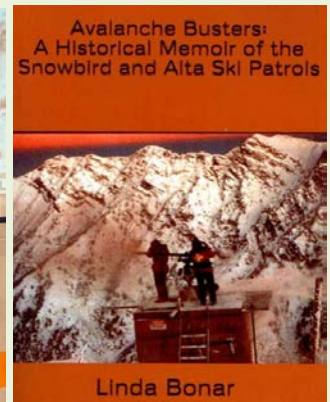
1) **BANA SOLOMON** will coordinate this year's Handicapable's **XMAS** decorating at the Church of the Roses, a **December Saturday morning date will be announced next week**. 2) **GEORGE BATCHELDER** needs volunteers for **Club Meeting Set-Up/Greeting & Take-Down** for months of **December and January**. 3) **TOM CHAUNCY** will coordinate this year's Salvation Army Bell-Ringing will be **Saturday December 15th** (Club consensus) this year at the east entrance of the Lucky's at Montgomery Village. A sign-up sheet will be available next meeting for one-hour time slots from 10 AM to 6 PM. 4) Contact **JOE MAURER** to sign-up for the Brook Hill School Pantry Food Program, on **school Thursdays @ 1 PM**. 2019 dates are now open!

HappyDollar\$Birthday\$Vacation\$

KEN CARR was happy that **MIKE ROBERTSON** recently helped him with a burnt out washing machine. **BRIAN REED** celebrated his 60th birthday, by drinking beers for five hours with friends at the Hen House Brewery last Friday Night and then golfing Sunday and going to the new Russian River facility in Windsor. Saturday and Monday, he was dragging but knowing **BRIAN** he is ready for more...It was worth a **\$BELLRINGER\$ x 2** as he also donated to the new fire fund. **DON ALLISON's** wife, **Micke** celebrated her 80th birthday by doing things she wanted to do for 2 whole weeks! **JEAN CHIRHART**, hubby **Mike**, **KEN CARR** and wife **Judy** just returned from the relaxing Hawaiian island of Molokai, where they redeemed one of the prizes from our last fundraiser and will be bidding again next year. There is not much to do on island, except relax. There are very few tourists, no stop lights and little more other than Hawaiian beauty and Hawaiian weather, it made for a relaxing week. **JEAN** brought **PDC** some island coffee while **KEN** brought **PDC** a wrapped freebee gift which turned out to be a small glass container with tiny shells & sea stuff, topped with a sea tortoise.

PDC said to send all Rotary related photos to **DAVE SKARR**, skarr@seanet.com so he can post.

Today's Speaker: LINDA BONAR



ANDY SCHEXNAYDRE introduced Linda Bonar, our regular visiting Rotarian from Utah. Linda is a California native, studied at UC Berkeley and then wanted to ski and headed to Snowbird/Alta, Utah. For 19 years Linda was a ski bum and worked at resorts near the mountain with various jobs was able to ski, ski and ski...There Linda met her husband John Stratton, who was on the ski patrol. Linda went on to get her bachelor and master's with history degrees from the University of Utah. Linda went on to work for non-profits in the Salt Lake City area. In 2018, Linda chronicled her experiences at Snowbird/Alta with her book: *Avalanche Busters: A historical Memoir of the Snowbird and Alta Ski Patrols*. Linda herself was not directly involved in avalanche control, but her husband John was to some degree. Her book referenced the time period of the early 1970's and how people back then could easily be ski bums with various day jobs at the resorts and get access to ski the mountain for 6 months of the year and live a carefree life. Her book (which I have bought for \$20 with a personal inscription) is available on Amazon. The book chronicles life in the same canyon that Snowbird and Alta share. The book describes some interesting and funny stories of the workers on the mountain. Photos were shown of ski patrols knocking a cornice off the mountain and using Howitzer guns to shoot to cause a safe avalanche. Safe avalanches could also be triggered by detonating explosives, many which were left from WWII. Safe smaller avalanches were created early and frequent to prevent larger and more catastrophic avalanches from occurring. Avalanches can reach speeds of 250 MPH, so preparing for a safe avalanche involved much preplanning and accurate execution. Linda read a terrifying excerpt from her book where a colleague of hers (Brett) was trapped in an avalanche for over an hour, before he was found with use of probing poles in the snow. Brett could hear the rescuers above but they could not hear his cries for help. Finally he was found, resuscitated and taken by toboggan down the hill. Remarkably Brett went home on his own that evening without injury. I look forward to this read!

Programs coming up at our Santa Rosa East Rotary Tuesday meetings:

November 20th Exchange year in Finland Tommy Abel will tell us about studying abroad in Finland with Rotary Youth Exchange program

November 27th Speaker, To Be Determined