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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East

The Crown Jewel of District 5130

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Acting President  
**TOM CROFT**

## Get Going

Acting President **TOM CROFT** found fellow veteran **TOM JACKSON** to lead the flag salute. **ANDY SCHEXNAYDRE** added comic strip and a thought for the day. 1) Image of a Giant Meteor (As the year 2020) with tag line "End it all Now". 2) A quote from Plato: "The price of apathy towards public affairs is to be ruled by evil men". **LARRY LIRA** gave our vocal chords a test by parlaying the song: *We're Glad You're Here* to the song: *Auld Lang Syne*. No one fled or flooded the building! The lone visiting Rotarian was **Steve Amend** of Santa Rosa Sunrise Club. Guest of **TOM CROFT** was Vietnam War companion **Ron Daniels**. Guest of **KEN MOHOLT-SIEBERT** was our guest speaker Rotary Exchange student **Ardie Martano**. **KATIE NEALON** introduced **Jill McIntyre**. **MIKE ROBERTSON** introduced **Kevin Freymiller**. Next some sobering news, **LARRY LIRA** confirmed the **ANN McGINLEY** family has another difficult situation as **ANN's** husband Tom has inoperable lung cancer. ☹️ **NANCY HILL** stated that **TOM CHAUNCY** is home and his wife **Les** is able to work from home and watch after **TOM**. Also it was reported former Club member **Steve Ribeau** was having back surgery on a broken back. Finally **ROGERS BROOMHEAD** offered unique humor. The gist of the story is a country bumpkin filled his gas tank at a station offering a chance for free sex in a number picking contest from the male proprietor. The country bumpkin never won and was convinced the contest wasn't rigged as his wife told him she had won contest twice last week.



**TOM CROFT** shared some photos of his unit at Camp Pendleton prior to its dispatch to Vietnam in 1968 & 69. His guest **Ron Daniels** will accompany him to Southeast Asia where they will visit Hanoi and Cambodia for the next few weeks as a 60 year reunion for the time they served their country. **TOM CROFT's** unit incurred heavy causality, losing 80% of the young men. **TOM** added the Marines also performed humanity missions while in Vietnam, administering malaria vaccine to poor children for whom he said were tough as nails when it came to pain tolerance.

## Announcements

See **KEN MOLHOLT-SIEBERT** if you'd like to judge at a science fair. Your help at Club Meetings is needed! See **GEORGE BATCHELDER** to sign-up to set-up or take down for the months of March and April. Also see **JOE MAURER** if you can help for Thursday Food Packing at Brook Hill School, there are some March/April/May openings. **TOM JACKSON** needs more ticket sales for the March 16 Luck O' The Irish Fundraiser. For tickets to event email **TOM** at [tom@vealeoutdoor.com](mailto:tom@vealeoutdoor.com) or **Annette Musson** at [musson.annette@gmail.com](mailto:musson.annette@gmail.com) There's also a sign-up for same day of the event duties including set-up, take-down & keg sitting. Send **JULIE MONTGOMERY** photos activities of Club events that she can post at the Fundraiser. **RON TAYLOR** has the final Live Auction List but needs committed certificates for the "Dine Around Town" item. **NANCY HILL** stated there will be a Wine Cooler Lucky Key contest, so we will need bottles of wine for donations. **RITA ALONSO** needs those contributing items to themed baskets for silent auction items to collaborate with fellow basket contributors finalize those items and certificates for the baskets. You will hear more from **RITA** on this... **DAN LAMBERT** mentioned the flyers on tables to attract local high school students (age 15 to 20) that may wish to participate in the 32nd Annual Santa Rosa-Kagoshima Student Exchange program for 2019. The program is sponsored by Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary Club and costs \$4,000. The student would travel to Japan Week of July 8th to Week of August 4th. Contact Shauna Lorenzen @ (707) 524-3487 or [shauna.lorenzen@exchangebank.com](mailto:shauna.lorenzen@exchangebank.com). **BRIAN REED** mentioned the selection process for future Club Presidents, & stated that that at our next Club meeting on 3/5/19, the Club will be asked approve the 3 Presidents in succession after President Elect **TOM JACKSON**. Subsequent to the meeting the names were announced: for 2020-21: **KIM McDONALD**, for 2021-22: **KEN MOHOLT-SIEBERT**, for 2022-23: **JULIE MONTGOMERY**. **GEORGE KEMMERER** absent, but not forgotten had his 27 year anniversary with the Club.

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### RAFFLE and some Sonoma County, California and USA weather facts

**RODGERS BROOMHEAD** did not double down on today's joke or choose the right marble so the **\$315** in potential winnings eluded him. Instead some wine for the homestead. Sonoma County has an average daily mean temperature of 59.0 degrees and average rainfall of 31.5 inches a year. California has an average daily mean temperature of 60.9 degrees and average rainfall of 18.1 inches a year. The contiguous U.S.A. has an average daily mean temperature of 58.5 degrees and average rainfall of 29.3 inches a year. This means appreciate our rain, we need it! ☺



### **\$GoingtoVietnam\$DininginRutherfordCA\$HappyDollar\$Birthday\$Trip\$Anniver\$arie\$**

**TOM CROFT** made a **\$BellRinger\$** for his forthcoming trip to Vietnam with **Ron Daniels**. **DON CLIVER's** wife **Tracy** celebrated her birthday at 1) her favorite restaurant, The Rutherford Grill, 2) eating her favorite menu item, ribs!, 3) with her favorite husband....., yes it was **DON**. This was after a homemade pancake and bacon breakfast, yes from **DON**....While technically a Red Badger in our Club which means no fines, **DON** transferred to us a 10 year plus seasoned Rotarian from a Novato Club. Therefore **DON** did what few Red Badgers do and made **Tracy's** birthday celebration a **\$BellRinger\$**. **GEORGE BATCHELDER** and his wife **Laurie** celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary on 2/21. They had a dinner out locally and in Marin as well with various family members. **Cheerio!** And they now are on the 60th year! **RITA ALONSO** and hubby **Jay** just returned from the Crescent City, (for those of you not into moons), that City is New Orleans. **RITA's** employer Keller Williams had their annual convention there with 18,000 co-associates. Thankfully, Bourbon Street provides more than a few water and other coolers to socialize. **RITA** was thankful to have a day before and after the convention, to sight see, on their own! **JOHN TEAGUE** and his ever stated better half bride **Karen** just returned from 8 days on the border, currently sans wall, dividing Mexico and California/Arizona. In Arizona they visited former S.R. East Club Member Leonard and wife Mary Thompson, who live in Arizona. They also visited the Pima Air and Space Museum in Tucson, which is one of the world's largest non-government funded aerospace museums. **Ole' JIM WIESCHENDORFF** bad back and all was here to tell about expensive dinner out he and his wife Cathy recently had at Auberge du Soleil in Rutherford, no coupons available for this restaurant. S.R.E.Rotarian Rutherford dining fast passes soon here! ☺



Today's Speaker: Ardie Martano, Rotary Foreign Exchange Student from Indonesia

**KEN MOLHOLT-SIEBERT** introduced Ardie Martano, a Rotary foreign exchange student from Indonesia now attending Santa Rosa High School as a Senior. While Ardie will go through graduation with SRHS in May, he will then return to Indonesia to finish another rigorous Senior year of High School there as that is how the curriculum plays out, (and his parent's run the school). Ardie is interested in science and likely will study abroad again in a country other than the U.S. to become an engineer. Ardie is from Surabaya, the second largest city in Indonesia next to Jakarta. Indonesia is a sprawling island country with between 13,000 and 18,000 islands. The reason there is no finite number of islands, is that the country sits on 3 Ginormous Titanic Plates which are constantly moving. Earthquakes are persistent as well volcanic activity, which is constantly changing the islands. The weather is warm with year round humidity at 90% and a rainy season with monsoons. There are 261 million people and the country, which is 87% Muslim. The topography is vastly different over the islands that stretch west to east primarily over 3,000 miles just north of Australia and south of China and the Philippines and Malaysia. The islands were colonized by Europeans, but were preceded with natives of Chinese, Indian and Arabic descent. There are temples, creator lakes, rice fields, lava fields, tropical paradises and even pink sand beaches. Indonesia has exotic and unique animals, as well as flowers and lot's of vegetation. Nice presentation young man!

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

- March 5<sup>th</sup> Gabe Osburn, Deputy Director of Development Services
- March 12<sup>th</sup> To Be Determined
- March 19<sup>th</sup> **DARK, NO MEETING AFTER THE FUNDRAISER**