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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East

The Crown Jewel of District 5130

June 11, 2019 meeting

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Acting President
RITA ALONZO

Get Going, A Special Visiting Rotarian & Guests

Where's Acting President **RITA ALONZO**? Our petite but engaging Acting President **RITA ALONZO** popped out from behind the podium, like a Jack in the Box, to start our meeting. **RITA** found **JOYCE MILKS** to lead our flag salute. **JEFF SCHUTT** brought Mahatma Gandhi to us, with his meaningful words: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others". **LARRY LIRA** cited that the first Transcontinental Railroad was completed 150 years ago at the Promontory Summit in Utah Territory in 1869. **LARRY** then lead the group in singing: *I'll be working on the Railroad*. **RITA** gave us another date, on June 11, 1770, Captain James Cook discovered the Great Barrier Reef the hard way, by running aground on it. His boat the *Endeavor* was stuck fast on the reef for the entire day. Our only guest Rotarian was also our guest speaker Stephan Stubbins, a Sonoma Valley Club Rotarian and the CEO and Founder of Transcendence's Broadway Under The Stars. Stephan brought his guest and performer Lorenzo Allison. **GIULIANA BROCKWAY** brought her guest & fellow attorney in her law firm, Julie Ann Talbo, who will be a corporate member of our Club through Brockway Law! :)



BARRY COGBILL @ Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany **BRIAN REED** thanking Acting President **RITA ALONZO**

Announcements

BRIAN REED relayed e-mail from traveling **BARRY COGBILL** who just attended the Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany, (see above). **BARRY** met and reacquainted with some interesting people. An individual who hiked 18 days from Sudan to the Congo and established the first Rotary Club in a refugee camp. Another who is removing plastic from our oceans. Another working a unique project with bee pollination and Sara from Nairobi (above). Also **BARRY** reacquainted with a Canadian man he met in Uganda, who is establishing an international matching grant program with the Canadian government. This could be an incredible source that could work with both Rotary International Grants & Global Grants that could conceptually turn \$10,000 into \$60,000, this is The Power of Rotary!! **BRIAN** also conveyed that our Global Grant initiated by **KATRINA ZAVALNEY** is being utilized in Nepal, per the President of the Rotary Club in Kathmandu. **LARRY LIRA** reviewed 3 distribution items which were approved at Monday night's board meeting: 1) \$3,750 in seed money for Girls on the Run to start leadership program at Brook Hill School. 2) \$1,500 to sponsor for 5 campers at Cool Kids Camp at Cloverleaf Ranch & 3) \$500 to the Church of the Incarnation, assisting those in need in our community. Our Club also received a thank you for our \$1,000 donation to Community Matters, an entity which addresses anti-bullying in our schools. **JULIE MONTGOMERY** reminded of the Year End Party she is hosting on Saturday June 22nd at 5:00 PM, cost \$55 per person. Contact **JULIE** to attend and help set-up or clean-up. A video played of local Rotarian, Lee Hartman raising \$\$\$ for Polio prevention, driving a 1931 Ford in the rugged Peking to Paris Motor Challenge. He is able to travel about 372 miles per day.

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RAFFLE and the Transcendence Theatre Company, Broadway Under the Stars Schedule
It was **DICK WINTERHALDER** who had a chance for **\$170ish Dollar\$** in non-taxable take home winnings. Instead some red wine for enjoyment. A **CHORUS LINE** will run from June 14th to June 30th (8 shows). **Fantastical Family Night** will run July 19th & July 20th (2 shows). **Those Dancin' Feet** will run August 9th to August 25th (9 shows). **The Big Gala Celebration** will run September 6th to September 8th (3 shows). For more information [Click Here](#) or call The Transcendence Theatre Company, Broadway Under the Stars @ 877-424-1414



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KIM McDONALD returned from a "business trip" in Las Vegas. It was situated at the Westin at the Lakes in Las Vegas a beautiful spot off The Strip. **ANN MCGINLEY** and husband **Tom** just returned from 7 days in Japan. The trip was made to see **Tom's** grand-nephew graduate from high school. The trip went well as **Tom** (living with cancer) needed ground assistance getting around, but they visited famous landmarks and a baseball game. **Tom** also taught his grandnephew a lesson to keep his morning appointment, a breakfast with him after his night of graduation partying. **JULIE MONTGOMERY** was happy to attend her sister's wedding on the Caribbean Island, St. Lucia. **JULIE** brought Acting President **RITA** some chocolate covered rum balls. **JEAN CHIRHART** was happy that **Tom McGinley** was able to make a comfortable trip to Japan with **ANN**. **JOE MAURER** was happy that **JULIE MONTGOMERY** helped out his frantic wife **Janet** on her last day of school as Special Education teacher. There was a police activity that day and **Janet** needed **JULIE** to carry and store 2 boxes of Krispy Kreme doughnuts for her young adult students at **JULIE's** store while her students dined next door at Mary's Pizza Shack. **JOE** also had sad dollars as there were no leftover doughnuts for him. **GEORGE KEMMERER** was happy his wife **Jeanette** was able to hold and host an outdoor party Monday, with 18 women in 100 degree heat and everyone survived. **DAVE SKARR** was happy his eldest daughter, **Laura** got her first real job, as a mechanical engineer for a semi-conductor company in Milpitas. **KEN MOHOLT-SIEBERT** was happy to go to the Russian River yesterday to cool off. Beware, **KEN** said it was the highest water level in the river that he can remember. **JIM WEISCHENDORFF** was happy to visit his grandchildren's softball and baseball games in La Canada CA. **GUILINANA BROCKWAY** was happy for her daughter **Victoria's** first ballet recital. Tired after long days of rehearsals and programs, **GUILINANA** laments this is the new normal. **JOAN GERMESHAUSEN** was happy to run into **GEORGE BATCHHELDER's** wife **Laurie** while hiking with friends at the newly opened Jenner Headlands. **Laurie** was with a group of ladies from Spring Lake Village and had already walked 4 miles. **DAN LAMBERT** was happy his daughter got 1) a new home, 2) a new job (assistant to proctor at UC Berkeley and 3) a new baby. **HAP CULP** was happy for a nice dinner with his wife **Susan** and **DENNIS SEPP** and his wife **Carol**. **BRIAN REED** was happy to attend the Pony Express fundraiser and movie at the Summerfield Theater last Thursday night. He was amongst other Rotarians and was impressed with how the union of children with issues can unite with horses who have been abandoned, can benefit both. **TOM CROFT** was reminded how he slipped on his tongue by telling **BRIAN REED's** wife **Alison** had once again become President of S.R. East Rotary before **BRIAN** had the chance to tell her...



Today's Speaker:

Stephan Stubbins of

TRANSCENDENCE
THEATRE COMPANY

ANDY SCHEXNAYDRE introduced **Stephan Stubbins**, a very experienced performer with a business background, who on October 1, 2011, was part of a group that initiated the first Transcendence Theater production of Broadway Under The Stars! **Stephan** told the story of how it began...in Mexico! In a small town called Punta Bandi outside of Ensenada, there was a small theater putting on a musical play, **NUNSENCE**. **Stephan** along with many young aspiring actors congregated when there was word of a need for performers to make the musical happen. The group formed a bond and idea to perform and give back to a community where they would perform and be domiciled, a Truly Transcendent Idea! Next was to determine where? For 2 years after visiting 40 theaters in 25 cities on a vagabond trip around the country, they liked Sonoma County best. In 2010, they became aware that state Parks were closing and they negotiated to hold their performance outside at Jack London State Park, a Win/Win for the park and the community. The Transcendence Theatre Company (TTC) has now completed 7 seasons, and holds non-summer performances at the Wells Fargo Center as well as in Napa. TTC gets quality Broadway talent, who enjoy the diversion from the big city. Each actor performs a service project in the community as part of their contract. The outdoor shows at Jack London State Park are well received with local foods, wineries & brewers to make the pre-play picnicking/mingling 2.5 hours before the performance an unforgettable experience. This year TTC will for the first time feature a full length play, *A Chorus Line*, which begins this weekend. (see TTC schedule above)

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

June 18th **Alex Chui**, Buck Institute Internship and Research Project

June 25th **DARK, No Meeting after June 22nd Year End Party**

July 2nd **TOM JACKSON'S** First meeting as President, Program To Be Determined