



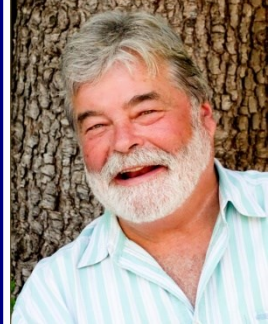
# *The Appleknocker*

## *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin*

### Denis Mulligan - Golden Gate Bridge



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



### AT THE BELL



**Ellen Harrington** came forward to lead the Sebastopol Rotarians in a proud salute to the Flag.



Rotarian **Keller McDonald** led all in a rousing version of "God Bless America."



His enthusiasm got us all singing but maybe we should have a showdown between **Karen Daniels**, **JT Martin** and **Keller** for the best rendition.

**Paul Yeomans** provided the following **Thought for the Day**:

Try to see the world through the eyes of a child.

Eyes that are not yet cynical or skeptical.

Eyes that marvel at everything they see.

The lessons we learn from children about life are so much more important than the lessons we teach them.

Think happy thoughts.

## Future Programs

June 10, 2016

Speaker: **Dan Howard**  
Program: **Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary**

June 17, 2016

Speaker: **Wendy Trowbridge**  
Program: **Laguna Foundation**

June 24, 2016

Program: **DEBUNKING – of President Rick Wilson** 5:00 PM  
**Community Church Courtyard**

July 8, 2016

Speaker: **John Blount**  
Program: **TBA**

July 15, 2016

Speaker: **Steve Zivolich**  
Program: **Integrated Resources Institute**

## Future Events

**Interclub Bocce Ball Tournament**  
**BBQ and Family Day**  
**June 11, 2016, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm**

## Handy Links

[Pinot for Polio Form](#)  
[Sebastopol Rotary Website](#)

## Miscellany

**Next Board Meeting**

Date/Time: **Tues, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.**

Location: **Rick Wilson's Home**

**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – jclasco@comcast.net**

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

**INTERACT MAKE-UPS – HAVE YOU TRIED IT?**

**Analy High:** 12:40 Most Wednesdays In Choir Room  
(Check with Dan Rasmus, Mark Stevens, Jack Dunlap)  
**Brook Haven:** 12:10 First & Third Thursday, Room 18  
(Check with Pauline Pellini, Mike Carey)  
**Orchard View:** Different meeting times  
(Check with Mike Carey)  
**Twin Hills:** Every Other Tuesday 12:45pm - 1:20pm  
(Check with Dan Rasmus)

**For all Interact Mtgs.: CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS**  
**!!! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !!!**

## VISITORS AND GUESTS



Judy Rice, Sebastopol Sunrise

### Visiting Rotarians:

**Bud Daveiro** introduced the following visiting Rotarians:



**Judy Rice**



**Cogbill**

**Montgomery**

Barry Cogbill, Santa Rosa East, Solar Consultant

Julie Montgomery, Santa Rosa East, Realtor

Geoffrey Smith, Santa Rosa East, Solar Program Manager

### Guests of The Club:

Lu Frazier and Sue Engle were both introduced as Guests of the Club – See Induction of New Members below...



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As your know, the era of **President Rick Wilson** is coming to an end. There is enough fodder in this year to make this Debunking Ceremony a must to attend!



**Keller McDonald** noted that the goal is to poke a few friendly holes into Rick's somewhat inflated reputation. So save the date, Friday June 24, 2016. **Aldine Noethig** is selling tickets at \$ 35 a head and the deadline is in two weeks, June 18.

**Ron Puccinelli** wanted all to know of the work that **Brendon Houston** and **Bristol Hassler** have done for the Sebastopol Rotary Foundation. Bristol Hassler, especially, has spent countless hours in maintaining accurate and timely accounting for our foundation. In appreciation, she was given a certificate for a well- deserved massage.







## INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS



**Ken Jacobs** introduced **Lu Frazier** and **Sue Engle** as new Rotarians into our club with the following poetic rendition attributed to **Edwin Wilson**:

**Lu** and **Sue** and me and you at Rotary today  
Begin a long and friends-filled life;  
we hope you are here to stay  
And don't you let **Our President** discourage  
you, I say  
That by the end of June we promise  
– **Rick** will go away.

**Sue Engle**, Classification: Florist; Sponsor: **Mia Del Prete**; Mentor: **Meredeth Bertacco**

**Sue** was born and raised in Lancashire, England and eventually moved to London, where she began a career in the music business. Her career took her to New York, then to Hollywood where she worked in back stage management. After visiting friends in Petaluma with her late husband, Bill, they escaped LA and moved to West Sonoma County where she worked in management positions for Heartsong for several years. **Sue** became the owner of Flower Song Florist last September and is quite happy to be running her own business in downtown Sebastopol. She may spell a bit differently than some of us, but she says she is, "Looking forward to becoming an engaged member of Rotary."

**Lu Frazier**, Classification: Consulting; Winery Accounting; Sponsor: **Linda Johnson**; Mentor: **Keller McDonald**

**Lu** was born in the East Bay and lived in LA for several years, teaching English and Social Studies, before moving to West County to raise sheep. While her sons attended school in the Twin Hills District, **Lu** became the full-time volunteer school librarian, before she attended Sonoma State College to earn her Master's Degree in Business Management. She worked for various CPA firms, also at Heartsong, and then ten years at Iron Horse Vineyard. After retiring from Iron Horse, she is now working freelance for small wineries. Like many in Rotary, she is a past president of the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce and is currently on the Board of the Sebastopol Center for the Arts.



## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS



### JACK BLASCO AND CLUB RUNNER FOR DUMMIES



Club Runner is instrumental to the operation of this club. Current **Secretary** and soon to be **President Elect**, **Jack Blasco**, took five minutes to demystify this tool. Everyone should and can know how this communication program helps you and our Board of Directors: All you need to know is your name and your password. Club Runner is an important tool for club members to communicate, collaborate, and share and store information. There are many in our club that can help you with a one-on-one quickie lesson. Ask for help and it will be yours!

**ClubRunner is NOT Cave Men Running with Clubs!**



It's the Club's program for communicating, collaborating, sharing, and storing information.



## RECOGNITIONS



It's end of the year and catch up time on annual recognitions, so right or wrong, here are this week's stars!



**Sally Ewald** - \$35 for being such a wonderful person. She also pledged \$70 to Rotary Foundation.



**Larry Ford** - \$25 for whatever is on his mind.



**Bob Hirsch** - \$55 for his enjoyment of musical dives.

**Brendon Houston** - \$60 for his help with Learn to Swim.



**Jeff Boal** - \$25 for agreeing to chair membership.

**Bud Daveiro** - \$35 for his wonderful introductions of visiting Rotarians.



**Bob Rogers** - \$35 for soon being a District Governor.

**Ken Silveira** - \$40 for being excellent.



**Richard Power** - \$40 for his politics.



**Linda J. Johnson** - \$25 for whatever Rick says.



**Dave Madsen** - \$15 for whatever Rick says.

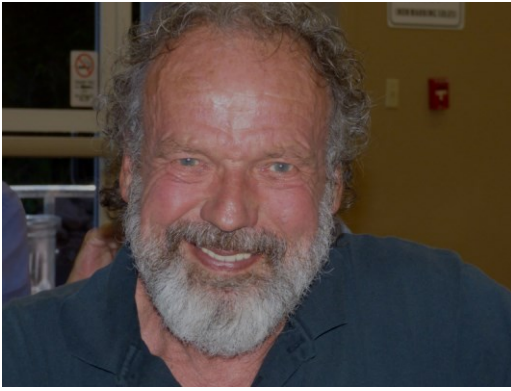


**Jerry Warren** - \$25 for whatever Rick says.

**Nao Noguchi** - \$20 for being the left hand to the right pocket (in collecting recognitions).



## THE AWARD WINNING "APPLEKNOCKER"



Thanks to the efforts of **Master-Editor Tom Boag** and **Roto-Wrangler Harvey Henningsen**, we have a stellar newsletter due to their dedication. We now announce our new editors, **David Still, Jim Raffini, and Steven Kellner** for stepping up for the new Rotary year.



## THE RAFFLE



**Lucky Hal Kwalwasser** won the ticket number and had a great chance to win the money with only two cards left; but, alas, he picked the wrong card so the money goes into the next game of cards.



## THE PROGRAM



## THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER – DENIS MULLIGAN, CEO, GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT



**President Rick** began the introduction of our speaker, Denis Mulligan, with reminiscences of his "growing up in the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge." He commented: "You really don't know the bridge unless you walk across it and enjoyed a sunrise while driving South across the bridge."

The program by Denis Mulligan gave us a look behind the workings of the Golden Gate Bridge. Not the "bridge" *per se*, but the management of the Bridge Transportation District. Luckily, the District picked the right man for the job – A Cal Berkeley BSCE Graduate and Chief Engineer for 9 years; Denis Mulligan was selected to lead the District as GM and CEO in 2010. His co-workers hailed him as "an assertive leader, enthusiastic and with a keen focus on getting the job done effectively and efficiently."

Denis' job includes both large and small projects, from obtaining grants for outdoor interpretive exhibits about the science, engineering and history of the Bridge, to working on the MMB - "Moveable Median Barrier", a task that would take more than 15 years to accomplish! "The Zipper" – as it is affectionately called – has already prevented many head-on collisions and saved countless lives.

This Special District includes the Larkspur Ferry Operations and Facilities, as well as the Golden Gate Bus System. It's HUGE!

Mr. Mulligan touched on a number of bits of information and then answered an avalanche of questions on many subjects (the most ever at a Sebastopol Rotary program) from the audience:



- The Golden Gate Bridge is 79 years in age and serves 50 million customers per year.
- Golden Gate is its own special district. It doesn't share in state or local taxes for its support.
- Besides the bridge, bus, and boat operations, the district – daily – has about 20,000 people walk across the bridge, 8,000 bicycle across, and 1,200 park their cars at ferry docks in Larkspur and Sausalito.
- The Bridge Transportation District has approximately 850 employees.
- Bus and ferry service account for 25% of the Bridge traffic.

- At the midpoint between the two towers the Bridge can move vertically (go up or down) through a range of 16 feet. On a sunny morning, the midpoint of the Bridge will slowly go down about two feet as the steel warms up.
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- The color of the bridge is **International Orange** and the paint is (now) lead free. The color was originally the color of primer paint. Various groups proposed other colors (Grey, Black, others) but Orange was chosen.
- There is a direct ferry from Larkspur to the Giants baseball field.
- 25% of people in Sonoma County use public transportation.
- Everything is now computerized for all services.



- They are currently retrofitting the ferry fleet.
- There are 200 bikes per ferry trip on all weekends.
- Thursdays and Fridays are the highest volume days.
- Suicide is an issue at the bridge, 153 people were saved last year. They are building a structure on the bridge to eliminate the ability for suicide. Any attempt will be stopped in "netting" 25 feet below
- All tolls are captured with Smart Controls now – and, if not paid, will show up on car license renewal.

- Frank Doyle [Exchange Bank and SRJC fame -**Ed.**] played a major role for development of the Golden Gate Bridge.
- The original construction phase took 4 years (1933-1937) resulting in whopping \$27 million in construction costs.
- The Golden Gate Bridge's sturdy construction is designed to withstand 8.0 Magnitude earthquakes and up to 90 mph gusty winds.
- The Golden Gate Bridge boasts a hard working history and was closed only a few times since the 1930's.
- The Golden Gate Bridge is undoubtedly the symbol of San Francisco and the most photographed attraction in the city.
- The best ways of exploring this San Francisco attraction is simply walking on the East side of the bridge.



## **THE FINAL BELL**



**President Rick** thanked Denis Mulligan for his update on the Golden Gate Bridge Transportation District and presented him with a bottle of the Club's fine liquid refreshment—Pinot for Polio. He then rang the bell closing the meeting at exactly 1:30 pm.



# DINE ALL AROUND THE TOWN

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### WIN 12 WONDERFUL NIGHTS OF FOOD AND WINE!

For just \$100 and a bit of luck, you can win 12 great dinners for two from some of the best restaurants in Sonoma County and 12 great bottles of wine. Enjoy West County favorites like Terrapin Creek and Peter Lowell's while contributing to a great cause, Sebastopol Rotary's Teacher Mini-Grant Program.

It's amazingly easy:

- Buy a \$100 raffle ticket. Since there are only going to be 100 sold, your odds are a terrific 100:1 because there is just one winner.
- If you win, you'll receive 12 dinner vouchers for great restaurants and 12 bottles of wine. (See flip side for list of restaurants.)
- The only thing you have to do is cover the gratuity.

In exchange, Sebastopol Rotary can continue its Teacher Mini-Grant program. Since 2002, the Rotary has given away almost \$235,000 in grants that range from \$50 to \$500, and just this year, the club gave out over \$22,000 to support worthy projects that buy special education tools, sports equipment, Chrome books, projects and so much more.

Supporting our teachers has never been more fulfilling! (Or, did we mean filling?).

**Approximate total value of \$3,000.**



## DINE ALL AROUND THE TOWN

### The Restaurants You'll Enjoy

Backyard* <i>Forestville</i>	Eight Cuisine* <i>Sebastopol</i>	French Garden Restaurant* <i>Sebastopol</i>
Jackson's Bar & Oven*** <i>Santa Rosa</i>	K&L Bistro* <i>Sebastopol</i>	Lua Viet*** <i>Sebastopol</i>
Peter Lowell's* <i>Sebastopol</i>	Russian River Vineyards*** <i>Forestville</i>	Sonoma Wine Shop & La Bodega*** <i>Sebastopol</i>
Sushi Tozai* <i>Sebastopol</i>	Terrapin Creek*** <i>Bodega Bay</i>	Underwood** <i>Graton</i>

\*\*\*Up to \$180 \*\*\$150 gift certificate \*\$100 gift certificate/value

### The Great Wine You'll Drink

- Joseph Phelps Estate Grown-Backus 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon (donated by Jack and Ruth Dunlap)
- Kosta Browne 2013 Gary's Vineyard, Santa Lucia Highlands, Pinot Noir
- Kosta Browne 2013 One Sixteen, Russian River Valley, Chardonnay
- Kosta Browne 2013 Keefer Ranch, Russian River Valley, Pinot Noir (Kosta Browne and Seaton wines donated by Dan and Robbin Davis)
- Kanzler Vineyards 2013 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir (personally signed by Lynda Kanzler) (donated by Lynda Kanzler and Bob Cary)
- Russian River Vineyards 2013 Chardonnay (donated by Chris O'Neill)
- Russian River Vineyards 2014 Chester Zinfandel (donated by Chris O'Neill)
- Seaton 2011 Dry Creek Valley, Luke's Block, Merlot
- Siduri 2012 Ewald Vineyard, Russian River Valley Pinot Noir (two bottles) (donated by David and Sally Ewald)
- Trecini Vineyards-Gold Medal-2013 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir (donated by Mia and Jim Del Prete)
- VJB Vineyards & Cellars, 2013 Brunello, Estate Bottled (donated by Brad & Kathy Benedetti)

### The Rules

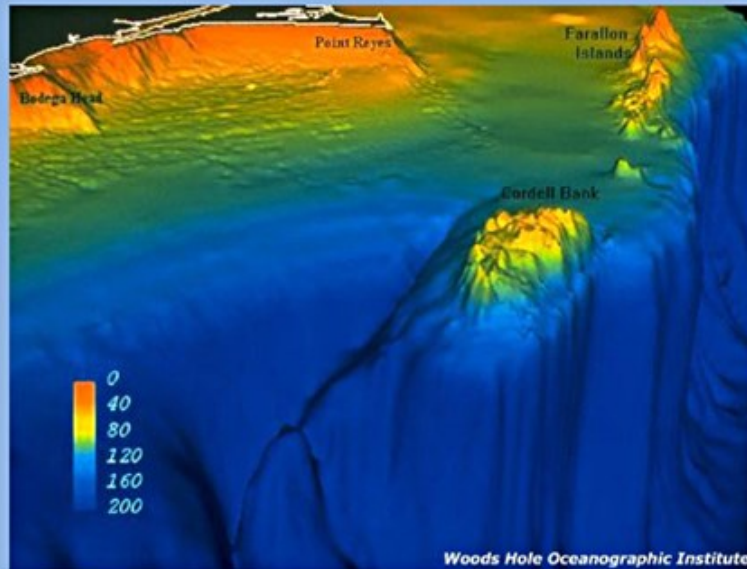
1. Must be 21 years of age to purchase your tax deductible, \$100 raffle ticket.
2. Maximum of ten tickets per person.
3. 100 tickets will be sold at \$100 each.
4. Dinner at each restaurant includes complimentary starter, main course, dessert, and an added bonus of one free corkage fee. Gratuity is the responsibility of the winner.
5. All dinner vouchers will expire on December 31, 2017 unless otherwise stated.

### Tickets

Cash or check only. Make checks payable to: Rotary Club of Sebastopol Foundation, Inc. For info contact: Cindy Carter at 707-824-0846 or email [cindycarterflamm@yahoo.com](mailto:cindycarterflamm@yahoo.com).

A sincere thank you for supporting our West Sonoma County teachers from:  
The Rotary Club of Sebastopol Foundation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 213, Sebastopol, CA 95472  
TAX ID# 47-4312102

## **"The Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary"**



**Dan Howard, Superintendent  
Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary  
June 10, 2016**

Coastal California had an unknown mystery hidden beneath the waves for many years! It was not until the late 1800's that the Cordell Bank was discovered. It is an undersea granite and rocky reef about 4 1/2 miles by 9 1/2 miles, located 23 miles west of the Point Reyes Lighthouse. It sits on the edge of the continental shelf and rises abruptly from the soft sediments of the shelf to within 115 feet of the ocean surface.

This underwater adventure will be brought to us today by Dan Howard, Superintendent of the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary. He manages all site activities and staff, policy development and all interaction with local, state and federal agencies. His focus of study since 1980 has been on kelpbed ecology, predator/prey relationships and juvenile rockfish recruitment.

Come today and see the amazing treasures hidden beneath our coastal waters!!!



***"Exploring the Secrets of the Wetlands of  
the Laguna de Santa Rosa"***



***Wendy Trowbridge, PhD, Director of Restoration  
Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation  
June 17, 2016***

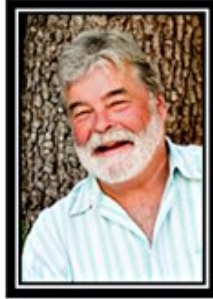
***Lying beside Sebastopol are the amazing waters, wetlands,  
endangered animals and plants of the Laguna de Santa  
Rosa! Have you ever wondered who lives there and how  
do these animals and plants survive?***

***Today we are honored to have Dr. Wendy Trowbridge, the  
Director of Restoration and Conservation Science  
Programs, from the Laguna Foundation tell to us about  
these secrets! She is a wetland plant ecologist and has  
done research on invasive species, wetland communities  
and aquatic webs.***

***Even if you haven't explored the trails and waters of this  
special gem located so near us, come and have this expert  
share her experiences and knowledge of a very active and  
enchanting part of our own Sonoma County!***

PROGRAM FOR JUNE 24

"The Debunking of our Club President"



June 24, 2016

*Come to an evening of delicious food, great friends and  
our club's premier Debunking for our President Rick!*

*Friday, June 24, 2016*

*5:00 P.M.*

*Community Church Courtyard*

*Tickets Cost \$35.00*

