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OVERCOMING OBSTACLES



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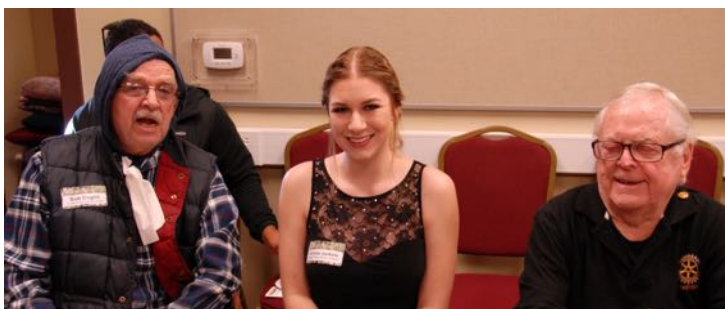


“All the News that Fits We Print”

BEFORE THE BELL

The Rotary Club of Sebastopol held the morning Overcoming Obstacles 2017 event – its seventh annual leadership conference – for six participating West County High School students. These students were selected to attend the conference based on their perseverance in overcoming obstacles in their lives – obstacles not faced by many of their peers – and who hold a clear vision of their future.

Each of the students was paired with a Rotarian “mentor” (guide for the day) who stayed with them for the morning leadership conference and, more importantly, provided support for them as they prepared to speak to the assembled Rotary Club and guests. Mentors included Bob Cugini, Tony Given, Diana Wilson, Les Crawford, Linda Johnson, Dennis Judd and Aleia Coate.





After coffee and snacks and some ice breaking, **President David Schreibman**, the morning emcee, called the conference to order at 9:30 am. **David** welcomed the students, the committee members, and (unknown to the students) three community members who were attending the session to act as judges. **David** briefly spoke about the goals and methods of Rotary, described the upcoming events of the day and stressed the importance of the morning session with an emphasis on “networking”.

The first speaker was Neysa Hinton. Neysa is presently a member of the Sebastopol City Council. She was a member of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol for many years – one of the first women to join the club. She is a third-generation Sonoma County resident.



Neysa spoke of the obstacles she faced as a young woman. Her parents abruptly moved the family out of Sebastopol to Montana when she was in the seventh grade beginning an odyssey that would continue for years as they moved again and again. It seemed like each year brought a new school, a new program often in a new state. From Montana to California to Arizona to Idaho the unstable life continued.

She was fortunate to land a job at a radio station as a seventeen-year-old and finally decided to end the traveling life electing to stay in Idaho when her parents planned their next move. She lived on her own and supported herself working in various aspects of sales and on-air work. She found that the obstacles don’t end when you graduate from high school and she emphasized that you must keep striving. Despite setbacks Neysa has had a successful career in media and now politics. She left the students with this advice – Get a degree; Have a good friend; Give someone else a hand when you can.

The second speaker of the morning was Jose Guillen. Jose is a Rotarian and currently President of the Santa Rosa Rotary club. Jose is the executive officer of the Superior Courts in San Rosa. Jose was born in Guatemala. Due to his father’s job the parents lived separately. When he was nine his parents immigrated to the U.S. but were forced to leave him with his grandparents while they got settled. It took five years of separation before he rejoined his family in a small house in Southeast Central Los Angeles.



Despite these obstacles, Jose got a job in the Court system in Los Angeles and never looked back. He worked his way up for temporary worker to Executive Officer. He can’t wait to retire to spend more time with his children and many grandchildren.

Jose emphasized to the students the everyone will face adversity in their lives. It is guaranteed. The students have already shown strength and resilience in their

willingness to share their story. He told them to believe and hope. And to help others if they can.

Speaker number three was Rotary Club of Sebastopol’s very own **Dorothy Rodella**. **Dorothy** is Vice President and Regional Manager at Exchange Bank and a pillar in the Sebastopol community. **Dorothy** showed a beautiful picture of herself which she described as “Corporate **Dorothy**.” She then gave a moving account of her difficult road to success as



Future Programs

April 21, 2017

Speaker: Bob Rubin

Program: Magic Beasts of a Magic Place

April 28, 2017

Speaker: Zack Neeley

Program: Coaching Boys into Men

May 5, 2017

Speaker: Walt Hayes

Program: Analy High School Maker Program

May 12, 2017

Speaker: TBA

Program: TBA

May 19, 2017

Emcee: Dark

Program: District Conference, Lake Tahoe

Future Events

SCARC Dinner (Club hosted) ("Keeping Girls in School") – 4/27 (at church)

Learn to Swim 4/24 – 5/18

District Conf. (Tahoe) 5/12-14

RI Conv. (Atlanta) – 6/10-14

Miscellany

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–JackE Dunlap@gmail.com

On-line Make-Ups:

www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

546-1234

INTERACT MAKEUPS

Analy High: Check Day, Time with
Dan Rasmus or Donna Pantzer

Brook Haven: Check Day, Time with
Pauline Pellini or Mike Carey

Orchard View: Check Day, Time with Lisa Jacobs

Twin Hills: Check Day, Time with Dan Rasmus or
Monica Kretschmer

For all Interact Mtgs.: CALL AHEAD TO

CONFIRM MEETINGS

! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !

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Corporate **Dorothy**- starting at the bottom in the banking world and, through hard work and grit, moving up year after year. She said that her motto has always been "When life changes to be harder, change yourself to be stronger".

Dorothy Rodella spoke of the many obstacles she faced and overcame. Today she is happily married to Ron. The students were moved and spoke of how impressed they were. Dorothy left the group with one of her favorite quotes, My mother worked too hard for me not to be great."

AT THE BELL

At High Noon, Rotarians and Guests stood and applauded as **Bob Cugini** introduced the student Honorees. Carissa Jenkins, Zoe Giglio, Rosio Martinez, Bergen Hartman, Emanuel EJ Periera, and Brenna Whitehead.



The Pledge of Allegiance was led by District Governor Wulff Reinhold. **Keller McDonald** led the group in "This Land is Your Land".

At slightly before 12:30, President David called the meeting to order.

GUESTS

Donna Pantzer's husband Michael, **David Still's** wife Nan, **Richard Power** introduced wife Trish, **Larry Ford** introduced wife Gerry, **Cindy Carter** introduced her sister Shelly, **Hal Kwalwasser** introduced his wife Estelle Rogers, **Jeff Boal** brought along his wife Jean and son Michael, Kay Warren came with **Jerry**, **Scott Briggs** introduced *Sonoma West* editor Bleys Rose, **Mia Del Prete** introduced Karen Lamb, **Paul Yeomans** introduced Missy Rossi, **Steve Prandini** brought his son-in-law TJ McKillop, Rev Benjamin Broadbent was introduced.

President David introduced our morning speakers Neysa Hinton, Jose Guillen and **Dorothy Rodella**.



EVEN MORE GUESTS from Academia

Steve Kellner introduced many guests and visitors including

Sarah Haley, Carmelina Grant, Heidi Pedrazzetti, Laura Malcolm, Matt Dunkle, Amy Liu Miller, Kim Finch, Kent Cromwell, Shauna Ferdinandson, Doug Pepe

Also in attendance was Sebastopol Mayor Una Glass



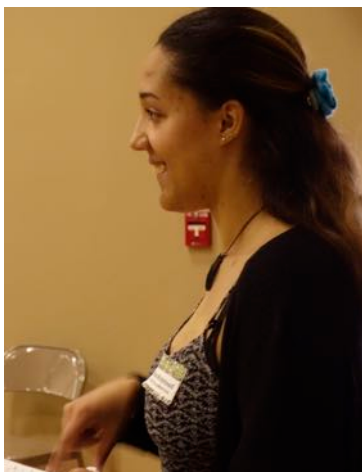
THE PROGRAM – OVERCOMING OBSTACLES



Past President **Rick Wilson** took the podium to act as Master of Ceremonies for the Program Each of the honored students had been paired with a mentor but also Sponsors. **Rick** introduced the sponsors seated with the students They included **Larry and Gerry Ford, Sally and David Ewald, Richard and Trish Power, Jim Passage, Jerry and Kay Warren, and Hal Kwalwasser and Estelle Rogers.**

Rick then introduced the student honorees.

Brenna Whitehead



Brenna is a senior at Laguna. She began by stating that her most important quality is stubbornness. She has battled depression and illness for years – at one point feeling like giving up. She felt she had no support system and that she would never make her mark. Her low point was at age 12. Today, six years later she holds a full-time job and is “adulting”

She faces each new obstacle and deals with it. She recently was ill and in hospital but she insisted that she come to today’s event. She now feels she has a support system to rely on.

Bergen Hartman

Bergen felt she had a typical middle class suburban upbringing until age 10. Her family then abruptly moved and finally fragmented. She lost contact with her father. Her difficulties continued as she tried to keep up her grades while working full time to support herself. She was struck by illness which has still not been completely diagnosed and treated.

Despite her medical issues, she intends move to San Diego and go into the medical field or engineering. She said that her real goal is “to be a kind and caring person.”



Emanuel EJ Periera



EJ is a senior at El Molino and has been battling cancer since his first diagnosis in the fourth grade. He has had tumors removed on several occasions and been treated with chemotherapy and radiation. He most recently has treatment at UCSF and has been pronounced cancer-free.

EJ has made many close friends at a camp for kids like him battling cancer. He enjoys politics and talking about politics and may study Political Science. He is also interested in medicine and radiology. EJ plans to attend Santa Rosa Junior College then transfer to a four-year school.

Rosio Martinez



Rosio attends El Molino High School. She has had an unstable family life since age 4, often living in group homes and foster care. She said that she made some poor choices along the way, often hanging out with the wrong crowd. She has left these bad influences behind. After a brush with death, she said that she has recovered and is determined to go to college.

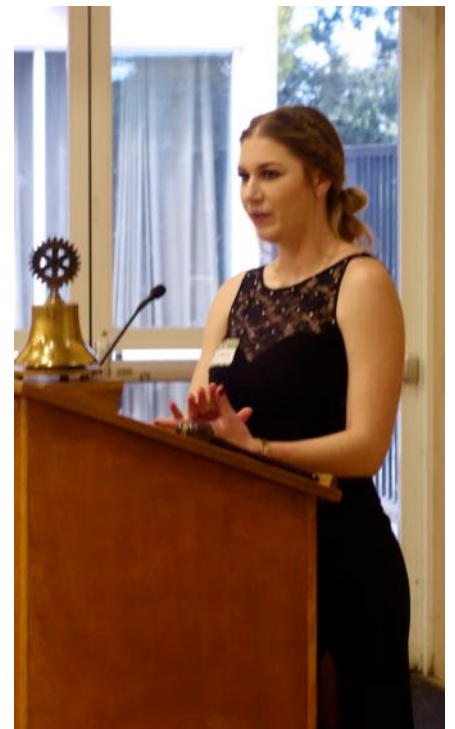
After leaving placement, she has found support and love from her aunt Jenn.

She has learned new coping skills and wants to be a “successful woman.”

Carissa Jenkins

Carissa is a senior at Analy High. When she was young, her mother was misdiagnosed as bipolar and placed on medication that caused erratic behavior. Carissa chose to go into foster care. She said that foster care was not too bad and that the people she lived with were caring. She reunited with her mother after several years but they were unable to have a healthy relationship and often fought. Carissa was diagnosed with a rare illness that she has battled successfully so far.

Carissa has also found a new love—Cheerleading. She coaches cheer and loves working with kids. She has been accepted to Sonoma State and will study nursing in the Fall.



Zoe Giglio

Zoe is a senior at Analy High School. When she was younger, she felt she could not learn things like her classmates. She struggled to keep up with her studies. Testing showed a learning disability. She continued to struggle and fell in with a bad crowd. She often felt she had no control over her life.

With the inspiration of an English teacher and attending a wilderness camp, she chose the option of a safe and rewarding life. She has worked hard and now carries a 4.3 GPA. She has been accepted to several colleges and has yet to select which one she will attend.





After the student finished their presentations, **Rick Wilson** took the podium while the judges determined who would receive an additional \$1000 scholarship. Rick told a joke which will not be repeated here – You can ask him if you really want to hear it but be warned.....

The Student honorees then introduced their guests. Carissa introduced teacher Sarah Haley. Zoe introduced her parents Lisa Ehrlich and John Deaguilar. Rosio introduced her aunt Jenn Peoples. Bergen introduced Laura Malcolm and Emily Farrant. EJ introduced his father Emanuel Sr. Brenna introduced Denise Whitehead.

When the judges, Carlo Rossi , Mickey Porter and **Yvette Williams Van Aggelen**, and finished their work, they had determined the Brenna Whitehead would receive the additional scholarship support. Everyone agreed that all of the students had won.





THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Thought for the Day – **Steve Kellner** shared a very appropriate message from Booker T. Washington “Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome”

THE FINAL BELL

President David rang the bell exactly at 1:30pm!

Future Programs

April 21, 2017: Dr. Robert Rubin, Magic Beasts of a Magic Place

Robert Rubin, marine biologist and Director of the Pacific Manta Research Group. He earned a Ph.D. in comparative physiology and marine ecology from the University of California, Irvine, studying animals that live at environmental extremes. He has conducted research on fish eating bats, ice breeding seals and sea elephants that dive to depths in excess of 5,000 feet on a single

breath. His field studies of the oceanic manta rays have been chronicled and aired internationally by The Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, BBC and National Geographic.

Robert developed an interest in marine creatures as a teenager while teaching in a youth summer camp on Catalina Island, where he learned to SCUBA dive. The elegance and grace of giant mantas resulted in what is now a passionate pursuit

of a scientific understanding of these charismatic giants; which he affectionately refers to as “Flying Carpets of Ebony Silk”.

Robert has taught marine biology at several colleges and universities in California and elsewhere. The recipient of numerous awards for teaching excellence, he has been recognized for his teaching by the California State Assembly and Senate, The Congress of the United States, the University of California, Irvine and Santa Rosa Junior College. He is the recipient of the ASCD award for teaching excellence, and in 1996, he was chosen by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as the California College and University Professor of the Year.

May 5, 2017: Walt Hayes, Analy High School Project Make

Walt Hays started teaching Math at Analy High in 2004 and currently teaches Computer Science and Project Make. He has taught Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus, Computer Programming, Advanced Placement Computer Science, and Project Make. Walt received his teaching credential from Sonoma State, and a BA from UC Davis in International Relations with a minor in Russian. Before becoming a teacher he spent 14 years at a Bay Area software company, finishing up as engineering manager. He loves long distance cycling, plays guitar, and raises chickens (see his web site, www.dogatemyhomework.com, for a link to his automatic chicken door, version 3.0.) Walt was honored as a West County Teacher of the Year in 2016, and was selected by a recent Analy graduating class to be the faculty speaker, where he performed an original song about the joys of teaching and learning at Analy High to a graduation audience of 2,000 people.

Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – April 11, 2017

Continuing our effort to be more informative and transparent about what our remarkable club is doing, here is our ninth month's installment of our committees' updates. This summary includes reports for the **April** Board meeting on April 11, 2017. For each monthly meeting, I've asked the directors for each area of service to summarize in writing the current status of the committees under their purview. The AppleKnocker team has once again edited the reports to make them more readable. The more you know, the more you'll likely be as proud as I am about our amazing club. Perhaps you'll even share this gift with someone new and invite them to lunch.

Yours in Rotary Service, **David Schreibman**



[You can see the full Directors' reports at ClubRunner| MemberArea| MyClubRunner| ViewClubDocuments| BoardMeetingMinutes| 2016-2017. –Ed.]

COMMUNITY SERVICES AREA – DIRECTOR RICK WILLIAMS:



CRAB FEED (Chair: **Nao Noguchi**) – Done. A recap meeting was held.

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Linda Johnson**) – The Board approved additional funds. The grants were selected by the committee. Funds have been distributed.

DICTIONARY COMMITTEE (Chair: **Paul Yeomans**) – Paul has not updated me as of this meeting.

FOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE (or a "Food" oriented program) (Chair: none) – Nothing new to report.

LEARN TO SWIM COMMITTEE (Chairs: **Greg Jacobs, Rick Wilson**) – **Rick Wilson** and **Greg Jacobs** are recruiting at this time. Friday he sent announcements and emails to last year's volunteers. The dates are confirmed with Ives Pool (April 24 – May 18). Approximately 380 children. Classes are being created based on stated ability

level and/or special needs. Bags are here. Tee shirts are here. **Cindy Carter** has volunteered to keep the database for volunteer contact information. The committee is continuing to maintain contact with the schools to keep the teachers up to date. They are on top of it (as always).

LEARN WITH ME COMMITTEE (Chairs: **Mike Carey, Linda Irving, Patti Blount**) – According to **Patti Blount**, the committee was meeting with **Barbara Bickford** to discuss and develop criteria for evaluation of benefits/success of the program. Evaluations have been distributed to all the teachers for input/feedback and **Patti** says that the teachers are very pleased with the program. A template for further evaluation of the program is included with this report.

TEACHER MINI GRANTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Keller McDonald**) – The Spring deadline for submissions has passed. 45 applications, requesting over \$20,000, have been received for the spring round. The committee has approximately \$26,000 to allocate for this round. The committee is meeting next week to make recommendations and submit those to **President David** and the board for funding approval.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Steve Beck**) – Project A: Peace Garden at Public Works (corner of Morris and Johnson streets) – The Planning department held a meeting on February 14, 2017 at which time a motion to forward the project to the City council was made and approved by the Board. The next hurdle is the City Council at this point who wants to know who will be responsible for future maintenance before approving. The estimated installation cost, from Julie Cugini, is \$2,000.

Steve is still pursuing the village Trailer Park for a homeless project.

I was approached by **Cory Maguire** regarding the Senior Citizens' Center flooring replacement needs. I told her that we had available funds and told her to contact Steve.

I have notified **Steve** that the rotary bench at Ives Park needs replacing.

VOLUNTEER REQUEST COMMITTEE (Proposed new committee, requested by **Katy Spyrrka**) – No update.

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: (Chairs: **Henry Alker, Steve Zivolich**) – **Henry** will be presenting to the Board Meeting.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION COMMITTEE (Chair: **Peggy Rogers**) – The committee is having its final meeting on May 2, at 5:30, at **Peggy's** house to determine its goals for next year and to see who will step up to take charge. They will review the committee's accomplishments. Business cards have been made with the crisis # 707-546-1234 printed in both English and Spanish to hand out to our members. (Our club shared the expense with the sunrise Club, \$100 each). The committee has developed a mission/vision statement.

THE MISSION: The Family Safety/domestic Violence Committee is dedicated to raising community awareness of the extent, seriousness, and cost of domestic violence, locally and globally. We provide community education and we support organizations that serve affected families/individuals.

THE VISION: To be a community locally and globally where domestic violence is a distant memory and the well-being of every family member/individual is assured.

Peggy is working with **Hal Kwalwasser** to develop pages on our website. **Bill Sauber** is designing a poster with YWCA crisis # printed all in English and Spanish to post around the communities in Sonoma County. Bill has also written a draft letter that we plan to send to the NFL Commissioner, requesting his players wear a purple glove during domestic Violence Month in October since they have issues in this area. The committee will be asking for a budget of \$1,000 from each of the participating clubs to pay for posters, needs of the YWCA domestic violence victims, and possible speaker costs for next year. **Helaine Campbell** and **Peggy** have put together a trifold poster and handouts displayed at the district Training Assembly where interest in doing more in other communities to support victims and raise awareness was generated. **DGE Bob Rogers** announced the committee's efforts from the podium. The committee is actively involved in the Rotarians international effort to establish a Rotary Action Group ragfamsafe.org and a few plan to meet with others from around the world at the Atlanta Convention and share ideas and best practices. Some members of the committee attended the Santa Rosa East club to support the YWCA paddle raise at their annual St. Paddy's day fundraiser, (\$20,000 plus for the YWCA). They have also invited club members to take a tour of the family Justice Center in Santa Rosa.

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – Director Jackie Moreira:

INTERACT program has begun (**Chair: Dan Rasmus**): -- Minor updates

ANALY (Dan Rasmus, Donna Pantzer) – Analy Lip Sync Battle on April 7 benefitted a student recently diagnosed with brain stem cancer. Analy raised just under \$2,400 in tips at the Crab feed. \$400 of that went to Brookhaven Interact for their help in setup and having some volunteers serving that night.

BROOK HAVEN (Pauline Pellini, Mike Carey) – Brook Haven donated \$1,500 to Ant Hill Foundation, held a very successful coat drive for the homeless, held a Valentine Lolly Pop sale and are planning a school improvement project. They also set tables for the Crab Feed the Friday before and served the night of the event. They are also planning an ice cream sale after school when the weather is better. The officers now speak about the club's activities at school assemblies. This is great because the school learns about Interact and what they do and the officers gain speaking and leadership experience.

ORCHARD VIEW (Lisa Jacobs) – No report as of 3/1 – I will forward anything I get prior to your meeting.

TWIN HILLS CHARTER (Dan Rasmus, Monica Kretschmer) – Twin Hills is planning either a talent show or movie night in the spring – to raise money for "Keeping Girls in School".

WILLOWSIDE (Bret Page) – Bret has expressed interest in starting an Interact Club. Board gave preliminary approval if anyone wants to pick up on this.



YOUTH EXCHANGE (Chair: Katy Spyрка) – Current Inbound Malene from Denmark is living with her third family, **Matt, Aleia,** and **Bruschi**. Malene went on the trip to Hawaii and will be going to the East Coast for a week 4/8. Current Outbound Lindsey Rippert in Italy doing well with her third family. Her parents are going over there for a visit and will spend a week in her town. Next Year's Outbound MeeKa [capital "K"] Martin will be going to Taiwan. Next year's Inbound is a girl from Paraguay. We need host families and will talk to the club 4/7. We are committing to participate 2018-2019 and will be recruiting – several leads. *We always need help finding host families.*

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (Co-Chairs: Tom Boag, Donna Pantzer, Barbara Bickford) – We are in the last stages of getting all students, guests, sponsors, mentors, judges, committee members, and more participants organized. It is going well for our event on April 14. Including committee, there are some 60 total people involved and event is one of our club's best attended. **Rick Wilson** and **Harry Simms** are assisting students with their speeches – an important part of the service, since most of the students have not addressed 120 people before. Like last year, one student will three sessions to be ready. We do whatever necessary to make the students win.

Our Friday 4/14 event begins at 9:00 am for the students, committee members, judges then moves to our regular rotary meeting at 11:45.

RYLA (ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS) (Co-Chairs: Cindy Carter, Tom Boag) – (Summer 2017) – No Update -- The RYLA program is heating up at this time of year. The Committee has the following plan in place:

- 1) Feb 5 – Distribute RYLA flyer and application forms to Carmelina Grant., College and Career Center Coordinator (Analy) and Kim Finch (Laguna). Also to **Dan Rasmus** and **Donna Pantzer** (Analy Interact Leadership Team) and to Barbara Bickford (Twin Hills school district Superintendent).
- 2) Counselors and teachers invite qualified students to apply and make applications available.
- 3) February 24 – Applications due
- 4) March 15 – Interviews completed
- 5) March 17 – Award recipients notified

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (Chair, Founder: Henry Alker) – (Spring 2017) – The committee has received the packet from SRJC with qualified candidates and will be selecting shortly. Three scholarships of \$4,000 each. 10 STEM applicants; 32 General applicants; 26 Sciences.

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (**Chair: Larry Ford**) – Completed and successful.

TRADE PATHS/VOCATIONAL AWARDS (**Chair: Rick Williams and Mike Carey**) – Completed and successful.

FINANCIAL LITERACY (**Chair: Tim Moore**) – (May 2017) – **Tim** is working on scheduling times to have speakers go into the classrooms for Analy and El Molino. We usually do it in early May. The goal is to get in front of every senior before they fly the coop in order to plant a few seeds about Financial Life Skills.

ANALY HS CAREER FAIR (Chairs: **Tom Lambert** and **Linda Johnson**) – (Spring 2017, first week in March) \$300 budget. I spoke with Carmelina at Analy regarding Career fair. They are making different plans on how to introduce students to vocations. There will be mock interviews and special guests of different careers. It will be scheduled for the entire first week of March. Carmelina will get in touch with us in a couple of weeks.

SREF Liaison Report: **Jackie Moreira** – SREF passed a motion to continue funding a SREF to Club Matching grant but, unfortunately, I don't have a copy of it yet. Jack has been informed of the parameters.

SREF will entertain Rotary Community Grants applications that the club may want to send their way.

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA (WCS) – Director Frank Mayhew:



There is no report from the WCS committee for the month.

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE: Some updates for the upcoming month:

Raffle drawing will be on 4/28. Raffle prizes are still needed, we can add them all month long – here is what we have so far:

Wine bottles (Thank you **Yvette**)

Whiskey and Wine tasting Certificates (Thank you **Frank**)

2 Box seats to Santa Rosa Symphony May 6-8 – date to be selected (Thank you, **Ewalds**)

\$100 Gift card at Corks (Thank you Corks and **Sally** for asking)

1 Bottle of Wine from Russian River Vineyards (Thank you to **Sally** for asking)

Events Planned:

4/7 – Email reminder to go out before meeting. A reminder during the meeting and a summary of raffle prizes. **Yvette/Karen/Ruthie** in the back table collecting \$. I'll bring the raffle tickets and club roster.

4/14 – TRF Topic TBD

4/21 – Centennial Celebration day – special lunch, TRF History overview, PHF presentations by DGE Bob Rogers and PDG Bruce Campbell (a special one).

4/28 – Recap of the Month and Drawing.

CLUB SERVICE AREA – Director Jerry Warren:

PROGRAM COMMITTEE (**Chair: Russ Cunningham**) All available speaker dates have been filled.

AV (AUDIO VISUAL) COMMITTEE (**Chair: Ron Puccinelli**) – Nothing new to report.

APPLEKNOCKER SCRIBES AND PHOTOGRAPHERS (**Chair: Harvey Henningsen**) – AppleKnocker Scribes and Photographers: All photographer and scribe assignments have been filled for the current year.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE (**Chair: Mia Del Prete**) – Nothing new to report.

PR (PUBLIC RELATIONS) COMMITTEE (**Chair: Hal Kwalwasser**). Nothing new to report.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS COMMITTEE (**Chair: Nao Noguchi**) – Nothing new to report.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE (**Chair: Cindy Carter**) – Club members and friends donated \$875 to the Speech Contest and \$250 to the trade Path Awards during March.

APPLEKNOCKER (**Chair: Tom Boag**) – Nothing new to report.

CLUB HISTORY / ARCHIVE “COMMITTEE” (**Chair: Tom Boag**) – Nothing new to report

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (**Chair: Jeff Boal**) – We had to postpone our March meeting and won't be meeting again until May as Jean and I will be gone for a couple weeks to New York and Iceland. Still working on good date.

As you know from attending, we have an active Mentoring task force headed up by **Dave Madsen**. A new mentoring guide has been developed and several “mentors” have been trained. We are moving forward on a critical phase of getting new people adequately acclimated and engaged.

Additionally, **Rick Wilson** has been doing a great job getting Rotary Information together and so the last four members who have come into the club have had information quite quickly and it looks like they are getting engaged well into committees.



We still have a few cylinders in the engine to get firing consistently and at full power. Hopefully, by the end of the year, the committee will be at full speed.

CLUB ACTIVITIES AREA – Director Mia Del Prete:



FRIENDSHIP DINNERS COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Peggy Rogers** and **Ruthie Dunlap**) – No Update

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (Chair: **Tim Moore**) – The Rotary Golf tournament will be held with the morning club on Friday April 28th. It will be a 1:00 shotgun start at Northwood Golf course in Guerneville. We expect between 36 and 50 golfers to play and have dinner after at the course. This is not a fundraiser but is a fellowship event. Our goal is to at least break even with entry fee of \$85 including dinner and \$40 dinner only. We will sell raffle tickets to cover any extra expenses.

HOLIDAY PARTY (Chair: **Ellen Harrington**) – Done

SUPER BOWL BOARD (Co-Chairs: **Torrey Olson** and **Aleia Coate**) – Done

100 YEAR ROTARY FOUNDATION CELEBRATION (Chair: **Dan Rasmus**) – The 100 Year Rotary foundation will be held on Friday, April 21 during the regular meeting. **Dan Rasmus** will be the MC of the event.

DEBUNKING (Chair: **Keller McDonald**) – No update at this time as **Keller** is out of the country. Still planning on Debunking to be held on Friday, June 23 at the Church.