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"All the News that Fits We Print"



AT THE BELL

With apologies to, and in the poetic meter of, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*

*'Twas the week before Holidays, and all through the room,
 Folk knew something special would soon be festooned!
 Sparkling wine flutes were set on the tables with care,
 We all clearly felt celebration in the air!*

*The spirit of service Paul Harris and Arch Klumph long ago saw,
 Showed in our Club's fall Rotary Foundation giving -- \$25,000! ... Yee-Haw!!*



President David invited **Michele Kimble** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The room crooned **Winter Wonderland** in sweet harmony and anticipation of the upcoming Holidays (and 2 weeks of no Rotary meetings, as the Club will be "dark" on December 23 and 30).

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS



Visiting Rotarian **Mike Cook**, classification Computer Consultant, from the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise was introduced. **Mike** reported on the telemedicine international project in which is a partnership involving Sebastopol Sunrise, our Club, Rancho Cotati, Santa Rosa, and Valley of the Moon; and Rotoact Clubs at Sonoma State University and the University of Eleutheria, Nigeria. The project provides live-streaming Internet telemedicine connectivity between medical staff at Sonoma West Medical Center, a medical college and clinic in Yenagna, Nigeria, and medical providers in such far-flung spots as Nepal, the Philippines and the Bahamas. The telemedicine program provides educational support for the medical students and support for patient care. **Mike** shared two wonderful outgrowths of this project. First, the project has improved the quality of care for a number of clinical patients; and second, the project has helped significantly increase rate of completion medical students at the University of Yenagna. This amazing international project is now growing to rural areas in India!

🍎 Future Programs 🍎

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DARK

December 30, 2016

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January 6, 2017

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Crab Feed tickets are now on sale (\$70 – see Club website).

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–[Jack Dunlap@gmail.com](mailto:Jack.Dunlap@gmail.com)

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

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 !!!

LINKS: [Pinot for Polio](#) [Sebastopol Rotary Website](#)

Dr. Steve Kellner

introduced guests from Laguna High School: Kent Cromwell, principal; Bruce Myers, teacher; and Brenna Whitehead, student. Brenna was a former Interact officer, and has been a guest of the Club several times. Bruce urged Rotarian support for a project to provide yearbooks for all seniors at Laguna this year. Kent and Brenna thanked the Club for a Community Grant last year that funded \$8,170 to purchase 38 Chromebook laptops for Laguna students to use. Brenna said the computers have increased the number of students who complete their classwork, which has led to improved student grades Laguna – including her personal 4.0 grade point average for fall semester! The computers are also being used by students to apply for college scholarships. Brenna said, “Thanks from me, personally, and from all the students at Laguna High!” for this Community Grant project.



Ken Jacobs introduced Orchard View Charter School Interact Co-Presidents Jack Jacobs, Middle School Co-President; and Kori Kukott, High School Co-President. Jack and Kori shared a list of Orchard View Interact projects so far this year, including a school dance, spirit week, food drive, and adopt-a-family. Future projects planned include a jogathon, movie night, spring dance, and more. Orchard View Interact recently designated \$150 from a fundraiser to help the “Keep African Girls in School Project” in partnership with the Ant Hill Foundation!

Jack and Kori thanked Rotary because the Orchard View



fall dance, “had the greatest AV and lights of any school in the county!”

Robin Maybury introduced returning guest Francis Boratovich. **Dr. Larry Ford** introduced his wonderful wife and future Club First Lady, **Gerry**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Grant Applications are now being accepted (see Club website).

Club will be dark (no meetings) on December 23 and December 30.

Crab Feed tickets are now on sale (\$70 – see Club website).

Don't forget ... Domestic Violence Hotline 546-1234.

Anniversary Recognitions

Meredeth and BJ Bertacco were recognized for their anniversary on October 10. Meredith didn't remember exactly what they did to celebrate, but that's OK because, “We celebrate all the time!”



Ken and Nancy Silvera were recognized for their 22nd anniversary on October 16



Bob and Julie Cugini were recognized for their anniversary on November 5. Bob reported they enjoyed a nice dinner at K&L as part of their “Dining On the Town” raffle winnings!



Robin and Jean Maybury actually celebrated 35 years together, not 3 years are reported in Club Runner.





Contrary to the day and year listed in Club Runner, **Guy and Michelle Smith** were married November 12, 1978 -- 13,812 days ago, according to **Guy's** precise calculations! **Guy and Michelle** celebrated with a family dinner at Willowwood.



Patti and John Blount's anniversary was today, and were celebrating by attending Rotary! When asked how they would spend their special day, **John** quipped, "Rotary lunch, a Rotary dinner tonight, followed by some Rotary work this evening." **Patti** chimed in, "Maybe not!" President David collected \$5 each in recognition of their special day.

THE RAFFLE

Bob Cugini had the winning raffle ticket and correctly identified the "What's My Line" Rotarian, **Bill Lippert** – accounting. Bob won \$25 for his efforts!



Special Celebration



President David asked us to fill our glasses with sparkling wine and raise a toast to the Club's accomplishment of raising over \$25,000 in contributions to the Rotary Foundation in our fall Foundation giving drive.

David said, "This significant achievement shows the dedication and commitment of each of you to "doing good in the world." Then, **President David** welcomed none other than Paul Harris himself (?) to the podium!

Mr. Harris (who had some vague similarities to **Dan Rasmus**) commented on his lovely train ride from Chicago to the west coast, and reflected on the history and impact of Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. He reminded us that the Rotary Foundation was started by **Arch Klumph** with just over \$26 at a Rotary convention in Atlanta 100 years ago, and it is fitting the Rotary International convention returns to Atlanta this year! Thanks for visiting and celebrating with us, **Paul!**



Rotary Club of Sebastopol Superstars

President David recognized a bevy of Rotary of Sebastopol Superstars, including

- **Peggy Rogers** for her endless energy for Rotary and her service on the new Domestic Violence Prevention Committee
- **Dan Rasmus** for his wonderful work as Rotary Foundation Committee Chair
- **Hal Kwalwasser** for his super service as Public Relations Committee Chair
- **Michele Kimble** for her help with publicity and support behind the scenes at so many Club fundraisers and activities
- **Sally Ewald** for her constant help behind the scenes
- **Dorothy Rodella** for saying “yes” whenever asked, for her help with Rotary Foundation committee and treasure transitions, and for putting her heart into Rotary
- **Richard Power** for sharing his ideas and perspectives as a Past President, and always looking out for what’s best for the Club
- **Mario Ramos** for being our food connection and providing great gastronomic support!



THE PROGRAM: Marianne McBride, Council on Aging



Katy Spirka introduced our guest speaker, Marianne McBride who shared the work of the Council on Aging. Marianne, a 5th generation Sonoma County resident, has a background in non-profit organizational management. She has been President and CEO of the Council on Aging since 2009. Marianne shared that the Sonoma County population over 60 years old has increased from 80,000 in 2005 to 125,000 in 2016, and is estimated to be 160,000 – one-third of the population – in 20 years. Forty percent of Sonoma County seniors are considered low-income, with many relying on

Social Security. Seniors share several main concerns: transportation (chances are, we will be non-drivers for 10 years as seniors), housing (is one's home built for senior mobility?), financial resources, and loss of connection with one's community.

The Council on Aging's 84 staff members promote the welfare of seniors through programs and services in five areas: social well-being, financial, legal, nutrition, and health. The Council's Meals on Wheels and dining sites provide 285,000 meals in Sonoma County annually. The Council has a senior day care program to provide respite for family members, and sponsors the Sonoma Senior Games which attract 1600 participants in 17 events.

The Council on Aging is very excited about the "Aging Together" initiative which encourages cities and governmental groups to earn an "age-friendly" designation by attending to senior welfare issues including transportation, physical barriers and social connectivity.



Thought for the Day: John Blount



"It has been my observation that the happiest of people, the vibrant doers of the world, are almost always those who are using- who are putting into play, calling upon, depending upon the greatest number of their God-given talents and abilities " -John Glenn

President David rang the bell at exactly 1:30 pm

Christmas Party 2016



Adopt-a-Family @ Sebastopol Fire Department



Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – December 13, 2016

Continuing our effort to be more informative and transparent about what our remarkable club is doing, here is our sixth month's installment of our committees' updates. This summary includes reports from the **December** Board meeting. 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 Schreiber**



[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**) – (Members: **Richard Power, Jim Pacatte, Donna Pantzer, Tom Boag, Tom Dilley, Cindy Carter, Jim Raffini, Aldean Noethig, Tony Given, Scott Briggs, Chair Nao Noguchi**) Held first planning meeting on November 17th. Crab Feed to be held February 11, 2017 at the Holy Ghost Hall (reserved). All appropriate documents (hall contract, ABC, etc.) in process. Ticket price set to be \$70 – compared to Healdsburg Rotary: \$80, and Farm bureau: \$95. Tickets will be available at Exchange Bank and Online (PayPal). Bank, advertising, volunteer recruitment, raffle, and other duties have been identified and assigned to responsible individuals in the committee. **Nao** is on top of it.

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Linda Johnson**) – Community Grants was launched December 10th with online feature. Grant applications are available.

DICTIONARY COMMITTEE (Chair: **Paul Yeomans**) – Books are ordered and bill is pending. Delivery is not expected until early 2017. Schools have been identified. Contact was made by morning club to coordinate with their program so as to avoid duplication or "turf infringement".

FOOD DRIVE COMMITTEE (Chair: none) – (This committee was dependent on the previous chairperson. The objective of this committee was to collect food and distribute it to various non-profits in the area. From my understanding, there wasn't a lot of food that was collected. It may be better served to create a new focus. Input is welcome.)

LEARN TO SWIM COMMITTEE (Chairs: **Greg Jacobs, Rick Wilson**) – Nothing happening until after the first of the year.

LEARN WITH ME COMMITTEE (Chairs: **Mike Carey, Linda Irving, Patti Blount**) – Mike was unable to provide an update due to time constraints. He will provide an update within the next two weeks and I will forward to the board.

TEACHER MINI GRANTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Keller McDonald**) – As of November 21st, the committee had met and reviewed the applications that have been received as of this date: 76 from 22 various schools for a total of \$31,564.95. Some schools did not respond. The committee is recommending the following:

"The TMG Committee recommends the Club board fund the following 28 TMG applications for fall 2016 for a total of \$11,585.32, leaving \$2,404.68 as the beginning balance for spring 2017 Teacher Mini-Grants:

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| • Analy High School (4) - \$1,854.65 | • Laguna High School (1) - \$400.00 |
| • Apple Blossom Elementary (2) - \$620.53 | • Monte Rio Elementary (1) - \$428.00 |
| • Brook Haven School (2) - \$820.00 | • Oak Grove Elementary School (1) - \$458.00 |
| • El Molino High School (2) - \$1,000.00 | • Park Side Elementary (2) - \$956.00 |
| • Fort Ross Elementary (1) - \$432.32 | • Salmon Creek School (1) - \$498.48 |
| • Gravenstein Elementary (2) - \$750.00 | • Summerfield Waldorf School (1) - \$363.42 |
| • Guerneville Elementary (2) - \$760.01 | • SunRidge Charter School (1) - \$497.95 |
| • Harmony Elementary (1) - \$149.80 | • West So. Co. Special Education Cons.(1) - \$350.00 |
| • Hillcrest Middle School (1) - \$240.16 | • Willowside Middle School (1) - \$500.00 |
| • Journey High (private) (1) - \$500.00 | |

The TMG Committee requests the Club Board approve these fall Teacher Mini-grants and direct the **Club Treasurer** to prepare checks for immediate distribution to the schools."

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Steve Beck**) – The projects that are currently underway are as follows:

- **Peace Garden** at the Sebastopol Public Works building on Morris: **Bob and Julie Cugini** are spearheading this project. Plans and information have been submitted to the city for their review. Still waiting for their reply.

The committee is eager for suggestions for new projects.

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

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: (Chairs: **Henry Alker**, **Steve Zivolich**) – No Status as of this date.

NEW COMMITTEES:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION COMMITTEE (Chair: **Peggy Rogers**) – Peggy is promoting information on numerous fronts to keep up awareness: e.g., online videos, the AppleKnocker, flyers, handouts, meetings, press releases, and articles in local newspapers and radio.

http://www.ted.com/talks/leslie_morgan_steiner_why_domestic_violence_victims_don_t_leave

https://www.ted.com/talks/jackson_katz_violence_against_women_it_s_a_men_s_issue?language=en

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – Director Jackie Moreira:

INTERACT program has begun (Chair: **Dan Rasmus**): -- No Update

- **ANALY** (Dan Rasmus, Donna Pantzer)
- **BROOK HAVEN** (Pauline Pellini, Mike Carey) – The BH Interact is having a great start
- **ORCHARD VIEW** (Lisa Jacobs)
- **TWIN HILLS CHARTER** (Dan Rasmus, Monica Kretschmer)
- **WILLOWSIDE** (Bret Page)

YOUTH EXCHANGE (Chair: **Katy Spyрка**) – (Repeat) – Returned Outbound Katie Underwood did her presentation to the club. Current Inbound Malene from Denmark is GREAT and living with her second host family until March 2017 and will then move in with her third family. Current Outbound Lindsey Rippert is in Italy doing well. Next Year's Outbound Meeka Martin is chosen and will get her country assignment in January 2017. We always need help finding host families (for next year). The Committee is in process of deciding whether to participate in STEP this summer.



OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (Co-Chairs: **Tom Boag**, **Donna Pantzer**, **Barbara Bickford**)

– A special committee task force (**Barbara Bickford**, **Donna Pantzer**, **Rick Wilson**, **Tom Boag**, and **Cindy Carter**) worked with **Steve Kellner** to get more student applications this year. Pleased to report that this produced 23 student applications (10 Analy, 10 El Molino, 3 Laguna) or about twice as many as last year. The applications are in and have been distributed to our 19 committee members – as their holiday “homework” assignment. This is preparation for our January student selection meeting where we will select the six participating students (2 each, nominally, per HS). We will notify the participants by end January, then begin a process of written instructions, group, and individual assistance to students prepare their 5 minute speeches for our April 14 event. (We ensure that everybody wins.) Last Friday (12/9) we had a general planning meeting to discuss changes in the program (none, really) and to assign responsibilities. (This is Overcoming Obstacles Award's 7th year.)

RYLA (ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS) (Co-Chairs: **Cindy Carter**, **Tom Boag**) – (Summer 2017) – We plan to perform a similar “push” to get more students to apply for this great award – a week long meeting at Westminster Woods.

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (Chair, Founder: **Henry Alker**) – No update

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (Chair: **Larry Ford**) – No update

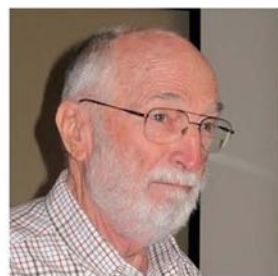
TRADE PATHS (Chair: **Rick Williams** and **Mike Carey**) – No update

FINANCIAL LITERACY (Chair: **Tim Moore**) – No update

ANALY HS CAREER FAIR (Chairs: **Tom Lambert** and **Linda Johnson**) – No update

SREF Liaison Report: Jackie Moreira – No update.

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



THE WCS COMMITTEE met and doled out the funds for the year. Our budget was \$17,500 and we allocated as follows:

- Keeping Girls in Kakira School \$15,000
- Rotaplast Bangladesh \$500
- Paso Ancho English Lessons \$1,500
- Sebastopol Sunrise \$500

FOUNDATION MONTH RESULTS:

Raised \$19,770 + \$5,000 matching Polio from anonymous = \$24,770.

46 Different Rotarians contributed.

Our club provided a total of \$8,000 in Matching Points to contributors.

Based on November contributions – and as of 12/10/2016:

14 Rotarians reached a “PHF +” Status

3 Rotarians received their first PHF

1 Non-Rotarian received a PHF and several others are in the process of designating their PHF.

Our club is just \$800 short of \$1.1M in total giving now.

CLUB SERVICE AREA – Director Jerry Warren:

PROGRAM COMMITTEE (Chair: Russ Cunningham) Have Feb 3, March 24, May 5, and May 19 and all dates in June open – every other date is booked. Can always use ideas to fill out the speaker schedule.

AV (AUDIO VISUAL) COMMITTEE (Chair: Ron Puccinelli) – AV Team did the videoing of District governor's for PETS last Sunday from 6 am to 2 pm in Fairfield. Committee work for PETS (scheduled for 1st week in March, 2017) is accelerating. Planning for district conference in Tahoe and Assembly in Ukiah is also underway. Club AV seems to be handled with only minor hiccups.

APPLEKNOCKER SCRIBES AND PHOTOGRAPHERS (Chair: Harvey Henningsen) – Nothing new to report till the next Pres....

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE (Chair: Mia Del Prete) – I just wanted to mention that I sent out an email last week to the club about Maurine Doerken and received an overwhelming response from our club members with advice and agencies to contact that can provide support. So happy to be a part of a club that doesn't hesitate to help where needed.

PR (PUBLIC RELATIONS) COMMITTEE (Chair: Hal Kwalwasser) – No report this time.

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

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE (Chair: Cindy Carter) – Nothing new to report.

APPLEKNOCKER (Chair: Tom Boag) – new Editor, **David Still**, just published his first ("solo") edition. We now have three active Editors – **Jim Raffini**, **Steve Kellner**, and **David Still** – plus occasional help by Tom Boag. Two other potential new editors (both new members) have been suggested and that will put the AppleKnocker into a stable condition where the work is balanced.

CLUB HISTORY / ARCHIVE "COMMITTEE" (Chair: Tom Boag) – The digitized AppleKnocker archives (including all photos from the last 7 years) now includes some 25,000 labeled photos (including edits) and is approximately 89.6 Gigabytes in size. The archive is located on cloud storage (OneDrive), available to any member who requests access for club work, and the cloud storage is hard drive backed up. We are looking for members (spouses?) interested in helping to organize this archive and add scanned images of our clubs paper AppleKnocker/newsletter collection going back some 50 years. The idea is to gather old club archival material from members, appropriately scan and index it. Thinking of using high school volunteers ("service commitment") to do scanning and collaborating with West Sonoma County Historical Society.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (Chair: Jeff Boal) – Nothing new to report.

GREETERS (Chair: Linda Johnson) – Nothing new to report.

CLUB ACTIVITIES AREA – Director Mia Del Prete:



FRIENDSHIP DINNERS COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: Peggy Rogers and Ruthie Dunlap) – **Peggy Rogers** and **Ruth Dunlap** are working on scheduling Friendship dinners that will start after the first of the year.

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (Chair: Tim Moore) – No report at this time.

HOLIDAY PARTY (Chair: Ellen Harrington) – The Rotary Christmas Party was clearly a success and some said it was the best holiday part we had. **Ellen** doesn't have a database on previous years' holiday parties for comparison but she is glad everyone had a good time. **Ellen** had a good team. **JT** and **Teresa** are great hosts. **Steve Zivolich** and wife **Jan** have offered their home for next year's holiday party. **Ellen** will visit the **Zivolich's** home to get a perspective and provide feedback, as there are a couple of things that may be additional work

for their site.

SUPER BOWL BOARD (Co-Chairs: Torrey Olson and Aleia Coate) – No report at this time.

FISHING TRIP (Chair: TBD?)



Future Programs

January 6, 2017: Remembering Mississippi Freedom Summer

Speaker: Charles O. Prickett



Charles O. Prickett began his activities toward world peace and justice while in high school doing surveys of area businesses to determine if racial discrimination was occurring in his hometown, Carbondale, Illinois.

Charles attended the March on Washington in 1963, and participated in the Mississippi Freedom Summer of 1964, where he worked operating Freedom Schools, conducting voter registration drives, organizing the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP) and organizing local black farmers to vote in U.S. Department of Agriculture fall elections. He also helped organize the Selma-Montgomery March in 1965.

Charles has written a book about his experiences in the civil rights movement, "Remembering Mississippi Freedom Summer" (Amazon). This book chronicles the experiences he had as an active participant of the civil rights movement, and includes his meeting with Dr. Martin Luther King while working on the Selma-Montgomery March. His book contains nearly 80 pictures, most from a movie he helped make with Richard Beymer in 1964, "A Regular Bouquet" (YouTube). This movie contains the only film record of Freedom Schools and voter registration efforts from the Freedom Summer. PBS in their series "Eyes On the Prize", and "Freedom Summer" have used these images. He is currently an attorney in Santa Rosa, California, and has been a pro tem judge in small claims and traffic court in California for over thirty years, and has served as a mediator for the Sonoma County Superior Court.

January 13, 2017 Exchange Student Career Impact 20 Years Later

Speaker: Michelle Larkin

Michele Larkin grew up in Sebastopol attending Apple Blossom, Twin Hills and Analy High School. She attended Cal Poly State University San Luis Obispo, graduating with a BS in Graphic Communication. In 1996 she went to live and study in Costa Rica on a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Sebastopol Rotary Club. Upon her return to Sonoma County the following year, she was hired to teach Spanish at El Molino High School where she still works today. Michele teaches Spanish I, II and Advanced Placement Spanish IV. She is the Department Chair of the World Language Department. She lives in Occidental with her husband on their small organic farm, Bella Ridge Farm, where they grow apples and pears. They sell their fruit at local farmers' markets and stores. Michele also teaches yoga classes in Occidental. In addition to yoga, she enjoys cycling and hiking in Sonoma County and beyond. She volunteers for LandPaths as a docent at the Bohemia Ecological Preserve.

January 20, 2017: Domestic Violence Its Cause and Cure

Speaker: Madeleine O'Connell



In 2012 Ms. O'Connell was named CEO of YWCA Sonoma County – the community's domestic violence service provider since 1975.

She was formerly Senior Vice President of Marketing for Sonoma National Bank in Santa Rosa where she managed community relations and non-profit support. Her career in the marketing and public relations arena of community banking spans nearly 30 years and two coasts. For over a decade she served as a member of the Advisory Board and Chair of PR/Media for the capital campaign of The Salvation Army – Santa Rosa Corps where she was named "Volunteer of the Year" in 2009. Honored by the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce with a leadership award in the field of Media, Communications and Public Relations that same year, Ms. O'Connell is also a graduate of Leadership Santa Rosa Class 17.

A graduate of the University of San Francisco, where she earned a place on the Dean's List for academic achievement, Ms. O'Connell holds a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Behavior. She leads a staff of 35 and is responsible for the sustainability of a \$2 million budget. Madeleine and her husband, Kevin reside in Santa Rosa along with their boys, Johnny age 7 and Nicholas age 5.

Challenged with a diagnosis of Stage Two breast cancer in 2014, Madeleine reminds each of us that there was a 20% chance of the lump she found being malignant, which it was – contrasted to the national and local statistic that one in four families will be affected by domestic violence – that's 25% of the people we all know.

January 27, 2017: Global Governance: People, Power and Non-violent Solutions

Speaker: Cynthia Boaz



Dr. Boaz is an Academic Advisor to the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, a Washington DC- based human rights foundation that collects and disseminates knowledge on civil resistance. Her work with ICNC has sent her to conferences in India, Australia, Chile, Spain, and around the United States, including the annual Fletcher Summer Institute for the Advanced Study of Nonviolent Conflict, at Tufts University, where she has served as an instructor on four occasions (2008, 2009, 2011, 2012). She considers her interview with Nobel Laureate Dr. Shirin Ebadi of Iran to be a highlight of her work in this field. Dr. Boaz continues to work alongside notable veterans of the struggles in South Africa, Serbia, Burma, and the US Civil Rights Movement, including Rev. James Lawson. Dr. Boaz is a prolific writer and contributes analyses regularly to several news and commentary-based media, including Truthout, the Huffington Post, Common Dreams, Waging Nonviolence, and Open Democracy.

At Sonoma State, Dr. Boaz is the Faculty Advisor for the award-winning Model United Nations club and class, which every Spring participates in the National Model United Nations conference in New York City, and is department Internship Coordinator for placements with non-profits and local advocacy groups and organizations. Dr. Boaz is also an affiliated scholar with the UNESCO Program in Peace, Conflict and Development Studies at Universitat Jaume I in Castellon, Spain, where she has taught courses in 2001, 2003, 2007, 2011 and advises graduate students. She is founding board member of the Sonoma Independent, a grassroots media organization. She spent her Fall 2015 sabbatical in West Cork, Ireland.