



### Safe Passage for Refugees

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"All the News that Fits We Print"



### AT THE BELL

President David promptly called the meeting to order, minus the background of the Beatles that we have come to enjoy. Fortunately, there was a back-up band to the "Killer K's", to lead us in song --thank you, **Karen Daniels** and **Keller McDonald**. Our Prez also made a point to salute **Richard Power** on his birthday --and thanking **Richard** for his presence of mind (Richard, that is), bringing (and keeping) our current leader in the fold. All that and still a fine!

**Prez David** also reminded Sebastopol Rotarians that our club was awarded top district honors in two categories: the Community Service award and Youth Participation/Service.

### VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

**Steve Kellner** introduced guest Diane Landry and **Mia Del Prete** did the same for Ted Walker. Diane and Ted are two of the trustees for the West Sonoma County Union High School District.



**Jim Pacatte** welcomed Jorgen Holst as his guest.

Welcome visiting Rotarian Mike Thomas, retired from Vancouver Washington

**Russ Cunningham** introduced the day s program presenter, John Namkung.

## Future Programs

**October 28, 2016**

Speaker: William Carlsen  
Program: Discovery of the Lost  
Civilization of the Maya

**November 4, 2016**

Speaker: Tom Thorfinnson  
Program: Rotary Foundation Month

**November 11, 2016 - Veterans day**

Speaker: Sally Ewald  
Program: WW-II – The POW Experience

**November 18, 2016**

Speaker: Karen Ricketts  
Program: North Bay Teacher Shortage

**December 2, 2016**

Speaker: Dr. Gary Johnson  
Program: Choices for End of Life Care

**December 9, 2016**

Speaker: Laurel Anderson  
Program: School Gardens in Sonoma County  
and their importance to Education

## Future Events

**October 26, 2016**

**Public Forum**

Family Safety, Domestic Violence  
Awareness and Prevention

7pm-8:30 pm at Community Church

**October 28, 2016**

**HALLOWEEN PARTY** Holy Ghost Hall 6:00 pm

\$15/single/\$25 couple

**November 1, 2016**

**REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK – VOLUNTEER**  
9:30 – 11:30 AM

## Miscellany

**Next Board Meeting**

Date/Time: **Thurs, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.**

Location: David Schreiber's Home in Windsor  
**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–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](#)

Tom Lambert introduced his guest Bill Carlsen, author and journalist. Bill will be our program presenter on October 28, sharing an amazing story of the discovery of the lost civilization of Maya in the jungles of Central America.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**October 28-** YWCA Domestic Violence Awareness Forum, Community Church, Sebastopol - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**October 28-** HALLOWEEN PARTY - Holy Ghost Hall, 6 pm (\$15 per person)

**November 1-** Redwood Empire Food Bank (volunteer, 9:30 - 11:30 am)

**November 12-** Both Sebastopol Rotary clubs are invited to help the local humane society on November 12. The project consists of prepping and painting the interior of the facility. For more information on this project, contact Steve Beck (479-3567)

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION



There's a new sheriff in town & she's sporting more than a needle. **Pauline Pellini** added marksmanship to her skills list. As our fearless leader noted, once you're in Texas, drinking their alcohol and eating their

BBQ, you just feel like you ought to shoot a gun (with some serious accuracy). Pauline visited with her daughter, found a great quilt resource (\$50 fine), hit the Guadalupe River (with another shot?) --and has put her bid in for sgt-at-arms.

**Paul Yeomans** took a family trip east, to the Jersey shore, and visited the World Trade Towers Memorial --a first return since 9-11. He also downed a few White Castle burgers (can't be beat) with Kendall-Jackson wine (\$45 for the burgers?).



## WORLD POLIO DAY - HONORING ROTARY - OCTOBER 24

**David** shared the latest information regarding Rotary's fight against polio. It's amazing to think that this did not become an international quest until 1985. A video honoring one driven Rotarian, John Germ the 2016-17 Rotary International President, told a dramatic story about how his own father contracted polio 57 years ago, and how close we are to eradicating the disease.



**Our Prez** turned the program over to **Dan Rasmus**, who outlined emphatically and dramatically this disease can be eliminated. Funds to make this happen are in the works --including rubber bracelets that are visible reminders of what can and will be done. We were reminded that coming soon (November 18) a Tour de Sebastopol Rotary will take place on our regular meeting date --with Langermann's Health Club keeping competing riders safe and dry (and protecting unsuspecting locals from the likes of **Mark McDonell**). And as a reminder, every \$100 raised locally becomes \$300 thanks to Rotary International.

### HOLD THAT ELEVATOR!

**Steve Prandini** opened the door, having helped people find their homes for over 30 years. The next floor went to **Cory Maguire**, a realtor in the Sonoma County area (especially in Petaluma), helping people secure their dream house.

### ROOKIE SKETCH



**Ruthie Dunlap** shared an incredible journey that brought her eventually to Sebastopol and into the arms of **Jack Dunlap** (OK, every story can't have a dramatic finish, but we all agree that it, nonetheless, has a great finish). Well, first for the drama. Ruthie's earliest memories involved several changes in location --from Israel-Palestine to Nazi Germany & then careers in Spain, Holland, Germany, Israel. And nothing was usual about those work experiences!

Those included multiple skills such as life-guarding and physical therapy work. Our world traveler eventually ended up in Colorado with her two daughters. Then some time in Los Angeles with family. And finally a move to Sonoma County, where she gardens and enjoys cooking (even with Jack, which one can imagine the challenges). As a consolation prize, Ruthie did get to go with Jack for the Rotary International Convention in South Korea.

### THE RAFFLE

**Mia Del Prete** won Step #1 (\$5) but it wasn't certain if she identified **Russ Tighe's** business/career. Mia figured that she couldn't go wrong with realty & really? But Russ fiberglass specialty manufacturing business stopped her in her tracks.

## **THE PROGRAM:** Safe Passage for Refugees

**Russ Cunningham** introduced the program presenter, John Namkung. John has lived in Sebastopol for some time, taught



special education classes within the county and administered Special Education programs as well. He has also organized many CYO basketball programs over the years and officiates high school basketball games.



So, what does a retired school educator/administrator do, approaching his 68th birthday? John took on an adventure of a

lifetime 11 months ago, flying to northern Greece with one intent: Do something for goodness. With over 12,000 people stuck in camps and homeless, Syrian refugees with little hope making a new start in Greece and on to Europe. John wanted to do something, anything that lessens the hardships and logjams. The numbers, 12,000 homeless people who once had jobs/homes, were staggering.

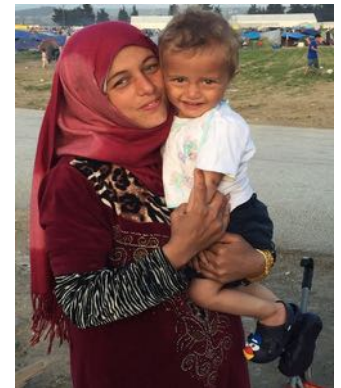


with our group were striking. Even a loaned cell phone call or a pair of child s shoes or a repaired bicycle tire (none of which were easy, by any means) were so appreciated.

John pointed out the photos of children playing, laughing, having fun, and how normal life seemed, until one looked at the daily soup lines that reached over 4000. John noted that was one of his key contributions, making and serving vegetable soup. His sacrifices (he would not use that term) were remarkable, but as he put it, staying alive takes precedence. He emphasized the family photos showing the care and love among the refugees despite the crisis, much different than the images we often see in print of angry mobs.



John's simple description of his work was that he did it for goodness. Or, as another John (Lennon) once said, "we can't help everyone but everyone can help someone".



### **Thought for the Day:** Russ Cunningham

"If a man is walking alone in the forest and no woman is there to hear him, is he still wrong?"

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

## Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – October 20, 2016

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



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### **COMMUNITY SERVICES AREA – Director Rick Williams:**



Crab Feed (Chair: **Nao Noguchi**) – Nothing to report as of this date.

Community Service Projects Committee (Chair: **Steve Beck**) The Peace Garden project has been under City review for more than two weeks. **Steve** spoke with **Bob Cugini** last Friday and he has no idea how long the process will take.

Paula Paige (Sunrise club) has set date of Saturday, Nov 12 for the painting project at Sonoma Humane Society. **David** will have an announcement on the screen at this week's meeting. Three to four volunteers are needed to complete a team.

**Steve** met with Bert Whitaker of Sonoma County Parks on October 3, walking trails at Ragle Ranch Park – which are heavily used and developing safety and drainage problems after over 3 decades of use without significant trail tread and erosion

control structure maintenance. He is excited at possibility of multi-stage improvement project with our help and **Steve's** trail construction and maintenance experience. **Steve** also met with the Analy cross-country team coach. He expressed interest in involving team members when the project is a go. This will take a while to determine if there will be a project. Bert told **Steve** that passage of the tax measure for county parks is likely critical. The county has no trail construction standards, which partly explains the poor quality of new trails at Hood Mtn and Taylor Mtn built by volunteers. **Steve** told him that he would get him a copy of the Forest Service standards. A Project Proposal form has been developed to facilitate project review.

Community Grants Committee (Chair: **Linda Johnson**) Nothing to report No report submitted -- until applications become available and submitted for review, starting in December.

Dictionary Committee (Chair: **Paul Yeomans**) No change from last meeting. Dictionaries ordered. As soon as the delivery date is confirmed, **Paul** will be organizing the groups for each school.

Food Drive Committee (Chair: none) -- Input is welcome; Learn to Swim Committee (Chairs: **Greg Jacobs, Rick Wilson**); Learn with Me Committee (Chairs: **Mike Carey, Linda Irving, Patti Blount**) – All No report submitted.

Teacher Mini Grants Committee (Chair: **Keller McDonald**) All schools in West County notified that Teacher Mini-Grant applications for fall 2016 are being accepted through Monday, October 31. Nearly 40 applications received so far, with requests totaling about \$18,000. Committee will review applications early November and will meet at 5:30 on Wednesday, November 16, to select successful applications. The total amount available to aware this fall is still being determined, but will be approximately \$10,000. The committee will do another process in Spring 2017.

Peace and Conflict Resolution: (Chairs: **Henry Alker, Steve Zivolich**) Held an organizational meeting to discuss possible activities for our club. **Henry** scheduling next meeting for Nov 4 with Doug Johnson from downtown Santa Rosa Peace Committee presenting their activity – providing a five high school program that trains peace fellows at an early level. We may wish to adopt some/all. **Henry** also lined up a Sonoma State professor to speak to the club in late January. The speaker and topic were chosen with a view to developing an agenda for the peace committee. Cynthia Boaz has special interest in the United Nations (She is faculty advisor to a model UN program for students.) and has a special interest in peaceful or nonviolent protest. One idea that **Henry** plans to explore at the next meeting of the district peace committee (not scheduled yet), is developing a list of speakers on peace topics who have spoken to Rotary clubs in our district.

Family Safety, Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Committee (Chair: **Peggy Rogers**)

Kicked off National Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month with flyers and PowerPoint at our first October club meeting with **Kathie Mayhew** telling her story of abuse of her sister and her daughter and granddaughter. The committee is planning, with the Sunrise club, a joint forum on October 26 at 7pm at the Community Church and inviting the public to come and learn about the services in this county for domestic violence victims headed by the YMCA CEO, Madeleine O'Connell and two of her staff members.

Also they encourage everyone to watch these two videos:

[http://www.ted.com/talks/leslie\\_morgan\\_steiner\\_why\\_domestic\\_violence\\_victims\\_don\\_t\\_leave](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](https://www.ted.com/talks/jackson_katz_violence_against_women_it_s_a_men_s_issue?language=en)

The first video is a strong story of an abused woman, very moving... the second an explanation of why it is a men's issue by a sports leadership educator. A viewing was held of the two videos at **Peggy's** house with eight attendees, all from noon club. Great discussion after viewing each video and our knowledge level of what DV is and how to help victims. They plan to hold another "viewing" sometime later in the Rotary year.

The committee would like help in getting the word out by passing out flyers advertising the October 26<sup>th</sup> Forum. **Chief Weaver** will also be there. Rotarians from both clubs are encouraged to attend. The committee will be handing out flyers and pamphlets at every meeting this month to increase the discussions and awareness.

**Hal Kwalwasser** produced a PR article and sent it to the following: P-D, Sonoma West, Russian River times, The Bohemian, KSRO. The AppleKnocker editors are giving the committee some space in After The Bell each week as well.

**PROPOSED NEW COMMITTEE** -- Volunteer Request Committee (Requested by **Katy Spyрка**) No report this time – Your thoughts would be welcome.

## **VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – Director Jackie Moreira:**

The Interact program has begun (**Chair: Dan Rasmus**) and school commitments made:

- Analy (Dan Rasmus, Donna Pantzer) Analy Interact is off to a good start. 60 people attended the first meeting and we are at 25-30 core members. Discussing new fundraiser that will raise visibility of Interact on campus and also be real fun for all.... I am keeping it a secret until we figure out the details and finalize plans. We had roughly 25 Interactors at the Lobster Boil. **Mark Stevens** did a great job directing them and they all did a GREAT JOB! The interactors will probably be doing a dine/donate with Mombo's Pizza soon – I will push for Polio to be the designation!
- Brook Haven (Pauline Pellini, Mike Carey) BH Interact is having a great start to their year. They helped at the Lobster boil. They are working on a walk-a-thon for the Ant Hill foundation to keep girls in school. They are doing a food drive for the Adopt-a-Family project and the food pantry. They will participate in the Adopt-a-Family in December. Also planning to go to the Rebounder fundraiser (Jump for Polio – sponsored by RP Rotary) – that will donate the proceeds to End Polio. We have between 35 and 40 members.
- Orchard View (Lisa Jacobs) We have already had an ice cream/games day. We had one OV helper at Lobster Boil with Olivia. We are creating OV sweatshirts. We are making posters for spirit week and jump to oust polio. We have picked dates and themes for two school dances, jog-a-thon, and a movie night. Everyone wants to participate with Xmas/fire truck event.
- Twin Hills Charter (Dan Rasmus, Monica Kretschmer) About 50 attended our first meeting (Our officers did a great job recruiting.), and now we are at about 30 core members – All seem very enthusiastic! We are working on a school supply drive to support a k-12 charter school in Louisiana which lost everything in the floods over the summer. The connection to Twin Hills is that an 8<sup>th</sup> grader's grandparents founded and currently run this school. **Jeff Boal** will be giving the presentation on supporting the school in Uganda on 10/18. If they agree, we will determine a fundraiser to support it!
- Willowside (Bret Page) has expressed interest in starting an Interact Club. What steps do we need to take? Budget for next year, Teacher Sponsor, Rotarian advisor.... Board approval now?



Youth Exchange (Chair: Katy Spyрка) – Returned outbound Katie Underwood needs to do a short presentation/thank you to the club. Current inbound Malene from Denmark is living with her first host family until January 2017 and will then move in with her second family. (Need 2 dates for talks.) Current outbound Meeka Martin is chosen and is almost finished with her applications. We always need help finding host families.

Overcoming Obstacles Award (Co-Chairs: Tom Boag, Donna Pantzer, Barbara Bickford) On September 30, **Steve Kellner** held a meeting with lead district counselors. **David Schreiber** presented for 15 minutes on OOA. A one-page flyer for OOA and RYLA were shared with the counselors. At the end of the OOA presentation, the RYLA flyer was called to their attention with the message that we will be back after the first of the 2017 year to discuss RYLA.

### Budget for Overcoming Obstacles:

- Scholarships: \$1,000 x 6 + \$1,000 extra = \$7,000
- Student \$200 "spending money" x 6 = \$1,200 – Paid by Sponsors (not club budget)
- Student lunches (including two guests each) = 7 x 3 x \$20 = \$360 – Paid by Sponsors (not club budget)
- Lunch for Counselors, VIP Guests we invite 8 x \$20 = \$160
- Printing costs (color tri-folds, certificates) \$150
- Miscellaneous (food, coffee for morning event, decorations) \$200

Total: About \$9,080 per year of which \$1,650 is paid by Sponsors leaving Club budget \$7,250

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) (Co-Chairs: Cindy Carter, Tom Boag) - On September 30, 2016, Steve Kellner held a meeting with lead district counselors. David Schreiber presented for 15 minutes on OOA. A one-page flyer for OOA and RYLA were shared with the counselors. At the end of the OOA presentation, the RYLA flyer was called to their attention with the message that we will be back after the first of the 2017 year to discuss RYLA.

Budget for RYLA:

- Five/or six student fees at \$500 = \$2,500 to \$3,000
- Food expense for welcoming BBQ - \$500 (half of cost; Split with Sunrise).

Total: About \$3,000 to \$3,500

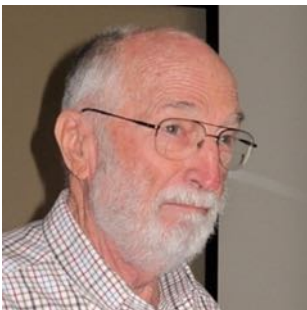
SRJC Scholarships (Chair, Founder: Henry Alker) – Henry has confirmed with **Our President** funding for two \$4,000 scholarships. I am asking the Education Foundation for the third. I will arrange alternate funding for the third if that doesn't work. The three with the same categories as last year (medical vocation, STEM, unrestricted) will be listed with SRJC. They notify all scholarship applicants from West county of the availability. The pool of eligible in past years has ranged from 40+ to 70+

Three other regular programs in the Vocational / Youth Service Area are the High School Speech Contest (Chair: Larry Ford) – Will update in November 2016, Trade Paths (Chair: Rick Williams and Mike Carey) – No report; and Financial Literacy (Chair: Tim Moore) -- No report until April, 2017.

Analy HS Career Fair (Chairs: Tom Lambert and Linda Johnson) – Will be held in spring 2017 (late March). Request for \$300 budget

SREF Liaison Report (Jackie Moreira) – Budgets: Director **Jackie Moreira** submitted a SREF Liaison Report and announced SREF's donation of \$32,285 to the club for educational use. SREF to consider continuing previous plan of providing 4% of its corpus to the club. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of a 4-year pilot. This is the fourth year of SREF's four-year commitment to fund Rotary Club with 4% of SREF net assets. We approved for this year \$32,285. SREF requests they be billed for this a maximum of two bills. SREF will be evaluating this commitment and hopes to make a decision whether to continue in this manner or some other by spring 2017. SREF requests that **Treas. Ken J.** send **VP Edwin** a copy of the Rotary Club budgets (beginning to end) for the last two terms (**Ron's** and **Rick's**).

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



(The WCS Committee did not meet.)

Below is the recap of our meeting and our November Foundation Month. Please let me know if I missed anything or if you have any other suggestions/ideas! I am excited about celebrating the Centennial Year with our club and for a very successful 4 week campaign to kick off the year!

Summary:

- Foundation Month – November
- 4 Meetings: 11/4, 11/1, 11/18, 12/2
- Goal: raise \$20,000
- No Raffle for November – will wait for April
- Will offer matching points.

In attendance: **Dan Rasmus, Yvette Williams van Aggelen, David Schreiber, Frank Mayhew, Henry Alker, Bob Rogers, Karen Daniels, Steve Beck, Tom Boag, Sally Ewald.**

Action Items / Assignments:

**Karen D/Yvette** – Will be at table to collect money and record names and donation requests (Areas of Focus).

**Tom B** – Create a Centennial Poster that touts the Centennial Year and highlights the six areas of focus of TRF – As well as update the Thermometer to a \$20K goal

**Dan/Frank/Henry/Bob** – Determine if/how individuals can designate how their funds are used and impact on club contributions and District Designated Funds.

**Dan** – Submit write-up on fund designation to Board for review/approval.

**David/Dan** – **David** to send email highlighting 11/4 Program TRF Trustee; **Dan** to follow up with an email on foundation Month/Goal/Call to Action/Ways to give/1<sup>st</sup> PHF get Centennial Pin.

**Dan** – Purchase centennial Pins

**Bob** – Check Webinar PPT to find stats on \$ spent from RI (District?).

**Bob** – Check **Brian L.** to see if he will lend stationary bike(s) on 11/18 for “Ride for Polio” fundraiser.

November Foundation Month Activities:

- Bottle of Champagne to each individual donating \$1,000 (**Frank** will donate 5 bottles, any leftover from Lobster? Otherwise we will.)
- Club Champagne toast if \$20,000 is reached.
- Centennial Pin for all who reach their first PHF during this year. Special presentation/highlight
- **Dan** to notify all members within ~200 points of a PHF prior to 11/4 and encourage them to honor the centennial year, by completing it this year.

- ♦ Matching points will be given to all members.
  - ♦ Encourage members to donate \$26.50, \$100, \$265 – to commemorate the first \$26.50 donated and 100 years.
- 11/4 – Tom Thorfinnson from TRF to be Program to kickoff foundation Month
- 11/11 – Five minute talk on a TRF subject (Education on where \$ goes and ways to give, caliber of TRF as ranked by charity navigator and others)
- 11/18 – Ride for Polio – **Bob (others?)** to ride during the meeting for donations. Five minute talk on Polio/TRF/ways to give
- 12/2 – Five minute talk on ways to give, impact of \$

## CLUB SERVICE AREA – Director Jerry Warren:

PR (Public Relations) Committee (Chair: Hal Kwalwasser) Hal reports we continue to work on the new website. We have most of the “before the password” drafting redone and it will be up in the next few weeks.

The Program Committee (Chair: Russ Cunningham), The Sunshine Committee (Chair: Mia Del Prete), AppleKnocker Scribes and Photographers (Chair: Harvey Henningsen), Sergeant-at-Arms Committee (Chair: Nao Noguchi) -- All Nothing new to report.

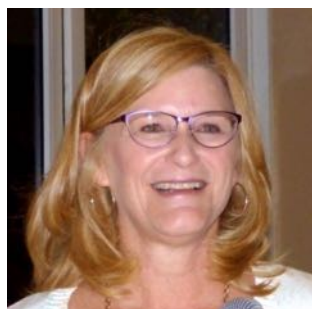
The Membership Committee (Chair: Jeff Boal) (Next committee meeting will be on October 18. **Jeff** leaving on vacation this Friday so will have full report after the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.). Since last committee meeting, we have been working on a flow chart for processing a new membership, developing a community project by our newest inductees, selecting rick Wilson to be our club greeter. This Friday and once a month in future we'll have a “membership moment” at meetings. Myself, and committee members **Ruthie Dunlap**, **Peggy Rogers**, and **Rick Wilson** attended the very worthwhile idea filled District Membership Seminar.

Greeters (Chair: Linda Johnson); The AppleKnocker (Chair: Tom Boag); A Club History / Archive “Committee” (Chair: Tom Boag) Nothing new to report; AV (Audio Visual) Committee (Chair: Ron Puccinelli) All Nothing new to report.

The Sponsorship Committee (Chair: Cindy Carter) The final amount raised from sponsorships for the Lobster Boil was \$9,550.



## CLUB ACTIVITIES AREA – Director Mia Del Prete:



Halloween Party Committee (Chair: Ellen Harrington) (Joint event with Sunrise Club) Party to be held at the Holy Ghost Hall on Mill Station Road, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 8pm to Midnight. **Ellen** has the flyer ready and needs approval from Scott Hensey from Sunrise club on the signup sheet **Ellen** generated. The signup sheet has options on what food to bring. There will be prizes for costumes, Jack-O carving, & spooky food. Guests & friends of Rotarians are welcome. Scott and Ellen are sleuthing cool decorations.

Friendship Dinners Committee (Co-Chairs: Green-Badger Peggy Rogers and Ruthie Dunlap) Co-chairs **Peggy** and **Ruthie** met and designed a strategy to get everyone in the club involved by making choices of how they want to develop new friendships over a meal. We decided to kick this off starting in January (or sooner for option b.) The options are: a – traditional – sign up as host and/or signup as a guest. The dinner will be 4 couples and a potluck, host making the main meal and guests assigned other dishes; and/or b – Sign up to host with another Rotarian whom you know and invite 1 or 2 Rotarian couples you don't know to a lunch or dinner or breakfast 3 times during the year. (Invite different couple(s) each time, they will help by drawing names out of a hat of the newbies so we make sure all the new folks are included.) We want to keep track of all the friendship dinners throughout the year so we want everyone to commit to when and with whom they are breaking bread, and to send us a picture of the group(s). The requirement is you must have at least one couple you don't know well at your table. We will ask for hosts to sign up, we plan to call everyone personally, and then we will draw names out of a hat to fill their tables. The goal is to make our club as inclusive and friendly as possible and be a big welcoming committee to all the “newbies”. If we all focus on friendship with everyone in our club, we can't help but draw many more movers and shakers into our club. Share your rotary Stories and feel the excitement.

Fishing Trip (Chair: TBD?) Richard Power has spoken to the past chairs of the fishing Trip committee, asking for advice. Each has told him that the trips cost too much, etc. to have worked in the recent past. That feedback, coupled with no one else signing up for this committee, suggests to him that this is an idea that should be let go at this point. (But if the Board, etc have ideas as how this might work (maybe in the Spring going after just rock fish?) please let Richard know. Maybe if Gene Nelson is able to participate, or any of the other multiple Club members who seem to get fined with some regularity for going fishing want to get involved, this idea could have a rebirth.)

The Holiday Party (Chair: Ellen Harrington) The Holiday Party is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm. Ellen met with JT a couple of weeks ago at his home. They know what they would like to do there. Ellen will call a committee meeting next week once she has launched the Halloween party signups. She will then assign tasks to each member.

No report. Should have a report in November.

The traditional – No report



Four other Club Activities, The Golf Tournament Committee (Chair: **Tim Moore**); Super Bowl Board (Co-Chairs: **Torrey Olson** and **Aleia Coate**); "100 Year Celebration" (see Foundation Month above) , Veterans Day (Sally Ewald to be speaker on November 11-Veterans Day), and Debunking -- all had no new reports.

## **October is National Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month**

Our newly formed *FAMILY SAFETY, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION COMMITTEE* headed by **Peg Rogers** – with help from **Kathie Mayhew** and **Cory Maguire** – invite you to attend the Family Safety, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Forum on October 26, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Community Church.

\* This is a joint committee with the Sebastopol Sunrise Club.

\* Look for our flyers at every meeting. Become informed, become an advocate, help prevent domestic violence in our communities.

\* In Sonoma County alone, one in 10 women report experiencing violence in their intimate partnerships. One in 16 men report being victims of domestic violence.

\* Children who witness domestic violence experience depression and psychological stress and are more likely than other children to be physically violent.

\* 24 hour crisis hotline 546-1234 for victims of domestic violence

We encourage everyone to view the two videos below to become more aware of the issues surrounding Domestic Violence in our families.

[http://www.ted.com/talks/leslie\\_morgan\\_steiner\\_why\\_domestic\\_violence\\_victims\\_don\\_t\\_leave](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](https://www.ted.com/talks/jackson_katz_violence_against_women_it_s_a_men_s_issue?language=en)

We have also reached out to the Sunrise Club to co-sponsor our public forum on October 26. We want as many people as possible to attend to find out what Domestic Violence is and how we can be resources of information to the public and to victims in our area.

Any interested Rotarians that want to be part of the committee should call or email **Peggy Rogers** for more information: 707-823-8384 [peggyrogers@comcast.net](mailto:peggyrogers@comcast.net)

Yours in Rotary Service,

**Peggy Rogers**

**ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL  
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS & PROGRAMS COMMITTEE  
PROJECT OR PROGRAM SUGGESTION FORM**

The purpose of this form is to provide ample information with regard to your suggested project or program. Please complete the information for us to review. Thank you

SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a PROJECT or a PROGRAM (requiring on-going resources)

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

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**STAKE HOLDERS (who will directly benefit):**

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**DO YOU HAVE ANY RESOURCES/VOLUNTEERS ALREADY COMMITTED?**

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If "Yes", please describe \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHO WILL BE THE PERSON SPEARHEADING THE IMPLEMENTATION?**

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Best way to contact him/her/them? \_\_\_\_\_

## Future Programs

### **October 28, 2016: Discovery of the Lost Civilization of the Maya**

Speaker: William Carlsen



William Carlsen has been a journalist for thirty years, a finalist for the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for explanatory reporting and winner of numerous journalism awards including the Pan American Health Organization's top award for a series of stories on the origin of the AIDS epidemic. A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, with a master's degree in Journalism, he worked as a reporter for the New York Times and the San Francisco Chronicle, covering major stories including the trial of Patty Hearst, the assassinations of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, the war in Central America, the 1985 Mexico City earthquake, and the OJ Simpson trial. As an investigative reporter, he has written about fraud in Silicon Valley, the breakdown of capital punishment in California, and contamination of California's water supplies. He was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for a series on the disease-spreading dangers of syringe reuse in developing countries and from an epidemic of accidental needle stick among US health care workers. He has taught at the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California in Berkeley and San Francisco State University. For many years, he lived with his wife in Antigua, Guatemala and followed the trail through the Central American jungles of John L. Stephens and Frederick Catherwood, the two protagonists in his book *Jungle of Stone*. He currently lives in Sonoma County.

### **November 4, 2016 Rotary Foundation Month**

Speaker: Tom Thorfinnson



Thomas Thorfinnson is currently serving a four-year term as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation (2015-19). He was Vice President of Rotary International in 2010-2011, and served on the Board of Directors for Rotary International from 2009 to 2011. In 2013 Tom completed a four year term on the Strategic Planning Committee for Rotary International. He is now serving as the trustee liaison to that committee.

In addition Tom is currently Chairman of the Steering Committee of the RI/USAID International H2O Collaboration to jointly fund US \$6 million in water, sanitation and hygiene projects for three countries in Africa. He has made 19 volunteer trips to developing countries including numerous trips to Haiti. Almost all of those trips centered on fund development for water and sanitation Tom is a Level II Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation and a Level 4 Charter Member of the Bequest Society of The Rotary Foundation. He is a recipient of the Service Above Self Award from Rotary

International; and the Distinguished Service Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service Award from The Rotary Foundation.

For more than 30 years Tom has been engaged in the private practice of corporate law in the greater Minneapolis area, and for 16 years was a lecturer at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management. Tom is President and owner of Thorfinnson Law Office PLLC and is on the Board of Directors of First Minnetonka City Bank.

### **November 11, 2016: World War Two: The POW Experience**

Speaker: Sally Ewald



Sally (Hatcher) Ewald's undergraduate degree was in History and Political Science. She spent her "gap year" exploring Mexico then attended Stanford University where she earned her MA in Latin American History and subsequently a CA teaching credential at San Jose State. While getting these degrees she started working for Western Airlines rising to "City Manager" for WA – retiring 14 years later after completing her MBA to start a management consulting business .

Her passion to learn more about WWII in Europe stems from a desire to know more about her father who was killed in a military plane crash in New Mexico in January 1947 just a few days after her 6th birthday. In WWII he commanded the 351st Bomb Group, one of the early B17

Bomb Groups stationed near Peterborough, England. The Group's first mission was May 13, 1943. Col Hatcher flew 12 missions and was shot down not far from Bordeaux, France on Dec 31, 1943. His parachute dropped him just outside the German command compound - he was captured immediately and remained a POW until May 1945 when Germany surrendered.

**November 18, 2016: North Bay Teacher Shortage**

Speaker: Karen Ricketts



Karen Ricketts is currently the Executive Director of the North Coast School of Education at Sonoma County Office of Education. In this role, she oversees faculty and staff as they provide innovative professional development, coursework, support, and coaching for new teachers, mentors, and interns in the programs.

Prior to becoming the executive director, Ricketts worked as a director of human resources in the Windsor Unified School District, a director of curriculum and special education in the Piner-Olivet School District, a school administrator in Healdsburg Unified School District and a teacher and coach in grades 4 through college. She earned her Master of Arts degree from Sonoma State University, her administrative credential from

Sonoma State University, and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Chico State University.

As a seasoned educator, administrator, and former coach, she loves supporting next generation teachers as they enter the profession with new innovations and educational best practices that lead to student growth and success.