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### **BEFORE THE BELL**



It promised to be an amazing, extra special day at the Roto-palace. It was time again for the Teacher of the Year awards, where Rotary honors three amazing teachers from the west county community. This day is a favorite for many Rotarians.



### AT THE BELL





President Jack Blasco rang the school bell at 12:15PM sharp. Sally Ewald led the flag salute. Steve Beck, and his pal Jelly (making up for missing Bring your Dog to Rotary day), led the flock in a spirited chorus of "This Land is Your Land." Edwin Wilson stepped up to the lectern and offered the thought of the day. Sage advice from mister cool himself, Bobby McFerrin: "Don't worry, be happy." Editors note: we're not responsible if that song gets stuck in your head! With that, President Jack pressed on. Today was not the day to fall behind, or be tardy!





### **VISITORS AND GUESTS**



There were no visiting Rotarians, but there were a ton of guests! Pauline Pellini introduced the officers from the Brookhaven School Interact Club: Remy, Shealynn, Lauren, Amelia, and Adonna. David Schreibman introduced us to Steven Zollman. Keller McDonald introduced the Principal from El Molino High School, Matt Dunkle. Steve Beck introduced us to Joyce Oneco. Kathie Mayhew introduced us to her guest, Mary. Dan Rasmus introduced us to Mike Ferguson's substitute, Jackson Collins. Barbara Bickford introduced us to Jill Rosenquist and Debbie Hayes. Ruthie Dunlap introduced us to Dana Moises.





# **Future Programs**



Vocational Awards Rick Williams, Emcee

**April 27, 2018** 

Speaker – Cordelia Holst Universal Basic Income

May 4, 2018

Overcoming Obstacles Award Co-Chairs: Bickford, Boag, Schreibman

May 11, 2018

Speaker – Susan Starbird Olympic Hopes on the Petaluma River

May 18, 2018

DARK – District Conference

May 25, 2018

Speaker – Jennifer Strong The Power of Rotary





# Miscellany

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On-line Make-Ups:
www.RotaryEClubOne.org
Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com





# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



On April 29<sup>th</sup>, the San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers hit the Friedman Center in Santa Rosa for a benefit concert. All of the proceeds go to the District 5130 Fire Relief Fund. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for seniors and students). The concert begins at 2:00PM.



Unless you have been living in a cave, or vacationing in the south of France, you know that the Apple Blossom Parade and Festival is just days away! Your own Rotary Club of Sebastopol will be stomping down Main Street Saturday morning. We're sharing a flatbed truck and a band with the Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary Club. Our Teacher of the Year award winners will be riding in a convertible. If you are in a foot stomping mood, and would love to march down Main Street, contact our own parade master **Torrey Olson** today!



President Jack turned the lectern over to Barbara Bickford to discuss the upcoming Overcoming Obstacles Awards Program in May. Barbara is still in need of mentors to meet with the award winners before the meeting. She is also in need of match sponsors to underwrite the cost of the winner's lunch and

honorarium. If you are interested in helping, reach out to **Barbara** today.



**President Jack** swung the Roto-spotlight on all of those who have been stepping up to volunteer at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. If you are interested in helping out, and in need of a damn good donut, our next volunteer day will be Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00AM to Noon. Please contact **Jerry Warren** if you are interested in helping out.

Do you long to be on the silver screen? Well, your chance is coming up fast! Join **Paul Theilen** and a cast of hundreds at the Quail Inn at Oakmont Golf Club on Wednesday night, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM! **Paul** will launch his drone into the sky to capture hundreds of lights shining into

the night sky. All of your efforts will help finish the last piece of the District Conference welcome video! Join us Wednesday night, rain or shine. Don't forget the flashlight!

**President Jack** passed the baton over to **President-elect Larry Ford** to share some highlights about the upcoming 2018-19 Rotary year. The annual fall fundraiser will take place on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club. **Hal Kwalwasser** will be taking **Steve Kellner's** place on the Board of Directors. The new board had a retreat over the weekend to plan out the new year.

Mark your calendars! Hold all phone calls! There are two more Community Volunteer Projects coming up soon! On April 28<sup>th</sup>, we'll be installing the peace garden at the Sebastopol Center of the Arts. Contact <u>Julie Cugini</u> or **Ellen Harrington** today! On May 5<sup>th</sup>, we'll be painting a fence at the YWCA Preschool in Santa Rosa. Contact **Steve Beck** today!



The Roto-spotlight was working overtime today! **President Jack** shined the spotlight on **Robin Maybury** and the Cool Kids Camp program. Cool Kids Camp gives kids with extreme hardships the opportunity to enjoy a week of summer camp at Cloverleaf Ranch in Santa Rosa. The Tubbs Fire in October destroyed most of the ranch. The owners, <u>Shawna</u> and <u>Colin DeGrange</u>, are in the process of rebuilding the camp, and are on target for opening the camp this summer. They are also committed to continuing the Cool Kids Camp program. Join **Robin** on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Cloverleaf Ranch for a tour of the facilities, and learn how you can help this great institution get back on their feet.



**President Jack** handed the microphone to **Frank Mayhew** for his 42<sup>nd</sup> edition of his rookie speech! This time, **Frank** discussed how Rotary Foundation grants have helped propel the Helping Girls Stay in School program. As you know, this program was developed to help curtail staggering school dropout rates in Uganda. **Frank and Kathie's** program helped to build a new school in Uganda, improving health and educational opportunities for children. Obviously, a project like this does not come cheap. While our club, and several Interact clubs, raised funds for the program, it was not enough to cover all expenses. This was where the magic of the Rotary Foundation kicked in. The Foundation kicked in a 50% matching grant to the program at the club level. Matching grants from the District, coupled with a matching grant from the Rotary Foundation, helped to fully fund this program. Your donations to the Rotary Foundation made this happen! During Rotary Foundation month, remember to by raffle

tickets, donate online at rotary.org, and consider naming the Rotary Foundation as a beneficiary on your IRA.



## **CRAFT TALK**





Sally Ewald stepped up to the lectern to deliver a Craft Talk and Rotary moment. We learned that Sally grew up on the Peninsula. While she was working on a masters degree at Stanford University, she took a job with Western Airlines as a manager at San Jose International Airport. She was one of the first female managers in the male-dominated airline industry. She was invited to attend a Rotary meeting by a colleague working at United Airlines. Sally eventually sold her home in the South Bay, and moved to Sebastopol. She has been a member of our club ever since moving here!





#### **NEW HONORARY ROTARIAN**



**President Jack** welcomed a new Honorary Rotarian to the club, **Julie Cugini**. **Julie** has been there for the club many times over the years, working just as hard as any Rotarian. She's had an integral part in making the Peace Garden at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts a reality. Welcome, **Julie**!

# THE PROGRAM



Keller McDonald and Barbara Bickford stepped to the front of the Roto-hall to present the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation (SREF) 2018 Teacher of the Year Awards. Keller started the presentation with a summary of the SREF. Over the past 30 years, through estate giving, gifts, and fundraisers, SREF has raised over \$900,000 for west county schools, and has given many matching grants to the Rotary Club of Sebastopol. Since the Teacher of the Year awards started, over 22 teachers have received this award. Barbara expressed great joy and happiness for this day. Fellow teachers, colleagues, parents, and students nominated the winners. The winners will receive a \$1,000 honorarium from SREF.

The first winner was <u>Jeff Stucker</u> from Brookhaven School. <u>Jeff</u> has been teaching at Brookhaven for 30 years. He currently teaches English and World History, and is the Interact advisor. Students, parents, and teachers have described <u>Jeff</u> as a highly engaging, innovative, and passionate educator. His firm yet gentle nature in the classroom helps foster a positive environment for his students. He has also taken leadership roles on the Curriculum Committee, the School Site Council, and the Strategic Planning Team. He's also active with local fundraising and community projects, including a stretch of Highway 12 he has adopted (they meet every Saturday at 9am, everyone is welcome to come by!). <u>Jeff</u> was accompanied by his wife, <u>Lorilee</u>; his daughter <u>Aubrey</u>; Principal <u>Debbie Hanks</u>; and the officers of the Brookhaven Interact Club. He expressed thanks to his guests, the nominators, and the Rotary Club of Sebastopol. <u>Jeff</u> expressed great regard for the Four-Way Test, and shared that he embodies those values in the classroom. Congratulations, <u>Jeff</u>!







The second winner was <u>Karen McKenna</u> from Twin Hills Charter Middle School. A fellow teacher described <u>Karen</u> as: "The best of the best." She currently teaches sixth grade English and History. She has been described as a risk taker and a game changer; and as an innovative, rigorous, and inspiring teacher. She uses a variety of tools in the classroom to engage her students and make learning fun. She also started a program called "Kindness Ninjas" led by students who promote kindness in the school. <u>Karen</u> expressed her gratitude to Rotary for the honor, and Rotary's commitment to education. She reflected on a moment where she almost left the teaching profession after a rough year at a school in Southern California. She expressed gratitude for not giving up. <u>Karen</u> was accompanied by her mom, <u>Teri DelCarlo</u>; her husband <u>Mike McKenna</u>; and Principal <u>Cathy Bosch</u>. Karen extended great thanks to colleagues <u>Mary Fitch</u> and <u>Nicole Ellwood</u> (both former SREF Teacher of the Year winners – 2014 and 2016 respectively). <u>Karen</u> described <u>Mary</u> and <u>Nicole</u> as her support team, and gets great encouragement from them. Congratulations, <u>Karen</u>!







The third winner was <u>Jolene Johnson</u> from El Molino High School. She currently teaches dance. Before coming to El Molino, <u>Jolene</u> taught kindergarten through second grade. <u>Jolene</u> has been described as one with endless enthusiasm and energy (almost super-human). She uses dance as a way to help students rise above their own expectations, and as a pathway to long-term happiness. She integrates academics into her curriculum, by teaching nutrition and requiring

written assignments. She focuses on lessons that are built around human relations through movement. She started an exercise program at El Molino for her colleagues. She is a tireless advocate for her students, and for the school. <u>Jolene</u> expressed her gratitude for the honor. She was accompanied by her friend <u>Viva</u> and Principal <u>Matt Dunkel</u>. She reflected on how she had never been to a school where she could be herself until arriving at El Molino. She is currently working on her Masters degree in Dance. Congratulations, <u>Jolene!</u>





After an inspiring and uplifting meeting, **President Jack** struck the Roto-bell at 1:30PM sharp!

#### **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

# April 27, 2018: Cordelia Holst, Universal Basic Income – a Radical, Yet Increasingly Popular solution to Many of our biggest Problems



Cordelia Holst went to Apple Blossom, Twin Hills, and Analy High School in Sebastopol, and earned a BS degree in Business and Marketing from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She lived and worked 13 years in Norway before she moved back with her family to Sebastopol in 2016. Cordelia's career has been in marketing, founding and running her own pie shops, and recently started as Executive Director of the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center. Seeing the vast inequalities in American society, put in stark perspective after over a decade in Norway, she became interested in the Universal Basic Income movement that is growing in both size and attention these days. She has attended conferences at the Basic Income Lab at Stanford University in the Ethics department, attended a weekend long create-a-thon and the CASH conference sponsored by the Economic Security Project. She has contributed to the movement by working as a freelance journalist for BIEN, the Basic Income Earth Network. Cordelia believes a UBI could be a solution for economic insecurities facing Americans today.

#### May 11, 2018: Susan Starbird, Olympic Hopes on the Petaluma River

Expect to hear about, and see, the Petaluma River from the duck's-eye view when Susan Starbird returns to Rotary to talk about kayaking. Rotarians know Susan as a marketing consultant and a past member of both the Rotary Club of Sebastopol and the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise. She is also a founder of River Town Racers, a youth team dedicated to the Olympic sport of sprint kayaking, and publisher of an irregularly recurring essay collection titled Susan The Magazine. She has been a member of the obscure kayak racing cult since the late 80s, and several times weekly addles with fast teenagers in skinny boats.

### Rotary Club of Sebastopol - Board Report Summary - April 10, 2018

What Have Our Committees Been Up To?

Ever wonder that all those committees that you didn't sign up for have been doing? Just keep reading. Each month our committee chairs report their activities to their area of service directors, who each prepare a written report for the monthly Board of Directors meeting. The AppleKnocker team edits these reports into the informative and easily digestible summaries that appear below. Take a minute and stay up to speed on all the great things that our club has been doing. Tell a friend.



[You can see the full Directors' reports at ClubRunner| Member Area| MyClubRunner| ViewClubDocuments| BoardMeetingMinutes| 2017-2018. -Ed.]

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA - DIRECTOR MICHELE KIMBLE:

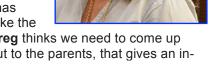
LOBSTERFEST 2017 (CO-CHAIRS: Aleia Coate and Jan Weiner) - Completed

CRAB FEED (Co-Chairs: Nao Noguchi and Scott Briggs) - Completed, Very Successful.

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Linda Johnson**) – Community Grants Committee met last week and plan to present results at board meeting this week, that is if **Linda's** able to attend. Her husband **Greg** is in hospital at UCSF.

DICTIONARY COMMITTEE (Chair: Paul Yeomans) - 359 dictionaries have been delivered. - No new report.

LEARN TO SWIM COMMITTEE (Chairs: **Greg Jacobs** and **Rick Wilson**) – Learn to Swim starts April 23. They're "on track to stay within the budget." As it stands now, **Greg** says he has enough volunteers to do the job, though he would like more parental involvement to make the



program even better. He has spent a lot of time working with the schools to do that. **Greg** thinks we need to come up with new ways to market the program. One might be to publish a brochure that goes out to the parents, that gives an indepth description of the program, including a history, and some stats about drowning, etc. He would love to hear new ideas from us on this.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: Steve Beck and Ellen Harrington) -

Peace Garden: This project is scheduled as part of Cittaslow's "Lend-A-Hand" day on Saturday, April 28. Volunteer opportunities are posted online and throughout the community. Demo of the garden bed is scheduled for 4-14-18, and **Greg Gill** will install the metal bender board and pavers on 4-15-18. **Jim Pacatte** and **Tom Dilley** will install the two benches on 4-28.

Sebastopol Park Village: There are three projects scheduled for this site as part of Cittaslow on April 28. **Steve Beck & Jack Blasco** met with <u>Tim Miller & David Barwick</u>, resident manager at Park Village to review their requests of our club. They are looking for Rotarians to help tow residents' units to higher ground when weather conditions warrant it to adjacent property owner <u>Dan Davis's</u> land. **Tim** is looking into insurance coverage for these units. (A written agreement is in order – If insurance is covered, then **Tim** will briefly speak to our club.) There is a need for repair or rebuilding of some fencing plus adding some new fencing for privacy and dog protection. There is also a need for developing a two-story building for multiple site uses. It needs electricity and water before it can be usable and ramps for older residents, plus outdoor storage structures. These projects will likely be deferred for now. **Steve** will follow up with **Tim** and Daniel in a few weeks.

YWCA: **Steve Beck** is getting 1-2 others to assist in putting on a second coat on the fence at A Special Place. **Ellen** is working with <u>Julie Lafranchi</u> at YWCA to schedule playground bark replacement in early May at the shelter playground.

Redwood Empire Food Bank: Ongoing Thursday work days. - No new report.

Cool Kids Camp: **Robin Maybury** is following up on a possible project that includes materials funding from our budget. <u>Libby Harvey Fitzgerald-Rotary</u> co-chair/<u>Shawna DeGrange-</u>CKC is generating a project wish list for consideration. **Robin** and a rep from the Petaluma club are working with Cool Kids Camp on estimates for their various projects. Once project estimates are presented, we will evaluate where we can contribute, staying within our budget. – No new report.

Gold Ridge Farms: Sebastopol Rotary to provide construction volunteers. Costs covered by City of Sebastopol. - No new report.

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANT COMMITTEE (Chair: Keller McDonald) - No new report.

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: (Chairs: Henry Alker, Steve Zivolich) - No new report.

LEARN WITH ME COMMITTEE (Chairs: Patti Blount, Mike Carey, and Linda Irving) – No report this month.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Cory Maguire**) – The committee is placing a YWCA donation can at the check-in desk most Rotary days. So far, they have collected \$80 in gas cards that are donated to the YWCA for survivors. Next committee meeting is Thurs, April 26 at 4:30pm at **Peg's** house. They have three new committee members: **Patricia Alker**, <u>Dana Moises</u> (pending member) and <u>Joyce Oneko</u>. They will be discussing the best way to budget finances to support prevention and education efforts of DV, as well as updates from members. Also on the agenda will be plans for future efforts and possible district grants.

# VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR BARBARA BICKFORD:

INTERACT (Chair/Coordinator: Barbara Bickford):

**TWIN HILLS CHARTER (Dan Rasmus)** – Twin Hill's Cause for the Quarter was to raise funds for Carson Pforsich's rehabilitation (Former Twin Hills Student). Interact led a school-wide campaign including donation 'cans' in each classroom and email and newsletter solicitations. We raised around \$1,200 from student, parent, and teacher donations. Our largest amount ever raised. We will be doing a final count on Tuesday and then will be submitting a check shortly after.

BROOK HAVEN (Pauline Pellini) – There is an ICE CREAM FUND-RAISER scheduled for May 9 and Posters will be created, starting at noon on May 1. Interactors will determine how to donate funds at a later meeting.

**ANALY (Brian Langermann, Bob Hirsch,** and **Monica Kretschmer**) – We will talk to them about running medicine. The club just put on a lip sync contest. They made \$300 which they are going to donate to Puerto Rico Relief. Also they are going to donate monies made at crab feed toward Uganda School.

**ORCHARD VIEW** (**Lisa Jacobs**) – Interact students sponsored a PJ Movie Night with pizza on Feb. 15 to raise funds for fire victims. The Interact club sponsors a monthly photo contest with the winner earning an OV Sweatshirt.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (**Co-Chairs: Tom Boag, Barbara Bickford,** and **David Schreibman**) – We are in email (and text!) contact with the six participating students and all seem to be working on their five minute talks for May 4 Noon session. Students are offered mentors to assist with speech writing and presentation [Will begin week of 4/16.]. The committee will meet to finish up tasks to be prepared for the Rotary Meeting on May 4. We are in need of sponsors and mentors.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (**Chair: Jackie Moreira** and **Katy Spyrka**) – Current inbound <u>Marina</u> is doing fine. She is with a new host family the **Martin's** and she's very happy there. Her mother will be arriving the first week of June for two weeks to visit. And then she will be going on a safari trip and returning home. Next year's outbound <u>Natasha</u> is getting ready to leave in August 2018 for Switzerland. Current outbound <u>MeeKa</u> is finishing up her year in Taiwan and is doing great as always!

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (**Chair: Cindy Carter**) – We have four good students for the 2018 RYLA Camp. The next step is to obtain their permission slips and health forms, which will be sent to them this week. We will collect the completed forms by mid-May and submit with the camp fees.

COOL KIDS CAMP (Chair: **Robin Maybury**) – Thanks to **Pam Graber** and **Hal Kwalwasser** for their sterling efforts to publicize the current status at Cloverleaf Ranch in local papers. A visit to the ranch is being planned for 22'nd April for District 5130 clubs. This is a public Open House day at the Ranch, open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. During this visit, we intend to assess the most beneficial projects where Rotary can assist the Cloverleaf team with their efforts to prepare the ranch for campers by the second week of June 2018. Carpooling is encouraged.

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (Chair: Richard Power) – Speech Contest was held on March 16. Well done!

FINANCIAL LITERACY (Co-Chairs: Tim Moore and David Schreibman) - Class presentations are scheduled for May. No new information until spring.

TRADE PATH (VOCATIONAL) AWARDS (Chair: **Rick Williams**) – We are reaching out to high school counselors to identify students. Working with **Hal Kwalwasser** on expanding the program. No new report.

SRJC Scholarships (**Chair: Scott Briggs**) – The first meeting for reviewing scholarship applications is coming up in April. Candidates will be selected for interviews.

CAREER FAIR ANALY HS (Chair: **Tom Lambert**) – El Molino and Analy high schools are collaborating to put together a Career and Job Fair, which will be held at El Molino's Main Gym on Tuesday, April 10th from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. College and Career Coordinators Carmelina Grant at Analy and Amy Miller at El Molino asked our club to assist the Fair by having two of our members conduct mock interviews. **Dorothy Rodella** and **Rick Williams** have graciously volunteered to be mock interviewers. They will help the students learn how to present themselves well in a job interview. At <u>Carmelina Grant's</u> request, our club has also paid the \$141.69 cost for bus transportation to take Analy students to and from El Molino.

#### **CLUB SERVICE AREA - DIRECTOR TOM BOAG:**

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE [Chair: Mia Del Prete] – Mia writes: "I would like to thank my Committee, Jim Passage, Diana Rich, Henry Alker, Steve Zivolich, Barbara Beedon and Jorgen Holst for all their hard work this year in securing interesting and dynamic speakers. I would also like to thank **Tom Boag** for his technology support. I am pleased to report that the Committee has secured speakers through the end of June. Thank you!"

APPLEKNOCKER COMMITTEE [Chair: David Still] – David wrote: "Appleknocker Editing is set thru June first. The AK team is looking for another part-time AK Editor - Training in Photo Editing, Word, layout provided. We're also looking (with Wrangler Harvey Henningsen) for more Scribes and Photogs."

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE [Chair: Hal Kwalwasser] – Hal writes: "We put out three press releases this past month: Speech Contest, Japanese Gift, and Cloverleaf Ranch support. We also put out a similar blast of information on social media, and I updated the website with regard to the speech contest. I also did a brochure for Learn to Swim to help recruit volunteers. **Greg Jacobs** and **Rick Wilson** are now using it to solicit help.

Robin Maybury has adjusted to his new role as webmaster; all seems well.

And <u>on the CTE front</u>, I've met with about a dozen business people during the past month. I should have something like a rough proposal as soon as I get done with a couple of student focus groups at Analy and El Molino.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE [Co-chairs: David Schreibman, Jeff Boal] – David says

- We have two more people awaiting Rotary Information
- We had our first Membership Committee meeting for 2018 3/16. Things are progressing with setting up another After Hours Mixer, this next one at Mexico Lindo.
- We'll be trying our first Facebook ads soon with a budget of \$100.

AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE [Chair: Gene Nelson] - Gene reports: No new report received.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE [Co-Chairs: Linda Johnson, Cory Maguire] - No new report received.

BIRTHDAY CALLER [Chair: Dave McLennon] - No new committee report.

GREETERS [Chair: Rick Wilson] - No new report

PHOTOGRAPHY & SCRIBES COMMITTEE [Chair: Harvey Henningsen] - No new report received.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS COMMITTEE [Chair: Nao Noguchi] - Nao writes: "I have nothing new to report for the Sergeant-at-Arms Committee."

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE [Chair: Cory Maguire] - "Nothing new to report."

CLUB HISTORY COMMITTEE [Co-chairs: Tom Boag, Jack Dunlap] - "Nothing new to report."

WEBSITE COMMITTEE [Chair: Robin Maybury] – Robin writes: "So far my learning curve is being gradually ascended. I'm enjoying being the new Webmaster. With help from **Tom Boag** and one or two hints from **Michael Hixson**, I'm managing to keep our website reasonably up-to-date. **Cindy Carter** has been helping with various challenges, including obtaining good photos for members who don't have one in the Clubrunner database. Thank you, Cindy.

I have added a slide show of photos from our 10Feb18 Crab Feed, updated the photo associated with our Speech Contest and learned how to keep the copies of the Appleknocker up-to-date. I think my next challenge will be when Larry Ford becomes President. I want to make sure I do a good job with the various updates to the website to align with his presidency.

Cool Kids Camp Committee (Duplicate Entry – See Vocational Service/Youth Service under Barbara Bickford): Robin writes: "Thanks to Pam Graber and Hal Kwalwasser for their sterling efforts to publicize the current status at Cloverleaf Ranch in local papers. A visit to the ranch is being planned for 22nd April for District 5130 clubs. This is a public Open House day at the Ranch, open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. During this visit, we intend to assess the most beneficial projects where Rotary can assist the Cloverleaf team with their efforts to prepare the ranch for campers by the second week of June 2018. Carpooling is encouraged."

MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT 5130 COMMITTEE [Chair: Richard Ruge, Sunrise, Report by Tom Boag] – Committee Chair, Richard Ruge (Sunrise Club) is still recovering from some surgery and will be out until April.

Meanwhile, we have conducted two Map Your Neighborhood Train-the-Facilitator/Coordinator classes for Rotarians from our club and Sebastopol Sunrise signups – also several invited guests. Skip Jirrels, a friend of **Tom** and **Richard**, with extensive MYN experience in the Sebastopol Fire Department's CERT group, taught the class. A total of 34 people has been trained. **Tom Boag** is sending each class attendee a collection of Map Your Neighborhood materials to assist with neighborhood meetings – including custom-made initial maps for each (taken from Google maps). **Tom** will be following up with each.

#### CLUB ACTIVITIES AREA - DIRECTOR TORREY OLSON:



CLUB PICNIC (Co-Chairs: **Bob Cugini** and **David Still**) – Picnic on 8/20/2017 at **Bob Hirsch's** property. Picnic was a rousing success!!!

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: Barbara Beedon and Ruthie Dunlap) – One more round coming up in April - those scheduled in March were a tremendous success.

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (Chair: TBA) – **David Still** Options for the tournament are under discussion.

HOLIDAY PARTY (Chair: Cindy Carter) - Party Date: 12/2/2017.

SUPER BOWL BOARD (Co-Chairs: Aleia Coate and Torrey Olson) - No new report.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM (Chair: Mike Ferguson) - Program date was 11/11/2017. Wonderful program!

ROTARY AFTER HOURS (Chair: Monica Kretschmer) – Nothing new reported.

TOUR D'ORGANICS REST STOP (Chair: Torrey Olson) - The Tour was on Sunday 8/13. Over 10 Rotarians participated in the Gabriel Farm rest-stop.

APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE FLOAT (Chair: TBD) – More on this at the meeting as I am waiting on some information from the morning club. So far, there will be a convertible with the Teachers of the Year sponsored by the Ed Foundation. The main Rotary float looks to be a flatbed of some sort with a band of some sort playing songs of some kind!!! The main float is traditionally applied for by the morning club and then promoted by both clubs. There was not a Rotary float last year. In previous years, when there was, Rotarians walked with the float and wore t-shirts and carried banners. I am thinking that this will be similar this year, and hope that we can drum up some participation, but like I said, I will have more details at the meeting.

#### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA - DIRECTOR GENE NELSON:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (Chair: **Dan Rasmus**) — I sent you all a summary of Foundation month from **Dan Rasmus**. Foundation reminders and fund-raising will continue all of April, with a celebration of the birthday of Paul Harris on April 20. Month includes: Major Donor presentations on 4/20; Paul Harris 150th Birthday Party celebration on 4/20 — Birthday Cake and Champagne; Anyone donating \$150 or more during the Month will get 150 matching PHF points; Raffle tickets sold on 4 Fridays 4/6 to 4/27; **Dan** will have reports available to instantly inform members of their 'point status'; **Dan** will give printouts of how to find your PHF point status to members; Raffle drawing on 5/11; Our goal is \$10,000 in April; **Dan** will give 2 educational 'moments' 4/6 and 4/13; Focus will be on ways to give, 100% goal, recognitions, Local impact?



#### Action Items:

Ruthie - Research Sheet Cake/Birthday Cake options - 100 pieces (caterer? or...) and Cost

Ruthie - Research Champagne (10 bottles?) and Champagne Flutes and Cost

Tom Boag - Can you prepare a Thermometer that shows our \$10,000 goal?

Dan - Send a Raffle Prize solicitation to Club

**Dan** - I have ordered Badge Stickers to recognize Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members (\$100 or more per year). A report shows we currently have 52 members eligible. There are no ties or scarf gifts that I can find anywhere.

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (WCS) (Chair: **Frank Mayhew**) – **Frank Mayhew** reports: "There has been an exchange of e-mails regarding the clean water project in Puerto Rico. It is moving forward, but details still have to be worked out on their end. But Rotary in Puerto Rico remains highly motivated and will eventually get this done."