



**Cordelia Holst – Universal Basic Income**



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🍎 **BEFORE THE BELL** 🍎

Anticipation ran high to discover what sort of meeting **President Jack** would unfold. Major fining? Freshly filled Bag of Surprises? Random mischief?

🍎 **AT THE BELL** 🍎

But NO! No **President Jack** ringing the bell at 12:15. In his place Four young ladies; all Seniors at Analy High School. In fact, all officers in The Analy Interact Club. Sit back down Jack. Get some rest. You have been supplanted for the day.

The four graces introduced themselves as Club President Claire Nelson and her staff of Kate Peinkofer, Zea Roth-Sisley and Sonia Findling. All college bound next year, Claire goes to Oregon State, Kate to Hamilton College, Zea to UC Davis and Sonia to Brandeis. They will surely succeed there. The question is can they survive a Sebastopol Rotary Club meeting?



Marie Blasco was called upon to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



## 🍎 Future Programs 🍎

**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 for District Conference**

**May 25, 2018**

**Speaker – Jennifer Strong**  
**The Power of Rotary**

**May 25, 2018**

**Speaker – Charles O Prickett**  
**The Civil Rights Movement**

## 🍎 Future Events 🍎

**District Conference 5/18 – 5/20**

## 🍎 Miscellany 🍎

**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–JackEDunlap@gmail.com**

**On-line Make-Ups:**

**www.RotaryEClubOne.org**

**Domestic Violence Hotline:**

**707-546-1234**

**sebastopolrotary.com**

**JT Martin** came forward to lead our band in a rendition of *This Land is Your Land*. **JT** admitted, to the surprise of no one, that he had not rehearsed this number.

The Thought for the Day was from **Norm Stupfel**.  
“Whoever said that diamonds are a girl’s best friend, never had a dog.”

## 🍎 GUESTS AND VISITORS 🍎

Secretary **Jack Dunlap** introduced Valerie Hulsey from the Valley of the Moon Rotary. Valerie is currently the Lt. Governor of District 5130.



Marie Blasco introduced returning guest Joyce Oneco.

**Ruthie Dunlap** introduced another returning guest Dana Moises.

**Jeff Boal** introduced his wife Jean



**Jorgen Holst** introduced his wife and today’s speaker Cordelia.

## 🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

The Interactors announced several current projects. The Foundation Raffle tickets on sale at the back of the room still available. The drawing will be May 11.



The Rotary Peace Garden Project, two years in the making, will finish up on April 28. Stop by the Sebastopol Center for the Arts and take a look.

Another project will be the May 5, a day at the YWCA doing some painting.

Don't forget to sign up for your committee choices as soon as you can. Let's fill out those committee lists and make a difference.

The Rotary entry in the Apple Blossom Parade was a huge success with many Rotarians from both Sebastopol clubs marching and riding.

**Hal Kwalwasser** hosted a Friendship dinner on April 20 welcoming **Guy** and **Michelle Smith**, **Greg** and **Barbara Beedon** and **Dave** and **Nan Still**. And yes, he broke out the Scotch. There was another Friendship Dinner held at **Bob Hirsch's** home on April 21. **Ralph Hamblin**, **Tony Given**, **Joelle Branham**, **Tom Boag**, **Gloria Given** and **Bob Hirsch** attended.

At this juncture the guest emcees called upon **Rick Wilson**. **President Jack** awakened from his deep slumber thinking he had to go to the podium but quickly fell back to sleep.



**Rick Wilson** announced the continued success of the Learn to Swim Program. Rick has over 130 volunteers at work. He gave a special shout out to **Jeff Boal**, idea man behind Learn to Swim. He also gave extra thanks to **Mario Ramos** who is out there every day. Also assisting **Jorgen Holst**, **Jack** and **Ruthie Dunlap**, **Jack Blasco**, **Cindy Carter**, **Steve Kellner**, and **Jim Pacette**.

The Analy ladies then announced the Analy InterAct Club community grants for this year.  
\$1000 to the United for Puerto Rico Relief Fund.  
\$500 to the UnDocuFund to assist with local fire relief.  
\$500 to the Keeping Girls in School Program in Uganda.

Big Thanks to the InterAct Club, and a warm, standing applause.

**President Jack** was called out of his early retirement to return to the fore. **Jack** wanted to issue a special thank you to **Linda Johnson** for her extra effort running the Community Grants Program and the Sponsorship program. She has also rounded up several new members in recent times. **President Jack** also issued a Four Way test coin as a thank you to **Ruthie Dunlap** for her work for the club.

**President Jack** settled back into a deep sleep while the Guest Hosts returned to the podium.

**Brian Langerman** was fined \$5. He alleged that he spent his entire birthday praising the Analy Interact Club.

**Jorgen Holst** spent his birthday at Learn to Swim

**Pauline Pellini's** anniversary was noted. She had a quiet celebration of 51 years of marriage. Guest Host Claire Nelson couldn't resist fining **Pauline** \$20 for introducing her to interact in middle school. Claire learns fast.

**Frank and Kathie Mayhew** got out and saw the Warriors win a playoff game last week.

Claire and the other guest hosts had so much fun fining **Pauline** that when the old *Dazed and Confused* theme song struck up, they couldn't resist the opportunity.

**Brian Langerman** was called upon once again. They noted that **Brian** has cut down from four spin classes a day to three. Spinners present at the meeting were all fined \$5 and **Brian** was hit up for \$20.

**Bob Rogers** was fined \$20 on general principles. These ladies have learned a few things.

**Mark Stevens** was asked about any recent real estate sales he has made. He began rhapsodizing about his recent fortunes but was cut off and fined heavily. He donated \$100 to the Rotary Foundation.

At this point the guest hosts had to go back to school. **President Jack** was once more called back from his cushy vacation spot in the back of the room to resume presiding.



**President Jack** created a great deal of excitement (I think that is what it was) by announcing that the Raffle was back from its recent vacation. The winner was none other than Interacter and student guest host Sonia Findling. Sonia nailed a red balloon and walked away with oodles of cash, yes, oodles. How much?? Well, maybe she won't have to take out such a big student loan next year.



## 🍎 ROOKIE SKETCH 🍎



**Nick Gurney** took the podium for his rookie sketch. **Nick** was born in New York but was raised in various countries including Italy and France. Along the way, he picked up many languages and presently teaches and tutors in Italian, French, Spanish and Canadian (?). He feels very fortunate to be part of Rotary as a feeling of community was elusive to him while growing up and moving about.

## 🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

**Jorgen Holst** introduced his wife Cordelia Holst and properly pronounced her name.

Cordelia came to discuss Universal Basic Income, UBI. UBI is not a new idea, in fact philosophers and thinkers have for years discussed the idea that society could make a basic living wage available to all its citizens. A basic income relieves many societal pressures that lead to poverty and the ills that accompany it. The idea is gaining new adherents as many basic types of labor are beginning to disappear or, as they say, “The robots start doing all of the jobs”.

Cordelia has a degree in business and has studied economics but she feels she is qualified to discuss UBI because of her many years living in Norway and the United States. Norway is a homogeneous society that is well off financially. The government provides many social safety programs including health care, education, vacation time and unemployment insurance. The U.S. has a more tenuous social structure that requires individuals to fend for themselves. This causes stress and social ills.

UBI posits that a society can do away with complicated social safety net programs merely by guaranteeing that everyone will be supported above the poverty level. In today’s America, most of the wealth is unequally distributed resulting in huge income disparity. Polls show that people believe society functions best without the huge disparities that exist today.



Many pilot projects have been tried in many areas. Presently Oakland and Stockton are working on such a CASH disbursement method. Some countries such as Kenya are piloting long term UBI programs. People are lifted out of poverty without complicated social safety net mechanisms. There is a political challenge in that a UBI program would require a good deal of government intervention.

## 🍎 AT THE FINAL BELL 🍎

**President Jack** looking relaxed and well rested rang the final bell at 1:30pm.

## 🍎 AFTER THE BELL 🍎

The Appleknocker would like to apologize to **Brendon Houston** for misspelling his name not once but twice last week. Sorry. We know that there is no "A" in **Brendon**.

### NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Dana Moises has been proposed for membership by Ruth Dunlap, with the classification of Retired Teacher. If no objections are received within 7 days of this announcement, Dana will be inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol

A group of Sebastopol Rotarians have been working hard on installing the Rotary Peace Garden at the Center of the Arts. Here is the proof!



## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

### **May 11, 2018: Susan Starbird – Olympic Hopes of 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.

### **May 25, 2018: Jennifer Strong – The Power of Rotary**

Jennifer Strong has been a member of the Rotary Club of Lakeport since June of 1998. She is a two-time past president of the club with her most recent service in 2015-16 during the Valley Fire in Lake County. When the fire broke out it became quickly apparent that the magnitude of destruction was going to be vast and something needed to be done.



The Rotary Fire Relief Fund was born 2 days later and a call to action was sent out to Rotary clubs around the District. Jennifer is also the current chair of one of Lakeport Rotary's major projects – the Konocti Challenge cycling event held every year on the first Saturday in October, an event that has been previously recognized by Cycle CA Magazine as the best Metric Century Ride in the state. She was recognized in 2016 as the District 5130 Rotarian of the Year and most recently, Jennifer took on the role of the District 5130 Grant Chair and is a current member of the District Board of Directors. She is a Certified Financial Planner and owns and operates Strong Financial Network in Lakeport.