



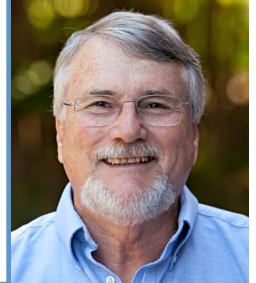
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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Analy High School Choir



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



'Twas the Friday before our Holiday break, and all of our festive members, many wearing their seasonal outfits and white hair, were gathered at the Roto-Palace for the last meeting of 2017. The smell of ham, and the feeling of friendship within the Roto-palace was strong.



AT THE BELL



Promptly at 12:15, **President Jack Blasco** rang the Roto-bell. **JT Martin** led the Roto-flock in the flag salute. **Keller McDonald**, channeling his inner Gene Autry, led the Roto-singers a rousing, festive course of "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." **Pauline Pellini** gave us a beautiful quote by Suzy Kassen: "Doubt kills more dreams than failure."



VISITORS AND GUESTS



Bud Daviero introduced our visiting Rotarians, including Jo Thornton, from the Petaluma Valley Rotary Club, John Peleuses from the Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary Club, and Natalie from the Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary Club. We had several guests at the Palace today. **Bud Daviero** introduced us to his wife **Sharon**. **Les Crawford** introduced us to Nick Gurney. **Guy Smith** introduced us to his wife, Michelle. **Jeff Boal** introduced us to his wife **Jean**. Our First Lady, Marie Blasco, also visited the Roto-Palace.



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

December 22, 2017

DARK

December 29, 2017

DARK

January 5, 2018

Speaker: David Warrender

Program: Bridging the partisan divide on Climate Change

January 12, 2018

Speaker: Iris Dunkle

Program: Sonoma County Poet Laureate

January 19, 2018

Speaker: Katherine Rinehart

Program: Sonoma County Library

January 26, 2018

Speaker: Larry Florin

Program: Affordable Housing & Impacts

🍎 Future Events 🍎

February 10, 2018: Crab Feed

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: Jan 9, 2018, Tues 5:30PM

Location: Jack Blasco's Home, Graton

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS-

JackEDunlap@gmail.com

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

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

INTERACT MAKEUPS

Analay High: Check Day, Time with Dan Rasmus

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

Orchard View: Check Day, Time with Lisa Jacobs

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

For all Interact Mtgs.:

CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !

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🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

President Jack announced that on Saturday, December 16th, Roto-members would be adorning Santa hats and singing Christmas carols, while they wrapped gifts at the Sebastopol Fire House for our annual "Adopt a Family" event. Millions and millions of dollars of merchandise was purchased so needy children and families would have a bright holiday season. See the After the Bell section for full coverage! Do the holidays make you feel crabby? Well, fear not, the annual Crab Feed is near! Saturday, February 10th, at the Holy Ghost Hall on Mill Station Road. Tickets are on sale now for \$70. All the proceeds go to towards the **Mark Sell** Teacher Mini Grants program! **Jack** announced that the final tally from the Pedal for Polio event in August was finally calculated. After using Super Computers from NASA and a team of MIT mathematicians to calculate the final total, we are pleased to report that \$139,000 was raised! **President Jack** called up Anna Gonzales and Jasmine Belmont from Trends Catering up to the front of the Roto-palace to thank them for providing amazing lunches for our weekly meetings. The flock gave the team a standing ovation. **President Jack** recognized the efforts of fellow members who came out to help the YWCA preschool and the Redwood Empire Food Bank recently. **Jack** swung the spotlight on **Jim Pacatte** and appointed him the official Nutritional and Culinary Advisor for the club, for his discriminative taste in donuts! So if you crave a good donut, sign up for a community volunteer project!



🍎 ROOKIE SKETCH 🍎



Jordan Burns stepped up to the lectern to deliver his rookie sketch. We learned that **Jordan** is a native Sebastopolian. He attended Parkside, Pinecrest, Brookhaven, and Laguna. **Jordan**, and his wife **Jennifer**, live in Sebastopol. He has three teenage boys, which can be a handful, according to **Jordan**! We learned that **Jordan** was originally an EMT at one time. Seeking more, he attended SRJC and UC Berkeley, where he studied pre-law. He was given the opportunity to study abroad, which changed his life. He spent six weeks in Kenya studying Political Science, and worked in an orphanage. After graduating from Berkeley with a degree in Political Science, he started the nonprofit Children's Humanitarian International in 2011. Its mission is to bring educational opportunities to Kenya by constructing schools. One school his organization constructed is home to 150 primary school students. His organization also started a study abroad program for high school students. We learned that **Jordan** does not make a dime from his nonprofit. His wife reminded him about the value of a paycheck. So now, **Jordan** works as a mortgage banker at Pinnacle Capital Mortgage in Guerneville with fellow Rotarian Hans Bruhner. **Jordan** also serves as the west county representative on the Santa Rosa Junior College Board.

🍎 RAFFLE 🍎

IT'S RAFFLE TIME! Barker extraordinaire **Jack** had the club clinching the edge of their seats as he pulled the lucky ticket out! #5715? No winner! #5727? DING! DING! DING! Jo Thornton stepped forward with the lucky ticket. After getting a whole dollar and three trick darts, Jo managed to hit a white balloon! Jo stepped away with two dollars....don't spend it all in one place, Jo! And remember kids, the more you play, the more we play!

🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

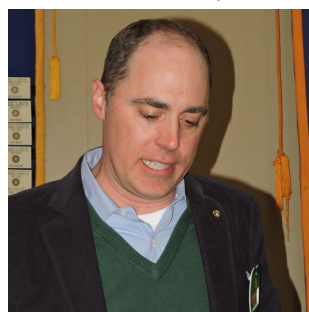


Jordan Burns had two birthdays for the price of one! His in-laws took him to dinner one night, and his wife took him to dinner in Cloverdale the next night. That had to be worth \$2.50 per dinner! Your scribe, **Tom Campbell**, celebrated his birthday with a nice dinner at Mexico Lindo. \$5 please! **Peggy Rogers** celebrated her birthday by hiking around Ragle Ranch, and having a nice dinner at Corks with the Dilley's. \$5 please! **Steve Kellner** spent his birthday attending a parent teacher conference. He also spent it cooking dinner for his mother in law. For that courageous act, \$5 please! The last time **President Jack** tried to celebrate **Russ Cunningham's** anniversary, **Russ** fled the building. **Russ** could



not escape the long arm of **President Jack** this time! **Russ** spent his anniversary visiting his son in Napa, where he took photos of Scottish Cows, and had lunch at his son's favorite sandwich shop. \$5 please! **Bill Lippert** forgot his anniversary! It wasn't until 10PM on his anniversary that **Bill** remembered. He made it up to Charlie over Chinese food the next night. **President Jack** was required to assess the \$5 forgetfulness fine!

Steve Zivolich informed the club about a fundraiser on January 20th for the Ceramics Studio at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. Our own **Mario Ramos** will be cooking, and **Ken Silveira** will be donating the food. **President Jack** encouraged people to attend, and reminded everyone of the \$20 advertising fee! **Greg Jacobs** has been catching more than trout lately! On a fishing trip to the Golden Trout Wilderness in the Sierra Nevada, a gust of wind knocked his lucky fishing cap into the water. Well, who says you can't just fish for fish? After two swings, **Greg** snagged the best catch of the day, his hat! We also learned that he visited Ann Arbor, MI to see his daughter and grandkids. Well, he left just as Old Man Winter arrived. No ice fishing??? That will be \$20! **Les Crawford** recently shared a chocolate soda with his granddaughter, Maddy. We learned that when Maddy is with grandpa, there are no rules! He donated \$100 towards Maddy's Paul Harris account. We learned that **Jordan Burns** and his wife **Jennifer** recently attended the Rise Up Sonoma culinary fundraiser. His tickets were comped, so **President Jack** did not feel bad about charging him \$20!





THE PROGRAM



Steve Kellner introduced our special guest, Andrew Del Monte and the Analay High School Choir. Andrew was just named Director of the Year by the Northern California Band and Choir Directors Association. The choir ensemble started off by singing "Hanukkah." The choir then sang "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert. Andrew then had the vocal ensemble step forward to sing two pieces. The first song was "Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen" ("Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"). The second song was "The Twelve Days of Christmas", or was it? After what seemed to be a flub, the vocal ensemble regrouped, but then started to sing "Jingle Bells." Needless to say, the Roto-flock was in stitches over the performance. The ensemble re-gathered and sang, "Home for the holidays." Being a bit ahead of schedule, Andrew surprised the ensemble with an impromptu performance of "Every Night When the Sun Goes Down" and



"Famine Song." The latter song was poignant for Rotary, given our work to bring clean water and end famine worldwide. The last song was a special request by **Steve Kellner**, "You will be found", from "Dear Evan Hansen." Thunderous applause echoed high within the lofty rafters of the Roto-Palace for the students and Andrew Del Monte.



AFTER THE BELL



At the clock struck 1:30PM, **President Jack** rung the hearty Roto-Bell, ending another successful Roto-meeting.

Remember, we are dark on Friday, December 22nd and Friday, December 29th. We wish everyone a joyful and relaxing holiday season, and a healthy and prosperous new year!

Here are the highlights from the Interact Adopt a Family gift-wrapping party at the Sebastopol Fire Station on Saturday, December 16th. The Adopt a Family project is a favorite among many Roto-members, and the Interact clubs. Even Santa took time out of his busy schedule to drop by! Thank you to everyone that participated!





FUTURE PROGRAMS



December 22, 2017: DARK – Christmas

December 29, 2017: DARK – New Years

January 5, 2018: David Warrender – Bridging the Partisan Divide on Climate Change



David Warrender is a retired electrical engineer who has lived in Sebastopol for over 40 years. He is currently a strong advocate of a carbon fee and dividend and works as a volunteer with the Santa Rosa chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby. Citizens Climate Lobby is a nationwide, strictly non-partisan group accepting all points of view and advocating a simple and direct response to climate change. Their goal is to educate the public on climate issues and provide hope for a positive and healthy future.

January 12, 2018: Iris Dunkle – Teaching Kids to Talk Back to Local History through Creative Writing



Iris Jamahl Dunkle is the 2016-2017 Poet Laureate of Sonoma County, CA. Her second poetry collection, *There's a Ghost in this Machine of Air*, is about the untold history of Sonoma County, CA, and was published in November 2015 by Word Tech Editions. Her third collection, *Interrupted Geographies*, will be published by Trio House Press in 2017. Her debut poetry collection, *Gold Passage*, was selected by Ross Gay to win the 2012 Trio Award and was published by Trio House Press in 2013. Her chapbooks *Inheritance* and *The Flying Trolley* were published by Finishing Line Press in 2010 and 2013. Her poetry, essays and creative non-fiction have been published widely in numerous publications including *Fence*, *Calyx*, *Catamaran*, *Poet's Market* 2013, *JMWW*, and *Chicago Quarterly Review*. Her essay, "Yellow Dahlias" was nominated for a pushcart prize. She is currently writing a new biography of Jack

London's wife, Charmian Kittredge London. Dunkle teaches writing and literature at Napa Valley College and is on the staff of the Napa Valley Writers conference. She received her B.A. from the George Washington University, her M.F.A. in Poetry from New York University, and her Ph.D. in American Literature from Case Western Reserve University. She currently resides with her family in Northern California.

January 19, 2018: Katherine Rinehart – Sonoma County Library History Genealogy



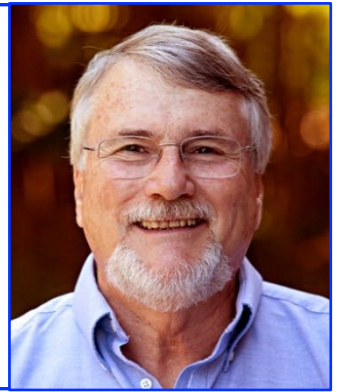
Katherine J. Rinehart received her master's degree in History from Sonoma State University in 1994. For the past 21 years, Ms. Rinehart has worked in various positions within the fields of Cultural Resource Management and Historic Preservation and has been employed by the Sonoma County Library, where has worked in the Sonoma County History and Genealogy Department, since 2002. Katherine is the author of *Petaluma: A History in Architecture*, a contributor to the *Celebrating Petaluma* published by the Petaluma Sesquicentennial Committee and the Petaluma Visitors Program. Ms. Rinehart is a regular contributor to the *Argus Courier*, has her own business specializing in historic research, writing, and exhibit coordination and lecturing; was named Petaluma's Good Egg in 2007 and is past president of the Petaluma Museum Association.

Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – December 12, 2017

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.

Jack



[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**) – Happened

CRAB FEED (Co-Chairs: **Nao Noguchi** and **Scott Briggs**) – The committee had its first planning meeting Monday, November 20. Still welcoming anyone interested in Crab Feed to join committee.

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Linda Johnson**) – Grants are open. We have four grant applications so far and commitments from some people already to sit on the committee. When **Linda** finalizes that, she'll send us the full list of volunteers.

DICTIONARY COMMITTEE (Chair: **Paul Yeomans**) – No update. Waiting to receive dictionaries. Deliveries will happen at beginning of New Year.

LEARN TO SWIM COMMITTEE (Chairs: **Greg Jacobs** and **Rick Wilson**) – Several board members sent ideas for t-shirts and bags. As soon as things slow down (post-holiday), **Michele** will start getting quotes.

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANT COMMITTEE (Chair: **Keller McDonald**) – We have received several thank-you emails and letters from grateful Teacher Grant recipients!

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

Peace Garden: The presentation for placement of the Peace Garden at the Sebastopol Art Center was well received by their board. They got approval from the Veterans Association, which favored the Rotary wheel design. **Julie** and **Ellen** are putting together an itemized budget for the project. **Jim Pacatte** and **Tom Dilley** have agreed to build one or two benches. Once the budget has been determined, the project will move forward.

Redwood Empire Food Bank: Usual Thursday work days have varied since the food bank has been giving out food packages to fire victims.

Sebastopol Area Senior Center: Rotary dining room painted and chair rails installed Saturday 11-4-14. **Jim Pacatte** pre-cut rails. Sebastopol Paint Center donated paint and supplies. Mike Nyholm of DSB Flooring donated flooring materials and labor for hallway and lobby that was installed 11-11-17.

YWCA: The two benches for A Special Place arrived. **Jim Pacatte** and three others installed them Dec 11. Fence replacement at this site has been completed. Installation of the engineered wood fiber for the playground at the shelter will be scheduled after the first of the year. Power washing the front entryway can't be done until water pressure is strong enough.

Gold Ridge Farms: Sebastopol Rotary to provide construction volunteers. Costs covered by City of Sebastopol.

Beach/River Clean-Up: **Ellen** communicating with Chris Brokate, Clean River Alliance, and RR Watershed on priorities. Expect multiple Rotary clubs to be involved. Waiting to hear from Chris to view creek clean-up site for project evaluation in Santa Rosa Creek at Willowside Bridge.

Cool Kids Camp: Libby Harvey Fitzgerald-Rotary co-chair/Shawna DeGrange-CKC generating a project wish list for consideration.

Catholic Charities: Approved by our committee. We will start with either St. Sebastian or Graton Day Labor Ctr. As soon as our current three Saturday projects are completed.

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: (Chairs: **Henry Alker**, **Steve Zivolich**) –

Committee met with Mayor Una Glass about Sebastopol being an International Peace City. She was very supportive and would like to have Rotary provide a support petition for such a resolution, which the city will write.



Steve sent **Jack** information from the International Peace City Website for our board to review and discuss. [Here is the link that provides information on the development process, sample support petition, and draft city resolutions.](#) There are no financial costs for this process.

Henry will want to discuss with the board further in January.

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Cory Maguire**) –

Peg reports that **Cory** ran an excellent meeting Dec 7, which was well attended (see picture). There were great discussions about where to focus our energy for the coming year.

The benches were installed last week at the preschool for the YWCA.

The fence that **Jim Pacatte** and others built at the therapeutic preschool is beautiful and should last 100 years!



VOCATIONAL SERVICE / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – Director Barbara Bickford:



INTERACT HOLIDAY ADOPT A FAMILY (Chair: **Pauline Pellini**) – Adopt a Family is on Dec. 16 at the Sebastopol Fire House starting at 9am. We are taking students shopping or the families on Wed. the 13th.

INTERACT (Chair/Coordinator: **Barbara Bickford**):

TWIN HILLS CHARTER (Dan Rasmus) – Twin Hills Interact hosted a movie night and raised \$600 which was initially for the hurricanes and floods. They voted to split it between this and the fires. They are collecting for Fire funds now in the new “Cause for the Quarter campaign. They have 10 Days of Giving and Holiday Cards for Heroes shipping now at school and Interact helps with this. The Interact Board, all girls, attended the Rotary Meeting with Amy G and had a photo with her.

BROOK HAVEN (Pauline Pellini) – Brook Haven completed their Jog-a-thon and made \$2,500 to go to the fire victims.

ANALY (Brian Langermann, Bob Hirsch, and Monica Kretschmer) – No report.

ORCHARD VIEW (Lisa Jacobs) – Interact held a winter dance for grades 7-12 on Dec. 8. Monies collected will be for the fire victims.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (Co-Chairs: **Tom Boag**, **Barbara Bickford**, and **David Schreiber**) – We have a resounding 18 applications scanned and sent to Committee members to read and score by the end of Dec. The selection meeting will take place in January followed by the Final HS Counselor review. Then we will send “Congratulations, You are a participant” letters. The event will be on May 4, 2018.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (Chair: **Jackie Moreira** and **Katy Spyryka**) – Outbound MeeKa will be moving to her second host family soon in Taiwan. She is in regular communication with us and doing very well. Inbound Marina will be moving from Aldean's to her second/interim host family **Mike Hixson** and will live there 11/30 to 12/30 and then will move to her next host family **Scott Briggs** for several months and for her last host family she will live with MeeKa's (the outgoing) family so she is all set. She is adjusting well here. Next year's Outbound candidate Natasha is having difficulties completing the steps that she needs to complete by November 30 to qualify through the District. We are unsure if she will complete on time. Upon interview, we all found her quite promising but unfortunately, that may not pan out. We will continue with her in the process and see how it plays out. If she cannot complete the process timely, we will either take a year off from Youth Exchange or we can host an incoming without sending an outgoing. The committee will discuss these alternatives after Natasha has played out. This is unfortunate but these things do happen and we continue to have a great YE Committee and we can resume with renewed vigor even if we take a year off.

The following are spring activities:

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (Chair: **Cindy Carter**) – No report - Starts January 2018

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (Chair: **Scott Briggs**) – No report

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (Chair: **Richard Power**) – No report

TRADE PATH (VOCATIONAL) AWARDS (Chair: **Rick Williams**) – No report

CAREER FAIR ANALY HS (Chair: **Tom Lambert**) – No report

COOL KIDS CAMP (Chair: **Robin Maybury**) – No report

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

CLUB SERVICE AREA – Director Tom Boag:

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE [Chair: **Mia Del Prete**] – **Mia** writes: “I have received a lot of positive feedback from our members on the Amy G presentation. I am working with **Rick Williams** to get the Vocational Awards scheduled. After that program is scheduled we only have 2 dates left to fill to complete the year. The Committee has done an excellent job!!”

APPLEKNOCKER COMMITTEE [Chair: **David Still**] – **David** writes: “Only thing to report is that AppleKnocker editor assignments done through end of February.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE [Chair: **Hal Kwalwasser**] – **Hal** writes: “I had lunch with the rest of the sponsorship committee yesterday. We kicked around various ideas and I gave them until COB tonight to get back to me. I’ll work on something tomorrow and hopefully have it to you by COB tomorrow night. Otherwise, I’ll send it along when I can and we can distribute at the meeting.

The report is simple. I’ve not sent out any new press releases, BUT I’m working on two news stories. One is on volunteer projects that I’ll send to Vesta Copestakes, and the second, on Interact, that I’ll send to Rollie.

ALSO, tomorrow or over the weekend I’ll send you a talking paper for the Board’s consideration on how to expand our trade path program to get more sponsorships and memberships from small business owners in the West County area. I’ve talked to **President Jack Blasco** about it already. Originally, the paper was to be a final plan outlining what we could promise small business owners by way of a program if they contributed so much. However, we’re not ready for that. Rather, we’d like to get the board’s feedback and ideas before we finalize what we suggest we do.

Here is our discussion memo re expansion of the Trade Path Awards. I’ve not had time to share it with other committee members, so I hope anyone who would like to add something should feel free to do so.

To: The Board of Directors of the Sebastopol Rotary Club from: The Sponsorship Committee

Re: Expanding the Trade Path Awards to improve outreach to local business Date: 12/9/17

Summary: During our fall sponsorship effort, we noticed that local business people were interested in the Trade Path Awards program. Many are scrambling for workers, and our effort at promoting Career and Technical Education (Vocational Ed to those of us of a certain age), resonated with them.

Also, the high school district recognizes the value of enhancing its CTE offerings, which have dwindled in recent years, and to expand its efforts to recognize excellence with regard to the CTE programs it offers.

Finally, **Steve Kellner** is pushing forward with internship programs for juniors and seniors, where the focus is to connect students with local businesses, so that the students both better understand what business is about and hone their abilities to communicate, collaborate, and think critically in a work situation.

The Committee is unanimous in thinking that the expansion of our promotion of CTE and our facilitation of the internship programs will make our work more visible and valuable to local business. From that, we expect we can increase our sponsorships and even our membership.

Initially, this memo was going to detail an “if, then” proposition that we would present to local business people, that we wanted to place before you for your approval. That is, if you and your fellow local business people will support us, then we will undertake to recognize and promote those CTE students whom local businesses might want to hire and facilitate the high school internship program. However, we have not yet had time to reach a conclusion about the substance of the “if, then” proposal. What we want to do at this board meeting instead is to solicit your ideas about how we can make our proposal to local businesspeople as attractive as possible.”

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE [Co-chairs: **David Schreiberman, Jeff Boal**] – **David** writes to Board Members: “As I was preparing my Membership Committee report, I thought I would make available to the whole Board an online Google doc tracking prospective members in the pipeline. That way anyone who wishes to be more active in the vetting and/or welcoming of new people has the information available. [A link is provided to Board – The table shows two Members inducted on 12/8 (**Gay McFarren** and **Pam Graber**), two more to be scheduled, and four prospects.] To make this list, an application had to be filled out by the sponsor (also triggering the two club-sponsored lunches).

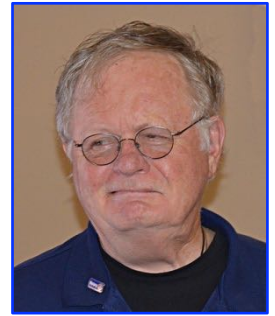
Membership Committee Report – Dec. 6, 2017

The Membership Committee is excited to induct its first two new members of 2017-18! Both **Pam Graber** and **Gay McFarren** will officially join our club Friday Dec 8. Both are former Rotarians and strong, independent women.

As you can see by the accompanying report, assuming you have good magnifying readers, there are several people in the pipeline for membership as well. **Rick Wilson** and I will be providing Rotary Information [to another potential member] and her husband at their Windsor home on 12/11.

On December 6, I sent an email to the Board containing a web link to an online Google document that keeps track of prospective members. While it may not be up to the minute accurate, it is the best resource for the Board and our committee members. [See above.]

AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE [Chair: **Gene Nelson**] – No new committee report received from either **Gene Nelson** or **Ron Puccinelli**.



SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE [Co-Chairs: **Linda Johnson, Cory Maguire**] – [See above in P/R Committee, **Hal Kwalwasser**]

BIRTHDAY CALLER [Chair: **Dave McLennon**] – **Dave** writes: “Birthday calling: **Past President David** - wished him a happy birthday while he was on the beach in San Diego; **Dan Rasmus** - in person at the meeting; **Harry Simms** - Voice Mail; **Keller McDonald** - connected and let him whine about not bagging any pheasants; **Steve Prandini** - in person in my branch; **Norm Stupfel** – Voice Mail; **Ken Jacobs** - in person in my branch.

GREETERS [Chair: **Rick Wilson**] – No new report

PHOTOGRAPHY & SCRIBES COMMITTEE [Chair: **Harvey Henningsen**] – **Harvey** writes: “The A.K. staff of **Scribes & Photographers** is in constant flux as the prized stringers of writers and image-makers schedules ebbs and flows with changing vacation or possibly incarceration times. At the present we still ‘Print everything that fits.’

The Wrangler is no longer in need of the tri-lingual appointment secretary. The annoying voices seem to be fading making it easier to concentrate on.....?

We gotta big gig coming up at the District Conference. **The A.K. Team** will be assembling a crack group of image-makers, videographers, and reporters to produce several programs at the conference. We will be reaching out to the other local clubs to recruit their best image makers, videographers, and programmers.

The last time I did this big of a Roto-project was 30 years ago at **John Blount's** big-gig in Sacramento. Sebastopol knocked the ball out of the ball park at the close of that conference with a giant, room filling 12 slide- projector, 3- rear-screens projection show. I'm thinking we can dazzle the crowds again. If anyone reading this wants to get involved in this creative productions project contact me.....hh”

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS COMMITTEE [Chair: **Nao Noguchi**] – “Nothing new to report.”

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE [Chair: **Cory Maguire**] – No new report

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

CLUB ACTIVITIES AREA – Director Torrey Olson:



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

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Barbara Beedon** and **Ruthie Dunlap**) – **Ruthie & Barbara** are planning to have an organizational meeting within the next month. They feel like reusing many of the documents from last year. Will allow them to easily put together the program for this year. (Repeat)

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (Chair: TBA) – Might be in the process of convincing **David Still** to chair this committee. Possible tie-in with the morning club to create a fundraiser event. If anyone has ideas for this event, please contact **Torrey**. (Repeat)

HOLIDAY PARTY (Chair: **Cindy Carter**) – Party date was December 2 at the **Zivolich's** house. A rousing success.

SUPER BOWL BOARD (Co-Chairs: **Aleia Coate** and **Torrey Olson**) – **Aleia** and **Torrey** are in the process of opening up more events (March Madness, NBA Playoffs & etc.). NFL Season has become a ridiculous commentary on the general state of the country....

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.

IN DEVELOPMENT: APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE FLOAT (Chair: TBD) – No new report.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA – Director Gene Nelson:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (Chair: **Dan Rasmus**) – Foundation Month was great! My aggressive goal that I announced to the club was 15K for the Month. We received just over \$14,000 with 52 members contributing during the Foundation Month. I don't have statistics to see if the number of contributors is normal or not, but I am more pleased with the number of different people contributing than the dollar total raised!

A side note – **DG Bob's** District Foundation South Dinner to celebrate last year was held at the Flamingo on 11/4. Our club was recognized with 3 Major Donors! **Yvette Williams van Aggelen, Bob Rogers**, and **Richard Power**. In addition, **John Blount** MC'd and produced a Paul Harris bit talking about Rotary, The Foundation, and the Fires -- '**yours truly**' played Paul Harris. **Edwin Wilson** ran the entire AV including video, sound and lights. **Bob Rogers** is our DG. Our club was very well represented!!!!



WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (WCS) (Chair: **Frank Mayhew**) – The International Service Committee met following the Rotary meeting on Dec. 1. At that meeting it was our understanding that, for now, we have \$5,000 available for projects. We were presented with two possible projects. The first was a request for a direct grant to help a hospital in our Sebastopol sister city of Chyhyryn - a city with no vowels - in the Ukraine with supplies and much needed equipment.

The request came from **Jim Passage** and Sebastopol World Friends. Sebastopol World Friends has raised \$12,000 toward a goal of \$30,000. "Project Cure" in Colorado will assemble, ship, and install the equipment.

The second request came from a number of Rotary Clubs in Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico is desperately in need of clean water - over 50 communities have non-functioning wells following the devastation of Hurricane Maria. A Global Grant will be sought to provide install solar panels that will provide for long-term water needs. Finding host clubs in Puerto Rico will not be a problem.

Following discussion, the committee voted unanimously to give \$2,500 to the Chyhyryn hospital project and \$2,500 for the Puerto Rico water project. Both these projects will be re-visited if more fund become available.

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS (Chair: **Tom Lambert**) –

Report on the *Programa de Becas* for the 2017 - 2018 School Year

Club members donated a total of \$3,700 in *Programa de Becas* scholarships that are providing financial support for 12 students during the 2017-2018 school year. The following members provided scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$350 to help good students stay in school in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico: **Richard Power, Steve Beck, Dorothy Rodella, Sally Ewald, Paul Thielen, Karen Daniels, Bob Rogers, David Schreibman**, Tom Lambert, **Jim Pacatte** (provided 2 scholarships), and **Jim Passage**. All have received gift acknowledgement letters for their tax records.

The 12 students were awarded their scholarships at a ceremony in Puerto Vallarta. Club Rotario Puerto Vallarta Sur (Mexico) continues to administer the scholarship program, which our members have participated in since 1996. Positive comments about the program include: "amazing program" - **Dorothy Rodella**, "What a wonderful program" **Karen Daniels**, "I think **Trish** and I have been doing this since at least this century. Well worth it." - **Richard Power**. All scholarship donors received a current profile and thank you letter from their student.

A special shout-out goes to **Dave McLennon** for executing the wire transfer and to Exchange Bank for waiving the wire transfer fee. The *Programa de Becas* for the 2017-2018 school year was completed at no cost to the club.