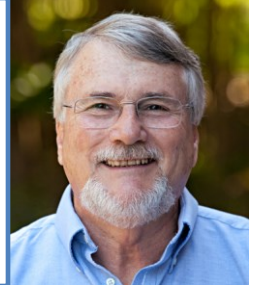




Food For Thought Mary Bigelow Gale

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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



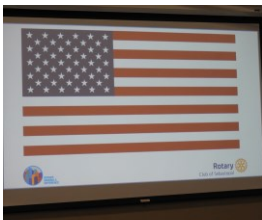
The mood was lively at the check in table. People signing people up. People signing up. The Rotary year is just beginning.



AT THE BELL



President Jack Blasco opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance flawlessly led by **Paul Yeomans**.



Next came the song, and it wasn't the venerable 'God Bless America', but rather the more difficult 'This Land is My Land'. And while it suffered a little with tempo, songmeisters **Jeff Boal** and **Rick Wilson** made up for that with enthusiasm.



Hal Kwalwasser provided the thought for the day by Teddy Roosevelt paraphrased "Progress is accomplished by the man who does things, who takes risks even though he may fail. Don't just be a critic!"





Future Programs



July 28, 2017

Speaker: Mario Uribe

Program: Art Smart

August 4, 2017

Speaker: Keller McDonald

Program: "Sebastopol Rotary: Where DisCon18 Takes Flight"

August 11, 2017

Speaker: Lu Frazier

Program: Sebastopol Center for the Arts

August 18, 2017

Speaker: Dr. Jan Weiner

Program: Inclusive Education for Students w/Disabilities



Future Events



Club Picnic: 8/20

Lobster Fest ("Circus") 9/30



Miscellany



Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: **August 8, 2017, Tues 5:30**

Location: Jack Blasco's Home, Sebastopol (Graton)

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS-JackE Dunlap@gmail.com

On-line Make-Ups:

www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

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 !

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VISITORS AND GUESTS



President Jack asked all the Guests to stand and be introduced:

Sue Engle

announced her guest from Flower Song, arranger Shauna Wood.



Jim Passage



announced Cybele Peregrine

David Madsen

introduced
Massage Therapist
David Piner.



Richard Powers
introduced his wife, Trish.

Tom Boag introduced his partner Ralph Hamblin



Ellen Harrington introduced Miguel Hilario, an indigenous Amazonian from Peru. Miguel first came to Sonoma County sponsored by Patrick Parks, police chief of Petaluma. He attended the JC and got a BA from Sonoma State in Political Economy of Latin America. He was awarded a Rotary Ambassadorial Fellowship and studied Politics, Philosophy and Economic at Oxford University, England. He became a Soros Fellow and obtained a PhD in Anthropology from Stanford.

Pursuing his career in public service and international development, Miguel became Secretary of Ethnic Affairs for the Peruvian Government, and Director of Program and Policy for Children's Services for Santa Clara County. In 2016 he became the first indigenous Amazonian to ever run for the presidency of Peru.

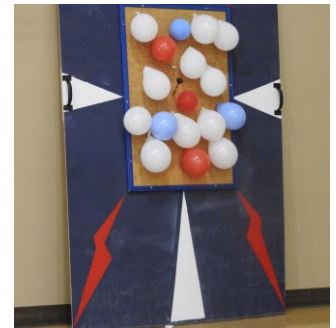


🍎 THE RAFFLE 🍎



5615123 Only one person had the winning ticket. District Governor **Bob Rogers** is on a roll- (Please sign up for his Pedal for Polio). **Bob** got \$5 back, and then an extra dollar for nailing a white balloon.

We kept yelling 'the Red One Bob', but you know how stubborn he can be!



CRAFT TALK Sue Engle

Sue Engle gave an interesting KRAFT TALK on her industry and local business, *The Flower Song*. She says that she gets flowers locally, from Lodi, from San Francisco wholesalers, and even Trish Powers. The flower business is not easy. Mother's day alone, she has 6 florists, and 5 drivers to keep up with demand. What makes the business challenging are many orders come through Telaflora, FTD or Bloom Net. These middlemen take over 50% of the proceeds.



Her work involves the buying, preserving, arranging, delivery of flowers, and failed to mention rent, utilities, payroll, bookkeeping and customer service. She would like for more folks to just come in and make an order over-the-counter, and not go through the big-box floral delivery services. While



she spoke, she had flower arranger, Shauna Wood, busy creating a nice-looking floral arrangement. When finished, the arrangement was auctioned off by celebrity auctioneer **Gene Nelson** to raise money for the *Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation*. Youngsters take a lesson from winning, seasoned bidder **John Blount**, who instinctively knows how to begin a weekend 'without the kids!'



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

Aleia Coate pitched the Lobster Feed on September 30. Better hurry if you want to go. Almost sold out. Less than 25 tickets remain! **Cindy Carter** pitched the silent auction. She is putting together baskets and if you have any ideas, let her know. She will warm-call, cold-call, duck-call, anybody and everybody to get her silent auction together. **Cindy** is the very best I have ever seen at 'asking for the order!'



Bob Cugini announced that this year's picnic will be at **Bob Hirsch's** home on August 20 between noon and 4:00.

Bob is gonna put the F U back in FUN!



RECOGNITIONS

Dorothy Rodella had a Birthday. She had friends, family, grandkids, face-painting, snow cones , sleepovers and an all-around EPIC birthday! I think she was only levied \$5 but should have been a lot more due to the epicness of it all.



Mia Del Prete had a special day and nice barbeque with family and grandkids.



Jack Dunlap and Ruthie celebrated their anniversary at the Melting Pot in Larkspur.



Frank and Kathie Mayhew celebrated at the Farmhouse Inn in Forestville

Dorothy Rodella also celebrated her anniversary. Listen to this! If you renew your wedding vows, you get to celebrate two anniversaries. (That's got to be a woman thing-just sayin') scribe. This time Ms. D was hit with \$20 for, well, just because or perhaps epically!



Harvey Henningsen and Bev celebrated an anniversary at their private campground with daughter Cynthia, son-in-law Dan, and grandchild, Jack.

Mike Ferguson celebrated by getting a mani-pedi-cure. Seeing how he has taken to taking care of himself, **President Jack** presented him with a \$20 coupon towards a Bikini Wax!



Lu Frazier and Mia Del Prete were applauded for becoming Board Members of Sebastopol's Chamber of Commerce.

Cindy Carter was recognized \$20 for her Sonoma Plaza picture and Family Reunion. Cindy has a new half-sister and everyone is getting to know each other. (hint: Ask the new sister if she can donate to our silent auction!) scribe



Bob Hirsch attended the Big and Tall Club annual shareholder meeting in Vancouver. To be a shareholder you have to have a 6"2" minimum. He was fined \$20.



THE PROGRAM Food For Thought



Steve Zivolich volunteers for Food for Thought delivery. Because of his involvement there, **Steve** invited Mary Bigelow-Gale and Alex Newhouse to speak. Before inviting Mary up to the podium, **Steve** read a touching poem written by a recipient of the services that Food for Thought offers. It was entitled either 'Blackberries, Strawberries, Peaches and Plums', or 'And Still You Come'.



Mary talked about how Food For Thought got started in 1988 during the AIDS epidemic. Folks with this new disease were dying, and also starving as they were treated like lepers. As consciousness rose, so did the caring. Kind people started dropping off food on doorsteps so that people with HIV did not starve. Food For Thought came into being, and now serves 800 clients.

There is a 600 person volunteer base and a staff of 12. Mary noted that the food delivery volunteer may be the only contact a client may have. Each client is vetted. There is a file on each with what meds they are taking and what foods they need to eat. There are now communal meals and a nutritionist. There is no federal funding, but

funding is received through grants and fundraising. Food is medicine and Food For Thought is healing with food and love.



Alex Newhouse then spoke about how he now works at Food For Thought through Americorp. Americorp helps non-profits that have volunteers. Americorp is a 50/50 mix of learning and contributions. Alex has attended staff and board meetings, is learning social networking, has trained volunteers, ordered and delivered food, and has assisted with issues and surprises. Americorp is a way for young folks to get involved. Alex was a weekly volunteer at FFT before an Americorp employee. **President Jack** made a contribution to Polio in the names of both our guest speakers.



THE FINAL BELL



At precisely 1:30 pm the meeting was adjourned and Bell rung. Remember to buy local were the last words from our President



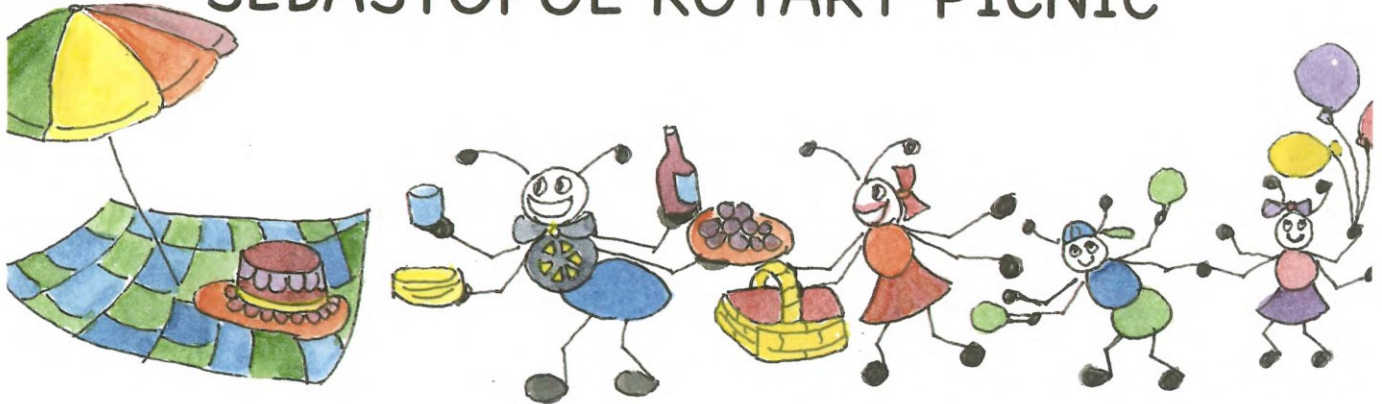
AFTER THE BELL



Don't forget to sign up for the Picnic on August 20.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL SUMMER

SEBASTOPOL ROTARY PICNIC



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 12-4 pm

AT BOB HIRSCH'S HOUSE
1055 MONTGOMERY, SEBASTOPOL

\$15 per person/ \$25 per family

MARIO IS COOKING!!!

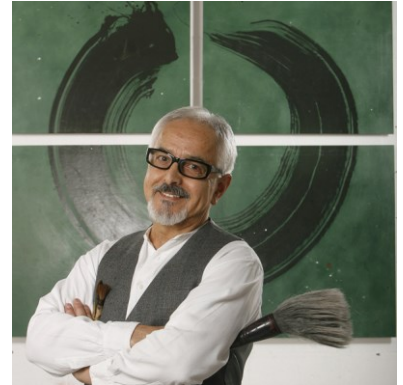


FUTURE PROGRAMS



July 28, 2017: Mario Uribe – Art Smart

Mario Uribe is a graduate from The California Institute of The Arts and the Oomoto School of Traditional Arts in Japan. For over 50 years, he has worked in a diversity of media, ranging from animation to public art, with the last 27 years heavily influenced by traditional Japanese arts. He has exhibited widely in this country, Europe, Asia and Mexico. His works form part of museum and private collections in the US and Europe and his public art, with a focus on community involvement, can be seen in many US cities. In Santa Rosa, Uribe is responsible for the Veterans Memorial Monument behind City Hall, the large mosaic rainbow trout across the street in Gateway Park, and numerous other murals and sculptures. He is also a founder and creative director of Artstart, a non-profit educational arts organization dedicated to training young artists for the past 18 years.



August 4, 2017: Keller McDonald – “Rotary Club of Sebastopol: Where DisCon18 Takes Flight”

The Rotary Club of Sebastopol has the pleasure and privilege of having one of our own Past Presidents serve as **Rotary District 5310 Governor** for the **2017-2018 Rotary year!** **District Governor (DG) Bob Rogers** is at the helm, piloting over 45 Rotary clubs from Petaluma to Del Norte on the exciting adventure that is Rotary! The capstone of **Bob's** year as **District Governor** will be the annual Rotary District 5130 Annual Conference, to be held May 18-20, 2018 at McClellan Air Force Base near Sacramento, CA. Our program this Friday will give us a glimpse into **Bob's** vision for the District Conference and our Club's pivotal role in making DisCon18 a fun and rewarding event. The conference theme, “Rotary: Where Dreams Take Flight” is propelled by McClellan's unique setting and history. The McClellan officers club and living spaces have been transformed into the Lion's Gate Hotel, our primary conference lodging. Hangars from the air base have been repurposed into the spacious McClellan Conference Center. And McClellan is home to the Aerospace Museum of California, where we'll have a special reception for conference attendees only! We'll be looking and listening for how our entire club can be engaged in a multitude of support roles for the District Conference. It's “all hands to your stations!” to make DisCon 18 a fantastic success and show off the talents and energy that are the hallmarks of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol!

August 11, 2017: Lu Frazier – Sebastopol Center for the Arts

Born Oakland, CA and graduated from Castro Valley High. Met husband, Bud, in high school and married when we were twenty. Graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in social science and a secondary teaching credential. Moved to LA and taught social studies and English for 11 years on the Palos Verdes Peninsula School district. Ten years later, we had two boys, Dan & Scot. Bud graduated Long Beach State University and taught inner city LA for several years and then became an insurance broker.

While in LA, purchased 80 acres in Sea View Ranch (Cazadero) and 33 acres above Roblar and Canfield Rd. Moved to Roblar property in 1976 and built home and farm there. Raised sheep for cash and assorted other farm animals along with an acre garden. Children attended Twin Hills School District. I became full time volunteer librarian at Twin Hills for four years. Returned to college and attended Sonoma State University, receiving a Master's Degree in Business Management, emphasis in managerial economics and accounting. Worked in various local CPA firms in the county as an accountant and helping install and debug accounting software. Acquired my CPA and CMA certificates, Wanting work in the Sebastopol area, I accepted a position at Hearthsong as accounting manager. When Hearthsong was sold and moved to Peoria, ILL, I moved to J Wine in Healdsburg and managed the accounting department for 11 years. Again wanting a position closer to Sebastopol, I accepted a Controller/CFO position at Iron Horse Vineyards. Retired from Iron Horse after 10 years. Currently working freelance for very small wineries.



I am member of the Institute of Management Accountants, a Certified Management Accountant, and past president of the Redwood Empire Chapter. Also a member of the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce and past president, current vice president. Board member of the Sebastopol Center for the Arts, currently president. Still licensed as a CPA

and insurance agent.

I enjoy travel, books, gardening, friends, family and helping West Sonoma County denizens sign up for Covered California health insurance pro bono. Dan is currently the Advanced Senior Art teacher at Del Mar High in San Diego, married with a 16 year old son, Jack. Scot is Chief Operations Engineer, Urban Airship in San Francisco.

Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – July 11, 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**) –

- Tickets went on sale June 30th.
- We've already sold seven tables.
- Silent and live auctions moving right along.
- Facility is good.
- Band is in contract.
- Still need a clean-up chair.

CRAB FEED (Co-Chairs: **Nao Noguchi** and **Scott Briggs**) –

- See wrap-up meeting notes for detailed info.
- Next year's crab feed is Feb 10, 2018 at Holy Ghost Hall.
- Tickets may be \$70 again, but that's under discussion.
- Will not have live music next year.

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Linda Johnson**) –

- **Linda Johnson** and team put together four sponsorship documents (see attached).
 - Donor Letter Learn to Swim
 - Donor Letter Cool Kids Camp
 - 2017 Rotary Sponsor \$500-\$1000
 - 2017 Rotary Sponsor \$2500-\$5000
- **Linda** has submitted the following budget requests:
 - Donor Program: brochure, paper, folders, "marketing" \$800
 - Community Grants: printing, stamps, website application changes, misc. \$400

LEARN TO SWIM COMMITTEE (Chairs: **Greg Jacobs** and **Rick Wilson**) –

- Ives Pool raised fees from \$500 to \$3,200—the first time in several years it's done so. The pool manager has to hire more lifeguards because the number of kids involved has grown by 125 in last few years. That also means more bags and t-shirts for kids and volunteers.
- We won't know how many children will be involved in 2018 until after school starts.
- We're setting our tentative budget for now at \$10K.

TEACHER MINI GRANTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Keller McDonald**) –

- The Teacher Mini-Grants committee has been formed.
- All schools in West County will be notified in late September that the TMG application window will be open in October.
- Committee will review all applications and make recommendations to Rotary Board for approval in mid-November.

DICTIONARY COMMITTEE (Chair: **Paul Yeomans**) – **Paul** and his band of volunteers have distributed 383 dictionaries to third-graders at nine Sebastopol schools.

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

- Park Village (formerly Village Park):
 - Peace Garden. Residents would maintain, overseen by West County Community Services.
 - Rehab park and prepare new sites for homeless residents.
- Laguna Foundation: Provide volunteers to sand, paint, weed, mulch, repair tools, etc.
- Redwood Empire Food Bank: Confirmed regular scheduling for Thursdays.
- Roseland District: College mentoring.



- Sebastopol Senior Center: Fix-it stuff.
- YWCA: Landscape and interior maintenance.
- West County Vets: Not yet defined.
- Goldridge Farms:
 - Two-stall restroom.
 - 36-person amphitheater
- Farm Trails/Gravenstein Fair: Collect parking fees.
- West County:
 - Read to kids ages 1-3.
 - Beach/river clean-up.

LEARN WITH ME COMMITTEE (Chairs: **Patti Blount, Mike Carey, and Linda Irving**) –

- Read 18-page report (**attached**).
- We've been presented with bill for \$12,149 (**attached**).

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

- Asked for report. Have not been provided with one.

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

- Committee (including members from Sunrise Club): **Cory Maguire, Peggy Rogers, Mike Hixson, Greg Jacobs, Sally Ewald, Sue Engle, Monica Kretschmer, Jim Passage, Nancy Wilson**, Helaine Campbell, Bill Sauber, Mikel Cook, Scott Hensey, and Vicki Johnston.
- Next committee meeting is July 20 at **Cory's** office, Terra Firma, 130 Petaluma Ave #1C. They'll show an introductory movie, review last year's accomplishments, and set goals for this year.
- The committee would like to create a domestic violence awareness flyer, including YWCA's crisis line, and send it out within a valu-pak mailer. (Both Sebastopol Rotary and YWCA will be highlighted.)
- They'd like to print 200 flyers, with crisis line included, for distribution and posting around town.
- An introductory visit for committee members to the YWCA has been scheduled for July 26, to include the safe house.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – Director Barbara Bickford:



OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (Co-Chairs: **Tom Boag, David Schreiber, and Barbara Bickford**) – OOA is not gotten underway and is trying to settle on a date [5/4 or 5/11 sugg.].

INTERACT (Chair/Coordinator: **Barbara Bickford**): -- At the last meeting of the 2016/2017 year, officers were elected for 2017/2018. At the last school assembly of the year the officers each announced their replacements for next year. They also presented checks from their fundraising to four organizations-Sebastopol Fire Department, Canine Companions, So. Co. Humane Society and Ceres. Representatives from each organization were present to accept the checks. Officers for the year were given certificates. It was a great day.

ANALY (Brian Langermann, Bob Hirsch, and Monica Kretschmer)

BROOK HAVEN (Pauline Pellini and Mike Carey)

ORCHARD VIEW (Lisa Jacobs)

TWIN HILLS CHARTER (Dan Rasmus and Monica Kretschmer)

WILLOWSIDE (Bret Page)

FINANCIAL LITERACY (Co-Chairs: **Tim Moore and David Schreiber**) – Financial Literacy won't happen until next spring.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (Chair: **Cindy Carter**) – The RYLA Camp (June 18-23) and Welcome BBQ (June 18) went off without a hitch. **Ken Jacobs** has paid the Pacific Market invoice for the food, drinks, and cake and paper goods. We are awaiting reimbursement for half of the approx. \$1k from Barbara Barney, Sebastopol Sunrise Club. Barbara has the invoice and **Ken Jacobs** will likely let us know when the check arrives.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (Chair: **Jackie Moreira and Katy Spyra**) – No report submitted

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (Chair: **Richard Power**) – The speech contest committee won't get going until around December when we determine the topic and send it to the three schools.

We have the date set with **Mia** in March 2018 and have the current contact faculty at all three schools. We will be renaming the contest this next year to honor Lynette Williamson.

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

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

INTERACT HOLIDAY ADOPT A FAMILY (Chair: Pauline Pellini) – No report submitted.

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

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

SREF Liaison Report: **Michele Kimble** – – No report submitted

CLUB SERVICE AREA – Director Tom Boag:

PROGRAM COMMITTEE (**Chair: Mia Del Prete**) - The Program Committee started our work in March. We have booked our guest speakers through December 29. We are currently holding October 20 and December 1 for a couple speakers we are still working on. The Committee consists of: **Jim Passage, Diana Rich, Henry Alker, Steve Zivolich, Barbara Beedon, and Jorgen Holst.**

Mia and Tom have established a cloud location as a central location for all future speaker schedules, bio information, and photographs -- easily available for AppleKnockers, Teasers, WebPage, FaceBook, Club Management, or others. **Mia** has begun loading speaker information to this location.]

The Committee will meet again on Friday, July 28 at 1:30, immediately following our weekly Rotary meeting. Kuddos to the Committee on their hard work!

APPLEKNOCKER COMMITTEE (**Chair: David Still**) – We have 5 editors and a set editing schedule through October 6, 2017. Considering some new features such as feature articles, guest writers, ClubRunner training crib sheets. We are monitoring readership of AK -- according to ClubRunner email tracking tools, over the last year, some 50-55 percent of ~165 recipients (111 members and ~60 friends) actually "open" the distribution emails.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE (**Chair: Hal Kwalwasser**). --

Tentative goals for the year (subject to further discussion at our committee meeting in a couple of weeks):

Continuing to keep the website updated and informative, principally for non-club members, but also for club members who want a succinct description of club activities.

Increasing the number of events and projects that are covered in the media. This past year, we had two stories; we'd like to increase that to four.

If the fundraising chairs would like, we will agree to take on the design of their materials, principally by retaining and then overseeing a small contract with an SJRC design student.

Goals for the month:

Update the website so it is current as of 7.17.

Hold a committee meeting to decide on goals and review strategies for press and social media.

Budget: I've also sent **Jack** some information regarding the budget request. I've told him that the budget, especially for ads like the ones I did for **David**, heavily influence the budget and that he has to decide if that is what he wants to do.

Feedback from Website users: We would like to hear club members' general reactions to using the website.

New Goal: Hold two sessions after meetings to familiarize club members with club runner and the uses of the website.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: David Schreiber and Jeff Boal) -- Our Membership Committee met at the end of last month with past and current members who could attend and who we knew then were signed up. **David Schreiber** and I, as co-chairs, will be meeting on July 21 to tie down specific goals and who will take on what duties as we move forward.

AUDIO/VISUAL (A.V) COMMITTEE (**Chair: Gene Nelson and Ron Puccinelli**) – No report received, however **Gene** and **Tom** have discussed the following: Concentrate on support for weekly meetings – with agreed coverage. **Jack Blasco** is asking Speakers (through Program group) to send any slides (PPT) and other required/desired A/V support to him - a day or so in advance of meeting. Procedure recently written (speaker guidelines for A/V) covers it.

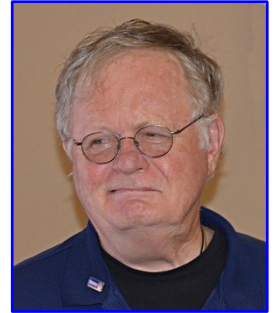
SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Linda Johnson** and **Cory Maguire**) – Report received late but **Linda** and **Cory** made short presentation to Board. Several donor letters have been created (and circulated for editing, tax number details, etc.) including General Letter, Cool Kids Camp, Learn to Swim, \$500-\$1,000 level, \$2,500-\$5,000 level.]

BIRTHDAY CALLER (**Chair: Dave McLennon**) – **Jorgen Holst** has agreed to be backup. **Tom** assisted **Dave** in getting access to ClubRunner member birthday and anniversary data.

GREETERS (**Chair: Rick Wilson**) – No report received, however some discussion about Visitors and Guests with Greeters and Sergeant-At-Arms Committees: Visitor and Guest log book. Important for AppleKnocker Scribe.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND SCRIBES (**Chair: Harvey Henningsen**) – The **Rotary A. K. Team** is partially/almost/completely in place with the staff of Scribes & Photographers filled by a "Band-Of-Merry-Pranksters." Only the need for a scribe that is willing to write during the month of March 2019 is unfilled. (It was suggested that I go cruise the dive-bars on Howard St. in S.F. and, how should we put this, historically it would be called a Shang highbut I'm sure there's another term for it, anyway we'll have the as yet to be announced, [Scribe-in-waiting] trained and in place for March, 2018.) The **A.K.**

Editors are looking fairly normal and are mostly back from their rehab sessions. **Tom's** wild look in his eyes seems to be softening. I believe he'll be fully functional by the end of "**Black-Jack-Blasco**" first term of office. The other **Editor's**: **David, Steve, Jorgen, and Patrick** all seem to have made surprising gains into integrating with our Roto-Society. Again, it has been so peaceful what with the yelling and throwing of things in the past. All in all we the **A.K. Editors, Scribes, Photographers, & the RotoWrangler** expect to have an exceptional year mining the wit, wisdom, & quirkiness of **Black-Jack-Blasco**. (We print all the news that fits.....our sensibilities.)



SERGEANT-AT-ARMS COMMITTEE (**Chair: Nao Noguchi**) – Sometime in the early part of the last Rotary year, I brought a three-ring black binder to put the loose sheets of past guest entries. If the Greeters Committee wishes to organize the book and utilize the data, we, Sergeant-at-Arms Committee, would be happy to display the guest book on the table. Those who brought the guests should be responsible to have the guest sign (legibly, print the name) the guest book. We do not have any decent looking guest entry sheet in the binder. Please make a new set and bring them to the meeting if you want to have the guest book on the table.

We will have a new procedure for the “Start the Day”. The thought for the day moves back to immediately following the song, not very end of the program. The thought for the day presenters need to send the text of his or her thought to the **President** by the End of the Business Day which is 5:00PM on Wednesday so that the President could incorporate the text into his PowerPoint.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE (**Chair: Cory Maguire**) – **Mia Del Prete** will backup Sunshine Chair.

Cory and **Tom** met to discuss responsibilities of Sunshine Chair. One suggestion made is that she discuss with **Jeff Boal-David Schreibman** the ideas of monitoring member participation & attendance – The Sunshine Chair would be to be aware of any problems (family, health, etc.) affecting member and can collaborate with Membership Committee to make appropriate allowance - or to offer encouragement, etc. (**Jeff Boal** responded that he likes idea and has asked **Ellen Harrington** – responsible in Membership group for coordinating member retention – to respond.) **Tom** has requested **Jack Dunlap's** assistance in getting attendance information (for last couple years) to **Ellen** and **Cory**.]

CLUB HISTORY / ARCHIVE COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Tom Boag** and **Jack Dunlap**) – Nothing new to report.

CLUB ACTIVITIES AREA – Director Torrey Olson:



DEBUNKING (Chair: **Ron Puccinelli**) – [IT HAPPENED.]

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Barbara Beedon** and **Ruthie Dunlap**) – Nothing to report yet.

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (Chair: TBA) – Mixed messages on this event with a strong tone of apathy. If anyone has ideas for this event, please contact **Torrey**.

CLUB PICNIC (Co-Chairs: **Bob Cugini** and **David Still**) – Picnic date is 8/20/2017. Location at Bob Hirsch's property. Current Need: someone to coordinate the games that were debuted last year.

HOLIDAY PARTY (Chair: **Cindy Carter**) – Party date: 12/2/2017. The committee is currently in the process of deciding between two locations.

SUPER BOWL BOARD (Co-Chairs: **Aleia Coate** and **Torrey Olson**) – Nothing to report.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM (Chair: Mike Ferguson) – Program date: 11/11/2017.

HAPPY HOUR (“ROTARY AFTER HOURS”) (Chair: Monica Kretschmer) – The first RAF of the **Blasco** Era is on Wednesday, 7/13 at 5pm. Location – Russian river Vineyards.

APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE FLOAT (Chair: TBD) – in development.

TOUR D'ORGANICS REST STOP (Chair: Torrey Olson) – The Tour will be on Sunday, 8/13/2017. Currently have four volunteers to staff the Gabriel Farm stop for the day – Need at least 4 to 6 more.

PEDAL 4 POLIO (Chair TBD) – In development.

ROTARY BOCCE TOURNAMENT (Chair: TBD) – in development.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA – Director Gene Nelson:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (Chair: **Dan Rasmus**) – no report

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (WCS) (Chair: **Frank Mayhew**) – no report

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS (Chair: **Tom Lambert**) – no report

“All I have to report from the realm of international service is a word from **Frank** that the global grant for keeping girls in school has been received by District 9211. The fact that they are reviewing it is a good th

