



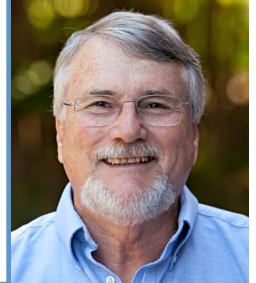
# *The Appleknocker*

## *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin*

### **Sebastopol Area Senior Center**



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

### BEFORE THE BELL



My goodness, it was a hot day in Sebastopol! The mercury near the Roto-Palace reached 110 degrees. Was it hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk? It was too hot to try. Besides, the lure of fellowship, air conditioning, and an endless supply of cold drinks were too hard to ignore. The Roto-Palace was abuzz about the absence of a certain member, our fearless leader, **President Jack Blasco**. Where in the world was **Jack**??? Well, **Jack** was sweating it out in the unforgiving Black Rock Desert of Northern Nevada with thousands of other groupies attending Burning Man. While **Jack** was working on his suntan, or sunburn, former President **Richard Power** stepped up to the lectern to lead today's meeting.

### AT THE BELL



**Richard** rang the Roto-bell precisely at 12:15PM sharp. He started off by taking a moment of silence to remember the victims of Hurricane Harvey and the loss of Sebastopol resident, Julie Riebel, who was recently killed while crossing Bodega Avenue. The board will be coming up with a plan to raise money for the victims of Harvey soon. **Richard** also exonerated our own Harvey, **Harvey Henningsen**, of any blame for the damage in South Texas. Although, **Harvey** was caught strangling Houston; **Brendon Houston** that is! Is it too late to exonerate **Harvey**???



**Ann Hill** led the club in the flag salute. **Keller "Maestro" McDonald** started to lead the group in a chorus of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," but his singing partner, **Jeff Boal** was missing from the stage. Was he asleep? Was he suffering from cold feet? Well, whatever the ailment, **Jeff** snuck on stage, smooth and fast, and started to sing without missing a beat! **Kathie Mayhew** came up to the front to provide us with the thought of the day: "Do all the good you can, in every way you can, for all the people you can, each and every time that you are able."



## Future Programs

September 8, 2017

Speaker: John Lowry  
Program: Housing Opportunities

September 15, 2017

Speaker: Sheriff Rob Girodano  
Program: Sonoma County Sheriff

September 22, 2017

Speaker: Teresa Tudury, Michael Capella  
Program: Music is in the Magic

September 29, 2017

Program: LobsterFest Prep – Meet at  
Community Center!

October 6, 2017

Speaker: Carla Rodriguez  
Program: Elder Abuse

October 6, 2017

Speaker: Supervisor Lynda Hopkins  
Program: District 5 Update

## Future Events

Laguna de Santa Rosa 9/9  
Lobster Fest (“Circus”) 9/30

## Miscellany

### Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: **Sept. 12, 2017, Tues 5:30**  
Location: **Jack Blasco’s Home, Graton**

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–  
JackEDunlap@gmail.com

On-line Make-Ups: [www.RotaryEClubOne.org](http://www.RotaryEClubOne.org)

Domestic Violence Hotline:  
**707-546-1234**

### INTERACT MAKEUPS

**Analy High:** Check Day, Time with  
Dan Rasmus or Brian Langermann  
**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 !**

**[sebastopolrotary.org](http://sebastopolrotary.org)**

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

We had one visiting Rotarian in the audience today, Barbara Barney from the Sebastopol Sunrise Club. There were no guests in the audience today...too hot to venture out!



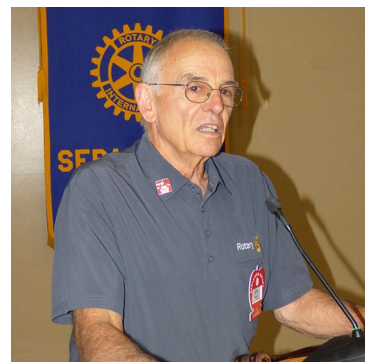
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Richard** reminded us to sign up for the Rotary volunteer day at the Laguna Environmental Center on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Flu shots will be offered at Roto-Palace on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Richard** invited **Aleia Coate** to take the lectern to give the club an update on the LobsterFest. **Aleia** informed us that the live auction is finalized. Silent auction items are still needed. So, peruse your attics or basements! If that Picasso painting is collecting dust, or that box of 1850’s Napoleon Brandy is taking up too much room, donate it today! Wine donations are still needed as well. Bottles can be dropped off at the Roto-Palace this coming Friday, or with **David McLennon** at Exchange Bank in Sebastopol. She also shared with the club a new and exciting addition to the LobsterFest, the LobsterFest Dream Vacation Raffle! The winner, who does not need to be present to win, will choose from four exciting vacation packages: Banff or Lake Louise, Alberta; Jamaica; Bermuda; or the Country Music Awards in Nashville. Each package includes lodging and airfare. Tickets are \$100 each, and limited to 200 tickets total. Ready to open your wallet??? Tickets can be purchased at this Friday’s meeting. If all of the tickets are sold, the club will net \$15,000! Buy early, buy often, and good luck!!!

In the not so distance past, our past President **David Schreiber**, would randomly check to see if club members were wearing their pins. Those unlucky souls, who left their pins at home, or in their golf carts, would be fined \$5. Well, **Richard** played the pin card today, causing those who were caught without a pin to sweat a little more. However, **Richard** played another card, a “get out of jail free” card! All of those who were sans pin got a warning, and no fine. As Maxwell Smart used to say: “Missed it by THAT much!”

**Richard** invited **District Governor Bob Rogers**, to the lectern, to share some details about last month’s incredibly successful Pedal 4 Polio bike ride. **Bob** did not know where to begin. The six-day ride raised over \$62,000 for Polio Plus. Of that \$62,000, our club raised \$18,000! There is still time to donate! You can bring a check to the Roto-Palace next week. Our own **Rollie Atkinson** had a great piece about the ride in





the [Sonoma West Times](#). **Bob** and **Richard** were amazed at the hospitality and support riders received from fellow Rotarians across District 5130. Everything from putting riders up overnight, feeding riders, and even putting route arrows up, the district came together to help. **Richard** shared the overwhelming feeling he experienced when he crossed the finish line at Luccessi Park in Petaluma and saw his family, and all of the people who were there to celebrate.



The balloons were setup, and ready to be popped by the lucky ticket holder. But, there was one problem, no darts!!! Was **Jack** in such a hurry to leave for Burning Man that he accidentally grabbed the darts, instead of his hat??? No darts, no problem! **Richard** made the executive decision to give this week's winner the entire jackpot, \$20. Our own **District Governor, Bob Rogers**, was the winner, holding lucky ticket number #5357



**Bud Daveiro** celebrated his birthday on August 28<sup>th</sup>. **Bud**, and his wife **Sharon**, celebrated his big day with dinner out in Bodega Bay. Did he tip the waiter? Well, to be safe, **Richard** collected \$5 on the waiter's behalf. **Mia Del Prete** celebrated her wedding anniversary on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Mia's** husband, Jim, surprised her with a beautiful flower bouquet from Flower Song. Our resident floral artisan, **Sue Engle**, personally delivered the flowers to **Mia**. The Flower delivery tax is \$5. August 25<sup>th</sup> was a special day for **Scott Briggs** and his wife **Sally**. They will be celebrating their anniversary this weekend with their family. The delayed celebration tax is \$5. **Michael Hixon**, and his wife **Darane**, celebrated their anniversary (August 26<sup>th</sup>) by riding their bikes to Healdsburg for lunch. **Richard** charged **Michael** an exercise tax of \$5! **Steve Prandini**, and his wife **Rosanne**, spent their anniversary (August 28<sup>th</sup>) in Monterey. **Steve** must have forgot to pay the Rotary Hotel tax of \$5, which **Richard** gladly collected.



**Aleia Coate**, where's the fire??? Thankfully, she was not playing with matches. We learned that she dutifully attends the Occidental Fireman's Barbeque every year. It gives her a chance to see old friends and neighbors from Occidental. All that BBQ and friendship must be worth \$20! **Nao Noguchi** could not resist the eclipse fever that was gripping the country last month. We learned that **Nao** traveled to bustling metropolis of Unity, OR (population 68) to view the eclipse on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Class, time for a geography lesson. Unity, OR is located in Eastern Oregon, some 320 miles east of Portland, 140 miles west







of Boise, and 657 miles north-northeast of Sebastopol. During the period of totality, **Nao** noticed that the temperature dropped. He was also impressed with the darkness. We also learned that his sixth grandchild arrived recently. Congratulations, **Nao**....\$20 please! **Norm Stupfel** had five golden reasons to celebrate! Recently, **Norm** learned that one of his friends was dying of bone cancer in Southern California, and his friend wanted to have one more swim competition. **Norm** joined swimmers from all around the country. In **Norm's** words:

*The big motivation for a group of 80 year old to swim in a relay across the 22 mile Catalina Chanel was that no group of 80 year olds had ever done it before; consequently we would hold the record. The conditions of weather, water temperature, currents and wave action was ideal. They started at 11:00 PM and their time was 12 hours and 15 minutes. It is felt that no group of 80 year olds will ever break it!*



Not only did they do it, they broke records! **Norm** told us one of his fellow swimmers, a gentleman who is 95 years young, broke world records in five races! **Norm** brought back five gold metals from the swim. **Norm**, congratulations on an amazing achievement, but those gold metals will cost you \$20!



## THE PROGRAM



**Mia Del Prete** introduced our guest speaker, Linda Civitello, the Executive Director at the Sebastopol Area Senior Center. Linda started the job in February. She gave a shout out to visiting Rotarian, Barbara Barney, who served as interim Executive Director for four months. The Sebastopol Area Senior Center opened its doors in 1969, and was known as the Burbank Activity Center. The Sebastopol Senior Center's mission is to encourage independence for older adults, and that no senior should be left alone.

There are over 2,000 members, and 325 volunteers. Any adult can join the Center (the youngest member is 21). The Center offers a wide variety of activities. They offer educational courses, exercise classes, social activities, and outdoor recreational opportunities. Linda also told us how the Center provides hot meals (both in-house and via Meals on Wheels), and ride services. The Center is also LGBTQ friendly. The Center assists in reporting and preventing elder abuse in the West County. Linda shared a video

featuring testimonials from three members, and a volunteer. Each person stressed how the Center serves as they're primary social and recreational outlet. Each person also expressed gratitude for the Center.

Linda shared some of the challenges facing the Center. Sebastopol has a large elder community. Over a third of Sebastopol residents are over 60. The Sebastopol Area Senior Center is a nonprofit, and is independent from the City of Sebastopol. The Center receives funding from public and private sources. The Center has an annual budget of \$500,000. The Center also produces several fundraisers: The Classic Car Show, Aged to Perfection, Driven to Perfection, and the Chili Cook-off (Coming in 2018). Linda expressed her gratitude for the amazing financial and volunteer support she receives from the community. Although the Center was re-built in 2003, the Center is in need of renovations. Linda is encouraging those who have experience in Contracting, Law, Marketing, and Finance, to step up and provide help to the Center.



## AFTER THE BELL



**Richard** gave the club members who convened at the Roto-Palace on this hot day a gift for their efforts, the gift of time. **Richard** rang the Roto-bell at 1:13PM, 17 minutes early! With that, the Roto-family parted ways, into the blistering heat!



## FUTURE PROGRAMS



September 8, 2017: **John Lowry** – What happened to housing opportunities, and how can we bring it back?



John Lowry has worked at Burbank Housing, a successful Sonoma County nonprofit affordable housing company for 29 years. He started at Burbank in 1984 as a project manager with a focus on mutual self-help housing, and served as Burbank's executive director from 1998 to 2012. Burbank has developed over 3600 homes and apartments. It manages almost 3000 apartments and employs about 140 people.

John served on the boards of the Non-Profit Housing Association, the California Coalition for Rural Housing and the local Home Builders Association. He is currently a board member of the local Habitat for Humanity.

September 15, 2017: **Interim Sheriff Rob Giordano** – What's New in the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office

Interim Sheriff Rob Giordano started his law enforcement career with the Pittsburg Police Department in 1989. In 1996 he was employed as a Deputy Sheriff with the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office working out of the Main Office, Roseland substation and Sonoma Valley substation. He worked 4 years as a domestic violence/sexual assault detective before being promoted to Sergeant in 2003. As a sergeant, Rob worked as a Main Office patrol supervisor, City of Sonoma supervisor, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Unit supervisor and Violent Crimes Unit supervisor.

In 2006 Rob was promoted to Lieutenant and in that role managed the Investigations Bureau, Internal Affairs Bureau, and later the Personnel Bureau. He was promoted to Captain in 2012 and put in charge of the Field Services Section. In 2014 Rob was promoted to Assistant Sheriff, where he oversees the large and diverse Law Enforcement Division. On August 1, 2017 Rob was promoted to Interim Sheriff when former Sheriff Steve Freitas retired for health reasons.



September 22, 2017: **Teresa Tudury and Michael Capella** – The Music is in the Magic



Two local musicians, talented artists individually, will collaborate to bring us an entertaining and unusual program. From just around the corner, in Occidental, comes Teresa Tudury. Teresa has been writing music and performing since she was a young girl, and was performing in San Francisco nightclubs by the age of 15. She has played in the Bay Area for years, then was based in Los Angeles for almost 20 years. There, she expanded her repertoire to include music, comedy and acting.

Teresa's voice is a character in its own right -- at once deep, sultry, and powerful, then surprisingly soft and bluesy. LA Weekly described her voice as a cross between Bette Midler and Bonnie Raitt.

She has performed with such greats as Leonard Cohen, Rickie Lee Jones, Lyle Lovett, Taj Mahal, Leo Kottke, Charlie Musselwhite and Bonnie Bramlett. She continues to perform and write new material, and has recently released a new CD, "West of Paradise".

Accompanying Teresa will be Michael Capella. Michael is a Singer-Songwriter who plays a mean guitar, as well as Pedal Steel guitar, and Dobro, a wood-bodied, single cone resonator guitar. Michael has been singing since he was a child, and for over 20 years has been performing other people's songs both solo and in bands. He started writing and performing his own songs in his 40's. In April of this year, the CD of the Week on KRCB Radio was "Connections" from Michael Capella Band (MCB).

He's been busy lately, recently releasing his # album with MCB, called "Gotta Have Heart". He has also been co-writing and performing with a talented artist based in Atlanta, named Jacklyn Steele. Jacklyn collaborated on 3 songs on the new CD.

