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"All the News that Fits We Print"

🍎 BEFORE THE BELL 🍎

The Rotarians gathered together for the first meeting following the horrific disaster that has hit our county and adjoining counties. Most of the pre-meeting conversations were about "how are you doing?", "is your family safe?" "are you OK?". As our ringmaster Jack called the meeting to order he related that no one in our club lost their home, but one person lost a rental property. The blessings were upon our group. A moment of silence was given for those around us who did lose their lives and property and for the first responders .



🍎 AT THE BELL 🍎

Tom Boag led us in the flag salute.



Jeff Boal led us in a song based on "God Bless America", re-written by **Keller MacDonald** "God Bless the First Responders. An apt salute to those that stepped up in this time of need.



Future Programs

October 27, 2017

Speaker: Governor Bob Rogers
Program: It All Begins With One Person's Dream

November 3, 2017

Speaker: KY J Boyd, Rialto Cinema
Program: See You at the Movies

November 10, 2017

Host: Mike Ferguson
Program: Veterans Day Program

Future Events

DG Bob Rogers – Happy Hour
– OCT 27

Miscellany

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–JackEDunlap@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 r

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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Jim Pacatte gave us the thought for the day *that our brains work 24/7 from the time we are born until we die, except when we are struck by the love bug, or take an exam*

VISITORS AND GUESTS



Jack Dunlap introduced visiting Rotarians, both from the Sebastopol Sunrise club, Bill Schlutius, Realtor, and



guest of the club Gay McFerrin, Entrepreneur.



Other guests included: Dan Allingham, the new manager of Sebastopol Hardware;



Pam Graber a friend of **Sue Engle**;



Christopher McDonell, son of **Mark**, who has just completed the Police Academy. Mark's mom came along too.



Robin Maybury introduced his friend Gary Criss.)



ANNOUNCEMENTS



LOBSTER FEED: Our Lobster Fest raised a great \$80,000 which will be used to fund many of our ongoing projects and to support the Fire Relief Fund. Details to follow after the Board of Directors next meeting. They are probably busy counting the money right now.

District 5130 has started a Fire Relief Fund, similar to the one for Lake County last year. The fund will provide help to families and businesses affected by the fires in Lake, Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma counties, helping to get them resettled and filling in the gaps left by other support. The NO overhead fund will be administered by Rotarians from the four affected counties based on the model of the Lake County recovery. You can donate at www.larca5130.org, check our web page for more details.

Our club will be helping out at the Redwood Food Bank on Wednesday, October 25th from 9:30 to 11:30. There is a lot of work to be done there as the Redwood Food Bank has stepped up to help the fire victims.

President Jack noted that **Ken Silveira** had, through his contacts at Fiesta Market arranged for the donation of almost 100,000 pounds of food from Saag's Sausages in Oakland, and Smithfield Hams. A great help for the victims of the fire that don't have the means to feed themselves. Just one example of how our club members step up in times



On Saturday November 4th there is need for help at the Sebastopol Senior Center to paint the interior and install chair rails and on the 11th to move furniture for installation of flooring. Contact **Jim Pacatte**, **Ellen Harrington** and/or **Steve Beck** for more information.

On Friday October 27th at 5 PM there will be a happy hour at the *Eight Restaurant* welcoming **DG Bob Rogers** back from the rubber chicken circuit, as he completes his visits to all the clubs in the district. Easy to remember 5 at 8!!! (or is it 8 at 5??? Your scribe gets confused easily).



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH –

Peggy Rogers took the podium to talk about the progress that she and her committee have made in the battle against domestic violence, including posters for businesses to put up in their windows to alert victims that there is help and support available for them. **Peggy** noted that even in our club there are probably 1 in 3 of us that have been touched by domestic violence in one form or another. **Sue Engle** has arranged to have flyers included in the Value Pak mailings alerting victims of the services available to them. She noted that there are three

women murdered every day in domestic violence in the USA. She also noted that children from families where there is domestic violence are more likely to become bullies at school.

DGE Barbara Spangler, stayed with **Bob and Peg Rogers** after she had to evacuate from the fire, but left a \$1000 donation to our committee because she believes in the help the Rotary clubs of Sebastopol can do in bringing this problem to the forefront.

A poster for Domestic Violence Awareness. It features a photo of four women's faces. Text on the poster includes: "Domestic Violence Affects 1 in 4 Women", "That is more than Breast Cancer, Lung Cancer, and Ovarian Cancer COMBINED", "Domestic Violence can happen to Anyone", "We're here to help Everyone", "We're eliminating Domestic Violence in Sonoma County", "Need Help? Call us: (707) 546-1234 24/7 Crisis Hotline", "Confidential Safe House", "A special place therapeutic preschool", "Rotary Club of Sebastopol", "Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise", "ywca sonoma county", "http://www.ywcasc.org", "Rotary MAKING A DIFFERENCE", and "Rotary Club of Sebastopol".

Bill Sauber has contacted the NFL to have players wear a purple glove in games (like the pink gloves many wear to honor breast cancer), to call attention to the problem of domestic violence.

The Sunrise club and our club have teamed up to put a \$5100 District Grant to repair a pre-school for children from homes with domestic violence when their mom's are in the YWCA shelter.

THE RAFFLE



Was won by **your fearless scribe Frank Mayhew** who popped the blue balloon and left the \$15 prize money to the



Fire Relief Fund.



🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎



BIRTHDAYS: Birthdays included **Bob Cary** who was out of the county for his birthday, July 19.

Michael Hixson celebrated his day with flowers, but his best present was that his son is now gainfully employed.



Dave McLennon headed up to Shasta Dam and took a damn tour!



Robin Maybury stretched his aging anniversary by celebrating for 3 days... an unconfirmed rumor has it that he kept forgetting which day was his real birthday.

The only anniversary this time was **Harvey**

Henningsen who was putting up fire victims, but managed to get down to Lucas Wharf for some crab and some fresh air.



NEW MEMBERS

Next up to the podium was **David Schreiber** with a pitch to keep our club growing by attracting new members. He described how the application process works. You need look no further than today's meeting to see the good work that Rotarians do.



1. Invite someone to lunch, meet them, and introduce to others
2. If they express interest, fill out "Application By Sponsor" – club will now pay for up to 2 lunches while they see if it's a fit.



- ❖ It's *our* club
- ❖ We NEED to grow to thrive
- ❖ "One Profits Most Who Serves Best"

THANK YOU for making this the **Most Distinguished Club in 2016-17!**

THE PROGRAM

Police Chief Jeff Weaver is retiring in 5 days, so this will be his last time speaking to our club as Chief. His replacement will be Captain James Conner, a long time Sebastopol policeman.



Keller McDonald related that Chief Weaver meets all 12 criteria for the Boy Scout Law, which the scribe could not write down or remember (Ed. You know --courteous,, kind, obedient, etc). If the response from the audience is any indication, he will be missed.



While the main subject was the Family Justice Center. Jeff started out talking about the response to the fire. He received the first call at 2:30 AM from John Zanzi the former Fire Chief. Within hours our community stepped forward including: **Diana Rich**, who made the Community Center available for evacuees, but this wasn't nearly enough room, so the WCUHSD stepped up with **Steve Kellner** offering Analy High school; Ceres stepped up to provide meals; **Bob Hirsch** housed some of the first responders; and **Ken Silveira** got his deli to make sandwiches to meet the immediate needs. (Rotarians step up). Jeff noted that in the next days or even months we will see First Responders suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The job of those First Responders carries a huge psychological burden, not for what the responders were able to do, but for what they weren't able to do. If you have a chance hug a police or fireman.



The main topic of the Family Justice Center was in response to the problems facing victims for domestic violence. Before 1998 most victims were told by responding law enforcement to “see a counselor”, or “work it out between yourselves, both of which were found to be ineffective in solving the problem. Now the first response is to arrest the aggressor and to get the victim help.

The Family Justice Center, at 2755 Mendocino Avenue is staffed by people trained to help the victim gather their thoughts and take action. Legal help is available as well as referrals' to shelters for women and children where they can feel safe. The FJC was opened in 2007. When a call of domestic violence comes in to the police, it can take an officer 3-5 hours to respond. No longer will they just brush off the accusations and walk away.



As a thank you for his service to the community, Jeff was given a Paul Harris Fellowship, he received two standing ovations.



THE FINAL BELL

With the final bell ringing at precisely 1:30pm, the most common comment about the room was – Great Meeting –Great Energy.!!

FUTURE PROGRAMS

: IT ALL BEGINS WITH ONE PERSON'S DREAM

District 5130 District Governor Bob Rogers will give us his address to the club, his last of all the clubs in our district. If the speech is boring, attend the Happy Hour at Eight that night to drown your sorrows. If the speech is great (most likely) attend the Happy Hour to celebrate with Bob that he spoke to 44 clubs

Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – October 17, 2017

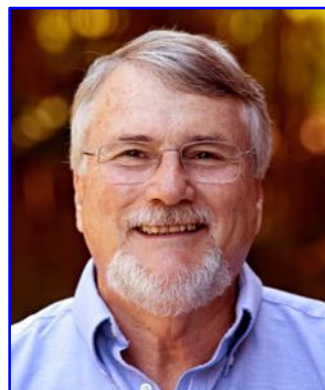
Tom Lambert – No report

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

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



COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR MICHELE KIMBLE:

LOBSTERFEST 2017 (CO-CHAIRS: **Aleia Coate** and **Jan Weiner**) – **Aleia** says, “I would say it was a success. I think everything went well. I don’t have the exact numbers in yet, but we did make some money!”

CRAB FEED (Co-Chairs: **Nao Noguchi** and **Scott Briggs**) – **Nao** reports that we reserved the Holy ghost Hall for February 10, 2018, the second Saturday of February. He says, “Unless there is earth-shaking opposition from the committee members, we will have the Crab feed on that day.”

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Linda Johnson**) – Nothing new to report.

DICTIONARY COMMITTEE (Chair: **Paul Yeomans**) – **Paul** ordered the dictionaries. Waiting on delivery.

LEARN TO SWIM COMMITTEE (Chairs: **Greg Jacobs** and **Rick Wilson**) – Nothing new to report.

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANT COMMITTEE (Chair: **Keller McDonald**) – We have received 35 Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grant applications so far, from a large number of public and private schools across West County. Earlier this week, **Keller** emailed the principals of the few schools from which we had not received apps to ask them to remind their teachers of the Oct 20 deadline. We assume the word got out properly to teachers at schools from which we have already received applications. The committee meets Wed Nov 1 to recommend approving applications to the club board for funding.

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

- Peace Garden: **Julie Cugini & Ellen Harrington** met with CEO **Lu Frazier** and established potential placement of the Peace Garden. Next step is Art Center Board approval at their October 19 meeting. **Julie, Ellen, and Jack** to make presentation.
- Redwood Empire Food Bank: Regularly scheduled for Thursdays.
- Sebastopol Senior Center: **Steve Beck, Ellen, and Jim Pacatte** met with ED Linda Civitello at the Senior Ctr. Lumber cost \$365. **Jim** pre-cut the lumber and will get back to us on date for painting and rail project Nov 4, 11, or 18, to be negotiated with Linda. Sebastopol Paint Ctr. will donate paint. Sebastopol Sunrise club has given \$500 to cover shipping costs for new flooring. Mike Nyholm of DSB Flooring is donating flooring materials and labor for this, plus the hallway and lobby.
- YWCA: district 5130 Grant is approved and will be matched by our club, 50/50. Total project is \$5,000. **Ellen** is coordinating project dates with **Jim Pacatte** and Madeleine at YWCA.
- Catholic Charities: approved by this committee. **Ellen** met with Noreen Mendoza at CC. A schedule for volunteering was established. We will star with either St. Sebastian or Graton day Labor Ctr. To see how it goes.

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

- Teachers: All 14 eligible teachers referred students. Four teachers are new to Park Side School and are being taught how LWM functions.
- Students: Park Side = 38 Students (K: 10; Grade 1: 9; Grade 2: 5; Grade 3: 7; Grade 4: 7) Brook Haven = Small groups made up of all 48 5th graders.
- Tutors: 23 tutors, 17 returning, six are new, 31 tutoring hours/week.
- Focus: PS Letters/sounds/beginning reading: 30%. PS reading practice: 25%. PS Math Support: 5%. PS Varied help with reading & writing assignments: 40%. BH: Social Studies Support: 33.3%. BH: Math & Science Support: 66.7%.

- Referred Students: Most students' skills are 1-2 grade levels below standard. 85% of referred students lack academic support at home. Teachers hope one-on-one tutoring will build confidence and skills, resulting in increased student perseverance and academic performance. LWM Kinder students began school with limited (0-3) letter recognition. 32% PS LWM students are from Spanish-speaking homes. ~65% PS LWM students qualify for free & reduced lunch.

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

- **Henry** and **Steve** will attend the next board meeting to offer reasons for inviting the city of Sebastopol to designate itself as a peace city.
- Peace Science Digest: There are five copies available for our perusal. Group wants to translate highly technical jargon into ordinary English for use in libraries and schools.



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

- The Domestic violence Awareness Committee is comprised of members from both clubs and is headed by **Cory Maguire**, noon club, and **Nancy Wilson**, morning club.
- Rotary Club of Sebastopol funded a ValPak coupon in both Spanish and English reaching 30,000 homes in and near Sebastopol. Cost was \$585, a discounted rate. See photo below.
- The committee is “prudently passing out” [sic] and has posted the great flyers giving the YWCA’s information. **Cory** says she and **Jim Passage** were very well received at the businesses they reached out to – Many brochures placed in windows; others in the break rooms. Rotary was well acknowledged.
- Rotary Club of Sebastopol has received a District Grant to provide yard improvements at the YWCA therapeutic preschool and safe house. \$5,100 cost.
- Both the Rotary Club of Sebastopol and the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise are presenting information related to domestic violence awareness month at their weekly meetings.
- Both clubs are pursuing giving donated goods to the YWCA as posted on their wish list page at YWCASC.org. hopefully once per month all the year.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – Director Barbara Bickford:



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

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

TWIN HILLS CHARTER (Dan Rasmus) – Twin Hills Interact will be working more closely with student council this year and will be running a “Cause for the Quarter” campaign. This quarter’s cause is Hurricane Harvey relief in Houston. We are trying to contact a school or school district to help directly. On Friday, 9/29, we raised \$550 from a Movie Night. We will be collecting donations from students the remainder of the Quarter.

BROOK HAVEN (Pauline Pellini) – Brook Haven Interact is off to a good start. They helped at the Laguna Clean-up day and worked so hard and accomplished so much. **Tom Lambert** and I worked with the Interactors and enjoyed watching them solve problems and work as a team. A couple of the Interactors worked at the Lobster Fest handing out the bidder books. The President, Remy, and the VP, Shaelynn visited a Rotary meeting.

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

ORCHARD VIEW (Lisa Jacobs) – No report.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (**Co-Chairs: Tom Boag, Barbara Bickford, and David Schreiber**) – The date for OOA at Rotary is set for May 4, 2018. OOA Committee is having their first organizational meeting of the year on Friday, October 13 [20], after the Rotary meeting. This is an important meeting to outline required activities and identify who will take on each activity. The formal announcement, student application instructions, and teacher summary sheet have been sent to the high schools. Student applications are due by Nov. 17, 2017. [End November]

YOUTH EXCHANGE (Chair: **Jackie Moreira** and **Katy Spyрка**) – Marina is doing well living with **Aldean** and will get progress reports from school soon. She will move from **Aldean’s** to **Scott** and **Sally Briggs’** starting in January 2018. MeeKa is checking in with **Yvette** regularly from Taiwan and doing well. Natasha, our next years’ outbound, is being a bit dilatory on the application process but we are hoping to get her into gear and get her information off to district soon.

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: “Hi Tom, I have nothing new to report. Take care, Mia

APPLEKNOCKER COMMITTEE [Chair: David Still] – Editing responsibilities have been set and confirmed through Dec. 1.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE [Chair: Hal Kwalwasser] – Hal writes: “Tom: I’m away till the 19th. I’ll catch up with you when I get back. Hal”

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE [Co-chairs: David Schreibman, Jeff Boal] – David reports: “Tom, I’ve attached the summary of our recent Membership Committee (MC) meeting. As a follow up to that, we are actively working on our next After Hours Event Oct 12 at Mexico Lindo [postponed due to fire], and we are planning another for Nov. 30 at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. We have also begun to plan a Fireside Chat. There are several items for Board review within the summary. Perhaps the most important is the recommendation to reduce the first year’s dues to \$195. There was broad agreement that if we are to attract younger members, the cost could be a significant barrier, especially before they really see the value of Rotary, and our club. One of our members even agreed to start a fund to offset the \$85/member shortfall if needed. The Board also asked the MC to recommend a measurable statistic to track engagement. Our solution is listed, but several are still very skeptical that this is a good thing to do. The MC recommends a NO vote on the pilot program. See you Tuesday! David”



Membership Committee – Meeting Summary -- September 22, 2017 - 1:35PM --Media Room, SebCommChu
(Present: D Schreibman, J Boal, E Harrington, L Johnson, J Warren, T Boag, R Wilson, M Fink)

Open Discussion about anything read in the Membership Attraction Committee (MAC) meeting summary

There was a lot of discussion regarding the cost of being a member, and how challenging that might be to younger members. The conclusion of the discussion was that we should offer a one-time first year dues (for non-Rotarians) of \$195. It’s a more attractive price point and it makes for an easier decision to check it out for a year. Mark Fink even offered to start a Membership Dues Assistance Reserve. There was also a lengthy conversation about inviting people to join Rotary and it was consensus that members needed more information on how to ask, what tools are available, and what the process is.

EDUCATION Subcommittee

Rick Wilson was asked to move forward on coordinating an educational social (formerly known as Fireside Chat), either in November or January. **Rick Wilson** asked for more help with Greeters. No suitable names were offered. **Rick** also asked for help presenting Rotary Info to [JP]. **David Schreibman** offered to consider it.

FRIENDS OF ROTARY -- The Chair will handle these responsibilities for now as no one volunteered.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Should we recommend to the board to join the 3-year pilot membership program?

After each member expressing their opinions, it was unanimously decided to recommend **NOT** joining the pilot project offered by the Zone. We all felt we’d stay committed, and focused on, growing membership without the program, and that the added layers of bureaucracy were not worth any possible benefits.

The Board has also asked us to come up with a measurable statistic to track engagement. Currently we track attendance and makeups. There are two key points I'd like you to ponder.

We concluded that the only reasonable way to track engagement is in minutes. As an example, if a member is required under current rules to attend or make up 50% of (75 minute) meetings in 6 months (2.5 hrs./month), then the amount of actual time a member is engaged in Rotarian activity could be used as a more suitable measure of engagement.

We still feel pretty strongly that members should be required to attend at least one meeting per month regardless of hours of service.

How can we make it easy and desirable for people to report their engagement?

Recognizing the practically insurmountable mountain of getting people to self-report, we recommend that committee chairs be responsible for keeping a list of people and their times on a project.

Next meeting of the whole Membership Committee is November 17 after the lunch meeting.

AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE [Chair: Gene Nelson] – **Ron Puccinelli** reports “The Audio-Visual committee played with their toys at the Lobster Fest. The committee is planning to rearrange shelving within the trailers to accommodate the extra speakers acquired for smaller events such as the debunking (projected attendance currently at 3). -Ron”

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE [Co-Chairs: Linda Johnson, Cory Maguire] – **Linda** sent a spreadsheet with notation “This is the figures for sponsors. I will have to check with **Ken** to see if any checks have come in. **Linda**” **Linda’s** spreadsheet showed a total of contributions totaling \$13,650 that included \$10,650 money donations (**H Henningson**, **M McDonell**, Terra Firma-**Facendini**, Umqua Bank-**Coate**, M Lemon, RenewingOurSchools-**Kwalwasser**, Exchange Bank-**McLennon**, K-Tech-K Jonasse, Portsmouth-E Chen, Manzana-A Trine, Neil & Amelia Trust-McDaniel) plus \$3,000 in In-Kind Donations (Sprint copy, Pacific Market, Balletto Vineyards, Rose Draper Graphic Design).

Linda, President Jack, and Tom Boag met on October 6 to discuss a November Sebastopol Rotary Soiree and to discuss a request for additional \$600 budget – It turns out that the committee has an existing approved \$800 budget that will cover anticipated expenses. In addition, **Linda** responded to several board questions as follows:

“How will the invitees be identified? Sponsor Rotary and Membership Committees will work together to identify who to invite; How many invitees are we targeting? Maybe 60 to 75; What is our plan for “closing the deal” on membership or sponsorship with folks that attend the event? We will register all attendees and follow up with emails or direct calls; Who from our club will participate in the event? Sponsor Committee (**Linda, Ellen, Cory, Hal**) and Membership (**David M, David S**); Are we proposing to fund this through the Membership Committee or Sponsorship Committee, or both? Both; Has the Membership Committee been involved in planning this event so far? If not, what will their involvement be? Yes; Overall Goal: Recruit 4 new members, Recruit Sponsors Rotary funding of \$ 2,000”

BIRTHDAY CALLER [Chair: **Dave McLennon**] – No new report

GREETERS [Chair: **Rick Wilson**] – No new report – See need for greeter assistance in Membership Committee meeting above.

PHOTOGRAPHY & SCRIBES COMMITTEE [Chair: **Harvey Henningsen**] – **Harvey** writes: “Good morning **Tom**, Here is the **[Desperate-desperado-Roto-Wrangler’s]** partially-complete-A.-K.-Roto-Photo-Scribbling-Scribe-Report. But before I begin this report I’d like the reading audience to cast their eyes on the center ring of the Roto-Big-Top. The men & women who fill the 40+ spots of **Editors, Scribes & Photographers** for the Apple-Knocker each give one month of service to cover the news of our Rotary meeting covering the news, spreading rumors, asking the tough questions and holding the Powerful.....Accountable, week after week. In addition to signing up for a months’ worth of service they are regularly called upon to go cover noteworthy Rotary events such as our recent Lobster feed. When someone is sick the substitutes willingly fill in – Let’s give them a big round of applause!!! Having said that all of the months left in **Black-Jack’s reign of terror** have been filled for photographers and only the month of March has recently opened up in need of a scribe. With enough begging, pleading and threats I’m sure this opening can be filled. One suggestion would be to get an organized appointment secretary for the **[Desperate-Desperado-Roto-Wrangler]** as I hear he is totally un-organized and relates to time as only Now, the Past & in the Future. It would be nice if the secretary is fluent in at least 5 languages as the wrangler sometime hears voices he does not understand and sometimes rides off into the sunset when big Roto-events are planned. Respectfully submitted, **H.H.**”

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS COMMITTEE [Chair: **Nao Noguchi**] – No new report

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

CLUB HISTORY COMMITTEE [Co-chairs: **Tom Boag, Jack Dunlap**] – No new 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) – Mixed messages on this event with a strong tone of apathy. If anyone has ideas for this event, please contact **Torrey**. No new report.

HOLIDAY PARTY (Chair: **Cindy Carter**) – Party date: 12/2/2017. The party location has come down to a choice between **Mike Ferguson’s** place and the **Zivolich’s**. The committee is currently in the process of deciding between two locations. Budget agreed to stay at \$1,100. Less wine to be purchased as it pushed the budget last year and there was quite a lot left over. (Repeat)

SUPER BOWL BOARD (Co-Chairs: **Aleia Coate** and **Torrey Olson**) – NFL Season has begun; Patriots lost first game!

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM (Chair: **Mike Ferguson**) – (Repeat) Program date: 11/11/2017. Committee of 3. Plans so far for a color guard and decorations. Need to determine a suitable speaker. There has been some mention of indoor fireworks.

ROTARY AFTER HOURS (Chair: **Monica Kretschmer**) – RAF upcoming 10/12/2017 – 5 to 7pm at Mexico Lindo [cancelled due to fire.] First RAF of the **Blasco** Era was on Wednesday, 7/13 at 5pm, Location – Russian River Vineyards. No new report.

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) – in development. No new report.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA – Director Gene Nelson:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (Chair: **Dan Rasmus**) – Here are minutes from the foundation Committee meeting. There will be more to add as we move into foundation Month.

- WORLD POLIO DAY – On 10/20 at our club meeting, I (or preferably a guest) will update the club on Polio results/battles and mention that world Polio day is on 10/24.
- November Foundation Campaign – we will announce our November campaign at our meeting on 10/27. **DG Bob Rogers** will award PHF recipients during his DG Visit that day. We will do a raffle. We will have educational pieces in each of our meetings in November to drive awareness. I will send out regular emails as well.



- District Foundation dinner on November 4 – Our club is expected to donate one or two baskets with total value of at least \$100. We can sell raffle tickets in October at our meetings at \$20 each or six for \$100 (need not be present to win). We will then end up having two different raffles on two different months. I think that is OK.... Any comments?
- Action Items:
 - 1) Consider attending the foundation seminar on 10/7 at Sally Tomatoes in Rohnert Park. I'll send more details as I get them.
 - 2) Think of and solicit raffle items for our November Raffle.
 - 3) Volunteers to sell district raffle tickets in October and club raffle tickets in November.
 - 4) Give me ideas for a gift basket for the district foundation – Should be something representative of our area. Barlow? Apple something?....
 - 5) Dan to consider giving Hal some material for the club website.

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (WCS) (Chair: **Frank Mayhew**) – A doctor in Uganda has reached out to us concerning a shared project but nothing will happen until he gets sponsorship from a local rotary club. International projects committee has not met recently.

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS (Chair: