



**Elder Abuse – Carla Rodriguez, Michele Carstensen**



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

## BEFORE THE BELL

Still basking in the afterglow of the great Lobster Feed of 2017, **Rotary Club President Jack Blasco** rang in the Oct. 6, 2017 weekly club meeting and luncheon in tones that would turn a circus ringmaster *green with envy*. The day's proceedings promised lots of celebrations, encores, shared moments of compassion, greetings of visitors, and a somber reminder of the rising incidents of elder abuse in our Sonoma County community.

## AT THE BELL

Instead of a wild animal act, **Prez Blasco** called up **Steve Beck** to lead the club in song, following a recitation of the Pledge led by **Lu Fraser**.

**Jørgen Holst** offered a Scandinavian thought for the day from Stig Johansson, "All these days that came and went, little did we know it was life."



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Returning to thoughts of the hugely successful and fun Lobster Feed held the weekend before, **President Blasco** thanked the club again for everyone's support, volunteer work, and participation in the club's biggest annual fund raising event. He promised more formal recognitions for future club meetings.

**Jack** announced that an after-hours mixer would be held Thursday, Oct. 12 at Mario Ramos' Mexico Lindo restaurant in Graton beginning at 5 p.m. He also announced that a Rotary Friendship Group from New Zealand would be visiting our club at our Oct. 13 meeting and that a BBQ was scheduled with them on Saturday, Oct. 14, location to be announced.

## 🍎 Future Programs 🍎

October 13, 2017

Speaker: Supervisor Lynda Hopkins  
Program: District 5 Update

October 20, 2017

Speaker: Police Chief Weaver  
Program: Sonoma County Family Justice Center

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 🍎

**AFTER HOURS -- October 12 @  
Mexico Lindo, 5 PM**

**NZ FRIENDSHIP DINNER Oct. 14  
DG Bob Rogers – Happy Hour  
– OCT 27**

## 🍎 Miscellany 🍎

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS--JackE Dunlap@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 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 !**

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

## 🍎 VISITORS AND GUESTS 🍎



Judy Rice, of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise and Dr. Lynda Reid, of Tortola, British Virgin Islands were welcomed as visiting Rotarians.

**Pauline Pellini**

introduced two young members of the Brook Haven Middle School Interact Club and **Katy Spyra** gave brief

introductions to the day's speakers Carla Rodriguez and Michelle Carstensen of the District Attorney's office.



**Sue Engle**

introduced a prospective new member, Pam.

## 🍎 CRAFT TALK – ROBIN MAYBURY 🍎

The "Wild Brit" **Robin Maybury** was called upon to deliver a craft talk which he began by calling himself by a derogatory name, "Computer Nerd." **Robin** confessed to many sins, all computer-assisted but claimed he also provided many helping moments throughout his 49-year silicon-chip based professional career. He confessed that he always wanted to fly and be an airplane pilot, but settled on his second choice. Hailing from England, Maybury moved to the USA in 1984, a place he called the "*Brave New World*." Asking himself, "What are computers for," he gave a self-answer "to waste time." **Robin** gave a very convincing argument for why he should stay retired.







## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS



### LOBSTER FEED:

Next came more mentions of the “great party” with **President Jack** thanking a team of primary committee chairs and leaders who assisted Lobster Feed co-chairs Aleia Coate and Jan Weiner. Among those singled by **President Blasco** were **Tom Lambert, Ann Hill, Pauline Pellini, Linda Johnson, Cindy Carter, Pat Dilley, Ken Silveira, Mike Long, Richard Petersen, Mark Stevens, Bob Cugini, Steve Zivolich, Lu Fraser, Aldean Noethig, Meredith Baraco, Ken Jacobs, Paul Thielen, and Bristol Hassler.**

Ever the gentleman, **President Jack** presented beautiful potted orchards to the event's co-chairs.



### OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH – Cory Maguire:



Member **Cory Maguire** was granted a few minutes to share her passion about raising awareness about domestic violence and brought everyone's attention to the fact that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



## HURRICANE IRMA – Dr. Lynda Reid Isles:



Visiting Rotarian **Dr. Lynda Reid** shared some updated information about the aftermath of Hurricane Irma -- that her homeland of the British Virgin Isles is still struggling through. Through all the images of devastation, her photo images also showed proof of a strong character of the island's people and evidence of Rotary International's global commitment to humanity efforts embodied here by crew of Rotarians delivering Rotary Shelter Boxes.





## 🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

### BIRTHDAYS:



The club, for the benefit of those members who tend to doze off after lunch, offers no shortage of birthdays. It is an old club full of old members who have lots of birthdays. This week **Les Crawford** was feted for his Sept. 19 birthday, which he spent at

Sausalito and The City, dining and taking in live theater.

**Larry Ford** had a more domestic birthday celebration on Sept. 25, dining at Gravenstein Grille and In-N-Out Burger with his visiting sister.

**President Jack Blasco** recognized himself for

his recent birthday, celebrated under the Big top of the Lobster Feed on Sept. 30. He paid \$5 and no Sergeant-at-arms protest was heard over the measly offer.

The club next witnessed **Robin Maybury** grow one year older before their very eyes, offering a round of "Happy Birthday" for his Oct. 6 birthday.



### ANNIVERSARIES:



**Greg Gill**, as rare a species as California's **Red-Legged Frog** signified by extremely rare sightings of him, was recognized for his anniversary with wife **Jaclyn** (July 17.) **Gill** let the club know his celebrated his anniversary with a return trip to Ireland and Scotland.

Member **Tom Campbell** (wife **Susan**) offered a vague recollection that he had a recent wedding anniversary and but was bereft with details.

**Mark Stevens** proved to have a much better memory, letting everyone know that he and wife **Connie Ayers** just celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a restaurant to be named later.



### OTHER RECOGNITIONS:

**Larry Ford** stood as he saw his photo flash on the big screen with him holding a **Montana Trout**. He guessed the photo was probably snapped by **Richard Power** because **Richard** was in the boat with him.



Larry Ford

PAID IN FULL





**Harvey Henningsen** was asked by **President Jack** to describe his recent Harley bike trip with **Ken Silveira** when they cruised 1,500 miles through the Snake, Eel, Trinity, and Salmon River watersheds. "It was a million-dollar trip," **Harvey** said, but he was only recognized or \$20 of it.

## 🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎



**Katy Spyрка** introduced Deputy District Attorney Carla Rodriguez and assistant Michelle Carstensen who addressed the club about the rising incidents and varieties of elder abuse. Rodriguez called it a "huge crisis" and shared statistics of local cases and levels of crimes, ranging from verbal abuse to felony physical violence and financial theft. The pair of legal officials warned everyone to increase their vigil on behalf of the elderly in their own families. There were over 5,000 reported elder abuse cases in the county last year, including 331 in Sebastopol. Financial fraud, on-line and telephone schemes are on the rise and known to entrap people of all income levels and socioeconomic backgrounds.

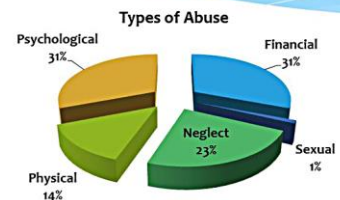


### What is Elder Abuse?

Different forms of Elder Abuse



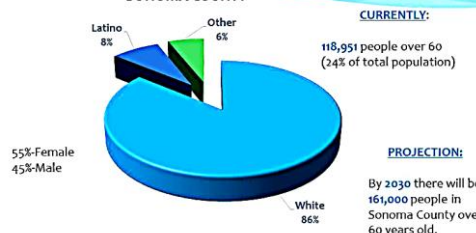
### Different Types of Abuse Can Happen Together



Source: Sonoma County Adult Protective Services

### Senior Demographics

RESIDENTS OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE IN SONOMA COUNTY



## 🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

**President Blasco** thanked speakers Carla Rodriguez and Michelle Carstensen for their important presentation and presented them with a donation in their names to Polio Plus – life saving vaccinations for fifty children. He then rang the bell and closed the meeting at.... **exactly 1:30**.





## AFTER THE FINAL BELL



[Thanks to this issue's **Scribe, Rollie Atkinson** and **Photog., David Schreiber** and **Harvey Henningsen**. -Ed.]



## FUTURE PROGRAMS



October 13, 2017: Supervisor Lynda Hopkins – District update: Initiatives, strategies and concerns



Supervisor Lynda Hopkins is in her first term representing the geographically large and economically diverse Fifth District. Her District includes the entire Sonoma County coastline, the lower Russian River, many unincorporated rural villages, the city of Sebastopol, and the Southwestern portion of the city of Santa Rosa. Lynda's interest in public policy and land use began while attending Stanford University, where she studied environmental problem solving focused on coastal land use, mass transit, land use policy through the Earth Systems (BS, MS) Program. She also received a Bachelor of Arts degree in creative writing, which led to her work as a journalist focused on local government. After earning her Master's from Stanford, Lynda and her

husband Emmett moved to his childhood home in Sonoma County. Lynda is a passionate advocate for environmental protection, coastal access for all Californians, social justice, and early childhood education. In addition to her involvement in the agricultural community, she also serves on the Children's Museum of Sonoma County Board of Directors.

October 20, 2017: Police Chief Weaver - Sonoma County Family Justice Center

Police Chief Weaver was born in San Francisco but adopted to Santa Rosa when he was one month old. He graduated from Montgomery High School in 1984, and attended the Santa Rosa Junior College from 1984 to 1986, graduating with an Associates Degree, before attending California State University from 1986 to 1988, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree, and the Police Academy from July to November 1988, graduating as a Santa Rosa Police Officer. With the Sebastopol Police Department since 1989, becoming a police officer in April, 1990; a Corporal in November, 1994; a Sergeant in July, 1997; a Lieutenant in January, 2002, and Chief in 2004. He is now the longest tenured Chief of Police in Sonoma County and in the top 3% of seniority of all Police Chiefs in California, as well as the Sonoma County Police Officer of the Year in 1997. A founding member of the Sebastopol Area Community Alliance, member of the West County Coalition for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth, former Chair of the Sonoma County Department of Health Service's Prevention Partnership, and a member of the California Police Chiefs' Association's Board of Directors representing the Police Chiefs in Sonoma, Marin, Lake, Mendocino, and Napa Counties.

