



The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Julie Meridian – What Was Lost in the Flood



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL

The back table was busy- signups for Friendship Dinners, raffle ticket sales for April Rotary Foundation fund raising.

On the front screen, fantastic pictures of the Rotary Float in various stages of completion cycled through. Other pictures of floats in the Apple Blossom parade were also shown.

AT THE BELL

President Larry Ford rang the bell at 12:15 to get things going and called on **Jim Passage** to lead us in the Pledge.

Keller McDonald led us in song with a familiar song: '*America the Beautiful*'.

The Thought for the Day was from **JT Martin**, but his absence was evident as well as his thought for the day:

"The Absence of evidence is not the evidence of absence." - Carl Sagan

"Don't worry about avoiding temptation, as you get older, it will avoid you!" - Winston Churchill



Future Programs

April 26, 2019

Overcoming Obstacles

May 3, 2019

Trade Path Awards

May 10, 2019

The Honorable Tomochika Uyama,
Consul-General of Japan

May 17, 2019

DARK

District Conference in Reno

May 24, 2019

Climate Protection Org.

May 31, 2019

The Buck Foundation

Events

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS

JUNE 15 and 22

Debunking:
June 29th

Fall Fundraiser:
October 26th

Miscellany

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS-JackEDunlap@gmail.com

On-line Make-Ups:

www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

ROTARIANS & GUESTS

Jim Pacatte introduced Dan Bornstein from Santa Rosa Rotary. Dan is a regular attendee to Sebastopol Rotary's meetings.



Steve Beck introduced Joyce Oneko as a guest. Joyce is also a frequent attendee.



Aleia Coate introduced Fay, outbound student to Denmark and Laura, inbound from Austria. **Aleia** and **Laura** are holding a raffle to help Laura raise funds for a trip around the western United States by raffling of a weekend at a Dillon Beach House.



Pauline Pellini introduced her two granddaughters, while **Jorgen Holst** introduced the speaker, Julie Meridian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Larry spoke about the upcoming *Friendship Dinners* urging the members to sign up at the back table. Having attended one last year, I can say it was a wonderful experience and I learned a lot more about fellow Rotarians.

It's almost *Debunking Time*. **Richard Power** announced the date – so mark **June 29** down and purchase your ticket. It is being held at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts (Veteran's Building) once again. Debunking is another word for roast. So be prepared for lots of laughs.

President Larry then gave praises to the Apple Blossom Parade Rotary float organizers and builders. The theme of the float was about restoring the Super Playground in Libby Park. Buy a tamale! I did purchase one at the Apple Blossom Festival. It was delicious. Heading up the tamale making is Rotarian **Mario Ramos** and Michael McGlothlin of Sunrise Rotary.



This is a joint project of both Sebastopol Rotary clubs. Tamales will be sold at *Peacetown Wednesday concerts*, *Sebastopol Farmer's Market* and the *Gravenstein Apple Fair*. To sign up online, go to <http://signup.com/go/Qwewtcui>. From there, you can pick one or more of several dates ranging from now until the end of summer. An easy way to have fun and help build the new playground.

President Larry recognized the ***Shooting Stars*** of the Rotary float.

Float Committee:

Aleia Coate, Chair

Jim Pacatte, Tom Dilley, Al Lustig, Construction

Bob and Peggy Rogers, Jack and Ruthie Dunlap, Bill and Maxine Sauber, Gerry Reilly-Ford, Banner Painting

Aleia Coate, Jack Blasco, Jack and Ruthie Dunlap, Tom Dilley, Gerry Reilly-Ford, Float Decoration

Guenter Meiburg, Wheels

Pauline Pellini, Aleia Coate, Dick Zimmer, Richard Power, Michele Kimble, Jack Blasco, Jack and Ruthie Dunlap and Gerry Reilly-Ford, Float Riders and Runners.

Take a bow!!

There are more pictures of the float and the parade in *After the Bell*.

🍎 FOUNDATION MONTH 🍎

David Schreiber came up to the podium to recognize a few well-deserved Paul Harris Fellows. With much ado and fanfare, the following Rotarians received pin in recognition of their contribution to the Paul Harris Fund.

Mike Ferguson - PHF +5,

Pauline Pellini - PHF +5,

Sophia Pellini (granddaughter of Pauline) – PHF,

Jim Passage - PHF +4,

Lu Frazier - PHF +2



🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

Tom Boag celebrated his birthday on April 16th in Sacramento. He purchased a new Subaru to celebrate.

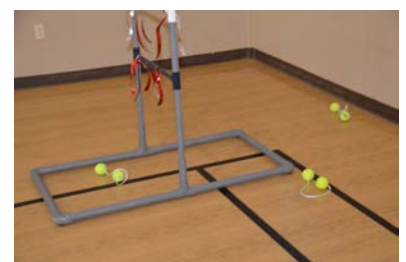
Dan Rasmus noted his anniversary with wife **Fran** on April 11th. He was out of town on that August day so he will celebrate on a future date.

Henry Alker recently visited Barcelona, Spain. Thank you for the \$5 donation. **Hal Kwalwasser** had a great tour of the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center at Greenbelt, MD. **Mark McDonell** has returned to meetings after two months recovering.



🍎 RAFFLE 🍎

Bob Rogers held the winning ticket this week, as per usual. After three tosses, he came up empty. **President Larry** took pity and asked the audience if he should have a second chance. A round of yesses was heard. **Bob** received a second chance! **Pres Larry** called up **Mario** to give **Bob** help in how to throw the bolos. **Bob** hit the \$10 and the \$1 bars. Cheers all around. **Bob** donated the cash to Polio Plus.



🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

Julie Meridian, an artist and graphic designer who has designed core parts of Adobe and LinkedIn projects, shared some of her work for Operation Photo Rescue. She started out explaining that she is a representational artist. After working for Adobe and LinkedIn, she has her own company, **Make it legit**.

Operation Photo Rescue (<http://www.operationphotorescue.org/>) was started after Hurricane Katrina in August of 2005. They are a non-profit that provides a free service in restoring photos damaged by floods, hurricanes, or any water damage disasters. They found people throwing away damaged photos. A group of photo experts gathered together and visited disaster areas to find photos they thought could be restored.

Julie explained that a flatbed scanner, camera and tripod can be used to give them physical and digital copies that can be restored from photos damaged by mold, sun fading. She then went on to explain, using damaged photo pictures and the restored photo examples, that there were several methods that can be used in restoration. She showed photos showing tone correction, color correction, preserving texture, sampling other sources and working in pairs (using another photo to help restore an original).

What can you do?

1. Copy and backup your own photos in digital format and put them in the cloud.
2. Share your photos with friends.
3. Copy photos when you find them. (All those photos that are stored in the attic, garage, basement or closet.)
4. Remember now – take lots of photos and videos.



🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

With a clang of the bell, **President Larry** called it all to end.

Rotary **MEMBERSHIP MOMENT**

Why am I a Rotarian?

First of all, Sebastopol Rotary practices what it preaches. Once committed to a project or committee, they follow it through to the end. Rotarians strive to make the world a better place, from 'Learn to Swim' classes, Learn with Me at local schools, to giving away dictionaries, helping in the food bank, to helping insure safe drinking water around the world and ending polio in the world. Sebastopol Rotarians think locally, act globally.

Second is the availability to participate in all kinds of committees – all forty-seven of them. From fund development to holiday parties. There is always some way to give back to the community that fits one's abilities. Rotarians stand ready to right a wrong, fill a gap, help the world help itself.

Third, it is about friendship, fellowship and community. There are high ethical standards along with warm friendly people. I have belonged to many non-profits, but this is the first one to warmly welcome me and made me feel part of the whole group. The comradery is palpable and I sincerely appreciate it.

Lu Frazier

AFTER THE BELL

Here are some of the festive moments from the Apple Blossom Parade and our magnificent float.







FUTURE PROGRAMS:

May 10: The Honorable Tomochika Uyama, Consul-General of Japan

Consul General Tomochika Uyama began his career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 1986 and has been involved in the diplomatic service for over 30 years. His assignments overseas have included postings in Egypt, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, and the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva. His domestic assignments in Tokyo have included positions at the Economic Affairs Bureau, Latin American and Caribbean Affairs Bureau, and in the Ministry of International Trade and Industry.



May 31: Dr. Abhijit Kale - The Buck Foundation

Originally from Pune, India, Dr. Kale did his undergraduate studies in microbiology at the University of Pune. He started his research career at Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Mumbai, India, where he studied endocytosis in metazoans under the guidance of Dr. K. S. Krishnan. He received his master's and PhD degrees from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, where he studied the role of cell competition during development of an organism in the lab of Dr. Nick Baker. He is currently a SENS postdoctoral fellow in the Campisi lab, where he is studying the interaction of senescent cells with immune cells. In his free time, he likes to hike and travel. Novato's Buck Institute is the largest independent scientific institute in the Bay Area. The Buck aims to end the threat of age-related diseases for this and future generations by bringing together the most capable and passionate scientists from a broad range of disciplines to identify and impede the ways in which we age. Its goal is to increase human health span, or the healthy years of life. Globally recognized as the pioneer and leader in efforts to target aging, the number one risk factor for serious diseases including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cancer, macular degeneration, heart disease, and diabetes, the Buck wants to help people live better longer.



Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – April 11, 2019

Miracles do happen! Six weeks ago there was very little being planned for the Apple Blossom Parade by either Rotary Club in Sebastopol. What an opportunity to promote Rotary while engaging the community to help with the renewal of the original Super Playground! The vision spread and the stalwarts of both clubs recognized the effort had to be made. Meetings identified the tasks that needed doing and matched them with the folks who had the specific skills and enthusiasm. Members from both clubs created 3,000 delicious tamales under the direction of **Mario Ramos** and **Michael McGlothlin**, built the float (thank you **Al Lustig**, **Tom Dilley**, and **Jim Pacatte**) then decorated the framework with brightly painted banners and flowers (**Bill and Maxine Sauber**, **Jack and Ruthie Dunlap**, **Aleia Coate**, **Jack Blasco**, **Bob and Peggy Rogers** plus **Yours Truly and Gerry**). We handed out over 2,000 cards promoting Sebastopol Rotary and the Super Playground during the parade. A small band of Rotarians working very hard at making a difference... and having fun!

Don't overlook the District Conference: The 4-Way Fest in Reno is the combined conference of four Rotary Districts, May 17-19 at the Peppermill Resort <http://www.Rotary5130.org/1226-2/>.

Larry Ford, President 2018-2019



[You can see the full Directors' reports at ClubRunner| Member Area| MyClubRunner| ViewClubDocuments| BoardMeetingMinutes| 2018-2019. –Ed.]

COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR PEGGY ROGERS:



FAMILY SAFETY / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Cory Maguire**, **Les Crawford**) – No new report.

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANT COMMITTEE (Chair: **Jack Blasco**) – Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grant Committee will meet on Wednesday April 3 to select the Spring round of grant recipients.

DICTIONARY COMMITTEE (Chair: **Paul Yeomans**) – No new report.

LEARN WITH ME COMMITTEE (Chair: **Linda Irving**) – Summary of the Learn With Me program. 63 students served, all in Park Side School in Sebastopol. There are 4 Rotary tutors (**Lu Frazier**, **Hal Kwalwasser**, **Bill Cole**, **Susan**, wife of **Dewey Watson**) among the 26 tutors overall. There are more than 40 hours per week of tutoring hours. Most tutors work 1:1 with the same 2-3 students (Attachment Details: 65 students total, 54 tutored 1/week, 9 tutored 2/week, (By grade level: 9-K, 11-1st, 17-2nd, 12-3rd, 14-4th) (Primary Focus of Sessions: 14-Early Literacy, 21-Reading Practice, 15-Language Arts

Assignments, 7-Math support, 7-Mixed LA/Math Assignments))

CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER (Co-Chairs: **Scott Briggs** and **Patrick Dirden**) – Beginning planning for next year. **Patrick** reports: "I'm working on an e-thank you card for all of the Crab Feed volunteers. We're searching for a new online ticketing system." **Scott** adds: ... as for Crab Feed, **Patrick** and I continue to strategize on how to make next year bigger and better...My other recent focus has been sending out sincere thank you letters, co-signed by **President Larry**, to key businesses that helped make our recent event a success."

LEARN TO SWIM COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Greg Jacobs** and **Rick Wilson**) – **Greg** reports: "We have received kids swim bags and volunteer tee's. While the response from schools for parent volunteers has been abysmal, as well as our club, we thankfully have enough volunteers from the community to put on the program. But it is close. Also we received a \$150 donation from **Dr. John Dweeney**, a former Rotarian. So, we will start on April 23rd as planned."

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE (CHAIR: **Linda Johnson**) – Will present to the Board the final total for Community Grants. \$34,155.00.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Steve Beck**, **Diana Rich**): No new report.

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: (Chairs: **Henry Alker**, **Steve Zivolich**) – No activity this month.

GALA (FALL FUNDRAISER) 2018 (CHAIR: **Keller McDonald**) – Event happened, a great success.

REDWOOD FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS (Volunteer Coord.: **Jerry Warren**) – We had 7 Rotarians turn out for our first workday on March 28th. This was more than anticipated based on the count that was taken at the Rotary meeting the Friday before (I think there were three that raised their hand and two of those emailed me saying they were not able to come). Those present were **Jim Pacatte**, **Bob Rogers**, **Steve and Rosanne Prandini**, **Gerry Ford**, **Mike Long**, and **Jerry Warren**. We boxed bread along with five representatives from Farmers Insurance and had a great time.

TOOLBOX DISTRICT GRANT (**President Larry Ford** and **Keller McDonald**, Responsible Assignees) – [See also above under FAMILY SAFETY / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS COMMITTEE] No new report.

PEACE GARDEN (Chair: **Julie Cugini**) – No new report.

MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT 5130 COMMITTEE (Contact: **Tom Boag**) – Contact **Tom Boag** for assistance with your neighborhood or further information. No new report.

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR HAL KWALWASSER:

Hal – traveling – adds this item to his report: “Please convey the following about the SREF CTE Project: We’ve not advanced since last month. However, we remain hopeful that we can integrate into the current work-based learning project I discussed last month. The larger question is whether we will be able to do much that is meaningful this coming year, given how late it is in the current school calendar.”

INTERACT (**Chair/Coordinator: Barbara Bickford**): **Pauline Pellini** reports Brook Haven Interactors made a presentation of a \$500 check for the Super Playground Project at the meeting last Friday. They took over the podium and did an amazing job. They continue fundraising and are planning two after-school ice cream sales as the weather warms. They are going to visit Apple Valley Convalescent Hospital and have prepared questions to engage patients in conversation.

Next month will be election of officers. Pauline is particularly pleased with her group this year: “I have an amazing group of dedicated students this year. Each meeting has about 30 Interactors and they all participate. I have taught them Robert’s Rules of Order and they are now used to making motions, seconding them, having discussion, and voting. They seem to have lots of ideas and discussions. So cute!”

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (**Co-Chairs: Tom Boag, David Schreibman, and Hal Kwalwasser**) – **Tom Boag** reports that the judges have been selected and that committee members have been working with participating students on their presentations. The morning sessions are ready. All is on track for Friday April 26.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (**Co-Chairs: Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyryka, Aleia Coate**) – OutBound: **Jackie Moreira** reports that Natasha (current) returns from Switzerland July 9. Fay (2019-2020) is going to Finland; she will leave in August. **Jackie** is particularly concerned about finding host families. She has asked the board for assistance. Also, it is the time to find the next recruit for 2020-2021. InBound: Laura is living with 3rd host family. April 12th is her presentation to our club. Laura’s Safari Trip fundraiser also on April 12: We will raffle to the club a weekend at Dillon Beach home. \$100 a ticket, with hope of selling 25 tickets. Laura returns home around July 12.

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (**Chair: Scott Briggs**) – **Scott Briggs** reports that we have received applications from SRJC and they are being distributed to the committee for review. The committee should complete candidate selections by end-April/first week May and then conduct interviews to select three winners by end of May.

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

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

FINANCIAL LITERACY (**Co-Chairs: Tim Moore and David Schreibman**) – The committee is in the process of setting up class dates and times to get in front of as many seniors at Analy and El Molino as possible and teach basic financial literacy before they fly the coop. They should have some results to share by mid May.

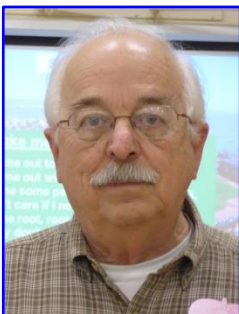
HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (**Chair: Richard Power**) – **Richard Power** reports that the event is cancelled this year due to El Molino failing to follow up and prepare students for the contest. He is hopeful the problem will be fixed for next year, but as he noted, only time will tell if reality matches intention.

INTERACT ADOPT A FAMILY (Chair: **Pauline Pellini**) – No new report.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (**Chair: Cindy Carter**) – The camp has been cancelled for 2019 to allow for restructuring.

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

CLUB SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR JIM PASSAGE:



AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE [**Chair: Ron Puccinelli**] – The A/V Committee spent a large amount of time tracing a problem with the club projector wiring. Found the problem with the connectors at the sound board and bypassed them. We will be looking at a permanent fix in the future. Are gearing up to provide support for the 4-District Conference in Reno in May. We will be using the Hotel’s equipment and our control boards. Possibly a recipe for an interesting experience – especially since we don’t have a clue how their stuff works. Stay tuned for further developments.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE [**Chair: Hal Kwalwasser**] – No new report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE [**Chair: David Schreibman** – **Michael Hixson** was inducted March 15th. There are several people who’ve expressed interest in joining but no new sponsor apps have been received.

APPLEKNOCKER COMMITTEE [**Chair: David Still**] – No new report

CLUB HISTORY COMMITTEE [Chair: **Tom Boag**] – No new report.

BIRTHDAY CALLER [Chair: **Lu Frazier**] – No new report.

GREETERS [Chair: **Rick Wilson, Robin Maybury**] – No new report.

PHOTOGRAPHY ROTO-PHOTO COMMITTEE [Chair-Wrangler: **Harvey Henningsen**] – Things are pretty much set for the rest of the (Rotary) year.

SCRIBES COMMITTEE [Chair-Wrangler: **Patrick Dirden**] – No new report.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE [Chair: **Jørgen Holst**] – **Jorgen** reports: “Just two openings to fill. Both are in June.”

SERGEANT AT ARMS [Chair: **Nao Noguchi**]: No new report as **Nao** is still in Japan.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE [Chair: **Linda Johnson**] – No new report

Happy Hour Committee [Chair: **Meredeth Bertacco**] – No new report.

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

WEBSITE COMMITTEE [Chair: **Robin Maybury**] – No new report

CLUB ACTIVITIES AREA – DIRECTOR ALEIA COATE: -



CLUB PICNIC (Co-Chairs: **Bob Cugini** and **David Still**) – No new report. Picnic happened

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (Chair: **Richard Petersen**) – The Golf Tournament was cancelled due to lack of sign-ups.

TOUR D'ORGANICS REST STOP (Chair: **Torrey Olson**) – *Tour D'Organics* cancelled this year.

HAPPY HOURS (WAS ROTARY AFTER HOURS) (Chair: **Meredeth Bertacco**) – First Friday was a big success – We had over 20 members from our club. Nothing is planned for May... yet. We can continue to join the morning club on the first Friday of the month. I will check with them on the next location..

APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE FLOAT (Chair: **Jack Blasco**) – **Aleia** reports: Apple Blossom is this Saturday – the float is coming along, we need people to ride with us!! I will put out an email to the club today.

DEBUNKING (Chair: **Richard Power**) – Debunking is still going to happen!! **Richard** is working on location and other details...

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Julie Cugini, Cindy Carter-Flamm, David Still**) – Friendship Dinners are under way. **Julie Cugini** with **Cindy** and **David Still** will be heading this up, the dates are June 15th and 22nd.

HOLIDAY PARTY (Chair: **Cindy Carter-Flamm**) – No new report, event occurred.

SUPER BOWL BOARD (Co-Chairs: **Aleia Coate** and **Torrey Olson**) – Super Bowl Board happened.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM (Chair: **Mike Ferguson**) – No new report.

CLUB PHOTO (Chair: **Harvey Henningsen**) – No new report. Club Photo is finished and posted on website.

PEDAL 4 POLIO (Chair: **Bob Rogers**) – No new report.

SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY GROUP (CHAIR: **Jim Passage**) – No new report.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR LU FRAZIER:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (Chair: **Dan Rasmus**) – No new report.

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (WCS) (Chair: **Bob Rogers**) – **President Larry** notes from **Bob Rogers' World Community Service Report** that changes from last month's report include a date change for the water filter distribution“ The March 23rd filter distribution date was cancelled and has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 18th. **President Larry** was asked via email on April 3rd to make a club announcement as to the reschedule in case anyone is interested in traveling to Puerto Vallarta to participate (Unfortunately the same date as our District Conference).

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS (Chair: **Dorothy Rodella**) – **Dorothy** reports: “I plan to reach out to both **Tom Lambert** & **John Powell** to see where the rest of the sponsor reports are for each donor for the 2018-2019 school year. I will also confirm scholarship levels and design a “ask” card or at a minimum e-mail each member. At the moment, Scholarship levels are: \$250 for middle school, \$300 for high school, and \$350 for university students. Timing for the 2019-2020 school year also plays a role – meaning when should I start my campaign. As I understand, the kids get presented with the scholarships in August and we typically get our donations wired to them before that date.

