



The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

GABRIEL FARM – TORREY OLSON



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



What a great location to have a Rotary meeting. With the temperature in the 70's the weather cooperated. And, as usual, the friendship and comradery was everywhere present. Before **President Larry Ford** called things to order we all enjoyed finger licking good, 4 different varieties of Mombo's Pizza. Everybody's favorite grocer, **Ken Silveira**, did his usual great job providing salads, beverages, including beer, and dessert--Thank you **Kenny**.



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

August 17, 2018

**Speaker – Michael Gillotti
Sebastopol Peace Wall**

August 24, 2018

Bridge of Hope Childrens Choir

August 31, 2018

Congressman Jared Huffman

September 7, 2018

**El Molino High School
Dance Company**

🍎 Future Events 🍎

**Summer Picnic:
Saturday, August 18th
Bob Hirsch's**

**Fall Gala
Saturday, October 27th
Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club**

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS–JackEDunlap@gmail.com

On-line Make-Ups:

www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

🍎 AT THE BELL 🍎

Prez (the Tooth Doc) **Larry** forgot to bring the Roto-Bell and gavel to the meeting but his skin was saved by **Jim Passage** who happened to have a Mini Bell which he lent to Fearless Leader who rang the meeting to order at exactly 12:15.



Scott Briggs started things off by leading us in a pledge to Old Glory.



This was followed by our very own song meister, **Keller (Big Mac) McDonald** leading us in song, *"This Land Is Your Land"* and Torrey's Land.

Jeff Boal then provided us with the thought for the day, an old Japanese proverb given to him by fellow Rotarian **Nao Noguchi**. "If you get knocked down 7 times, get up 8".





VISITORS AND GUESTS



Aleia Coate introduced our inbound exchange student from Austria; Laura ,



Pauline Pellini introduced a workmate of hers and soon to be new Rotarian, Amee Sass.



Torrey Olson introduced his wife Lucy, a soon to be Friend of Rotary.



Fearless Leader introduced his wife Gerry



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Apple Fair is this weekend.

The Club Picnic is next Saturday 8/18 at **Bob Hirsch's** home, any questions call **Bob Cugini** or **Ellen Harrington**. (Flyer is attached to this Appleknocker)

You can once again donate to the Fire Relief Fund at www.LARCA.org

Richard Peterson is looking to set a date for the *Rotary Golf Tournament* in the Spring of 2019.

The Tour d'Organics has been canceled this year.

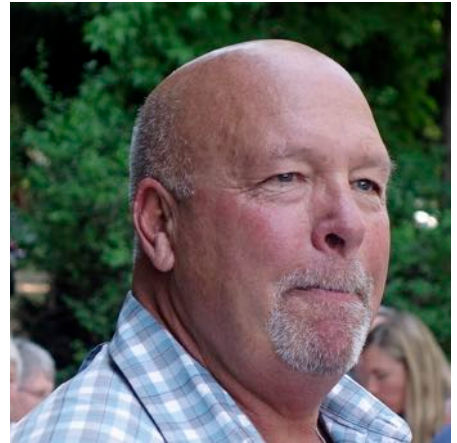


RECOGNITIONS



Paul Thielen was parted with \$5 for adding a few more grey hairs on his 68th birthday on 8/8. **Paul** said that he usually has shredded wheat for breakfast but on this special day he had Special K. He also stuffed cotton in his mouth like a good retired dentist should.

Greg Gill was fined \$5 for his recent anniversary and another \$5 for a motorcycle road trip he recently took with **Mike Long** and **HH**.



Peg Rogers chaperoned a 68 mile bike ride her hubby **Bob** made with another PDG Bob Eisenberg from Sebastopol to Napa; that will be \$5 thank you.



RAFFLE



Today the raffle was replaced by the bidding on an apple pie donated by The Community Church, **Mario Ramos** won the rights to the pie for a measly \$25. All monies to the *Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation*. Bon appetit **Mario**.





THE PROGRAM



Jim Passage stepped up to introduce **Torrey Olson**, our fellow Rotarian who conducted today's program. Torrey was born and raised in Cleveland Ohio, and after he graduated from college he followed Horace Greeley's advice and headed west. He settled in Sonoma County in the mid 1990's. His first occupation was teaching math and coaching baseball at Piner High School in Santa Rosa. Later on Torrey and his wife Lucy began negotiating with the Gabriels on the purchase of their organic farm which they started in 1978. The deal between the Oksons and the Gabriels was consummated in 2000



Gabriel Farm is a 14 acre family farm located just outside of Graton, although it is technically in Sebastopol. Coming from a farming family in La Jolla Ca. Lucy has been involved in organic farming all her life. **Torrey** serves on the schoolboard at the Oak Grove Union School District, and the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District. **Torrey** and Lucy have one child, Henry

Gabriel Farm grows 9 acres of Asian Pears, 2 acres of Certified Organic Apples, and various other organic crops including: Persimmons, Raspberries, Pluots, Tomatoes, Guavas, Blackberries, Lavender, Pumpkins, and Winter Squash. They also have a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, in which members participate. Members can come to the farm at various times of the year and pick produce, flowers and other products. **Torrey** has a booth at the farmer's markets in Berkeley and Marin County. In addition to Pacific Market his other large customer is Whole Foods.



To become a member of Gabriel Farm and eligible to participate in the U-Pick program all you need to do is purchase a case of apple juice. This will allow you to come and pick anytime between 10AM and 3PM from August and October.

🍏 THE FINAL BELL 🍏

And so another Rotary meeting came to an end at precisely 1:30. But not before our host Torrey Olson led a group tour of Gabriel Farm.



Life's A Rotary Beach



Well...there's no sand, but this will be a beachin' picnic!!!

Rotary Club of Sebastopol

When/Where: August 18, 11AM-4PM

Bob Hirsch's playground

1055 Montgomery Road, Sebastopol

1 guest = \$15

2 guests = \$25

Kids under 12 = free

Food: Mario from Mexico Lindo provides culinary needs-chicken, veggies, salads

Drinks: Beer, Margaritas, soda, iced tea, water

Hand-crafted sausages: Mike McGlothlin

Entertainment: Swimming (bring suit & towel), billiards, others

Don't miss the Sebastopol Rotary Wheel of Misfortune!!!

Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – August 09, 2018

What Have Our Committees Been Up To? Wouldn't you like to know!

President Larry has not written a paragraph for this space yet....

Suffice it to say that **Directors** have been diligently pursuing **Committee Chairs** to fill their membership. (Committees are where the action is!)

Here is a compilation of **Directors'** monthly reports. The **AppleKnocker Team** edits these reports into the informative and easily digestible summaries that appear below – removing “Fake News” and obvious exaggerations.



[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 (Chair: **Cory Maguire**) – First meeting held July 24th, on plans for the month of October, National Domestic Violence Awareness/Prevention Month, speakers are lined up for two meetings; Planned a letter writing campaign, a weekly poster handout every week, and collection can for YWCA domestic violence victims/survivors, and a District Grant application for researching and test marketing the “Toolbox” curriculum for upper grade students teaching resiliency and tools for life. Also planning a M.E.N.S. program for working with abusers, to learn alternative behaviors to violence. A speaker for early intervention will be speaking in February, Dr. Ellen Bauer, Director of Public health, Sonoma County Health Department. Because prevention is a big part of our committee's commitment, teaching young parents and young children is a key to developing positive, resilient problem solving behaviors and eliminating abuse.

LEARN WITH ME COMMITTEE (Chair: **Linda Irving**) – The program provided 1,000 hours of high quality, targeted tutoring to Kindergarten through 5th-grade students during the 2017-18 academic year. Rotary's Learn With Me program assists teachers and students. One-on-one tutoring creates an opportunity for confusion to be expressed and instruction to be provided according to the particular need of the student. The relationship that develops over time between the student and tutor has been determined by research to enhance student confidence and learning.

Our students tend to begin kindergarten significantly behind their peers. Each year, though growth is evident in their assessments, students make gains but rarely are they able to make up the difference and attain grade level standards.

The Teacher Survey indicates teachers understand the program, use it to provide a wide range of services tailored to meet the needs of their students, and highly value the support tutors provide students. The 2018-19 year is starting soon. We are gearing up for the training of mentors, identification of students and set up of schedules and materials. Sign up to volunteer. Cal Deb Drehmel at 293-4147. Thank you all for your support!

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANT COMMITTEE (Chair: **Jack Blasco**) – Eleven Rotarians were selected to serve on the committee this year from the 25 requests that were received. **President-Elect Keller**, last year's **Chair**, will serve in an advisory capacity without being a formal committee member. All those requesting this committee have been informed of the results of the selection process. Later in August, we will update our contact list of school administrators in preparation for announcing the opening of the Fall grant application period in September.

GALA (FALL FUNDRAISER) 2018 (CHAIR: **Keller McDonald**) – Plans are moving along! We have an event name! **Peggy and Bob Rogers** have a strong live auction committee; **Ellen Harrington** has a great silent and wine auction committee, **Cindy Carter** and **Bob and Peggy** spearheaded a save the date mailing to past live auction winners, **Dan Rasmus** is heading ticket sales, the **A/V Crew** is on board, and we've made two visits to venue to plan facility use (We know where the three bars will be.). There are lots of moving parts to this event and lots of opportunities for Club members to help make a successful evening!

DICTIONARY COMMITTEE (Chair: **Paul Yeomans**) – **Paul** will continue as chair. He will apprise us of what needs doing when the time comes.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Steve Beck**, until October) – There are four members on this committee. **Steve Beck** has volunteered to Chair until October. They are looking for someone who will be the chair. A great opportunity to visibly serve your community and beyond. On the books so far are:

Laguna Clean Up and Maintenance project on October 6. – See **Ellen Harrington** for sign up.

Redwood Empire Foodbank is going September through June – see **Jerry Warren** to volunteer. We need more volunteers.

Possible projects include: Replacing the fencing around the Brookhaven Super Park in partnership with the city, Upgrading front landscaping at YWCA safe house, Building benches for our elementary schools, and other projects needing further investigation. The committee welcomes all new members to join us.

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: (Chairs: **Henry Alker, Steve Zivolich**) – Planning a presentation for World Peace day in September.

CRAB FEED (Co-Chairs: **Scott Briggs** and **Patrick Dirden**) – Will be asking for volunteers closer to the event scheduled for February __, 2019.

LEARN TO SWIM COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Greg Jacobs** and **Rick Wilson**) – As always, be ready to sign up to teach our 2nd graders to swim.

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE – No new report

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR HAL KWALWASSER:

INTERACT (Chair/Coordinator: **Barbara Bickford**): Interact reports a need for an additional person at Anal, and they don't have anyone in mind yet. They hope we might have some ideas.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (Co-Chairs: **Tom Boag, David Schreiber, and Hal Kwalwasser**) – **Tom** and **David** will be meeting with new WSCUHS Superintendent Toni Beal on 8/16 – to familiarize her with this ongoing program. As soon as school starts and counselors are available, the program announcement and event date will be worked out.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (Co-Chairs: **Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyrrka, Aleia Coate**) – Our inbound international student arrives this week, and our outbound student will depart this week as well.

SRJC would like to recruit some additional members.

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 Schreiber**) – No new report.

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (Chair: **Richard Power**) – No new report.

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

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (Chair: **Cindy Carter**) – No new report.

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



CLUB SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR JIM PASSAGE:



PROGRAMS COMMITTEE [Chair: **Jørgen Holst**] – The Program committee has been hard at work over the summer. I am happy to say that we already have programs locked in until the end of December.

APPLEKNOCKER COMMITTEE [Chair: **David Still**] – No new report but **David** has –**Ed'itors** scheduled through September.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE [Chair: **Hal Kwalwasser**] – The P/R Committee held a meeting on July 19th to discuss several items: Goals, Updating the website and ongoing logistics, Press strategy, Social Media strategy, Posting of events and calendar (on the website), and Privacy policy. Resolved: There was some concern about the length of press releases. I will discuss with Press Democrat, Vesta, and **Rollie Atkinson** – see if they have suggestions. Generally we will expand

reach to the Argus Courier, Upbeat Times, and to other club presidents. On the website, we resolved to add a page that would wrap up other last year. We still need to get the pictures of all club members for inclusion with the page. Also we'll link all press releases for the year to that page. A few other pages are also incomplete because I need to track down more information. An open item – whether the AppleKnocker (archives) should be in front of or behind the password.

Cindy Carter-Flamm will post new activities. Speakers will go up three weeks early. Privacy policy issues are resolved.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE [Chair: **David Schreiber** – **David** sends this information:

One potential new member is scheduled for rotary Information August 17.

Several other (3) prospective members have expressed significant interest but have not yet scheduled Rotary Information.

Joyce Oneko has attended many meetings and submitted an application, but is still looking for employment and will be traveling until November.

We have scheduled our first committee meeting for August 24. At this time, we have 15 committee members, not including the five Past Presidents who provide Rotary Information. More may be added.

AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE [Chair: **Ron Puccinelli**] – The AV Committee is currently engaged with **Keller McDonald** in planning for **President Larry's** "Glittering Gala". Video, sound and stage lighting support will be provided.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE [Chair: **Linda Johnson**] – **Linda** writes: "I need four others to get involved with monetary donations to support four of our community projects."

BIRTHDAY CALLER [Chair: **Lu Frazier**] – **Lu** reports "I called six Rotarians and wished them a Happy Rotarian Birthday.

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

SCRIBES COMMITTEE [Chair-Wrangler: **Patrick Dirden**] – **Patrick** reports "We have **Scribes** scheduled out to the end of September. All is well.

PHOTOGRAPHY ROTO-PHOTO COMMITTEE [Chair-Wrangler: **Harvey Henningsen**] – **Harvey** writes: "All months of the **Roto-Photo-Committee of Supreme Image Makers** has been filled for the Roto-Year 2018-19.

Our crew of **Highly Trained Professionals** stands ready to record the inner windings and hidden mechanisms that are revealed at the semi-secret meetings held each Friday in the Roto-Palace. Our images from **Black-Jack's Reign of Terror** almost garnered our photographers a Pulitzer Prize last year. Our goal this year is to place an image on the front cover of **Time Magazine**, a lofty goal but our shooters are up to it.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS COMMITTEE [Chair: **Nao Noguchi**] – **Nao** pleads: "It is important that, during the questions / answers session after presentations, that **persons asking questions** use a microphone so that **the rest of us** can hear what is being asked. We only have two portable microphones for the floor, I want to leave the microphones at both sides of the hall and **those who wish to ask questions** will approach to either microphone and speak, similar procedure as town hall meetings. Since we don't have microphone holders, two of us will be holding the microphones. We will try the new procedure at the August 17 meeting."

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE [Chair: **Cory Maguire**] – A summary announcement regarding the **Judd Family / Dennis and Ann's** remarkable recoveries was made to the membership which then translated to the AppleKnocker. A card was sent to **Steve and Jan Zivolich**... Just hello and thinking of you from the Rotary Family. A card will be sent this week to **Karen Daniels**. It was previously reported that **Diana Rich** was going in for surgery. Upon receiving my Sunshine card in the mail, **Diana** assured me her health is in excellent standing! That's good to know.

CLUB HISTORY COMMITTEE [Chair: **Tom Boag**] – The AppleKnocker Index has been updated to end June, 2018. Some photo archives are still being uploaded by AppleKnocker **Editors**.

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

MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT 5130 COMMITTEE [Chair: **Richard Ruge**, Sunrise, Report by **Tom Boag**] – Some members of the MYN Committee met on August 7 to review progress (slow) of our 31 trained coordinator-facilitators. Committee members **Bob Rogers** and **Jack Blasco** committed to calling about half to try to get commitments on when they would hold their neighborhood meetings. A third training class will be scheduled by **Tom Boag** and **Skip Jirrels** in next several weeks to include Sebastopol, Sunrise, and maybe several neighboring clubs.

CLUB ACTIVITIES AREA – DIRECTOR ALEIA COATE: -



CLUB PICNIC (Co-Chairs: **Bob Cugini** and **David Still**) – Picnic is next weekend. 8/20/2017 at Bob Hirsch's property.

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (Chair: **Richard Petersen**) – Will take place in the springtime.

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

HAPPY HOURS (WAS ROTARY AFTER HOURS) (Chair: **Monica Kretschmer**) – Will resume next month.

APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE FLOAT (Chair: TBD) – No new report.

DEBUNKING (Chair: **Richard Power**) – No new report.

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Barbara Beedon** and **Ruthie Dunlap**) – No new report.

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

SUPER BOWL BOARD (Co-Chairs: **Aleia Coate** and **Torrey Olson**) – No new report.

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

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

A few ideas for some new activities: an ocean fishing trip and a wine tasting tour. More to come...

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR LU FRAZIER:

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

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (WCS) (Chair: **Frank Mayhew**) – **Peggy Rogers** forwarded an email from **Lu Frazier**, showing the email chain of info. Synopsis by **Bob Rogers**:

All the items on the list occurred last Rotary Year...there has been no activity of the WCS committee yet this Rotary Year...and not planning on meeting 'till possibly November, as we won't know our budget 'till after the Fundraiser on October 27th. Any possible projects can be communicated among committee members via email.

- 1) \$5,000 was sent to the Sebastopol World Friends Hospital project to our sister city in Ukraine.
- 2) \$2,500 was reimbursed to Anthill Foundation for the construction of an Earth Bag Classroom in Uganda. Anthill is a non-profit foundation founded by the **Mayhews** to build structures, as at the time, The Rotary Foundation would not fund buildings.
- 3) The other project mentioned is a Global Grant by The Rotary Club of Chicago 1, to which our WCS Committee approved an expenditure of \$2,000 to act as a Financial Partner with Chicago 1. But, according to Frank, we have not heard from them on the status of this project yet, so no funds have been paid out.

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS [Also reported in Vocational / Youth Service area] (Chair: **Tom Lambert**) – The team has signed up all last year's donors to continue this year, and they would like to recruit some additional members.

SCHOLARSHIPS (Chair: **Scott Briggs**) – Will try to continue to generate funding for four scholarships, but do not have it in place yet.

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BECAS [See International Service] (Chair: **Tom Lambert**) – The team has signed up all last year's donors to continue this year, and they





FUTURE PROGRAMS



August 17, 2018 – Michael Gillotti – Sebastopol Peace Wall

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, Michael enrolled in a Catholic seminary right out of High School. The Vietnam War was raging during his seminary training and he came to feel that it would be a contradiction of his faith “to love your neighbor as yourself” to participate in warfare and so applied for Conscientious Objector status with his draft board. He subsequently served two years as a non combatant C.O.

Four years ago, in order to promote nonviolent resolutions of conflicts and create a more peaceful world, Michael designed and built the Sebastopol Living Peace Wall. It's purpose is to honor and recognize the peacemakers among us. Each year the names of four people are inscribed into the granite wall and added to the roll of Honorees on the peace wall web site: sebastopolivingpeacewall.com. An “induction ceremony” is then held in the Fall where the honorees are publicly acknowledged. This year the ceremony will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, 11:00AM to Noon at the town plaza. All are invited to attend.

August 24, 2018 – Bridge of Hope Childrens Choir