



# *The Appleknocker*

## *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin*

### **Analy High School Choir**



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### **BEFORE THE BELL**



So you say that its December and you haven't bought a gift yet, and you just heard "*Feliz Navidad*" on the radio and you can't get it out of your head and its making you crazy and you feel like you are having trouble making your miracle happen?? Well.... Come on in to the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Friday meeting and listen to the joyful sounds of the Analy Chamber Choir. It will put you right in the spirit.



### **AT THE BELL**



At Precisely 12:15 **Acting Fill in President and Ex-President Jack Blasco** rang the meeting to order and asked **Jackie Moreira** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Steve Beck** led a spirited version of "*Jingle Bells*" and it appeared that someone might have been recording it. Could there be a Sebastopol Rotary Christmas Album in the future?

**Linda Johnson** had Thought for the Day assignment and reminded us that today is National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day observed annually on December 7 to remember and honor all those who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.



### **VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS**



**Bud Daviero** introduced Brian Bauer from the Sunrise Club.

**Guy Smith** introduced his wife Michelle



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## Future Programs



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**707-546-1234**

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**Edwin Wilson** introduced his wife Diana

**Jackie Moreira** brought Laura from Austria, our exchange student and

**Jackie** introduced her daughter Julia.



**Jackie** also introduced her guest, the Mayor of Sebastopol Neysa Hinton.

**Dave McLennon** introduced Kelly Back

**Pam Graber** introduced her guest Lisa Alterman





## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Acting Fill in President and Ex-President Jack Blasco** informed us that the meeting would likely be interrupted when the Choir appeared but until then he would carry on. It seems the **President Larry Ford** is currently in Hawaii.

**A F I P and Ex President Jack** offered congratulations to **Richard Power** for finally winning the election he stood for way back in November. The Palm Drive Hospital Board will not be the same.

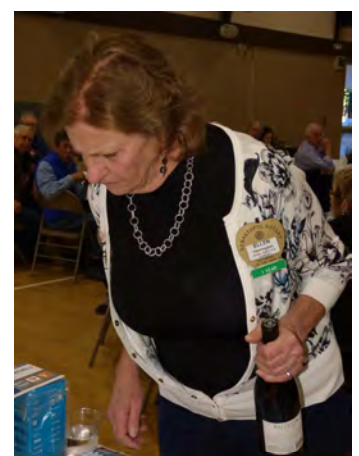


**Rick Wilson** took the podium to urge everyone to come to the **Holiday Party on December 15 at the home of JT Martin**. It's a great way to get to know your fellow Rotarians and the only chance you will get all year to drink some of **Rick Wilson's** grandfathers' egg nog.

**David Schreibman** noted a new feature at the Roto Palace, a place at the back of the room to place your business cards for others to view and take. A good plan.



**Dan Rasmus** took the mic to call out winners of the Foundation Raffle and there were many. Prizes-Prizes-Prizes. There were so many winners that it would be easier to note who didn't win than who did. Some winners even won twice including **Harry Polley** and **Ellen Harrington**. When all was said and done = the prizes were distributed and everyone was happy. Except for the one or two people who didn't win.



For all of you who plan ahead and already own a 2019 calendar = the date for the Debunking of **President Larry Ford** was announced. It will be on June 29 so write that down for when you do get a calendar. **Richard Power** is looking for help with the committee. New blood is needed so if you are inclined toward a roast, call **Richard**.



December 20 is the next work day at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. **Jerry Warren** will be taking names.

December 15 – Help is needed for the annual INTERACT Adopt a Family Program. **Pauline Pellini** is looking for a couple of drivers for this Wednesday to take the Interact kids shopping for the event.



Break out that 2019 calendar again to mark the date for the Rotary International Convention. This year it is in Hamburg Germany June 1-5. Our own **John Blount** is actually running the show so you know it's going to be great. **John** urges you to sign up soon by going on [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) and filling out a profile. There have already been thousands of signups. If you want to go, let's get going.

**Henry Alker** took the podium to bring us up to speed on Rotary International's shift in areas of focus to make Peace more central. Positive Peace and Community Development are now two areas of concentration. Much work has been done in the study of positive peace including a review of 162 countries with rankings and ratings. Henry invited anyone interested to join his committee.



Join us and volunteer for the Rotary Christmas Holiday dinner, and sign up right here:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2478596/false#/invitation>

## 🍎 RAFFLE 🍎

Not wanting to break the mood **A F I P** and **Ex-President Jack** called out the winning Raffle Number.



The lucky holder was none other than present Sebastopol Mayor and previous Sebastopol Rotarian Neysa Hinton. Ms Hinton has obviously never seen a game quite so daunting yet non-threatening as ladder ball but **Blasco** did all he would to make her nervous.

It didn't work and for only the second time in recorded history, Ms Hinton nailed all three bolos. **A F I P** and **Ex-President Jack** presented her with several prize options but she wisely took the box which was full of money. How Much? Oodles. Ms Hinton donated these oodles to her favorite charity.

## 🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎



**Rick Williams** was recognized for his recent birthday way back in August. He clearly remembered going to a movie. But he couldn't remember which one.

**Jordan Burns** had a 12/2 birthday and had brunch with his mom.

**Linda Johnson** had a BIG birthday on 12/2. She had a party with 50 people organized by others.



**Robin Maybury** had an anniversary on 12/2 and enjoyed a dinner at his favorite restaurant Café Giostra.

**Paul Thielen** claims that he had a wedding night reenactment on his anniversary on 12/5. Hey this is a G rated newsletter.



## THE PROGRAM



At this point in the meeting. The Analy High School Chamber Choir entered the room. Andrew DelMonte is the Choir Director. This choir is one of four choirs at Analy.

The program included several marvelous songs beginning with an Irish Work Song, which didn't sound like a Work Song, followed by a spritely number from the movie *Curious George*.



Director Del Monte urged the audience to attend an upcoming concert at Analy High at 7pm next Wednesday.

The concert continued with a few songs by the vocal ensemble including the *Solstice Song* and *Ave Maria*. The full choir sang a few holiday favorites including terrific arrangements of *Carol of the Bells* and *Silver Bells*. The choir's final number was *Hold my Hand*, a contemporary English tune.

Having sang through their lunch hour, the Choir hustled back to school to the sound of rapturous applause.



## THE FINAL BELL



And with that **Acting Fill In President and Ex President Jack Blasco** adjourned the meeting.



# Rotary **MEMBERSHIP MOMENT**

I was asked to offer my perspective on joining Rotary. Initially I was approached as ED to be the nonprofit to join a club in Palo Alto. Each Rotary club strives to follow the Rotary model. While Rotary Club of Sebastopol is my third club venue, I've had a myriad of roles and experiences to broaden this scope in all three.

Rotary offers many opportunities to give to the community and beyond. I've periodically articulated that the energy and culture of our club is unique, that it represents the "If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it." This is enervating and engaging and also a good membership draw. Our Sebastopol club far exceeds my expectations on programs and community support. Experiences are broadened while implementing, time, skills, and funding to worthwhile causes.

Our Rotary club is very friendly and welcoming to newcomers and guests. Projects get accomplished while cultivating quality friendships. I am pleased to take part in developing Rotary's legacy through our club while making a difference. Giving to others is among life's greatest rewards.

- Ellen Harrington

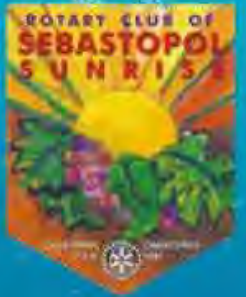
## Sebastopol Holiday Dinner

### Christmas Day

### Tuesday, December 25, 1pm - 4pm

### Sebastopol Community Church

### 1000 Gravenstein Hwy North, Sebastopol



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\*\*\* Win!

## **Future programs:**

### **December 14: Janell Smiley – Just don't make them weird - reflections from home schooling**

What does it mean to take your kids out of the regular school system and teach them at home? What are the pros and cons, the laughs and the worries? Janell Smiley has done just this, and documented it in the book "...As Long As You Don't Turn Them Into Weirdos: our homeschool journey @ The Smiley Academy :-)".

In her own words, "This book is a recounting of our family's journey through the process of starting public school. Then how and why I decided to take my kids out and find a different way to do education. This story takes the reader through the years - all the worry, fear, failures - triumphs, and successes. If I can do it...you can do it." Janell Smiley grew up in Santa Rosa, and made her home there with her husband and two boys. Neither a writer nor a teacher, she wrote the book as an honest, heartfelt, humorous look at the trials, tribulations and triumphs of their homeschooling journey



### **December 21: Rollie Atkinson – Reinventing local journalism**

A long time member of our club, Rollie has spoken to us before about his journey through journalism, but this time he will share his story of rethinking how to create a new model for financing local newspapers. Last year he opened up and asked people to invest in his three Sonoma newspapers, something that has gotten him noticed even by the New York Times. Rollie will share stories from this experience and his vision for the future of local journalism.

### **December 28: DARK**

### **January 4: DARK**

### **January 11: Jennifer Shannon – Toastmasters: How to get better at public speaking**

Jennifer Shannon is a licensed psychotherapist and a Certified Diplomat in Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy specializing in anxiety. She co-founded the Santa Rosa Center For Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and has over thirty years of experience treating children, teens, and adults. She is the bestselling author of Don't Feed The Monkey Mind, The Anxiety Survival Guide for Teens, The Shyness and Social Anxiety Workbook for Teens and A Teen's Guide To Getting Stuff Done, all published by New Harbinger Press. She co-authors her books with her husband Doug, a gifted illustrator. Her books have been selected for the Reading Well Books on Prescription in the UK. She speaks regularly at national conferences and has been featured on radio programs, and in magazines and newspapers.

