



Janell Smiley - Homeschooling



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



President Larry Ford was back in the saddle, fresh and tan from a trip to the islands. **Larry**, you forgot to bring the sunshine back! Despite the clouds and mist, the Roto-flock made their way to the Palace for the Friday meeting. Buzz was building for the Rotary Holiday Party, just 24 short hours away.



AT THE BELL



President Larry rang the opening bell at 12:15 and **Paul Yeomans** – seemingly with a name that can be pronounced in any number of ways! – led us in the Pledge. **Rick Wilson** led us in a spirited rendition of "Jingle Bells." **Greg Jacobs** provided water-themed thoughts for the day:

"Hitting is like swimming. Once you learn the stroke, you never forget it." Stan Musial

"Only when the tide goes out, do you discover who has been swimming naked." Warren Buffet



ROTARIANS & GUESTS



Following a hearty lunch, **Bud Daveiro** introduced our one visiting Rotarian, the ever faithful Dan Bornstein, dentist from the Santa Rosa club.



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

🍎 Future Programs 🍎

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Rollie Atkinson
The reinvention of community journalism

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DARK – No Meeting

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DARK – No Meeting

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Jennifer Shannon
How to become a more effective and engaging public speaker

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Morning Anchor, KSRO

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What was lost in the flood

🍎 Events 🍎

Crab Feed
February 9, 2018
Holy Ghost Hall, Sebastopol

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Jeff Boal introduced his wife Jean.

Guy Smith introduced his wife, **Michelle**.

Mike Ferguson brought as his guest his Patrol Operations Manager, Marc Brashears. Also Dennis Smiley, retired from the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department after 30 years of service.



Bristol Hassler introduced Marie Nagtalon

Dave McLennon brought as his guest Elena Dabel.
Welcome All!



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎



Rotary Day at the Food Bank will be Thursday, December 20th from 9:30 – 11:30 A.M. Let **Jerry Warren** know if you can help out. December is a very important and busy month at the Food Bank. Our help is crucial!

J.T. Martin provided details for the Holiday Party on December 15th. Your scribe assumes a good time was had by all. Do you think there might have been a few opened bottles of wine that needed to be finished off?

First Friday: **Aleia Coate** announced that on Friday, January 4th, our club will join the morning club for a social at Woodfors in the Barlow. We have the whole place to ourselves! Rumors were spread of free beer...or was it that **President Larry** will buy the first round? Perhaps this is a case of “alternative truth.” Be there to find out!

Dan Rasmus provided an informative update on the work of our Education Foundation. Starting with \$5000 the fund has grown to \$905,510. The growth really began with a very generous donation from the Hallberg family. Contributions to the Foundation totaled \$13,088 in 2017-18 and the Foundation made a matching grant of \$16,900 to the Rotary Club of Sebastopol which funded various projects and programs to benefit students and teachers – through mini-grants – in and around West County. The Foundation Trustees are currently considering one signature project in the area of Career Technical Education. See the report at the end of this Appleknocker for more Foundation details.



Adopt a Family took place on December 15th. **Dan Rasmus** and **Pauline Pellini**, along with the Brookhaven and Twin Hills Interact Clubs, gathered at the Sebastopol Fire House to wrap gifts for 58 under privileged children in our community. Later that day, they jumped on Santa's sleigh to deliver the gifts and Christmas cheer. Great work! Look at After the Bell for pics! Hey, even Santa Claus got in the fun! Wait, Santa looks awfully like **Rick Wilson**???? Hmmmmmm?????

Apparently **President Larry** thought we were having too much fun, so he went for a major downer. **Meredith Bertacco** was re-assuring, saying the current wild fluctuations in the market are not a surprise, and that no one should panic. This time of “adjustment” had been predicted, to which **Aleia**, who showed clever timing in her career change decision, added a hearty “Amen!” Hey, who needs to retire soon anyway!



🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

Paul Yeomans birthday was on December 4th. No memory of what he did but he is convinced it was a wonderful day. Wait until he sees that Visa bill!

Henry and **Pat Alker** celebrated their anniversary December 11th. They shared a wonderful evening at a fine restaurant. Of course, **Henry** remained seated as he shared this info, a mistake that cost him \$5.

Apparently the most recent Rotary Board meeting, at the home of the **Dunlaps**, went just fine until **Aleia's** car – the Mercedes – ended up being parked in a ditch. Good valet parking is hard to find these days. Wonder what they would have done with a BMW...the roof? Anyway, **Jack Dunlap** paid \$5 for the parking job. A price well worth all the great pictures!

Who knew **Jeff** and **Jean Boal** still lived in Weaverville! Apparently Club Runner thinks so. That's one way to avoid Rotary mail. **Jeff** paid \$5 for his mis-information campaign. And don't get him started on insurance!

President Larry acknowledged and thanked **Tom Boag** and his assistant, **David Schreiber** for their immensely helpful computer coaching. Who knows what Friday meetings would look like without their help. We would probably spend each meeting gazing at dental charts! Thanks guys. You have helped us all.



🍎 RAFFLE 🍎

Henry Alker had the winning ticket. He came so close...two out of three. That was worth \$10. Hey, two out of three ain't bad!

🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎



Mike Ferguson introduced our speaker – Janell Smiley of the Smiley Academy. He began by introducing her husband, Dennis Smiley, who worked with **Mike** in the Sheriff's Office and retired as a Detective Sergeant.

The theme of Janell's program was the ups and downs, joy and pain, of home schooling. She has written a book, "As Long As You Don't Turn Them into Weirdos" which describes her experiences as a home schooling mom. The title is a quote from her husband – his first reaction to her proposal of home school for their two sons, Jacob and Joseph (what, no coat of many colors?). Jacob was in 5th grade and Joseph in 3rd when she took them out of the public school system. She said they were bored, underachieving and just not getting what they needed in their schooling. She started with a blank slate, without a clear plan, but convinced her sons needed something more.

But searching the internet for resources, she was able to be their coach at home. When they reached high school, she used curriculum from the California Virtual Academy. Her sons prospered, able to work at their own pace and move into advanced classes. One son wanted more math classes and was able to do that through the home schooling program. Janell was also pleased and somewhat surprised at the support she received from teachers and principal at the school.

After high school, both sons received scholarship offers from colleges. The Virtual Academy provided all necessary transcripts, and the boys did well on all standardized tests. In terms of socialization, she believes their flexible school schedule actually gave them more time to volunteer in the community and they were able to participate in sports such as swimming through the YMCA.

Yes, there were fears and anxieties along the way, but for her family, home schooling was the way to go. Her book tells the story.



THE FINAL BELL



With another successful meeting in the books, **President Larry** struck the Roto-bell at 1:30PM sharp! But, the fun was nowhere close to being over! There were parties for hosting, marshmallows for toasting, and caroling out in the mist! **Nao Noguchi** held hosted his Mochitsuki Party (otherwise known as a crazy Japanese end of the year party). The sake flowed while partiers ate mochigome (sweet rice) and whole pig, cooked Luau style. If that wasn't enough, people gathered Saturday evening for the annual Rotary Holiday Party, hosted by **J.T.** and **Teresa Martin**. A fine collection of edibles were consumed by the partiers, along with the best egg nog this side of the North Pole. Sebastopol, we apologize for the temporary shortage of Pepto Bismol on local store shelves Sunday morning. See below for all the incriminating photos!

Rotary



MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

No one expects to be a Rotarian for 25 years. But before you know it, there you are, badge approaching "death row". You joined thinking it will help your business. And it did, but not because you are a Rotarian, but rather because you volunteered, you worked events, you participated in fundraisers, you chaired, you gave your time and you gave yourself. Someone noticed!

I joined in 1993 after 16 years as a heavy equipment Contractor. Suddenly, I had a Real Estate Broker's license, a downtown office and time on Friday for a nice lunch and a little networking,

The first thing I noticed were introductions and recognitions. Hampered by shyness in a sales industry just would not do for my new job, so I looked at Rotary as an avenue to overcome some of that shyness. Before I knew it, I was on the board, chairing committees, fundraising, rolling up my sleeves to pitch in where I could.

The friends you make along the way, the ones you work side-by-side with, the ones you have great respect for, become life-long friends. And we all get to develop or showcase known or unknown talents along the way. How fun is that! It takes years to appreciate all that Rotary does locally and internationally. So much is accomplished amazingly without borders. As you look back, you cannot recall all the lives you have affected, all the projects completed, all those helped, all the personal growth, but you do fondly remember that you have.

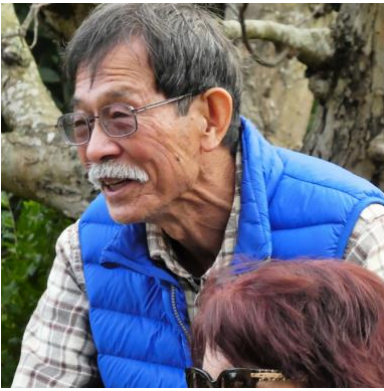
J. T. Martin

Adopt a Family



Nao Noguchi's Mochitsuki Party

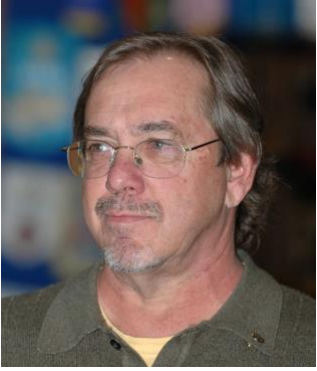




Rotary Club Holiday Party



Friday, December 21: Rollie Atkinson, Reinventing Local Journalism



Rollie Atkinson has worked in newspapers for 43 years, starting his career as a reporter at his hometown daily in Frederick, Maryland before moving to Sonoma County in 1981.

He has worked as sports editor, editor, general manager and finally as owner and publisher at a group of weekly newspapers here including The Windsor Times, The Healdsburg Tribune, Cloverdale reveille and Sonoma West Times & News in Sebastopol. With his wife, Sarah Bradbury, then have been owners since 1995 with their independent corporation Sonoma West Publishers.

Atkinson was part of the newspaper team that started The Windsor Times in 1987, five years ahead of the incorporation of the Town of Windsor.

The four Sonoma West Publishers newspapers share the same mission of community service and leadership but provide very local news, columnists and shared opinions that are different in each paper, specific to each community such as Windsor. At the same time, the four newspapers combine efforts to report on larger stories like the wildfires, homelessness, affordable housing, the Russian River watershed, agriculture and more.

Rollie wants to talk today about the historical challenges facing newspapers and journalists today and why their survival and support is important. He also wants to share his "new vision for community journalism which Sonoma West Publishers launched just a few weeks ago.

January 11, 2019: How to Become a More Effective and Engaging Public Speaker

Jennifer Shannon is a psychotherapist and author who specializes in anxiety disorders. She joined Toastmasters 1.5 years ago to learn how to talk about her books and her work more effectively. Her husband Doug Shannon is an artist and illustrates and co-writes Jennifer's books. He joined Toastmasters 6 months ago because of Jennifer's unbridled enthusiasm of how much she loves her club.

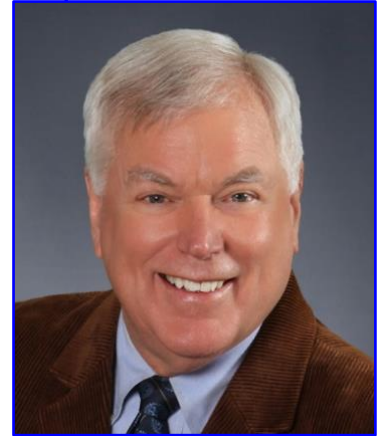


Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – December 13, 2018

Season's Greetings!

Half of our Rotary Year had passed and upon reflecting what has been accomplished I am very pleased with the result of our collective effort to make a difference. The range of talent and abilities which our members possess is only surpassed by our enthusiasm! When you review the Directors Reports you'll recognize that the best is yet to come as we've been working diligently on Overcoming Obstacles, the Speech Contest, Domestic Violence Prevention and planning for the District Conference. The Board of Directors and Officers wish you and your family a joyous holiday!

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 (Chair: **Cory Maguire**) – The Family Safety/DV Committee met earlier in the week with Anita Sandwina, educator at Analy... In addition to her regular classes, she has a 16 year legacy of doing amazing work through the "Community Matters Safe School Ambassador" program at the school, a non-violence education program that actively involves students working peer-to-peer. The program is being expanded to include male athletes, called "A Boy's Day", and speaks to how violence against minorities, women, LGBTQ shows up on campus. A pilot program was introduced last year with remarkable results. The Committee hopes to engage Sunrise for a joint effort. Analy Boosters has funded \$620 for five substitutes for the Boys Day. A request for \$6,000 will be made from our budget to pay for the program training all the athletes and coaches at Analy. (**Peggy Rogers** was not at Board meeting, out of the country for a long awaited vacation. She asked **Cory Maguire** to attend to talk about the \$6,000 the committee

hopes to fund the training of the athletes and coaches on non-violence and positive relationship and respect skill development as part of Analy's Community Matters Safe School Ambassador program.)

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANT COMMITTEE (Chair: **Jack Blasco**) – **Jack** reports: "The Committee concluded the Fall round of grants by distributing checks for 38 grants at 21 schools totaling \$15,169. The letters accompanying the checks urged the school committees to support our annual Crab Feed, the funding source for the teacher grants."

DICTIONARY COMMITTEE (Chair: **Paul Yeomans**) – We have dictionaries ordered with delivery in February, 2019.

LEARN WITH ME COMMITTEE (Chair: **Linda Irving**) – Deborah Drehmel, Program Coordinator reports "Rotary's Learn With Me program values the mentor relationship that develops between tutors and students. The development of trust creates an environment where our struggling learners are willing to keep trying – even when it is very difficult. The partnerships are often strong and multi-year with tutors working with the same students as they progress through the grades. This year, 18 students are working with their tutor for a second year; one student is in his third year with his tutor. Last year, among Rotarian **Hal Kwalwasser's** tutees were a 2nd and a 3rd grade boy. Both students made significant progress, though both are still below grade level standards, and we planned for **Hal** to continue with them this year. As many of you know, for the past few months, **Hal** has been in Florida and his students have been awaiting his return. When told he'd be back this week, their eyes lit up, huge smiles appeared on their faces accompanied by excited exclamations of "**Hal's** back!" That exemplifies the power of the Rotary LWM relationships!"

CRAB FEED (Co-Chairs: **Scott Briggs** and **Patrick Dirden**) – **Scott** reports: "Scheduled for February 9. Fortunately, it appears that there will not be any water quality/toxicity problems this year getting fresh crab, although we will, of course, not know what the price of crab will be until purchased next February. **Patrick Dirden**, **Nao Noguchi**, and I have already met once (Mtg notes shared previously.), and have scheduled a meeting of our full committee and key personnel for this coming Monday night at my (**Briggs**) home for 5:30 PM."

Among our main discussion points thus far: How can we better advertise our event and reduce the last minute crunch re ticket sales (including possible web-site work); possible reconsideration of live (but less noisy) music; better efforts at getting West County winery wine donations; and completing Rotarian assignments for key Crab Feed tasks.

LEARN TO SWIM COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Greg Jacobs** and **Rick Wilson**) – Private donor has given \$4,000 again and **Greg** has a list of expenses he will present to the Board.

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE (CHAIR: **Linda Johnson**) – **Linda** is working with **Hal Kwalwasser** to finalize the grant application and it should be available next week.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Steve Beck**, “until October”): Community hands-on service projects: **Jim Pacatte** and **Steve Beck** have been working with West County Community Services on improving the outside of a trailer in the low income trailer park, helping a Vietnam vet with pruning trees and painting the exterior – Cost \$500. Other projects needing funding may need \$3,000 or more this year. Projects may include (Total requested funds: \$3,500 for following):

Linda Johnson proposed we consider building some Buddy Benches at one or more of the local schools and described their purpose.

The tree Rotarians planted in front of the Sebastopol Post Office has grown tall enough to obscure the words “Post Office” and the tree has either blown away or merged into soil and thus no longer limiting weak growth. Adjacent to the steps is a clearly visible plaque informing passersby that our club members did the landscaping work nearly a decade ago and that the message today may be less positive in its current condition. For about five years, the landscaping was maintained under contract to **Greg Gill**, and then not renewed by the Postal Service.

Another former Rotary landscaping project in Ives Park on the north side of Calder Creek is a small rose garden. Back in 2016, I was told a fallen tree had damaged the garden, and while the tree had been cut up and the pieces removed, the rose garden looked unaffected – clearly showed no signs of maintenance since its planting. If there is sufficient interest, we could combine the rose garden and post office landscaping upgrades into a single project.

Julie Cugini is currently working to find a metal worker to make the Rotary signs for the peace garden.

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: (Chairs: **Henry Alker**, **Steve Zivolich**) – Purchased subscriptions to 2x \$49.95 so we can continue funding Peace Studies Digest at Analy and El Molino High Schools. (\$100 already paid.)

GALA (FALL FUNDRAISER) 2018 (CHAIR: **Keller McDonald**) – Event happened, a great success – Look at last month’s Director Report Summary for financial details. All revenues have now been resolved and final bills are being paid. Final accounting should be available to review at Board meeting, says **Keller**.

REDWOOD FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS (Chair: **Jerry Warren**) – **Jerry** reports: “At last week’s workday at the Redwood Empire food Bank, I asked the eight other members there if they thought we should schedule a December workday, knowing what a busy time of the year this is. Because of the critical community need for REFB support, all eight members agreed we should at least try. So, I have scheduled our next volunteer workday for Thursday, December 20th, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. If you can work these hours into your schedule; that would be great. If you know students who are on vacation, or if you have family members or friends who would like to volunteer, they, too, are welcome to join us.

TOOLBOX DISTRICT GRANT (**President Larry Ford** and **Keller McDonald**, Responsible Assignees) – The pre-school implementation is on track. We are waiting for an introduction of the program and grant to the Club as a whole and plan to invite all Rotarians to a one hour training on using the “TOOLBOX” of skills with their children and grandchildren. Requested funds: \$2,500. The grant reimburses the club after all \$4,700 is spent and grant documentation is provided and approved.

MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT 5130 COMMITTEE [Chair: Richard Ruge, Sunrise] – No new report from **Tom Boag**. Map Your Neighborhood program has been moved from Club Service Area to Community Service area.

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR HAL KWALWASSER:

INTERACT (Chair/Coordinator: **Barbara Bickford**): First the good news: Adopt a Family is moving forward. As of last week, shopping was proceeding. The target is to support 22-24 families. Also, **Pauline** has two fire trucks committed from Sebastopol, and is hoping to get a third from Gold Ridge so that all the participating schools, Analy, Brook Haven, and Twin Hills, will have one. **Rick Wilson** has agreed to play Santa – again.

Also, Brook Haven held a jog-a-thon last week. No final numbers on the amount raised, but it will be split between Camp Fire and the Living Room.

But there is bad news: Orchard View has had too few students sign up and will likely be disbanding.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (Co-Chairs: **Tom Boag**, **David Schreiber**, and **Hal Kwalwasser**) – The committee had its first organizing meeting on November 30th. It has since moved ahead smartly. Approximately 12 students submitted applications, which is sufficient to give us a good cross-section from which to draw our winners. [Update: We now have 17 applications, including 9 from Analy, 5 from El Molino, and 3 from Laguna. Application material received and distributed (150 pages!) to committee members for their “homework” over the holidays. The “selection committee meeting” will be held in late January.] The committee has confirmed that O’Reilly will allow us to use its Tarsier Conference Room for the morning activities. The committee has begun approaching people about being judges, but no confirmations yet.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (Co-Chairs: **Jackie Moreira**, **Katy Spyryka**, **Aleia Coate**) – Inbound student Laura has moved to her



second host family and is doing well. Outbound Natasha in Switzerland is doing better. Our outbound student for next year, Fay, will get her country assignment in January.

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (Chair: Scott Briggs) – The committee should be getting applications after the New Year. It need clarification of funding regarding whether it will be able to offer three or four \$4,000 scholarships.

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS (Chair: Tom Lambert) – [\[See International Service\]](#)

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

COOL KIDS CAMP (Chair: Robin Maybury) – The committee met on Friday with the leadership of Cloverleaf Ranch. They are again prepared to offer us discounted rates for our kids. (\$500 each) Also, they are prepared to offer 35 slots spread out over their eight sessions this summer. The committee will begin contacting social service agencies right after the New Year.

FINANCIAL LITERACY (Co-Chairs: Tim Moore and David Schreibman) – No new report.

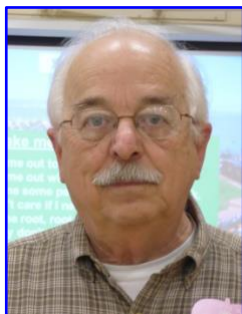
HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (Chair: Richard Power) – The contest is now set for April 5th.

INTERACT ADOPT A FAMILY (Chair: Pauline Pellini) – **Pauline** has verified with the Sebastopol Volunteer Fire Department for the Adopt a Family project. It will be on December 15th, starting at 9 am. - See Interact Report above.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (Chair: Cindy Carter) – **Cindy** has noted that there seems to be a decreased interest in the camp. She expects three people will go this year. [Conversation at Board meeting expressed some doubt for RYLA this year.] Our club has contributed scholarships and a welcoming BBQ in the past.

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

CLUB SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR JIM PASSAGE:



AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE [Chair: Ron Puccinelli] – The AV Committee is surprised with the creativity of **The President** in finding new ways to use PowerPoint. Creating a video out of one of our speaker's slide presentations was a stroke of genius. The AV Committee is also engaged with the West Coast President Elect Training Seminar – to be held in March. It is hoped during this time that our **Incoming President Elect Keller McDonald**, will shine brightly as a beacon of leadership that the club may follow. [! –Ed.]

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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE [Chair: David Schreibman – Kelly Back], new Exchange Bank Manager, has had Rotary Information and should be ready for induction. There are no official membership applications pending but committee is actively following up on prospects identified at a meeting a couple of months ago. One in particular is seriously considering membership.

Harry Polley is writing a "Membership Moment" for the AppleKnocker on a regular basis.

We are working with the group formed from both Sebastopol Clubs regarding Public Image and promotion of Rotary.

APPLEKNOCKER COMMITTEE [Chair: David Still] – **David Still** reports that editing assignments are complete through end of January, 2019.

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] – All months are filled with photographers for the rest of **President Larry's** year.

SCRIBES COMMITTEE [Chair-Wrangler: Patrick Dirden] – **Patrick** reports that Scribes are assigned through end of December. He will be soliciting new volunteers.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE [Chair: Jørgen Holst] – The program committee is flowing along nicely, filling up our programs for the foreseeable future. We are trying to get the word out earlier each week about our speakers, so members can invite friends or prospects along. We are developing a debate/discussion format for a Friday in March.

SERGEANT AT ARMS [Chair: Nao Noguchi]: The Sergeant at Arms Committee has nothing new to report except that we are still **LOOKING FOR TWO MICROPHONE STANDS**. If you have some or know someone who has some gathering dust in a garage or attic, we can sure use them.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE [Chair: Linda Johnson] – 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**) – No new report - 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**) – Sunrise Club is hosting a Happy Hour event January 4th, We are all invited to join. I'll send out a reminder to the Club and make announcements as well.

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**) – Date for Holiday Party set for December 15th. Holiday Party is this Saturday - **JT and Theresa Martin** will be hosting at their home, along with a little bit of help from **Cindy** and other Rotarians.

SUPER BOWL BOARD (Co-Chairs: **Aleia Coate** and **Torrey Olson**) – **Torrey** and **Aleia** will do the Super Bowl Board in January.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM (Chair: **Mike Ferguson**) –No new report. Veterans Day celebration happened 11/9.

CLUB PHOTO (Chair: **Harvey Henningsen**) – Club Photo – including makeup photo (for members missing initial photo who will be PhotoShopped in – has been done.

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

SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY GROUP (CHAIR: **Jim Passage**) – **Jim Passage** is in the early phases of planning an event to the Santa Rosa Symphony.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR LU FRAZIER:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (Chair: **Dan Rasmus**) – **Dan Rasmus** reports “Gala complete and budget numbers can now be filled in.”

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (WCS) (Chair: **Bob Rogers**) – (Report submitted by **Jack Blasco** on behalf of WCS Chair **Bob Rogers**): The WCS Committee met on December 7. The following international projects are currently under consideration:



Tanzania School Rainwater Harvesting and Toilet Blocks Project, brought to us by Jerry Meshulam of Sebastopol Sunrise, the Host Club. This is a \$69,000 project and they need \$20,000, with TRF and the District supplying the balance. The project is similar to our “Keeping Girls in School” project and addresses the sanitation and hygiene problems girls face as they transition into puberty. A number of other District 5130 clubs have committed or are considering partnering up with Sebastopol sunrise. A Google Group has been created so that Interact Students at El Molino and the students in the school in Tanzania can get to know each other through emails and photos.

Nepal Telemedicine Vocational Training Team Global Grant, brought to us by Mikel Cook and Brian Bauer of the Sebastopol sunrise Club on behalf of the Rancho Cotati Club. It is tied in with Global Offsite Care, a non-profit, whose board is largely made up of Rotarians and whose purpose is to spread Telemedicine to developing countries' hospitals. The purpose of the grant is to train medical practitioners in Nepal in the use of Telemedicine. They are seeking financial partners for this VTT Global Grant, which totals around \$54,750. (Club cash contributions share would be about \$15,600).

Potential Projects being developed by our Club:

Steve Prandini is communicating with Director Kathy McCarty of the Chidamoyo Hospital in Zimbabwe, where we have provided an ambulance and generator in the past, to determine if there is a viable project at the hospital that our club can support this year.

Bob Rogers is in Puerto Vallarta this week and is tentatively planning on visiting our sister club, Puerto Vallarta Sur, to discuss potential project opportunities for this year.

Frank Mayhew reported that, to the best of his knowledge, all of our financial commitments for the Keeping Girls In School Global Grant have been fulfilled, and the funds identified in this year's budget as being held in reserve for that project will not be needed for that purpose. The WCS Committee trusts that the Board will follow precedent and release those funds to be used on other international projects, in addition to the funds that the Board allocates for this year.

In summary, the WCS Committee is excited about the number and quality of potential projects under consideration this year and is confident that the funds allocated by the Board for international projects this year will be put to good use.

PROGRAMMA DE Becas (**Chair: Tom Lambert**) – The Becas group has completed their task and will pick up again next year.