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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Veterans Day Program – Mike Ferguson



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



As we came in, in honor of Veterans' Day, we were treated to slides of Rotarians and Rotarian's family and friends who have served, or are serving, in the military. Thanks to **Tom Boag** for putting together this wonderful presentation. And thanks to all who have served.



AT THE BELL



At 12:15, the bell rang and confusion reigned. We stood for the pledge, but then sat down; we stood for the song, but then sat down. It felt more like an aerobics class then a meeting! Ah, but then we learned that the order of things had been changed because of our Veterans' Day observance. So we began with.....



Valerie Hulsey from the Valley of the Moon club. Thanks again to Valerie for all her help with the District Conference in May.

Robert Pierce from Santa Rosa. Welcome to both of you!

Norm Stupfel introduced his wife, **Judy**.

Mike Ferguson introduced a number of guests:

First our Honor Guard from the Two Rock Coast Guard Station: ET1 Andrew Cavins, ET1 Zachary King, ET1 Justin Hickman, IT1 Richard Caruso.

Our speaker, Clint St. Martin and his daughter Solraia; Paxton Gute, Analy Interactor and Devil Pup; Paul Casey, retired teacher; Jackson Collins, **Mike's** Operations Manager; and a friend, Melissa Bonnet.



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Future Programs



November 16, 2018

**Lorez Bailey
CHOPS Santa Rosa**

November 23, 2018

DARK – No Meeting

November 30, 2018

**James Conner
Sebastopol Police Chief**

December 7, 2018

Analy High School Choir

December 14, 2018

**Janell Smiley
Reflections from Home Schooling**

December 21, 2018

**Julie Meridian
What was lost in the flood**



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Then we stood for the Honor Guard's Presentation of the Colors. **Tom Dilley** led us in the Pledge and **Keller** led us in "God Bless America."

Mike had two thoughts for the day:

Joseph Campbell: A hero is someone who had given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."

"Be willing to walk alone. Many who started with you won't finish with you."

We then had a musical tribute to the Vets of World War I. As the song, "Flanders Fields" played, we were invited to reflect on Armistice Day, that 11th minute of the 11th hour of the 11th month when the horrific bloodletting – the war to end all wars - finally ended. Veterans who were there said the sudden silence that fell on the battlefield was the "voice of God." **Mike** shared that the poppies that many of us buy and wear this time of year have specific meanings: the red symbolizes the blood that was shed, the black is for mourning those who died, and the green symbolizes the hope of new life – grass

and fields where soldiers died becoming green once again.

Then we watched a solemn video of a burial at sea aboard the USS Essex during World War II, as we remembered those who sacrificed and gave that last full measure of devotion in our name and in the name of liberty and justice for all.

It was Woodrow Wilson who proclaimed November 11th as Armistice Day, changed later to Veteran's Day by Dwight Eisenhower. Thanks to **Mike Ferguson** for all the hard work he put in on this program.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



At this point **Mike** turned to podium back to **President Larry**, whose first announcement was that the paddle raise at our Gala had raised over \$20,000! Then he presented **Keller McDonald** with a check for \$10,512.50 designated for the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation.

Then, taking a step back to Rotary year, 2017-18, **Larry** read a letter of thanks from Sebastopol World Friends for our \$5000 donation to the hospital in Chyhrya, Ukraine. Thanks to **Jim Passage** for all his work on this project. The money bought much needed hospital supplies



RECOGNITIONS



Robin Maybury contributed \$5 for a trip to Hamburg. He might have been scouting out good hotels, etc., prior to the 2019 RI convention, but it really seemed he was checking out beer gardens. All in the name of Rotary, of course.

David Schreibman and **Carolee** are back from 23 terrific days in Europe - Greek Islands, Tuscany, Venice and more. Your faithful scribe lost count of the number of places visited, or perhaps I just gave in to envy. Quite a trip for a mere \$5 assessment.



Tim Moore – Sept. 26. He remembers entering Underwoods for lunch, but has no memory of ever leaving. Wait until he sees the bar tab on his credit card!



Guy Smith – Oct. 16. Gradually his voice is coming back, good news, and with that voice he spent much of his day talking with his 8 grandchildren. Time well spent. Also spent time working on hiking trails along the Laguna.





Cory Maguire – Oct. 28. How about a birthday spent at the Albion River Inn. And don't challenge her at cribbage.

David Schreibman – Nov. 8. Actually a tough day for him and Carolee as they learned her sister and brother-in-law lost their home in Paradise soon after the fire started. The four of them traveled in Europe together. Sad days for them and for so many of our fellow Californians.

Bob and Mary Ellen Boyd – Oct. 4. They celebrated 42 years of marriage...wait, now Bob thinks it is 43. But he has no memory of what they did. Age is a wonderful thing.



THE PROGRAM



Mike Ferguson introduced Clint St. Martin, a young man who wears and has worn many hats. Clint shared his story with us. A former Marine, he served in Iraq in 2008-09, leading a platoon of 40 soldiers. Before that service he owned a contracting company in Sonoma County. Coming back to Sonoma County following that service, he purchased a home, got married and had a daughter. When the Marines offered him a position in Fresno, that was the end of his military service. Iraq yes – Fresno no! He finished his degree at Sonoma State, and became a volunteer fire fighter. That led to EMT certification and also being certified as an operator of fire engines.

He shared three fascinating stories: the first was about the 2017 Tubbs fire. He lost his home – essentially lost everything. But, like so many first responders, he continued to work and evacuate people. He told of being trapped at Mark West Springs Lodge for 6 hours, but still getting everyone out safely.

He also spoke of going to China, to the Yulan dog meat festival, and connecting with a group there that seeks to rescue dogs designated for slaughter. He actually broke into a cage and rescued a dog, returning it to the United States. In all, 10 dogs were brought back to Sonoma County for adoption.

But what seems closest to his heart is the Devil Pup program sponsored by the Marines. Clint was a Devil Pup and for him it was a life-changing experience. In the program, high school boys go to Camp Pendleton for 10 days of training. They learn leadership skills, self-discipline and gain self-confidence as they work with Marine instructors. He has continued to work with this program, serving on the Northern California Board, fund-raising and mentoring youth and following the progress of the young men and women in the program as the Sonoma County Devil Pup representative.





THE FINAL BELL



Remember...November is Foundation Month. Make a contribution and get raffle tickets at our weekly meetings. Following the meeting, our blue-clad Rotary Club braved the smoke and haze and gathered in the driveway for a club photo. Many thanks to Robert Pierce, professional photographer friend of **Harvey Henningsen** and member of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa. Most of us managed to look at the camera and smile without blinking. What a fine-looking group!



Rotary



MEMBERSHIP MOMENT



The 2018 Rotary Extravaganza was a successful, magical event this year. It just felt like everything came together. There was excitement in the air upon arrival. Maybe it was the Country Club environment, the white table clothes, the excellent service, the gourmet dinner, the chance to get all dressed up, or, maybe it was President Larry's remarkable opening statement. Whatever it was, people came to have fun and were prepared to support the great Rotary programs through their unselfish charitable giving.



Wow...how our community will benefit from all the funds raised by generous Rotarians and our guest. I am so proud to be a member of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol.

We had invited some longtime friends to join us for the evening. They have attended several of our Club events over the years, but their work-related travel made it almost impossible to meet the attendance requirements of membership. Fortunately, those attendance requirements have been somewhat modified to meet the work demands of our current society. I could see our friends were having a great time, enjoying the fellowship of the evening, bidding on various auction items and taking special note of the community projects that are supported by the evenings giving. I thought maybe it was time I asked for the order; so, I asked my friend if he might like to be my guest at one of our Friday lunch meetings. Guess what...he said; "Yes, I would like that very much."

Here comes the "blinding flash of the obvious", sometimes the opportunity to share Rotary is right in front of us; all we must do is seize the opportunity.

Now the Challenge...think about people you saw at the 2018 Rotary Extravaganza. Identify those in your mind that you think might enjoy being part of this great organization we have; those givers who believe in and want to support our community. Pick up the telephone and invite them to a Rotary lunch...JUST DO IT! After you have put out your first invitation, send me an email and let me know the results.

Sharing Rotary is up to each one of us. Join me...share Rotary today – *Harry Polley*

November 16: Lorez Bailey – CHOPS Teen Club Santa Rosa

Lorez Bailey is in her second year serving as the Executive Director of Chop's Teen Club located in downtown Santa Rosa. She has over 20 years' experience implementing and managing youth development programs. She has a passion for creating an environment and opportunities that empower youth to expand their capacity to be confident and well-prepared for whatever future endeavors they pursue. Previous to Chop's, Lorez worked at Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) as the Director of College and Career Readiness where she spearheaded the creation and revision of all Sonoma County high school college and career centers. A great part that work also consisted leading a team of work-based learning coordinators who worked in schools to; elevate Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, connect schools to community and implement the work-based linked learning initiatives as part of a 14 million 5 county grant. Prior to working at SAY Lorez worked at West County Community Services in Sebastopol as the Manager of Youth and Adult Education and Employment Services. Lorez has also worked a large part of her career in media including The Community Voice, Press Democrat, Fremont Argus, ANG Newspaper Group, Youth News and Channel 50. Lorez earned her B.A. in Communication Studies and Telecommunications from Sacramento State University and Master's Degree in Education from Sonoma State University. Lorez and her husband are longtime Sonoma County residents and have three daughters. Their oldest daughter Zaire, recently graduated from Spelman college in Atlanta Summa Cum Laude and is currently serving as a California State Senate Fellow, 2nd daughter Amira is a Sonoma State freshman biology major and Essence is a sophomore in high school and has become obsessed with playing lacrosse.

November 23: DARK – NO MEETING

November 30: James Conner, Sebastopol Police Chief



James began his law enforcement career as a military policeman in the United States Air Force in 1983. He has served our community as a member of the Sebastopol Police Department since 1996. Hired as a Police Officer, he has worked in Patrol as well as conducting and overseeing major criminal investigations. In addition to general patrol work, James was also our very first School Resource Officer where he worked with all of the public schools in Sebastopol. He was later assigned as a Motorcycle Traffic Officer when SPD received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety in 1994 to start a Traffic Unit. Over the course of his service at SPD, James has helped lead the agency as a Field Training Officer, Acting Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and most recently as a Police Captain.

Through his affiliation as a Recruit Training Officer at the Santa Rosa Junior College Public Safety Training Center, James has assisted in the basic law enforcement training of over 200 police academy recruits – many of whom are now active law enforcement officers at agencies throughout the north bay area. James holds an

Associate of Arts degree in Administration of Justice, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law Enforcement Management, and a Master of Business Administration degree. He is a graduate of the California Commission on POST's Command College, and recently completed the CPCA Executive Leadership Institute at Claremont Graduate University's Drucker School of Management. James and his wife, Francine, have five grown children and ten grandchildren.

Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – November 11, 2018

What Have Our Committees Been Up To?

President Larry still 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. Jack Dunlap is entering them in ClubRunner.

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



[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**) – We had two informative speakers in October, “MENS” working with men who are wanting to change from abusive to compassionate relationships and a TED Talk and speakers about Domestic Violence, “It is a Men’s issue” by Jackson Katz. The focus of our committee is on awareness and prevention. Working with the high schools and pre-schools through 8th grade to develop strategies for resiliency and positive relationship skills. “Community Matters” is part of our conversation at Analy High School. We have welcomed a new member to the committee, **Stephen Zollman**, attorney for social justice. Our District Grant subcommittee is working to implement pre-K, 4-6-8 grade programs.

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANT COMMITTEE (Chair: **Jack Blasco**) – The application period for the Fall round of Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grants closed on October 15. We received around 47 requests from teachers at 20 schools, requesting a total of around \$18K. The committee meeting to select the Fall grant requests is scheduled for November 5 [It happened. –Ed.].

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

LEARN WITH ME COMMITTEE (Chair: **Linda Irving**) – New Rotary’s LWM Tutors frequently ask whether students are embarrassed about being pulled out from the classrooms “for help.” I usually reply that most kids truly appreciate receiving one-on-one attention and help. But, even better than hearing me say it, is experiencing the spontaneous appreciation students have for the volunteers and the program. This past week, a 4th grade student was absent and her tutor was willing to work with another student. The teacher turned to the class and asked who wanted help. Eight of the 22 students raised their hands, waving them vigorously. Among them were students we’ve worked with in the past and excellent students who have never been referred to us. This made the three watching tutors, all new this year, smile with pleasure.

The same week, a 3rd-grade student stopped me in the hall, threw her arms around me and asked: “When will Bill be here?” Adding with dramatic flair, “I wish I could have Learn With Me every day! I never want it to stop.” Deborah Drehmel, Program Coordinator

CRAB FEED (Co-Chairs: **Scott Briggs** and **Patrick Dirden**) – I hosted kickoff mtg last week with my co-chairs **Nao** and **Patrick** to start planning for our Feb’19 event. I will forward mtg notes under separate cover. **Patrick Dirden**, adds “We’re currently trying to secure key volunteers for the event. We’re also assessing how we will be approaching publicity and wine donations for this event.” A lot more to follow soon.

LEARN TO SWIM COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Greg Jacobs** and **Rick Wilson**) – I involved the club in the memorial for one of our Learn to Swim volunteers – Willow DiCenzo. See this week’s Sonoma West for the front page story. I got **Jim Pacatte** to build a bench for Ives Pool with a plaque for Willow. Also LTS will be getting a \$4K donation again. I will also be speaking about water safety at the Santa Rosa Y’s annual dinner. **Jeff Boal** will be honored that night as well.

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE (CHAIR: **Linda Johnson**) – Will be selecting members for Community Grants in late November.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Steve Beck**, until October): Nothing definite to report at this time. Aside from the cemetery cleanup project, which **Larry** has publicized at last two club meetings, and sending out thank you notes to key people, I have intentionally not planned on any project until after our fundraiser. **Lu Frazier** comments: “So far, no one has put any plaques, logos or anything else on the Peace Garden benches, etc. Addressed at Board meeting and **Peggy Rogers** had exchange with **Julie Cugini** that the process is in motion to get the plaques fabricated.”

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: (Chairs: **Henry Alker**, **Steve Zivolich**) – No new report

GALA (FALL FUNDRAISER) 2018 (CHAIR: **Keller McDonald**) – Our attendance was down (144 total attendees), but our productivity for projects was strong... and we had great fellowship and fun! 49 club and community volunteers pitched in to make the Gala a reality. The goods and services donated for Live and Silent Auction items were stellar. In addition, we received over \$3,000 cash donations from club members to support live auction and silent auction costs. The cost of the food, beverage, facility, and service was essentially covered by the ticket income. A complete budget report will be presented at the December Board meeting. Preliminary income estimates from Live and Silent Auction:

2018 GALA PRELIMINARY AUCTION INCOME REPORT (as of October 28, 2018)

Live Auction (including Heads/Tails - \$1,700; Vacation Raffle - \$10,000; and Fund-a-Need - \$20,300) - Subtotal: \$73,450

TOTAL LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION \$86,515.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the Gala happen!

REDWOOD FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS (Chair: **Jerry Warren**) – Several members helped bag apples this last season.

Peggy adds “And, as always, our committees welcome new members to join us. Contact the chairperson of the committee you are interested in supporting.”

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR HAL KWALWASSER:

INTERACT (Chair/Coordinator: **Barbara Bickford**): I have not heard from all the individual school Interact advisers, but **Pauline** has provided a summary of Brook Haven’s activities, which are quite aggressive. First, thirty students have signed up, which is a strong showing. The group participated in Laguna Day Clean Up on October 6th, and there are plans for a Jog-a-Thon on November 14th, with the proceeds to go to the Living Room.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (Co-Chairs: **Tom Boag**, **David Schreiber**, and **Hal Kwalwasser**) – **Tom Boag** and **David Schreiber** have been working hard. (I’m now back, so I will join them.) The applications are due at the end of November. Both **Tom** and **David** are working with the counselors to generate interest and responses. The committee’s initial meeting has been called.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (Co-Chairs: **Jackie Moreira**, **Katy Spyka**, **Aleia Coate**) – No new report.

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (Chair: **Scott Briggs**) – No new report

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS [[See International Service](#)] (Chair: **Tom Lambert**) – No new report

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**) – 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.

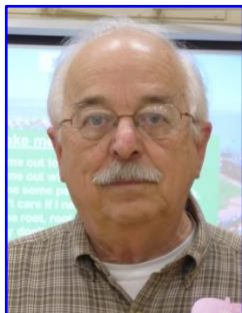
ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (Chair: **Cindy Carter**) – No new report.

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

Hal adds: “So glad to be back from Florida.” Says **Hal**... as he departs to go back.



CLUB SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR JIM PASSAGE:



AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE [Chair: **Ron Puccinelli**] – “All committee members have returned to the USA and are accounted for.”

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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE [Chair: **David Schreiber** – **Amee Sas** and **Toni Beal** were inducted October 26. Another potential new member has not had Rotary Information due to schedule conflicts. Another is seeking employment here and is currently traveling. The committee will now follow up with the 26 names collected at October 5th exercise.

Harry Polley is writing a “*Membership Moment*” for the AppleKnocker.

David will be meeting with Linda Sinkay of Sunrise Club on 10/30 to discuss collaboration.

David has asked **Aleia** to create a small committee to organize and put on mixers. He suggests that these should be handled by Club Activities rather than Club Service. David believes that there is \$1,000 in the club budget that could be used for these mixers. The budget for mixers in recent past was \$15 per mixer.

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**] – No new report.

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**] – No new report

SERGEANT AT ARMS [Chair: **Nao Noguchi**]: No new report.

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

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

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

MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT 5130 COMMITTEE [Chair: Richard Ruge, Sunrise, Report by **Tom Boag**] – 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**) – Happy Hour will resume first of the year. I'm looking to start a small committee for this. We may also join forces with the Sunrise Club.

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. **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**) – No new report.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM (Chair: **Mike Ferguson**) – Veterans Day is this Friday (11/9). **Mike** is all set with a special program.

CLUB PHOTO (Chair: **Harvey Henningsen**) – Following the 11/9 meeting is our club photo. Hoping for a big turnout. We should send an email reminder Thursday [happened].

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

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR LU FRAZIER:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (Chair: **Dan Rasmus**) – **Dan Rasmus** reports “We are in the midst of a campaign. Raffle prizes for donors.”

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (WCS) (Chair: **Frank Mayhew**) – No new report

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS (Chair: **Tom Lambert**) – No new report from last month's report on the *Programa de Becas*.

