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## Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

**Chief James Conner SPD**

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“All the News that Fits We Print”

### **BEFORE THE BELL**

Well, there are certainly lots of people here at the Roto-Palace today. Maybe it's because the Police Chief is here?. Or maybe because they are announcing next year's president elect? I guess we should announce a new president every week.

### **AT THE BELL**

At precisely 12:15 **President Larry Ford** invited Sharon Daveiro to come forward to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



**Robin Maybury**. in fine voice, led the singing of *America the Beautiful*.



**Lu Frazier** shared two thoughts for the day =

Be Yourself. No one can say you're doing it wrong. Charles Shultz.

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable. Unknown.



## Future Programs

**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**

**Holiday Party 12/15**

## Miscellany

**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS-JackEDunlap@gmail.com**

**On-line Make-Ups:**

**[www.RotaryEClubOne.org](http://www.RotaryEClubOne.org)**

**Domestic Violence Hotline:**

**707-546-1234**

**[sebastopolrotary.com](http://sebastopolrotary.com)**

## **Visiting Rotarians and Guests**

**Bud Daveiro** introduced visiting Rotarian Mikel Cook from Sebastopol Sunrise.

**Bud** also introduced his wife Sharon.



Exchange Student Laura from Austria was here

**David Schreibman** introduced guest Omar Figueroa. He also introduced Armando Coronel from El Coronel Restaurant who brought with him his manager Javier.



**Ruthie Dunlap** introduced Gerry Reilly Ford.



## 🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

Despite some faulty intel that the retake of the club photo for those who missed it was to be today – WRONG. The reshoot by expert photographer **HH** will be next meeting December 7.

Don't miss your chance to include your pretty face in the photo. **Mark Fink** had believed the prior mentioned bad intel and went to all the trouble of wearing a blue shirt. Sorry **Mark**. Wear it again next week.



**Holiday Party.** There is no bad intel on the Holiday Party. It will be held on December 15, 2018 at the home of **JT Martin** from 6-9pm. Sign up today on the evite and indicate if you are bringing a savory or sweet. This party is always a blast and **JT** has the perfect location. It's a little tight though so Organizer **Cindy Carter** is looking for help with the parking. Not a difficult task but one that takes a little scientific know'how. **Cindy** also would like some set up help on 12/14.

Last call today for Raffle Tickets. Next week will be the drawing for lots of great prizes for all of those who gave to the Rotary Foundation in the Month of November. If you missed it, it's okay, you can still donate. No Raffle though.

## 🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

**Mike Long-** in the house- was called upon to answer for the fact that he had a birthday on 9/22. He took an east coast trip to see his new grandbaby, his second. He tossed \$100 into the pot to start a Paul Harris for the new arrival.





**Norm Stupfel** had a birthday on 11/26 and informed us that he feels a year older. Don't we all?

**Keller McDonald** celebrated his 11/20 birthday with a dinner as served by his grandchildren. Can anyone say food fight?



**Steve Prandini** survived Thanksgiving and had enough appetite left to have a birthday dinner with his kids on 11/24.



**Ken Jacobs** dined out at a new Indian Place in Santa Rosa called *Bollywood* on 11/29. He pronounced it "Good".



**Guy Smith** celebrated his anniversary by getting his voice back. Wow, that was gone a long time. He has calculated that he and wife Michelle have spent 14,618 days together.



**David Schreibman**, as part of an effort to acquaint us with the community and the community with us, introduced local attorney Omar Figueroa. Omar immigrated to the United States from Mexico with his parents at age 9. He was tossed into school and did well. He graduated from high school and attended Yale College where he earned a BA in Philosophy. He then went to Stanford Law and became a lawyer. Uninterested in Corporate Law – he took up Freedom Defense. Today he lives and works in Sebastopol with his wife and kids. He does many kinds of law work including Cannabis Law, working with the Chamber of Commerce and the local Bar Association.



**Bob Rogers** took the podium to represent the nominating committee and reveal **Keller McDonalds** new Board of Directors for next year and reveal the new Presidential Nominee.

The Board will be headed by **Keller McDonald** with Past President **Larry Ford** sitting in.

**Jack Dunlap** will remain as Secretary

**Ken Jacobs** will be the Treasurer again.

New Board members include **Bud Daveiro** – **Scott Briggs** –**Patrick Dirden**—**Ellen Harrington**—and **Jorgen Holst**. ( **Jorgen** is off in Norway so was ably represented by wife Cordelia.)

The President Elect will be none other than -----**Dan Rasmus**.

Great selection folks. The slate was put forward, seconded, and unanimously approved.





## RAFFLE TIME



**Steve**, concentrating like it was the seventh game of the World Series nailed this first. He then quickly nailed the second. Would he win the entire Pot??? Nope.

**Steve Beck** held the winner and **President Larry** explained some new ladder ball rules to make the game more lucrative while retaining its non-threatening character. Landing all three bolos will henceforth result in a huge payout of the entire Pot.



President **Larry** asked **Richard Power** for a quick update on his election to the Palm Drive Board. Alas – the ballots are still not all counted. Gosh, they already finished Florida, come on Sebastopol. Anyway **Richard** continues to twist.



## 🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎



**Mia Del Prete** introduced Sebastopol Chief of Police James Conner. Having spent many years as a Police Officer, he has come into contact with many of the assembled Rotarians over his career. In a Good Way. He grew up in Santa Rosa and went to Piner High. He started in Law Enforcement in the US Air Force in 1983. He became a Sebastopol PD officer in 1993. He worked his way up from training officer, corporal, sergeant, lieutenant and Captain. When they hired him as Chief, it was hiring from within.

James said that he loves his job but it is not the best job he has ever had. That job was when he was actually paid a salary to ride around on a motorcycle 12 hours a day. He also enjoys his time as an instructor at the SRJC Police Academy where he trains the next generation of law enforcement.

Sebastopol is somewhat understaffed at present. The booming economy has made recruitment more difficult than in year's past. A trainee spends about one and a half years being trained before given the vast responsibilities of a Police Officer. In prior years, the Department made extensive use of volunteer Reserve Officers but that pool has shrunk as well. His staff is presently working 55 hours a week but he assures that they are dedicated to serving the community. Sebastopol is a safe community. It faces the same problems that other communities face – Theft Assault Driving under the Influence –that other communities face but on a somewhat reduced scale. One new problem is that while the number of DUI on alcohol has gone down, the number of DUI on marijuana has gone up. Really? In Sebastopol?



At precisely 1:30 pm, the meeting was adjourned.



## Rotary **MEMBERSHIP MOMENT**

For thirty years, I lived in one town and worked in another an hour away. As a result, I really did not feel that I was a part of either town except for knowing my neighbors and my work associates. Moving to Sebastopol to retire, I made a commitment to become, not only informed, but a part of my new community - and Rotary was the vehicle that allowed me to be, and feel, that I was a part of a community once again.

Rotary allows me to meet many of the business leaders in our community, hear about major issues facing Sebastopol. participate in community projects and generally become part of the fabric of the city.

Towards the end of my first year in the Club, I became Program Chair which forced me to interact with a great group of committed Rotarians while getting a firsthand view of how the Club operates. This was

followed by Vice Chair and then Chair of our major fundraiser allowing me to personally work with many Rotarians on planning and then putting on an event that, not only funds the club's ability to do great things in Sebastopol and the world, but also get to know how the Club operates.

In 2001/2002 I became President. The President then had to find something about almost all the 65 members in order to have them stand in a meeting and tell about events in their lives that they could be fined for. This gave all members information about each other's lives that helped make this a family, not just a club. In addition, the president must organize and run the day to day details of making the club work and accomplish its goals - all of which keeps one informed and involved in one of the most active clubs in California. (A "feel good" portion of your life when your year is over.)

Russ Cunningham



Contributions to the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation (SREF) during the 2017-2018 fiscal year totaled \$13,088. These included generous contributions from individual members of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol and members of the general public interested in supporting West Sonoma County education. Additional interest and dividend income was \$22,897.

A matching grant of \$16,900 to the Rotary Club of Sebastopol funded various projects and programs to benefit students in and from West County including education-related Community Grants, Teacher Mini-Grants (now named Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grants), Learn With Me, SRJC Scholarships, Learn To Swim instruction for second graders, and Dictionaries for third graders.

The total SREF fund value at the end of the fiscal year was \$905,141, a 4.1% increase from 2016-17.



Over the last decade, SREF has funded numerous educational programs at El Molino, Laguna and Analy High Schools by providing band instruments, computer equipment and financial support for Project Graduations. SREF has also given significant support for students in grades K-8 across West County, including classroom presentations by the Sonoma County Repertory Theatre and Hallberg Butterfly Gardens, equipment for Project Maker and culinary instruction, plus programs that encourage preparation for college and career success.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation is to secure and annually distribute funds in the form of grants, scholarships, and educational equipment or materials. These philanthropic activities are exclusively provided for the benefit of students from Western Sonoma County. The Foundation was established as an ongoing Endowment Fund from which it directs funds each year for educational gifts. It is a non-profit, tax-exempt Foundation.

Trustees are appointed by the President of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol for staggered 4-year terms. Trustees are all active members of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol.

The Foundation accepts and encourages donations and bequests from the Rotary Club, its members, and from the community.

**Career Technical Education:** Specialized state funding to support Career Technical Education – today's term for what used to be called vocational education – has been drastically cut in recent years. With these cuts, many career and technical classes have been lost in our local high schools. To that end, the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation has started to plan programs designed to support Career and Technical Education at Analy, El Molino and Laguna high schools.

By working with these schools and local businesses, the goal is to help students discover the many attractive careers available right here in Sonoma County. SREF would like to fund programs that encourage students to explore career and technical fields with local employers, visit business and industry sites across Sonoma County and learn valuable work skills.

**Teacher of the Year:** SREF presented its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Teachers of the Year awards for elementary, middle school, and high school educators in West Sonoma County. Each teacher was honored by attending a special Rotary Club meeting and receiving a \$1,000 check for their exemplary

positive impacts on local students, families and schools. The 2017-2018 recipients were:

- **Jeff Stucker** teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade English and World History at BrookHaven.
- **Karen McKenna** teachers 6<sup>th</sup> grade English and History at Twin Hills Charter Middle School.
- **Jolene Johnson** is El Molino High School's dance teacher.



## 2017-2018 Honor Roll

Pete and Judy Barbieri ~ Brad Benedetti ~ John and Patti Blount ~ Bob Cary ~ Mia Del Prete ~ John and Pat Dervin ~ Sally and David Ewald ~ Jayne and Peter Hamel ~ Dr. Lauriann Kellner ~ Tom and Sally Lambert ~ Mike Long ~ Dave and Carleen Madsen ~ Frank and Kathy Mayhew ~ Marcia and Keller McDonald ~ Mark McDonell ~ Harry Polley ~ Bob and Peggy Rogers ~ Ken Silveira ~ Harry and Susanna Simms ~ Norm and Judy Stupfel ~ Paul and Yvonne Thielen ~ Turley Family Fund

#### SEBASTOPOL ROTARY EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION June 30, 2018 – 2014

ASSETS: Investments	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Mutual funds</b>	\$881,039	\$849,256	\$794,636	\$821,856	\$857,968
<b>Fixed income securities</b>	\$793	\$1,129	\$1,694	\$2,270	\$3,138
<b>Cash and cash</b>	\$23,319	\$18,944	\$10,795	-	\$362

#### Fiscal Year 2017-2018 TRUSTEES OF THE FOUNDATION

**Keller McDonald,**  
*President*  
**Dan Rasmus, V.P.**  
**Barbara Bickford,**  
*Secretary*  
**Mark McDonell,**  
*Treasurer*  
**John Blount**  
**Michele Kimble**  
**Hal Kwalwasser**  
**Mike Long**  
**Tim Moore**  
**Jackie Moreira**  
**Pauline Pellini**  
**Ron Puccinelli**  
**David Still**



equivalents					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$905,151</b>	<b>\$869,329</b>	<b>\$807,125</b>	<b>\$824,126</b>	<b>\$861,468</b>

#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

<b>Liabilities – Accounts Payable</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Assets – Unrestricted</b>	\$77,772	\$55,038	\$14,869	\$51,716	\$110,483
<b>Net Assets – Permanently restricted</b>	\$827,379	\$814,291	\$792,256	\$772,410	\$750,985
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$905,151</b>	<b>\$869,329</b>	<b>\$807,125</b>	<b>\$824,126</b>	<b>\$861,468</b>

## Rotary Holiday Party

Saturday, December 15, 2018  
6-9pm  
J T & Theresa Martin's



**Please bring a savory or sweet dish to share.**

Wine, eggnog, coffee, water, ham, rolls, and lavash sandwiches will be provided for all to enjoy.

Parking is limited. Please carpool if possible.

Volunteers needed for set-up on Friday, Dec 14th, after Rotary and for clean-up after the event.

Questions: Please call Cindy Carter at 707-824-0846 or 408-431-7820



