



BE THE INSPIRATION

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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



This meeting was to be about man's best friend and the many wonderful things they do as "Canine Companions". As a long time Sebastopol Rotarian and dog lover, **Harvey Henningsen** noted: Dogs are Gods way of giving us the finest examples of unconditional love, devotion and play to experience and practice. Just sitting around watching dogs enjoying the simplicity of life and playing with each other can fill one with joy. It kind of reminds us to play and have fun. However as the program will show "Canine Companion" dogs take this many steps further by assisting the handicapped and disabled. Many Rotarians brought their pooch's-- I guess hoping that some of that they were to see would rub off on them.



AT THE BELL



Fearless Leader (the tooth doc) brought the Gavel down to start the October 19, 2018 meeting of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol at approximately 12:15 PM. **Greg Gill** (welcome back **Greg**- good to see you) started things off by leading us in honoring Old Glory. This was followed by **Jeff Boal**, with the help of his pooch, Ford, leading us in singing "God Bless America." **Patrick Dirden** then provided us with the thoughts for the day: "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says "I'm possible"-- Audrey Hepburn. "Keep your face to the sunshine, and you cannot see a shadow" -- Helen Keller. **Prez Larry** then adjourned the meeting temporarily so that we could enjoy our meal.



Future Programs

October 26, 2018

**District Governor
Barb Spangler**

November 2, 2018

**Francesco Leece-Chong
Santa Rosa Symphony**

November 9, 2018

**Veterans Day Program
GROUP PICTURE DAY – WEAR BLUE**

November 16, 2018

**Lorez Bailey
CHOPS Santa Rosa**

November 23, 2018

DARK – No Meeting

November 30, 2018

**James Conner
Sebastopol Police Chief**

Future Events

**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

VISITORS & GUESTS

Secretary Jack introduced Randy Seelye, from Santa Rosa Sunrise, who is in Newspaper Publishing; and Natalie McNamera, Sebastopol Sunrise- in magazine publishing. **PDG Bob Rogers** introduced guest of the club Amee Sas. **Richard Power** introduced our First Lady, Gerry. **Mike Ferguson** introduced his lady friend Mellisa and his pooch Mata. **Jeff Boal** introduced former first Lady Carola Harding. **Katy Spyrka** introduced our incoming exchange student, Laura from Austria. **David Schreiber** introduced Oliver and Liz Marks.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

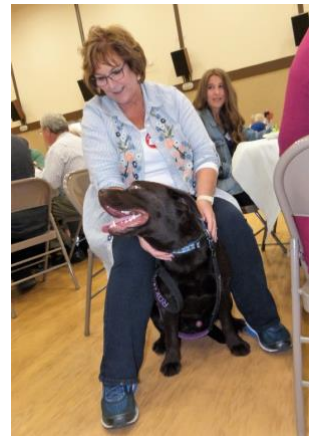
ACTION ITEM!!!! On November 9, come dressed in your BEST shade of blue! It will be picture day! Our own Ansel Adams, Harvey Henningsen, will be climbing up to the lofty perches of the Roto Palace to take our group picture. Just like on school photo day, brush your hair, stand up straight, and flash those pearly whites towards the camera! If you don't show, well, let us know what your neck size is, and we'll tell you when make-up day is.





Keller (Big Mac) reminded us that meals for the GALA are due to him or **Bristol** by Tuesday October 23 and Vacation Raffle Tickets are still available from him or **Bristol** before the GALA or at the GALA (until 100 tickets are sold). So do not be bashful step forward and purchase some tickets! **Harvey Henningsen** hosted an open house at Sturgeon's Mill on October 20 & 21. **Prez Larry** asked for a show of hands on which would be the best date to have our Club pictures taken. The options are Nov. 2, Nov. 9 or Nov. 16. **Greg Jacobs**, our world famous wine steward, said that we have almost reached wine quota for the GALA and that it is never too late to donate. If you see **Greg** bidding on the wine next Saturday you will know for sure that there is some really, really premium wine to be had!

Jerry Warren asked for a show of hands for those who planned on being at the October 23rd work party at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. **Steve Beck** thanked everybody who participated in the October 8th and 9th work party at the Sebastopol Memorial Cemetery Clean Up. All in all, we had 11 Rotarians as well as residents from Burbank Heights apartments. **Jim Pacatte** donated the use of his tractor.



🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

For adding a few more grey hairs, each of the following were dinged \$5. **Katy Spyрка** had amnesia and forgot her birthday. **Katy** did not say who slept on the couch. **Dave McLennon** and his wife, **Cindy**, flew to Vegas for his September 28th birthday. **Dave** did not say if they had to hitchhike back, or disclosed his gambling losses. **Patrick Dirden** celebrated at the office, and then took a trip to Oregon. **Chris O'Neil** tasted some really good wine. **Brendon Houston** and wife **Hanna** celebrated their anniversary over dinner at a local restaurant. Both **Scott** and **Sally Briggs** forgot their 44th. As we progress through life, Scott, situations like that do occur. Both **Brendon** and **Scott** parted with \$5. **Jerry Warren** was dinged \$5 for having his edition of the Rotarian Magazine delivered to the our clubs P.O. box-- go figure.





🍎 RAFFLE 🍎

This time the ladder ball raffle produced a twofer. That is to say that somehow our **Fearless Leader** drew two tickets for one drawing-- go figure. Anyway, to make a long story short, both **Brendon Houston** and **PDG Bob** had winning numbers. **PDG Bob** nailed two rungs and walked away with \$20. **Brendon**, after missing all 3 attempts had to settle measly \$5.



🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎



Patrick Dirden stepped to the Podium to introduce today's program, Canine Companions for Independence. Angie Escudero is the Senior Development Director and an instructor the Northwest Region facility located at 2965 Dutton Avenue in Santa Rosa. Angie began working for Canine Companions in 2004. For the next nine years she had the privilege of witnessing life-changing journeys first-hand as she trained assistance dogs and worked with the amazing people who received these fully trained dogs free of charge. She then joined the Northwest Region's development team as a grant writer. She is now the region's senior development director, supervising the grants. Her husband, daughter, and two dogs one of whom is a CC male breeder Live in Petaluma. Jim

Dempsey, who assists Angie, grew up in Petaluma and began teaching at Rohnert Park Junior High School in 1968. He helped open Casa Grande High School in 1972 and transferred to El Camino Continuation High School in Rohnert Park in 1975, where he remained until he retired. He and his wife Nancy have three children and six grandchildren. They moved to the south of Sebastopol in 1971 where they raised their family. They moved into town in 2003. They are now raising their first puppy for Canine Companions.



Canine Companions dogs are exceptional dogs for exceptional people. Just imagine if you could not flip a light switch, or open a door, pick-up a phone or hear your phone. Now imagine that you had a highly trained dog by your side at all times to help you with these tasks! That is what Canine Companions is all about. Canine Companions has six training centers nationwide. The main headquarters is in Santa Rosa. They have training centers located throughout the country, serving adults and children with disabilities, people working in health care, educational and judicial facilities. Currently there are over 2,300 active teams nationwide. The dogs, training and follow-up services cost over \$50,000 per dog annually.

Canine Companions has four different types of teams: Service Teams, Skilled Companion Teams, Facility dog teams, and Hearing dog teams. They have a total of 150 breeder dogs, and there are over 800 puppies born each year. There are over 1300 puppy raisers. Thirteen prisons have puppy raising programs.

After they have been weaned, the puppies are placed in private homes where they are kept for approximately one year. In this period they are exposed to regular human activities such as riding in cars, being exposed to things like crowds, noises, events etc. After a year they are taken to one of the six training centers where they are handled by professional trainers and trained for six to nine months. They learn over 40 commands.

Every year, Canine Companions in Santa Rosa holds a "Gala in the Park" tour of their facilities at their Dutton Park location. They show visitors around the premises, showing all their equipment, and serving food and wine. In June of this year, over 420 people attended, and they raised over \$270,000. In 2019, the event will be held on June 15. Everybody is invited. This will provide the opportunity for people to learn all about Canine Companions. Jim Dempsey stepped to the podium to tell a little bit about his experience with his dog, an 11 month old yellow lab named Cupcake. Jim and his wife Nancy acquired Cupcake in February of 2018 and they will keep her through November of 2019. This is the first time that he participated in this program, and he says that the reason that he is doing it is that these dogs really improve people's lives. Another reason Jim is doing it that it is an activity that connects him with his 13 year old granddaughter. They really enjoy doing it and that she is having so much fun that she is already planning on her next puppy. Jim and his granddaughter take two weekly puppy classes. They are meeting many neat people who are also raising dogs-- a whole new social group to be part of. A great bonding experience.

If anybody is interested in learning more about Canine Companions and perhaps visiting their facility by yourself or with a group you can do so by contacting Angie at (707) 577-1780, or by visiting: www.cci.org



THE FINAL BELL



With the swift crack of the bell at 1:30 pm, our **Fearless Leader** ended another successful meeting! Remember, show your Rotary pride, and wear blue on November 9th!

Rotary Club of Sebastopol



Saturday, October 27, 2018

5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club

333 Country Club Drive

Santa Rosa, CA 95401

An Elegant Evening of Dining, Drinks and Donating!

Live and Silent Auctions!

cocktail / black tie

Menu

- Pepper Crusted Striploin, dried cherry Zinfandel reduction, roasted potatoes
- Atlantic Salmon, pesto crust, tomato, basil, balsamic reduction, jasmine rice
- Chef's Seasonal Vegetarian Selection

Marinated beet salad, artisan fresh bread, sweet butter, apple galette dessert, coffee, tea
Wines to accompany dinner

Tickets \$125

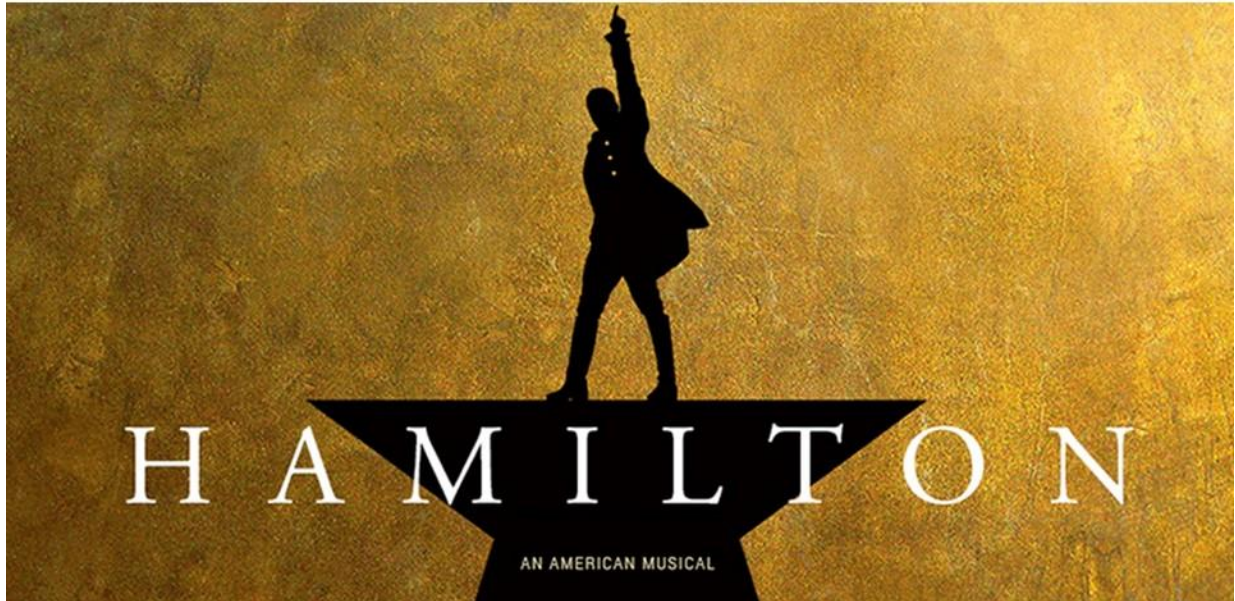
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HAMILTON BROADWAY TICKETS
and
3-Night Stay in New York City for 2
at the Hilton, Hyatt or comparable
hotel



Rotary Club of Sebastopol



CHARLESTON LUXURY GETAWAY

- **Deluxe room at the Belmond Charleston Place Hotel for 3 nights (includes breakfast)**
- **2.5 hour private history/walking tour**
- **6 course dinner (with wine pairings) at the Charleston Grill**



Rotary Club of Sebastopol



2019 INDIANAPOLIS 500 for 2

- Tickets to the Indy 500 (5/26), Driver's Meeting (5/25) & Indy Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum
- 3 nights at the Omni, Hilton, or comparable hotel.



Rotary Club of Sebastopol



KENTUCKY BOURBON TRAIL for 2

- Distillery Tours & Tastings at Jim Beam, Maker's Mark & Stitzel-Weller
- 3-night stay in the Bluegrass State at the Hyatt, Hilton, Marriot or comparable hotel
- Private tour guide & luxury SUV driver
- Lunch at Bardstown



Photo Day at Rotary!

Friday, November 9th

Wear blue, bring your best smile, and stand up straight!

Be there, or face the wrath of our Photoshop Expert!!!



October 26: District Governor Barb Spangler

November 2: Francesco Lecce-Chong. Santa Rosa Symphony



Francesco Lecce-Chong began his tenure as Music Director and Conductor of the Santa Rosa Symphony in July of 2018 at age 31. While establishing a presence and lasting bonds in Sonoma County, he also serves as Music Director of the Eugene Symphony Orchestra in Eugene, Oregon, and continues to guest conduct across the nation.

A Solti Foundation Award winner, Lecce-Chong embraces innovative programming, champions the work of new composers and supports arts education. He is a San Francisco-born native of Boulder, Colorado, where he began conducting at the age of 16. He is a graduate of the Mannes College of Music, where he received his Bachelor of Music degree with honors in piano and orchestral conducting, and holds a diploma from the Curtis Institute of Music.

Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – October 16, 2018

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

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 exaggerations.

-Ed. (for **President Larry**)



[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**) – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Members are encouraged to take flyers to post in their businesses or where they shop – alerting the public about where victims can receive help from the YWCA. The committee is having two stellar presentations, focusing on the role that men play in the epidemic of domestic violence, both positive and negative. The District Grant for Toolbox implementation in pre schools and upper grades is continuing. It supports teaching children positive relationship skills and coping skills as well as self-reliance and respect. The committee is working with Analy High school to explore supporting a positive educational program for athletes. As always, members are invited to join.

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANT COMMITTEE (Chair: **Jack Blasco**) – The Fall grant application period opened on September 15 and will close on October 15. We have received around 40 grant requests to date. The committee meeting to select the fall grant recipients has been scheduled for Monday November 5.

DICTIONARY COMMITTEE (Chair: **Paul Yeomans**) – No new report

LEARN WITH ME COMMITTEE (Chair: **Linda Irving**) – Now that the pull-out programs, including ELD and reading Development have been scheduled, Rotary's Learn With Me tutoring begins this week. Nine new volunteers are joining a team of 17 continuing tutors. Together, we will be providing 35 hours of targeted, individualized educational support each week.

CRAB FEED (Co-Chairs: **Scott Briggs** and **Patrick Dirden**) – Nothing to report.

LEARN TO SWIM COMMITTEE (Co-Chairs: **Greg Jacobs** and **Rick Wilson**) – Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE – No new report

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS COMMITTEE (Chair: **Steve Beck**, until October): Cemetery cleanup day – We had 6 Rotarians from our club, one from the morning club, and residents from the area. Many hands make light work. **Jim Pacatte** brought his tractor. All worked to clean up the fire hazard downed branches and debris. Much more work needs to be done. Still working out details on other projects.

In addition, **Ellen Harrington** reports the following re: The Laguna Project: Looks like we had 16 volunteers and 3 staff members. Six of the volunteers were Interact...4 from Brook Haven, 2 from **Dan Rasmus'** school (name?). **Dan** oversaw all the kids, as **Pauline Pellini** was on vacation. Of the adults, some were from Santa Rosa Main and some from our club. Here is a summary of what was accomplished: Tool maintenance – cleaned, sharpened and oiled tools that we use for restoration and gardening, Outdoor furniture maintenance – put sealant on wooden picnic tables, benches, foot bridges, signs, and a "thunder drum" for children., Trail maintenance – spread woodchips on the trail around our wetland demonstration pond, Insulation installation – installed insulation in the cellar of our historic farmhouse/office.

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

GALA (FALL FUNDRAISER) 2018 (CHAIR: **Keller McDonald**) – Still need everyone in the club to participate and buy tickets to the event, buy tickets for stellar raffle, bring bidding friends and help the club raise all the funds we need to serve our community. All hands-on deck for this occasion.

REDWOOD FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS (Chair: **Jerry Warren**) – 9 Rotarians worked to package apples for the usual 2 hour gathering. Always fun and feel good. Would like even more volunteers.

SPECIAL NOTE ON COOL KIDS CAMP – CLOVERLEAF RANCH PROJECT (From: **Ellen Harrington**) – I want to give you an update on our Cool Kids Camp-Cloverleaf Ranch project. Last FY, Petaluma Valley Rotary funded trees, other plants, wine barrel halves, & gift certificates for irrigation & misc. planting needs for Cloverleaf to add vegetation since the fire damage wiped out most of the facility. In working with Petaluma, our club was represented by **Julie Cugini** & me who

selected the plants, etc. A few weeks ago, I planted 4 of the wine barrels, & this coming Tuesday I will plant the remaining two barrels.

Regarding the rest of the plantings, I had a call from Cloverleaf last week with an update. They are still having buildings delivered, & one is currently sitting in the middle of the parking area where some of the trees are scheduled for planting. As soon as all the buildings are settled, then we will touch base on the remainder of the planting...then the irrigation needs to be installed. I am scheduled to oversee the remainder of planting.

Last, I will volunteer to assist with other Community Volunteer Projects after our Gala event on October 27th. I am heading up the silent auction for this event & have also been asked to do the decorations for it. Let's touch base around November 1st.

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – DIRECTOR HAL KWALWASSER:

INTERACT (Chair/Coordinator: **Barbara Bickford**): No new report.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (Co-Chairs: **Tom Boag, David Schreiber, and Hal Kwalwasser**) – **Tom** sent out an email announcement to start the process of setting the date [Date set for April 26, 2019] for the club presentation. On 9/13, an official announcement was sent to counselor-chairs and scholarship administrators at Analay, Laguna, and El Molino. Deadline for student applications is November 26, 2018.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (Co-Chairs: **Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyryka, 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**) – [See from **Ellen Harrington** in community Service about Cloverleaf Ranch.]

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

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

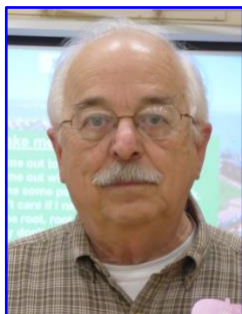
INTERACT ADOPT A FAMILY (Chair: **Pauline Pellini**) – No new report.

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:



AUDIO VISUAL COMMITTEE [Chair: **Ron Puccinelli**] – No new report

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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE [Chair: **David Schreiber** – **Stephen Zollman** was inducted September 28; **Amea Sas**, a local realtor, is scheduled for induction October 26; **Toni Beal**, new High School District Superintendent, has cleared the e-mail waiting period and is awaiting formal board approval before an induction is scheduled [Scheduled October 26.] Two other persons have not yet received Rotary Information.

The initial Chamber of Commerce cooperative effort did not go smoothly, but I see no reason to abandon the effort. I think that I can do a better job of preparing the speakers. The idea of bringing the club and the Chamber closer in the long term can have several benefits, many unseen.

We have a membership attraction committee meeting after lunch on October 12. Among other things, we will discuss how to best follow up on the 26 names we gathered because of last Friday's short exercise.

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

I will be meeting with **Linda Sinkay** (Sunrise club) for lunch soon to discuss how, as membership chairs, we can collaborate.

APPLEKNOCKER COMMITTEE [Chair: **David Still**] – No new report

CLUB HISTORY COMMITTEE [Chair: **Tom Boag**] – The AppleKnocker (online) Index is now up to date through August 24, 2018. (It goes back to 2003.)

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 is very well, expressed in glowing, colorful, and poetic terms.

SCRIBES COMMITTEE [Chair-Wrangler: **Patrick Dirden**] – No new report

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE [Chair: **Jørgen Holst**] – **Jorgen** and **Hal** met and decided to plan a panel discussion program. More to follow.

SERGEANT AT ARMS [Chair: **Nao Noguchi**]: They are looking for two new microphone stands.

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

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

WEBSITE COMMITTEE [Chair: **Robin Maybury**] – **Robin**, **Tom Boag**, and **Hal Kwalwasser** met to discuss a list of needs for website upgrades – including selected photos for some sections, group photo.

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**) – No new report

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**) – Program will be at November 9, 2018 meeting. No details on the activities or program yet. [Later email from Mike...]

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**) – Activity:

Foundation Committee met on 9/28 to plan November Foundation.

As normal, there will be a raffle and educational pieces throughout the month.

We set goals of \$30,000 to the Annual Fund and \$15,000 to Polio Plus

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (WCS) (Chair: **Frank Mayhew**) – Synopsis by **Bob Rogers 10/11/19:**

Committee Members: Steve Beck, Jack Blasco, Jeff Boal, Sally Ewald, Steve Prandini, Dick Zimmer, Bob Rogers

Senegal Cervical Cancer Screening – Found out from the June board minutes that the expenditure of \$2,000 for this Rotary Club of Chicago 1 Global Grant project was approved by the board, but we are still waiting to hear from Chicago 1 as to when the grant is approved by TRF and the funds are needed. **Still waiting to hear from Chicago 1.**

Keeping Girls in School Global Grant #1748653 – All funds have been sent in except for \$1,350.30 from the Rotary Club of Russian River, due to a mis-communication. The project is ready to start work on the borehole well but cannot start until all funds are in the hands of TRF. President Hans Bruener and Frank Mayhew are working together to resolve the issue in as timely a manner as possible. Issue was resolved with Russian River Rotary Club and their \$1,350.30 has been sent in to TRF, and **Frank** reported that work has begun on the well (complete with video of drilling) as well as the tower and storage tank.

Tanzania Water and Toilet Block for Schools – **Jerry Meshulam** of Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise is initiating a Global Grant from a project he learned about at last Spring's Eastern Africa Project Fair. It is \$69,000 project (\$20,000 needed from clubs) for the installation of a rain water harvest system, construction of a toilet block, and menstrual health education for a 650 student girls' school in Bukoba, Tanzania. I told him we would look at it but cannot commit to any support until after our fundraiser, when we will know how much funds our board allocates for International Service, probably after our club's November Board Meeting. I am planning on a first meeting after the Gala event, and at that time I will present this project to the committee members. No update at this time.

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS (Chair: **Tom Lambert**) – Twelve club members provided a total of \$4,000 in Programa de Becas scholarships to 13 outstanding students in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Members who are sponsoring a student with a scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year are: **Richard Power, Dorothy Rodella, Paul Thielen, Karen Daniels, Bob Rogers, David Schreibman, Tom Lambert, Mark Fink, Jim Passage, Sally Ewald, Steve Beck and Jim Pacatte**, who is sponsoring two students.

Sponsor's checks were deposited into The Rotary Club of Sebastopol Foundation's account at Exchange Bank and the \$4,000 in scholarship funds was then wired to the Rotary Club of Puerto Vallarta Sur. The Puerto Vallarta Sur club will award the students with their scholarships at a ceremony on October 27.

