

The Appleknocker *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin*

Gene Nelson Love is in the Air



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



The roto Palace was festooned with Red. It was Valentine's Day and the excitement was real. Today's program with **Gene "Cupid" Nelson** would feature *Love in the Air* and stories of Love, Devotion and Disaster from Rotarians.



AT THE BELL



President Keller McDonald rang the bell on the precise hour and called upon **Les Crawford** to lead the Pledge.



It wouldn't be Valentine's Day without **Rick Wilson** leading us in the classic "Love Potion #9. **Rick** hit all the high and low notes. We did the rest.

🍎 Future Programs 🍎

February 21, 2020

Kristen Madsen

Creative Sonoma

February 28, 2019

Better Angels

March 6, 2019

Tawny Tesconi

Sonoma County Farm Bureau

March 13, 2019

Mary Blake & Greg Nelson

Owls!

March 20, 2019

Jack Blasco

Venturing into Chernobyl

🍎 Events 🍎

Friendship Dinners

March 21 and March 28

Golf Tournament TBA

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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The thought for the day from **Linda Irving** was short but deep.



Flexibility is the key to mental health.

🍎 VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS 🍎

Valerie Hulsey from the Valley of the Moon club joined us.



Kathy Schwartz from Santa Rosa was here as well.



Rotarians brought their spouses on this special day including

Scott Briggs with Sally



Tony Given with Gloria



Norm Stupfel with Judy



Greg Jacobs with Kathy



Dorothy Rodella with Ron



Bud Daviero with Sharon



David Schriebman with Carolee



Jeff Boal with Jean



Aleia Coate with Matt



Pauline Pellini with Pete



Mario Ramos with Vicky



David Still with Nan

What a group. How many used this as an excuse to not buy a Hallmark Card?

Aleia Coate introduced recent frequent visitor Gail Gijzen



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

Patrick Dirden was unable to attend and bask in the glory of a job well done but **Crab Feed** Co-Chairs **Scott Briggs** and **Nao Noguchi** were brought forward to take a bow..

They didn't take all the credit though as many, many people had a part in making the Feed a huge success. The InterAct Club kids were singled out for praise as was Troy McAdams for his contribution to the raffle. **Scott Briggs** wanted to praise several volunteers especially those who stayed until the bitter end of the clean up



Nao brought a few items that were left behind including a pair of rubber pants, (no big rush to claim those) and a Patagonia Jacket (might be worth \$300, if it belongs to one of the Interact kids, their mom is really mad right now.)

Nao also singled out **Ken Silviera**, **Dan Rasmus**, whoever owns the forklift, the AV crew, **JT Martin** and the Luv Rustlers, and

Cindy Carter for ticket wrangling. **Nao** threw down a challenge to anyone who can outsell him in tickets next year.

Rick Wilson wanted to give a special Thank You to **Harvey Hennigson** for contacting Chris Smith of the Press Democrat. Chris wrote a column in the PD before the Crab Feed calling it the best one in the County (But we knew that – Now everyone knows it) Great work **HH**.

Friendship Dinners are coming soon and **Cindy Carter** will be taking sign ups to host or be a guest next week February 21. THE DATES WILL BE MARCH 21 AND MARCH 28. You remember all the pictures of happy people at the Friendship Dinners last year. This is your chance to be one of those people. No ticket required.

President Keller thanked **Jack Blasco** and all of the Committee members who keep an eye on the attendance rolls and reach out to retain new members. Thanks.

President Keller also thanked several members who volunteered to help with the Junior Achievement Program including **David Schriebman, Aleia Coate and Dave McLennon.**

The newest District Governor has been announced and she is Jennifer Strong from the Lakeport club. The club supports you , Jennifer.

🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

Ruthie Dunlap had a birthday on 2/9. Her daughter and granddaughter visited and helped celebrate.

Rollie Atkinson is apparently not too thrilled to celebrate his birthday but it beats the alternative. **Rollie** spent some of the day

on the phone with three lawyers. **Rollie**-you need to cut that down to one lawyer.



Kathie Mayhew celebrated with oysters and champagne. Yum

John Blount took the podium to auction off a few items left over from the Tropical Escape fundraiser. **John** tried to get the crowd excited but it's a little more difficult without an open bar for the hour preceding. Nevertheless, he got some hands raised and some money committed to –



A wine Tasting brought in \$30

A hair stylist appointment went for \$10. I guess everyone is happy with their hair.

Another hair appointment went for \$40 but this one included some kind of hat which John modeled.

The big item was a \$25 shopping spree at the Feed Store. Someone is going over there and pick up some laying mash, or bag balm or dog biscuits or something. Fun

🍎 RAFFLE 🍎

Frank Mayhew got a chance to pick the black ball but failed. Next week will be a 50-50 chance with one white and one black ball in the old sock.



🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎



Gene "Cupid" Nelson took the podium to lead the discussion of LOVE. Yes, Love was in the Air and Gene encouraged everyone to think of an anecdote about Love. He kicked it off with a quote from George Eliot –

What greater thing is there for two human souls than to feel that they are joined together to strengthen each other...

Well, Truth be told (and it was) some of these stories were a little less romantic and a little more problematic.

Greg Jacobs kicked it off with a story about he and Kathy preparing for their wedding and Kathy falling off her bike after hitting the Main Street railroad tracks (yes, they have been married a long time.) No permanent damage done and some unprintable discussion about where the temporary damage occurred.





Jeff Boal and Jean showed a photo of them trying to get into their honeymoon getaway car under a shower of 5000 pounds of rice and finding Jeff's brother waiting in the car to chaperone them on the honeymoon.

David Still talked about Nan waking up on her wedding day to see that it was pouring rain and getting a phone call that **Dave** was in the hospital. (An exaggeration, I had been out of the hospital for a couple of hours by that time.)



Aleia Coate was so consumed with her Rotary Presidency that she thought it would be a good idea to honeymoon in Hawaii in a shared house with some other Rotarians. Not so much.

Frank Mayhew told about his long long engagement to **Kathie** which included several proposals, some wives and husbands in between, and lots of years before they would marry and live happily ever after.





Bob Rogers met **Peg** while on jury duty in Lake Tahoe. Bob was hoping to get on the trial which would allow him to miss some work and enjoy the Sierras. His head was turned by another juror who seemed to know everyone in town including the judge and the prosecutor. It didn't get her off the jury but got **Bob's** attention enough for a follow up which ended in marital bliss.

Robin Maybury caught his future wife's eye in a restaurant pub when he decided to box up everyone in the groups leftovers and take them home. Smooth Move, **Robin**,



David Schriebman was asked to dance by his future wife at a wedding. He was so interested that he used all of his salesman skills on her mother to finagle an invite to the after party. It worked and the rest is history.

Linda Johnson was interviewing possible new roommates when she came across her husband. Got to interview him, look at a resume, and check out the income. Nice.

So – **Gene** looked at the clock on the wall and realized he would not be able to give his 25 minute sermon on love at this point. Instead, he closed with scripture from Song of Solomon.

*My beloved speaks and says to me:
Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.....*



🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

With another successful meeting complete, **Keller** brought the hammer down at 1:30pm sharp.

🍎 AFTER THE FINAL BELL 🍎

During the Program, a series of photos that can only be called **Rotarians In Love** was shown on the screen behind the podium. If you missed it , fear not, you will see it once again in the very near future. Be There.



FUTURE PROGRAMS

February 21st: Kristen Madsen of Creative Sonoma

Kristin Madsen, Dir. of Creative Sonoma, a department of the Sonoma County Economic Development Board, will present an overview of the place of arts in the economy of Sonoma County. The purpose of the Creative Sonoma department is to help the arts community in Sonoma County by developing the skills of all creative people in Sonoma County to enhance the value of the work they provide. Creative Sonoma is helping to foster new ways of presenting artwork to the community, both for the economic enhancement of the artists involved, as well as to the general exposure the public to works of art.



February 28th: Better Angels

Better Angels is a national citizens' movement to reduce political polarization in the United States by bringing liberals and conservatives together to understand each other beyond stereotypes, forming red/blue community alliances, teaching practical skills for communicating across political differences, and making a strong public argument for depolarization. They unite red and blue Americans in a working alliance to Depolarize America. Instead of asking people to change their minds about key issues, they give all Americans a chance to better understand each other, to absorb the values and experiences that inform our political philosophies, and to ultimately recognize our common humanity. If feelings about our political adversaries can be represented on a spectrum, our objective is to move Americans from Hatred to Respect & Appreciation.

March 6th: Tawny Tesconi of Sonoma County Farm Bureau

Farm Bureau is an independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization governed by and representing farm and ranch families united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity and social advancement and, thereby, to promote the national well-being. Farm Bureau is local, county, state, national and international in its scope and influence and is non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-secret in character. Farm Bureau is the voice of agricultural producers at all levels.



Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – February 11, 2020

President's Report to the Club for February 2020

Fellow Club Members and Friends,

Our club has accomplished two HUGE feats in a couple short weeks!

On January 25 we enjoyed TROPICAL ESCAPE with good food, fellowship and fundraising! We had to postpone Tropical Escape last October because of the Kincade Fire, but it was worth the wait! Thanks to **Tropical Escape Chair Mia Del Prete** and her **Tropical Escape Committee**, the silent and live auctions, hosted wine tables, and entertainment were enjoyed by all. This event generated funds for the bulk of our club's community and international service projects for the year. The hard work of **Sponsorship Co-Chairs Ellen Harrington and Patrick Dirden** and the **Sponsorship Committee** gave a significant boost to our fall fundraising. The paddle-raise and related efforts through the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation brought in over \$30,000 to benefit the new West County Construction Corps!

Two weeks after Tropical Escape, the CRAB FEED on February 8 was a huge success! Both sittings ended up as sell-outs, although slow ticket sales caused much wringing-of-hands up to the day of the event. Kudos to **Crab Feed Co-Chairs Scott Briggs, Patrick Dirden** and **Nao Noguchi** and the **Crab Feed Committee**. And many thanks to the hundreds of food preparers, food servers, ticket sellers, art show coordinators, publicity people, raffle staff, bar keeps, musicians, AV folks, door greeters, sweepers, cleaners, and crab eaters who made this the best crab feed in the county! Clearly, the Crab Feed and Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grants build positive connections between the community, local schools and our Rotary club. Again, congratulations and THANKS to everyone involved in the Crab Feed!

I would like to share that our Rotary Board has concerns that our fundraising efforts this year have fallen short of what's needed to propel all our projects in the manner they deserve. I'll be sharing those concerns and some possible solutions with the club in the coming weeks.

There are lots of great speakers, events and projects percolating for the second half of the 2019-2020 Rotary year. Club members have expressed interest in new service opportunities. And we're looking forward to working with the Sebastopol Sunrise club and other community groups to complete the Libby Park SuperPlayground Replacement Project this spring.

We'll keep pushin' hard right to the end of the Rotary year! Thanks for making the Rotary Club of Sebastopol so very special!

Yours in Rotary Service, **Keller McDonald**

Rotary Club of Sebastopol President, 2019-20



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CLUB ACTIVITIES – ELLEN HARRINGTON, DIRECTOR:



APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE FLOAT (Dan Rasmus, Chair) – The Committee is established & plans will be forthcoming later on. **Dan Rasmus & Aleia Coate** have agreed to work on the float project together. No current updates.

DEBUNKING (Ellen Harrington, Chair) – The Committee has been meeting to put together this year's debunking. Venue contract is in the works, & the team is working on the plans.

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS COMMITTEE (Cindy Carter-Flamm, Chair) – **Cindy** is planning friendship dinners for March 21st & 28th 2020. Signups will start the last two weeks of February to see who wants to host & attend.

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyryka, Aleia Coate, Co-Chairs) – The committee has reserved the restaurant patio and the course at Northwood golf course in Monte Rio. The tournament will begin then, & we will play 18 holes. Like our club picnic, this event will pay for

itself, & the cost will be \$30/person. We will be doing a BBQ that the restaurant will provide. A beverage cart will also be available. There will be prizes.

HAPPY HOUR / FIRST FRIDAY (Aldean Noethig, Chair) – **Aldean** is planning something around St. Patrick's Day.

HOLIDAY PARTY (CLUB) (Cindy Carter-Flamm, Chair) – Our thanks to **Jim & Rosemarie Pacatte** for their hospitality in their home for our holiday party. **Cindy** did a great job organizing it & running the show. We kept the expenses well under budget. This item is closed for the year.

PAST PRESIDENT DAY (CLUB) (Harry Polley, Chair) – **Harry** has some ideas, & discussion is taking place to fit this in. No current updates.

PICNIC (CLUB) (David Still, Bob Cugini, Co-Chairs) – This item is closed for the year.

SUPER BOWL BOARD (**Aleia Coate, Torrey Olson**, Co-Chairs) – **Aleia & Torrey** will give us a report on the winners at our 2-7-20 meeting.

VETERAN'S DAY (**Mike Ferguson**, Chair) – This item is closed for the year.

CLUB SERVICE – PATRICK DIRDEN, DIRECTOR:

ANNIVERSARY CARDS (**Nancy Dwyer**, Chair) – No report this month.

APPLEKNOCKER EDITORS (**David Still**, Chair) – AppleKnocker editing set through March 2020.

AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM (**Paul Thielen**, Chair) – The fundraiser and crab feed A/V went well. We are looking into a new double-axle trailer purchase for the main gear. We're maxed with what we have. Prices forthcoming. We're getting ready for PETS in March and the district conference in May.

BIRTHDAY CALLER (**Pam Graber**, Chair) – No report this month.

GREETERS (**Rick Wilson**, Chair) – No report this month.

HISTORY (CLUB) / ARCHIVAL (**Chair: Tom Boag**) – No report this month.

MEMBERSHIP (**David Schreiber**, Chair; Subcommittees: ROTARY INFORMATION, MENTORING, NEW MEMBER ATTRACTION) – Received one application from Gail. She was a strong volunteer at last week's Crab Feed.

PHOTOGRAPHY (AK) (**Harvey Henningsen**, Chair) – All remaining months of **Keller's** reign-of-terror have been filled with reliable, capable, artistic image-makers.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair; Subcommittees: PRINT/RADIO, TV AD MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA, WEB DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE) – The Public Relations Committee has been occupied promoting the Crab Feed at local schools. We provided each school with a tailored letter, describing the grants we've made to them in the last years, and those have been sent out to the parents. In addition, we placed signs promoting the feed at each of the schools. Today, I also sent out an op-ed from **Keller** discussing how

SREF's funding of the Construction Corps should serve as a model for other West County service groups to support our local schools.

SCRIBE (AK) COMMITTEE (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair) – Scribes are almost lined up through May 1st.

SECRETARY SUPPORT (**Jack Dunlap**, Chair) – No report this month.

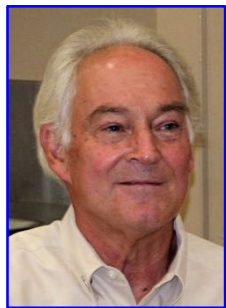
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (**Nao Noguchi**, Chair; Subcommittee: Song Leaders (**Jeff Boal**, Chair) – No report this month.

Speakers, Weekly (**Jørgen Holst**, Chair) – Program committee has a both some fantastic programs coming up. The committee needs to find a speaker for February 21st. The scheduled speaker has jury duty.

SUNSHINE (**Mark Fink**, Chair) – No report this month.

TREASURER SUPPORT (**KEN JACOBS**, Chair) – No report this month.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA – SCOTT BRIGGS, DIRECTOR:



COMMUNITY GRANTS (**Linda Johnson**, Chair) – Given the rescheduled Tropical Escape, Committee efforts for this grant program should begin this month.

Community Volunteer Projects (**Diana Rich**, Chair) – Nothing new to report since completion of the Sebastopol Library benches project.

CRAB FEED (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair; **Scott Briggs**, Secretary; **Nao Noguchi**, Secretary) – The Crab Feed was a sell out!! The price of crab was good (\$6.25 a pound), and thanks to dry weather there was no need to supply portapotties...thus we have high hopes that when the dust settles on our expenses our net profit for our Mark Sell Teacher Mini-Grant Program will be at or near record levels. In addition, our inaugural student-crab-art show was a rousing success, with hundreds of entries from 10 different West County Schools. Finally, this year we enjoyed the publicity afforded by Chris Smith's wonderful Press Democrat article, together with substantial efforts headed up by **Hal Kwalwasser** to reach out to our West County Schools.

DICTIONARY PROJECT (**Paul Yeomans**, Chair) – I believe the dictionaries and book plates have now all been delivered to our 3rd grade recipients. Great job **Paul**!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS (**Stephen Zollman**, Chair) – Nothing new to report RE Committee activities. .

LEARN TO SWIM (**Rick Wilson, Greg Jacobs**, Co-Chairs) – All is set, including benefactor funding, for this Program.

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANTS (**Jack Blasco**, Chair) – Nothing new to report. Spring application period anticipated to occur from February 15 to March 15.

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: (**Henry Alker**, Chair) – Nothing new to report.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE (**Ellen Harrington, Patrick Dirden**, Co-Chairs) – Nothing new to report.

SUPER PLAYGROUND PROJECT (**Keller McDonald**, Chair) – The City of Sebastopol has finalized design plans and budget and is now ordering equipment from the vendor. This project is on track for completion this Spring.

TROPICAL ESCAPE FALL FUNDRAISER (**Mia Del Prete**, Event General Chair) – The January 25 event was a rousing success, generating substantial club funds and a very successful paddle raise for the Education Foundation's Construction Corps Program at Analay High school. We are awaiting the final tally on net club proceeds. The education foundation Paddle raise brought in over \$34,000 !

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – JØRGEN HOLST, DIRECTOR:



Career Fair at Analay High (**TBA**, Chair, if Analay has event) – No news since last month, awaiting developments at school.
COOL KIDS CAMP (**Robin Maybury**, Chair) – No new news this month.

FINANCIAL LITERACY (**David Schreiber**, **Tim Moore**, Co-Chairs) – Nothing to report yet.

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (**Richard Power**, **Larry Ford**, Co-Chairs) – No news this month.

INTERACT (ANALAY, TWIN HILLS, BROOK HAVEN) (**Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – Brook Haven is finishing up their coat drive and begins their fundraising Valentine's lollypops sales tomorrow. Twin Hills is planning a game night fundraiser. They want to make cat and dog cuddles and take them to the Humane Society and visit the animals. Both of these clubs will be helping the crab feed by setting the tables and decoration the bar and stage Friday after school.

INTERACT HOLIDAY ADOPT A FAMILY (Chair: **Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – Over for now.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (**Tom Boag**, **David Schreiber**, **Hal Kwalwasser**, Co-Chairs) – Overcoming Obstacles Award 2020 is back on schedule - after a necessary delay in student application deadlines on account of last year's many disruptions. Eleven (11) applications were received. **Tom** distributed them (140 pages in a PDF file) to all committee members to study and rate. **Greg Jacobs** called a Committee meeting on January 22, 2020 - six (6) participating students and two (2) alternates were chosen. **Tom** sent a (snail-mail) letter to all students on January 29 - participating, alternate, and thank-you-for-applying students. As of today, 2/5/2020, four (4) of the participating students have confirmed they will participate. The other two confirmations are expected by this Friday (2/7). Next week - likely - we will schedule "break-the-ice" meetings with the participating students at their respective schools. This is not an interview - The students are already winners - but an opportunity to explain the program and answer any questions the students may have. Between next week and our April 24 OOA Event, **Rick Wilson** and several other OOA committee members will be aiding students (who request) with their speech preparation and practice - We do not let them fail. **David Schreiber** is beginning the process of selecting adult speakers for the morning OOA session. A full committee meeting will be scheduled soon to handle other details as event planning, mentor and sponsor recruitment and pairing, etc. Like last year we will be requesting additional scholarship money from kind sponsors. [Update: Break-the-Ice meetings are occurring today, 2/18.]

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (**Cindy Carter-Flamm**, Chair) – Coming together slowly.

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (**Scott Briggs**, Chair) – I will be receiving student applications and instructions for the new, on-line system for reviewing candidates. Each member of our Committee chosen to review and winnow down the candidates that qualify for our Sebastopol Rotary scholarships will be assigned a unique username and password to access the SRJC's application database. Typically, we shortlist 6-8 students for interviews from a pool of 50-70 candidates which we schedule during two evenings in April. We will be awarding 2, or possibly 3, \$4,000 scholarships.

TRADE PATHS (VOCATIONAL) AWARDS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair) – The board has decided this committee will be dormant for now, due to the collaboration with the North Bay Construction Corps.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (**Aleia Coate**, **Jackie Moreira**, **Katy Spyrrka**, Co-Chairs) – Cruising right now.

LEARN WITH ME (**Linda Irving**, Chair) - With all the volunteer opportunities and variety of community needs, I often wonder what makes Rotary's Learn with Me tutors return week after week and, for many, year after year. When asked, tutors say that (almost all :) the kids are great and as kids progress, tutors know they have helped make a difference. Of course, students' smiles, hugs and clamors of: "Do I get to go today?" and "Take me today. Please!!!" offer tangible rewards for tutor efforts. This year, 55% of our tutors are in their 2nd-4th year of volunteering, while 25% have volunteered 5 or more years. One tutor is in her 9th year of helping our Rotary Learn with Me students!

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA – BUD DAVEIRO, DIRECTOR:

PROGRAMMA DE Becas (**Dorothy Rodella**, Chair) – Dorothy will provide an update to the Club on Programma de Becas following the Crab Feed.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (**Ruthie Dunlap**, **Lu Frazier**, Co-Chairs) – Nothing new to report other than what's been ongoing.

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (Chair: **Bob Rogers**, Chair) – **Keller**, **Bob** and **Bud** will meet in a couple of weeks about the various international projects we might report to the club on. **Keller** and **Bud** will meet on Feb 14 to discuss **Jim Passage's** proposal that he organize a Climate Change Committee for our Rotary club?

