



The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Post-Kincade Fire Round-Up



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



Members of Rotary Club of Sebastopol started congregating in Memorial Hall shortly after 11:00 on this Friday after experiencing which was probably one of the most unusual weeks in their lives. A hint of what was to come first came on 10/26 at approx. 2:07PM when we were notified via an email sent by our own **Diana Rich** which said that our biggest fund raiser of the year, "The Tropical Escape", was being canceled because of the Kincade Wildfire. By following the news, we learned that it was inevitable that we would soon have a mass power shut down and a mandatory evacuation order, and this happened at approximately 4:00am Sunday morning 10/27. Along with this there were police vehicles traveling up and down city streets with their sirens blazing mandating immediate evacuation. With-in a very short period of time the two arteries in and out of town (Hwy 12 and 116) were clogged with traffic moving at approx. one mile per hour.

Most Rotarians were able to find alternative accommodations, all the way from hotels, motels, friends, relatives, public facilities etc. Some people had gas generators and, disobeying the mandatory evacuation order, they stayed at home and, in most cases able to access water. They were able to heat the water, and operate appliances, and keep warm.

Most of the power started coming back on Wednesday and Thursday. By late Thursday afternoon, most areas had been restored. What a week - unforgettable.

One thing that was especially noticeable during this ordeal was the courtesy and consideration that was apparent when driving your vehicle. With most of the stop lights being out, when you approached an intersection there were several vehicles approaching from different directions. Each time I came to an intersection there was an orderly progression through that intersection, with cars stopping and letting a car coming from a different direction, and then being allowed by other cars to pass. Truly amazing.



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

Future Programs

November 8, 2019

Veterans' Day

November 15, 2019

A conversation on Domestic Violence

November 22 2019

Comprehensive Immigration Reform

November 29, 2019

DARK for Thanksgiving

December 6 2019

Analy Choir

December 13, 2019

District Governor Flamson

Events

Fall Fundraiser

October 26th

Miscellany

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS-JackEDunlap@gmail.com

On-line Make-Ups:

www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:

707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

AT THE BELL

Prez Big Mac brought the hammer down on the Roto Bell to start the November 1 meeting of the Rotary Club Of Sebastopol at 12:18. **Pat Dilley** started things off by honoring old glory, **Steve Beck** then led us in the singing of "This Land is Your Land" (as scorched as it is).

After that **Jerry Warren** led us in the thought for the day: "We don't develop courage by being happy every day. We develop courage by surviving difficult times and challenging adversity," so keep Sebastopol Rotary strong.

THOUGHT
FOR THE
DAY

Jerry Warren

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Rotary Club of Sebastopol Strong

Sonoma County Strong



Prez Keller then adjourned the meeting so we enjoy our lunch.



Our usual caterers were unable to prepare today's meal so we were fortunate to have **Prez Big Mac**, who has never met a meal he didn't like, select our meal for us, from Mary's Pizza - penne pasta, one dish with pesto sauce and the other with marinara, we also enjoyed a fine green salad, and had cookies for dessert, we also had lots of apple juice provided by Manzana Products in Graton. **Jorgen Holst** also brought some pizza, from Mambo's pizza

🍎 VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS 🍎

Budman introduced our lone visiting Rotarian **Dave Veden** from Natomas (Natomas is a town close to Sacramento) and **John Blount** got up and mentioned that **Dave** is the reason that we have such an outstanding AV crew, he has done an excellent job of training them. **Tom Dilley** introduced his wife **Pat** and **Bristol Hassler** introduced her son **Dominic**.



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

Prez Keller then got up to talk about the first 100 days as President of our club. He started off by saying that despite the events starting on last Saturday that his glass is more than half full, in fact it flows over due to his Fantastic Board, great fellowship, friendship and fun including celebrating good things happening to members and having fun.



We have had great programs, such as last week, when Joe Serra put on a great program. We have also had many PHF Service to community (REFB, senior center, tamales West County Construction Corps. Our club has indefatigable spirit.

Prez gave a special thanks to **Ellen Harrington** and **Patrick Dirden** for the great job they have done on the Sponsorship Committee, to date they have raised \$14.5k.

ANONYMOUS PLATINUM SPONSOR - \$5,000

GOLD SPONSORS - \$2,500



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Wright Residential

John & Patti Blount
for "Learn With Me" program

Mark McDonell, CPA

BRONZE SPONSORS - \$500



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Construction Inc.
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All sponsors are supporting Rotary Club of Sebastopol's service programs for the entire 2019-2020 fiscal year. Sponsors can request that their donations be made to a specific program. The Sponsors are Ghilotti Construction, First Security (**Mike Ferguson**), **John** and **Patti Blount**, **Mark McDonnel**, Exchange Bank, Eye Care Institute (**Daniel Rich**), and Paccatte Construction.

Prez thanked the crew that was responsible for setting up and then turn and tearing down the venue at Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club for this year's Tropical Escape Fund Raiser. This was all done in one day. **Big Mac** thanked all the people.

Turning a lemon into lemonade, **Prez Big Mac** said that there were several encouraging and extraordinary things that came out of this week and they were: (1) The extraordinary job our club did in setting up and taking down Tropical Escape and getting the word out that it was postponed (2) Tropical Escape food went to firefighters (3) More careful and courteous driving (4) Quick response from Rotary District 5130 (5) Evidence of a self-reliant community.

Prez mentioned that with the Holidays coming up it is going to be a real challenge finding a date to reschedule the event.

Jerry Warren took the mic and mentioned that because of the fire and the mandatory evacuation that the hands-on project at the Redwood Empire Food Bank has been switched from Tuesday to Thursday, he asked for a show of hands of those that could make it. The time is still 9:30AM to 11:30 AM

Prez announced that the visit of **District Governor Kathy Flamson** has been changed again from December 6 to December 13—he encouraged us all to be there.

Frank Mayhew took the mic and announced that he has several lodging units available for those in need

Dan Rasmus announced that The Rotary International will be held next year in Honolulu Hawaii at the Hawaii Convention Center. The dates are June 6, thru June 10. Tickets will go on sale soon. The accommodations will be more limited than usual.



Handsome Dan Rasmus was called back to remind us that November is Foundation Month and next week we will be selling raffle tickets \$20 each or 6 for \$100, so get your check books out.



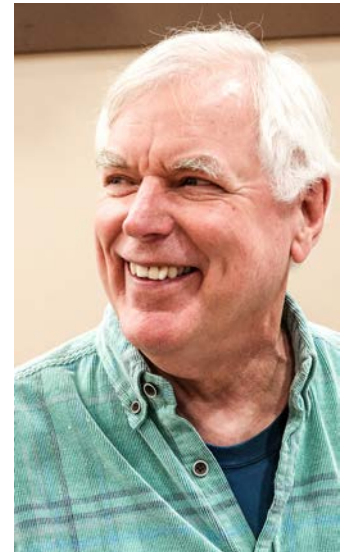
Dan mentioned that **Kathy** and **Frank Mayhew** have received the Arch Klumph Award: this is awarded to individuals who have donate at least \$250K to Rotary causes.

🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

Word got out that **Aleia Coate** along with hubby Matt attended a rowdy Halloween party and was fined the usual \$10.



The Brewskies were great – much better than the fishing. A group of 5 Rotarians and 1 former Rotarian chose mid-October to fish the Missouri and Madison Rivers, in Helena and Ennis Montana—true story. Anyway, the weather was rotten, cold and windy so instead looking for fishing holes, our group of Rotarians looked for watering holes. **Prez Big Mac** dinged **Larry Ford, Tom Dilley, Steve Prandini, Gene Nelson, Larry Ford, and Dave Madsen** \$10 for the miscalculation.



🍎 RAFFLE 🍎

Once more, **Keller** is trying his hardest to give away money, but nobody seems to want to walk away with it. Surely a lot easier than that tennis ball bolo stuff taking place at last year's meetings. This week **Tom Boag** had the lucky ticket but picked another black ball. Next week the pot will be over \$250.

As you can see from the picture below, they made really, really, really, really sure **Tom** had the right ticket.



🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

President Keller struck the Bell at 1:10PM sharp, and let us all wander off into the afternoon.