



# *The Appleknocker*

## *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin*

### Roseland Mentoring Program



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



### BEFORE THE BELL



Another dreaded Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> hit the doorstep of the Roto palace. Would lady luck ensure a smooth meeting, or would the curse of the flawed power point derail our fearless leader? Read on to find out the whole story.



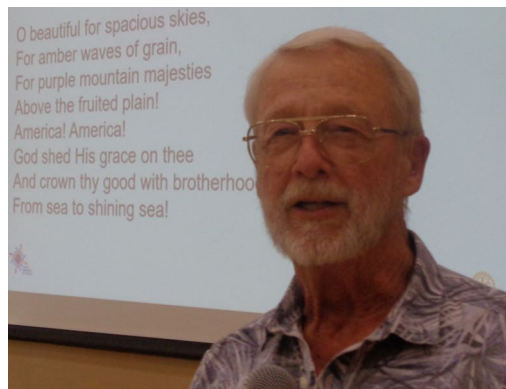
### AT THE BELL



**President Keller** struck the stalwart Roto-bell at 12:15, bringing the flock to attention, some with mouths full of food! **Russ Cunningham** led the salute to Old Glory. Sebastopol's version of Bing Crosby, **Smooth Steve Beck** the chorus in a somewhat on key version of "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies." **Diana Rich** gave us a two thoughts for the day...

"Life is like a sewer. What you get out of it depends on what you put into it." Tom Leher

"The depth and strength of a human character are defined by its moral reserves. People reveal themselves completely only when they are thrown out of the customary conditions of their life, for only then do they have to fall back on their reserves." Leonardo da Vinci



## Future Programs

**September 20, 2019**

A conversation about  
youth and vaping

**September 27, 2019**

District Governor  
Kathy Flamson

**September 27, 2019**

Jack Blasco  
Burning Man

## Events

**TROPICAL ESCAPE  
Fall Fundraiser  
October 26th**

## Miscellany

**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS**—[JackEDunlap@gmail.com](mailto: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)**



## ROTARIANS & GUESTS

THE “Bud Man” **Bud Daviero** introduced the flock to our visiting Rotarians: Rose Frances, Julia Parranto, and our second favorite dentist, Dan Bornstein, all from the Santa Rosa Club.

## ROOKIE SKETCH



Our **Fearless Leader** turned the Roto-lectern over to **Joyce Oneko**, for her rookie speech. We learned that she was born on the shores of Lake Victoria in Kenya. She is one of twenty siblings. She spent the first 14 years of her life doing what most girls her age did, fetching water, collecting firewood, doing chores, and playing...lots of playing. However, she saw how hard the women in her village worked, and yearned for more out of life. For **Joyce**, education was the catalyst. Her mother was very supportive of her endeavors, ensuring **Joyce** was accepted into the best boarding school. This led **Joyce** to college, where she





earned a law degree. She proudly proclaims that education can change a woman's life, because she is proof that it can.

**Joyce** started a nonprofit in 1994, Mama na Dada (Mothers and Sisters). The organization focuses on promoting education and economic empowerment for women. It encourages communities to enroll girls in school for one cycle (primary, middle school). In learning about the barriers to education for girls, **Joyce** discovered that there were numerous challenges, with sanitation and hygiene being at the top. Her organization focused on providing proper water, sanitation, and hygiene to schools. As we have seen in many other cases, the lack of bathrooms, fresh water, and sanitation has detrimental affects of children, especially

girls. Lack of bathrooms cause many girls in early stages of puberty to drop out, limiting their potential, and exacerbating poverty. Today, **Joyce** works as a Residential Counselor at TLC Child and Family Services in Sebastopol, working well into the night. Welcome to Rotary, **Joyce**!

## 🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

It is with a heavy heart to report that **Barbara Beedon's** husband, **Greg**, recently passed away. She is in need of prepared meals. If you would like to help, please contact **Keller**. **Barbara**, our thoughts and love are with you.



# *Tropical Escape*

**Saturday, October 26, 2019, 5-10 pm**

**THIS FUNDRAISER POWERS OUR CLUB'S GOOD WORKS  
FOR THE KIDS, FOR THE COMMUNITY AND FOR THE WORLD!**

**Special menu! Special drinks! Special entertainment!  
Special winery tables!**

*Halleck Vineyard -- Hanna Winery -- Balletto Vineyards  
Hook & Ladder Winery -- Russian River Vineyards*



**Super special silent & live auctions!**

**Tickets \$125, Wine Table Tickets \$150**

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The air smells like pina colodas, and the soft sound of steel drums are playing in the distance. It must be time for our annual fundraiser, Tropical Escape! Tickets are on sale today, \$125 per seat, or \$150 for a seat at one of the wine tables. Remember, this is the night where we raise most of the money to fund all the good deeds our club does. It takes a village to make this night spectacular, so invite your friends! Don't forget to buy a \$100 raffle ticket, for your chance to win your own escape to one of seven exciting destinations! And, if you have an extra bottle of wine, or three, donate them for the Instant Wine Cellar. We need 80 to 120 bottles, but would love 160, so we can auction a second lot off!



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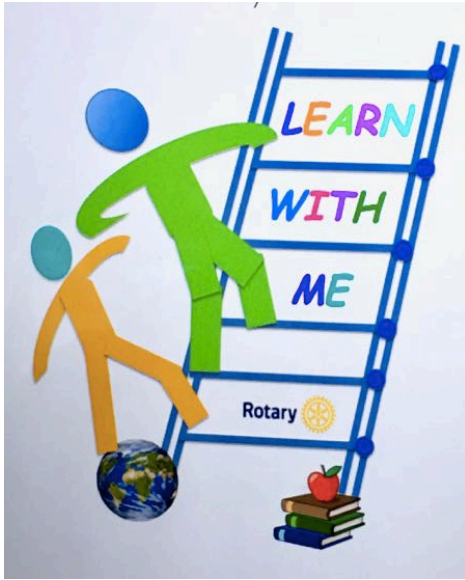
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NORTH BAY  
CONSTRUCTION CORPS



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**Keller** turned the Roto-spotlight on **Hal Kwalwasser**, and the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation. **Hal** informed the club of a significant project the foundation is starting, which will have a significant impact for local high schoolers. The foundation is partnering with the North Bay Construction Corps to start a chapter in the West County. You'll remember our 2019 Trade Path award winners participated in this program. The program exposes high school seniors to the construction industry. It's helped guide many graduating students to the construction industry; a job well in demand after the 2017 fires. The Education Foundation is committing \$75,000 to this program over the next three years. However, the total cost will be over \$130,000, which will need to be raised. Your chance to help will take place at Tropical Escape next month, as the Education Foundation will be a part of the paddle raise. If you know of high school student interested in construction, The Careers in Construction Career Fair will take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students must be invited by their High School counselor.





**Keller** then turned the spotlight on one of our club's signature programs, Learn with Me. **Linda Irving** told us that the program is now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year. Volunteers in the program have the opportunity to read with, tutor, and mentor elementary school students. Volunteers get the opportunity to work one on one with students one to two hours a week for 15 weeks. Studies show that children need 3 significant adults in life, other than parents. If you love children, and are interested in playing a role in their success, sign up today! You can also donate to the program, like **John** and **Patti Blount**, who donated \$1,000 to the program.

Major kudos are due to **Tom** and **Pat Dilley** for hosting the September happy hour. Over 45 Rotarians gathered at Rancho Dilley for a wonderful time. Many thanks to **Aldean Noethig** and others for all of the tasty treats!

*Looking forward to more Happy Hours in our future!*



You win some, you lose some. The crack Roto-Bocce Team gathered at Julliard Park on September 7<sup>th</sup> to bring the Sonoma County Rotary Bocce Cup home for another year. Despite all of their efforts, the cup slipped away from their hands. Better luck next year! Still up for a tamale or four? Well, you're in luck! We'll be selling tamales on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Sebastopol Community Center, and on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sebastopol Hardware. As you know (unless you've been under a rock), the proceeds of the tamale sales will be going towards a new Super playground at Libby Park. You still have time to have your say on what you'd like the park to look like! Awaken your inner child by September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and figure out what you would have liked to have played on (or will play on): <https://ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Article/Libby-Park-Playground-Equipment-Survey>

Join us on September 26<sup>th</sup>, as we host the Monthly Sonoma County Association of Rotary Clubs dinner at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club. Learn about the challenges and successes other clubs have had in achieving Rotary International's "Rotary Citation" and District 5130's "Close-Knit Community Challenge." Tickets are \$55

per person, and reservations are required. Contact **Diana Rich** for reservations. The Strategic Planning team is on the case, diving through the oodles and oodles responses received. The team met on September 17<sup>th</sup> to review the results, look at what the characteristics of the club will be in 2024, and start drafting a vision statement. Many thanks to the 73 club members who participated in the survey!

## 🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎



**Bud and Sharon Daviero** celebrated 19 years of marriage on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Mark and Michelle McDonell** celebrated their big day on September 14<sup>th</sup>. While **Michelle** spent her big day friends at the Bohemian Club, she'll be returning the favor by taking **Mark** to Sequoia National Park.



**Linda Johnson**, and her husband **Greg**, celebrated their big day on September 12<sup>th</sup> with a trip to the coast. Little known fact, **Linda** met **Greg** when he knocked on her door, and were married six months later!



When **Gene Nelson** went to the door of his future wife, **Betty**, she changed the locks! Regardless, they will be celebrating their anniversary with family soon.



**Karen Daniels** got the best birthday present from DMV, she passed her eye test! She will be celebrating on September 14<sup>th</sup> with family.





**Joyce Oneko** celebrated her big day with her Rotary family. The Roto-light singers quickly assembled and performed a rousing version of “Happy Birthday.”

## 🍎 RAFFLE 🍎

It was time once again for the moment all Sebastopol Rotarians wait all week for, the Raffle! The lucky winner was Julia Parranto. Julia reached into the Seagram’s Crown Royal bag, full of marbles, and fake rodents, and pulled a clear marble. Drats!



## 🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎



**Richard Power** introduced our guest speakers from the Roseland University/Collegiate Prep Mentor Program, Jill Peterson and Sarah Tendall. The mentoring program, now in it’s 10<sup>th</sup> year, has helped many students become prepared to enter college and thrive. The program matches students with adult mentors from the community. Mentors work one on one with students to help them navigate the college preparation process (tests, applications, letters, community service, etc), and prepare for college life. To ensure a successful transition for the students, mentors work with students during the first year of college.

Many of the students come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, and have limited life experiences. Many daily routines and experiences we take for granted are unfamiliar territory for the students. Mentors help bridge this gap, by exposing students to skills and experiences, which make the transition to college life easier. Since the program began, students who participated in the mentoring program have lower dropout rates than non-mentored students. Numbers don’t lie!

Students chosen for the mentoring program undergo a rigorous application process. Prospective students must take education seriously, and demonstrate a desire to go to college. Mentors must be college educated, open minded, and possess a desire to help children. They undergo an interview, and background check. If selected, mentors meet with their student twice a month, have consistent communication, take a role in building their relationship, and be a positive role model and friend. **Richard Power** and **Steve Beck** were mentors, and shared their mentoring experiences. Both were humbled by the underprivileged backgrounds their students came from, and how they were able to overcome many obstacles. **Richard’s** student was accepted to several prestigious universities, while helping grandparents in Mexico and personally dealing with ID theft. **Steve’s** student, who attends UC Davis, was able to come out of his shell to become communications director of his fraternity.





## THE FINAL BELL

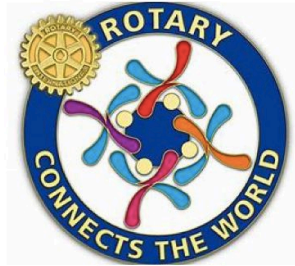


With another successful meeting in the books (despite it being Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>), **President Keller** struck the Roto-bell at 1:30 sharp! Lady luck was on our side! It's always a lucky day at Rotary!

Happy FRIDAY the 13<sup>th</sup>

A lucky day for us ...

*We're lucky to be part of this great organization!*



### Rotary *Membership Moment*

When I was first invited to a Rotary Meeting in 1983, I was told by my sponsor I should, as a local businessman, join Rotary. He said it would help me to become known in the community, (consequently helping my business), lots of fun, a good group of people, and an organization who gives back to the community and society in general. I've been in Rotary now for 36 years, and the above values have not really changed.

I did find out that this is a much larger organization than I thought (I attended the International convention in Hamburg this year, which had an attendance of approximately 25,000 people from all over the world.)

Probably the one thing that stands out in my mind about Rotary is that it is full of "Can Do" people who, if asked, will do almost anything for the benefit of the Club and the people we serve. My Rotary club is also an extended family of people to me who I will always feel "Has my back".



*Guenter Meinburg*





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# Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – September 10, 2019

## President's Report to the Club for September 2019

Fellow Club Members and Friends,

Thank you for participating in our Club Member Survey completed just days ago. We had a 64.6% completion rate, which is an amazing response. Moreover, we collected valuable input that the Strategic Plan Team will carefully consider in their upcoming work.

The Libby Park Super Playground Replacement Project continues to chug along. We have been notified that Rotary District 5130 has approved our matching grant submitted in partnership with Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary. Counting the grant, our estimated net revenue for this project is now over \$20,000. We'll be strategizing with Sebastopol Sunrise how to reach our goal of \$30,000 to complete this project.

The big push is on to fill 225 seats for Tropical Escape. This is our big fundraiser that powers our club's service activities for the Rotary year! Please put encourage your friends and associates to come help support our club's many avenues of service!

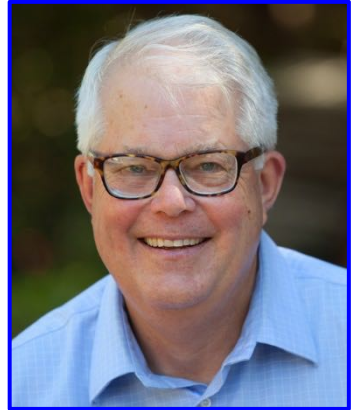
On Thursday, September 26 from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club, we'll host the monthly meeting of SCARC, the Sonoma County Association of Rotary Clubs. Club leaders will be planning how they can gain recognition for their clubs through Rotary International and District 5130 awards. If you wish to attend, the SCARC meeting costs \$55. Email reservations to **Diana Rich** [dianagrigh@gmail.com](mailto:dianagrigh@gmail.com).

On Friday, September 27, District Governor Kathy Flamson will be our guest! Kathy will share her plans for a great Rotary year. We want to give DG Kathy a warm and wonderful welcome, so please plan to attend Rotary on Friday, September 27!

Thanks for making the Rotary Club of Sebastopol a positive force in our community and world. Rotarians are People of Action!

**Keller McDonald**

Rotary Club of Sebastopol President, 2019-20



[You can see the full Directors' reports at ClubRunner| Member Area| MyClubRunner| ViewClubDocuments| BoardMeetingMinutes| 2019-2020. -Ed.]

## CLUB ACTIVITIES – ELLEN HARRINGTON, DIRECTOR:



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

DEBUNKING (**Ellen Harrington**, Chair) – The Committee has already been sleuthing brainstorming on the program & venue. We are creating the stuffing for the roast!

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS COMMITTEE (**Cindy Carter-Flamm**, Chair) – **Cindy** is planning friendship dinners for March 2020. No updates at this time.

GOLF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE (**Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyрка, Aleia Coate**, Co-Chairs) – The great Golf Team will plan a fun event where all club members will be able to attend. The event will take place in April & will be held at Northwood Golf Club in Monte Rio. Like our club picnic, this event will pay for itself. The team will check with Northwood on what we can do there.

HAPPY HOUR / FIRST FRIDAY (**Aldean Noethig**, Chair) – The first Happy Hour with Seb Sunrise at Woodfour Brewing was very successful & well attended by both clubs. **Aldean** has planned an event for just our club on September 6th at **Tom & Pat Dilley's** home [It happened. Very successful. -Ed.] . The next quarterly HH events will be in October & January, & **Aldean** will be planning more of these events for just our club.

HOLIDAY PARTY (CLUB) (**Cindy Carter-Flamm**, Chair) – Our potential venue for this event is deferred because of kitchen remodeling. We are back on our search for a great venue.

PAST PRESIDENT DAY (CLUB) (**Harry Polley**, Chair) – **Harry** has some ideas, & discussion is taking place to fit this in.

PICNIC (CLUB) (**David Still, Bob Cugini**, Co-Chairs) – Kudos to our hosts, **Guy & Michelle Smith & Guy's sister & husband**, for this year's very successful club picnic at their Georgetown location on August 24th. 85-90 guests attended. **Ken Silveira** provided all food & beverages. **Dave Still & Bob & Julie Cugini** did an awesome job of putting this together, and we thank **Dave** for his generous donation to the event. These folks are all the best!!!

SUPER BOWL BOARD (**Aleia Coate, Torrey Olson**, Co-Chairs) – **Aleia & Torrey** have discussed this coming year's SB Board & are looking forward to running it again. No updates at this time.

VETERAN'S DAY (**Mike Ferguson**, Chair) – **Mike** is once more on top of this fine celebration. He has a team this year to brainstorm new ideas & support his great program. No updates at this time.



## CLUB SERVICE – PATRICK DIRDEN, DIRECTOR:

ANNIVERSARY CARDS (**NANCY DWYER**, Chair) – **Nancy** is stepping up as chair of the Anniversary Cards committee.

APPLEKNOCKER EDITORS (**David Still**, Chair) – No new reports from AppleKnocker land.

AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM (**Paul Thielen**, Chair) – No report this month.

BIRTHDAY CALLER (**Pam Graber**, Chair) – 16 birthday calls made, about half result in voice mail messages; half are conversations. It's fun!

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

HISTORY (CLUB) / ARCHIVAL (**Chair: Tom Boag**) – Archive relatively up to date. Index current last month - Indicates some archive material due from AK Editors.

MEMBERSHIP (**David Schreibman**, Chair; Subcommittees: ROTARY INFORMATION, MENTORING, NEW MEMBER ATTRACTION) – **David** says: "I'm afraid membership has nothing significant to report. As of this time we have 8 Friends of Rotary."

PHOTOGRAPHY (AK) (**Harvey Henningsen**, Chair) – You've got your incredibly talented **team of editors**, the well-written story-telling team of **crack reporters** and the meteorically talented, but eccentric team of **image-makers**. They are high spirited artists that produce the award-winning images complimenting the stunning stories that you enjoy each week in our nationally award-winning newsletter of the Sebastopol Rotary Club.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair; Subcommittees: PRINT/RADIO, TV AD MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA, WEB DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE) – No report this month.

SCRIBE (AK) COMMITTEE (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair) – **Scribe** department is solid. Crew is uncovering more and more dirt for the AppleKnocker each and every day!

SECRETARY SUPPORT (**Jack Dunlap**, Chair) – Nothing new from the Secretary Support Committee.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (**Nao Noguchi**, Chair; Subcommittee: Song Leaders (**Jeff Boal**, Chair) – Nothing new to report from the Sergeant -at-Arms committee.

SPEAKERS, WEEKLY (**Jørgen Holst**, Chair) – The program committee has been hard at work and has filled up our Friday's all the way until December and is working on several other great leads.

SUNSHINE (**Mark Fink**, Chair) – **Mark Fink** has become Chair. Other than that, no report this month.

TREASURER SUPPORT (**KEN JACOBS**, Chair) – Nothing new this month.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA – SCOTT BRIGGS, DIRECTOR:



COMMUNITY GRANTS (**Linda Johnson**, Chair) – Committee work will start in December. I am working with **Linda** and **Robin** to prepare schedule to share with Committee, and our Board, for next steps, i.e., when application requests go out, when applications are due, when Committee will meet to review applications and prepare list of award recommendations for Board review, and when grants will be announced.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS (**Diana Rich**, Chair) – The Committee is working with the City of Sebastopol and the Sebastopol Library to have quality plaques installed on the Library benches that were installed by our Community Volunteer Projects Committee. This is taking longer than expected because it was decided to counter-sink them in order to reduce the risk of theft. Installation will be done by **Jim Pacatte**, with **Dante Del Prete** from Public Works doing the necessary routing out of the wood to allow the plaques to be counter-sunk. Another great collaborative effort! Otherwise no new developments to report.

CRAB FEED (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair; **Scott Briggs**, Secretary; **Nao Noguchi**, Secretary) – A kickoff meeting with the **tri-chairs** was held on August 15th. The chairs are actively recruiting members for key roles. For example, we have confirmed that **Ken Silveira** will again assist with provision of event supplies, and we have spoken with **JT Martin** to confirm his band's willingness to play again at our event. We plan on starting ticket sales in November, before the holiday season begins. Save the event date for Saturday, February 8, 2020! A meeting with the full committee will take place soon.

DICTIONARY PROJECT (**Paul Yeomans**, Chair) – Aside from finalizing Committee membership, nothing new to report.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS (**Stephen Zollman**, Chair) – This Committee is holding regular monthly meetings on the second Friday of every month, right after our regular meetings. The DV panel on Nov 15th will feature a sitting domestic violence judge and Analy graduate, **Judge Bertoli** and the YWCA exec director, who has spoken to the club previously. The Committee is actively searching to find ways to support Analy's Boys sports project, either financially or with in kind donations. It is also exploring ways to tap into the social emotional learning resources at our schools.

LEARN TO SWIM (**Rick Wilson**, **Greg Jacobs**, Co-Chairs) – Nothing new to report at this time.

LEARN WITH ME (**Linda Irving**, Chair) – **Linda Irving** is Chair. She spoke about Learn With Me at recent meeting.

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANTS (**Jack Blasco**, Chair) – Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grant application period for the Fall round will open on September 15 and close on October 15. Web site has been updated to reflect this schedule. This week **Jack Blasco** will email all school principals in west county to inform them of the schedule. At the upcoming meeting please ask the Board to approve the amount of funding available for the Fall round of grants. **Jack** is requesting that at the August meeting the Board approve the funding amount for the Fall round of grants.

PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION: (**Henry Alker**, Chair) – Nothing new to report other than finalization of Committee membership.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE (**Ellen Harrington**, **Patrick Dirden**, Co-Chairs) – **Patrick** reports that First Security Services has signed up to be a Gold Sponsor. **Ellen** has also signed up a couple sponsors...details to come.

SUPER PLAYGROUND PROJECT (**Keller McDonald**, Chair) – As noted by **President Keller** at our August 30 Rotary meeting, to date approximately \$20,000 has been raised. Food sales will continue at Sebastopol hardware on Super Saturdays.

TROPICAL ESCAPE FALL FUNDRAISER (**Mia Del Prete**, Event General Chair) – We are now in the final stretch with about 2 months left before the event. All Committees are working hard to ensure we have a successful fundraiser. Ticket Sales will launch on September 6, 2019. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2019 at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club. By way of reminder, the following individuals are Sub Committee Chairs: Live Auction – **David Schreiber**, Silent Auction – **Ellen Harrington**, Decoration – **Ellen Harrington**, Sponsorships – **Patrick Dirden**, and Treasurer – **Diana Rich**.

## VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – JØRGEN HOLST, DIRECTOR:



Career Fair at Analy High (**TBA**, Chair, if Analy has event) – No news since last month.

COOL KIDS CAMP (**Robin Maybury**, Chair) – **Robin** reports: "Camps have all concluded for this year. We sent 31 Cool Kids to Camp this year and are just a few dollars short on our budget, but I'm working on that. Next year, we want to pay Cloverleaf Ranch \$700 per kid if possible, which would allow them to not lose money as they assist us giving a wonderful week to these very deserving kids.

If the board would put aside \$2,100 for Cool Kids Camp for 2020, that would be so much appreciated, please.

Many Rotarians from different clubs want a visit to Cloverleaf Ranch to experience what they do and to assess how more help might be donated as they continue their Wild Fire recovery activities.

I'm working with Shawna DeGrange who owns and runs the ranch to plan a visit and will let Rotarians know when that will happen.

I'm also planning a dinner meeting with co-chair Libby Fitzgerald (my co-chair from Petaluma Valley club) and hopefully Shawna, her husband Colin and hopefully **Hal Kwalwasser** and **Patrick Dirden** on October 2nd, a Wednesday, in Petaluma, at Brewsters Beer Garden.

I'll poll others in our club, who want to help with Cool Kids Camp to see if they would like to come to dinner on October 2nd."

FINANCIAL LITERACY (**David Schreiber**, **Tim Moore**, Co-Chairs) – Nothing to report yet, program takes place in spring, so currently in rest mode. Barbara Barney of the Sunrise club has expressed an interest in participating.

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (**Richard Power**, **Larry Ford**, Co-Chairs) – Nothing to report yet. Due to shifting personnel and misunderstandings, last years didn't happen, so we are looking to learn more about what went wrong and fix that as soon as school is in session.

INTERACT (ANALY, TWIN HILLS, BROOK HAVEN) (**Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – On August 8th a meeting was held with all Rotarian Advisors for our three clubs and teacher advisors. It was a very productive meeting. Rotary handed out information about officer duties. Joint projects were discussed, and each club will decide if they want to participate in the Laguna Cleanup day on September 21st.

Brook Haven advisers met with the incoming officers on Tuesday September 3rd and will have their first meeting on Thursday the 5th. Twin Hills advisers will meet with the incoming officers on Thursday the 5th.

INTERACT HOLIDAY ADOPT A FAMILY (Chair: **Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – The Adopt a Family project is scheduled for Saturday December 14th. [Note event date change from last month's report. -Ed.]

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (**Tom Boag**, **David Schreiber**, **Hal Kwalwasser**, Co-Chairs) – Date is set for April 24th, so mark your calendars. We sent out an official announcement to the schools for forwarding to likely participating students. We have a new Principal at Analy High to contact and will do that in the next several weeks. Basic schedule for student applications (end November), selection of students (meeting in January), etc. as in previous years.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (**TBA**, Chair if event is held) – TBA if event is held.

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (**Scott Briggs**, Chair) – Nothing new to report.

TRADE PATHS (VOCATIONAL) AWARDS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair) – Nothing new to report.

YOUTH EXCHANGE (**Aleia Coate**, **Jackie Moreira**, **Katy Spycka**, Co-Chairs) – Our inbound student Anni is settling in well. She is currently living with the Spycka's. We seem to be in good shape for host families this year. Which is nice!!

Our outbound Faye arrived in Denmark; we'll get an update from her in a couple weeks.

Our club committed to the district to participate again next year. All paperwork has been submitted. The committee is now seeking applicants from Analy for our next outbound student.

We will be speaking to the history and language classes next week. Hopefully, we'll get some good candidates.

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA – BUD DAVEIRO, DIRECTOR:

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS (**Dorothy Rodella**, Chair) – Nothing new to report.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (**Ruthie Dunlap**, **Lu Frazier**, Co-Chairs) – Nothing new to report.

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (Chair: **Bob Rogers**, Chair) – Nothing new to report.

