



# The Appleknocker

## Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

### Women at Ground Zero - Mary Carouba



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

🍎 **BEFORE THE BELL** 🍎

Once more in the smoke. Your humble scribe returned home on Wednesday after his third evacuation in three years. Sheesh. This is not a drill. So the cats are rescued from the resort and home is just fine. The fires slowly burn down and the little town is absolutely packed with firefighters. And no one else.

As the Zoom meeting opens, **Hal Kwalwasser** beams in directly from his temporary digs at the Hyatt. Traveling and staying in hotels is usually fun. I would rather not ask **Hal** right now. Anyway, he has plenty of bandwidth and sits comfortably in the Hyatt courtyard putting on a convincing air of confidence but obviously ready to go home.



And there is **Patrick Dirden** who kept all of us evacuees up to date several times a day with Fire Reports. It is hard to say just how important that was to those of us on the road somewhere. Thank You **Patrick**.

No technical difficulties here. Just a little back and forth you might say. And then we are sent our rooms – Breakout Rooms



I am suddenly on line with **Laura Victor Van Gorder** and **Lu Frazier**. We talk amongst ourselves about stuff. Just like the lunch line. You never know who you will be standing next too. Too soon we are back to...

🍎 AT THE BELL 🍎

Discount Alley Studios featuring President **Dan Rasmus** and a crowd of eager Rotarians. Okay, not a crowd but a good turnout for a socially distant meeting and absolutely eager. President Dan thanks all of the firefighters and calls on **Gail Gitzen** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



**Jack Dunlap** provides the Thought for the Day from Winston Churchill

*When you are going through Hell, Keep Going.*

And another one, not from Winston Churchill  
*Sometimes life gets worse, then it gets better*  
And one from someone's grandkid  
*You are Awesome.*



Thanks **Jack** – We need to keep our spirits up during times like these.

And

You are awesome



## Future Programs

**September 4**  
Congressman Jared Huffman

**September 11**  
State Senator Mike McGuire

### Coming Events

Redwood Empire Food Bank

Sept 17

Laguna Fdn Workday

Sept 26

Thirsty Thursday

Sept 24

## Miscellany

[MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS--scottbriggs50@yahoo.com](mailto:scottbriggs50@yahoo.com)

On-line Make-Ups:

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

**Domestic Violence Hotline:**

**707-546-1234**

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

## VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

None visiting Rotarians spoke up

**Jeff Boal** introduced his wife Jean who is sitting in today.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**President Dan Rasmus** took a few moments to elucidate the Rotary theme for the year.

Rotary Opens Opportunities.

And it does, all kinds of opportunities – new friendships, new perspectives, leadership and service. **President Dan** played a short video of **Kathie Mayhew** on a Rotary Service mission at the Katima Primary School in Uganda. It was obvious from the video that you can do good in the world and enjoy it at the same time.

So how about some local opportunities? **Cindy Carter** is organizing a work day at the Redwood Empire Food Bank on September 17 from 2 to 4. Don't just mark your calendar, let **Cindy** know that you want to help.

Speaking of help, last springs delayed **Mark Sell** Teacher Mini Grants are back and we will start receiving applications soon. You know those teachers need stuff, they are in a new world too.



Another opportunity to serve presents itself on Sept 26 at the Laguna Foundation Work Day. It's in the morning from 9 to 12 and we have been pitching in every year to do various jobs around the property. It's an opportunity to gets your hand dirty and do good.

Okay, so it's not so much an opportunity to do good but an opportunity to have some fun at the Thirsty Third Thursday Get Together on Sept 24th. It's at Balletto winery and will involve socially distant fun and socially distant socializing. Most of us should be getting pretty good at that sort of thing. BTW – for you sticklers out there, we know that Sept 24th is not the Third Thursday but we don't care. We like the name.



District 5130 has a Disaster Relief Fund available. Your contribution is tax deductible.

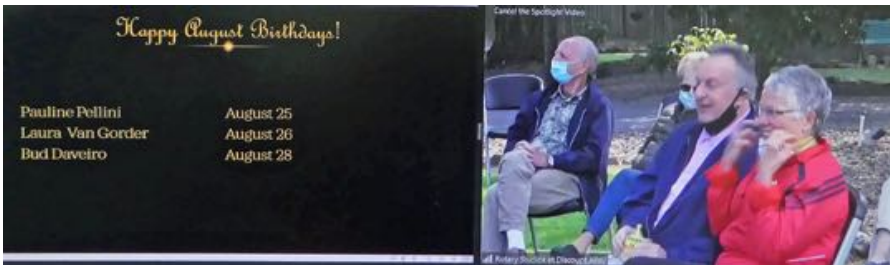
🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎



Pauline Pellini celebrated her birthday on 8/25 with lots of family.



Laura Victor Van Gorder celebrated with friends in the morning and was surprised when her grandkids performed magic and made a present appear on her doorstep.



8/28 is actually **Bud Daviero's** birthday and part of the celebration involved coming to Rotary. He offered to pay a double fine if the group refrained from singing Happy Birthday.

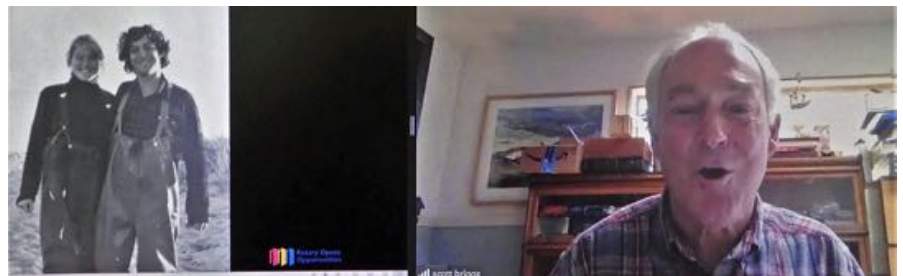
**Mia and Jim Del Prete** celebrated their 8/23 anniversary with a drive to the coast to get some fresh air.



**Steve Prandini and Rosanne's** anniversary was that very day 8/28 and a coastal drive was also in the works.



**Scott and Sally Briggs** celebrated at home.



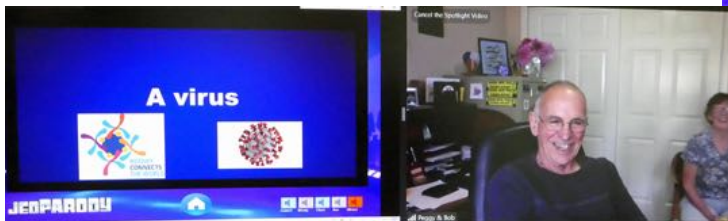
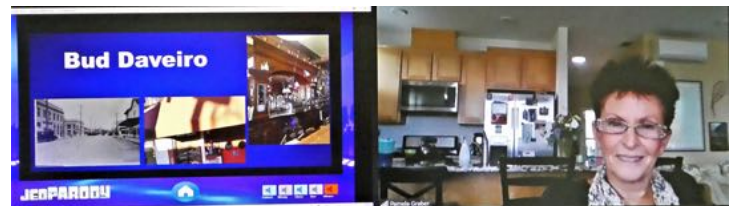
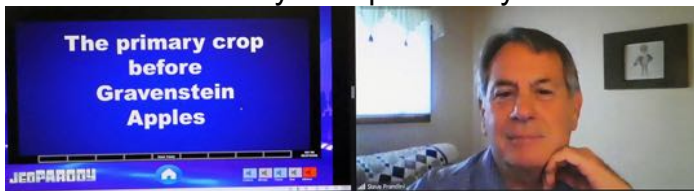
Whatever happened to romantic trips to Hawaii or Europe or expensive nights out at overpriced restaurants? Oh – That's right. Never mind.

**Russ Cunningham's** wife Shirlee had one of her paintings accepted for show at the DeYoung Museum of Art in San Francisco for its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary show.



That's right, it's that time again. Remember to form your answer in the form of a question.

**Bob Rogers, Pam Graber** and **Steve Prandini** were picked to compete in Jeo-parody for the coveted XXL Rotary shirt prize. Maybe someone will claim it this week.



So – after many questions and few answers – the score stood zero to zero to zero. Even the wild guesses weren't close. And then on the last question ( answer?) **Bob Rogers** was asked – for \$500 and a shirt – What was the district numerical designation for District 5130 before it was District 5130? And **Bob** answered (not in the form of a question but who cares) 513. Who Knows this Stuff??? Wow. What a great win. A Cinderella story if there ever was one. **Bob** was declared the winner without question, (except for the fact that it wasn't in the form of a question but never mind) and will no doubt be wearing that XXL Rotary shirt next week.

## 🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

**Aleia Coate** introduced Mary Carouba, author of the title “Women at Ground Zero”. Mary was a investigative social worker in Sonoma County before embarking on her writing career. Her book is in its fourth printing.

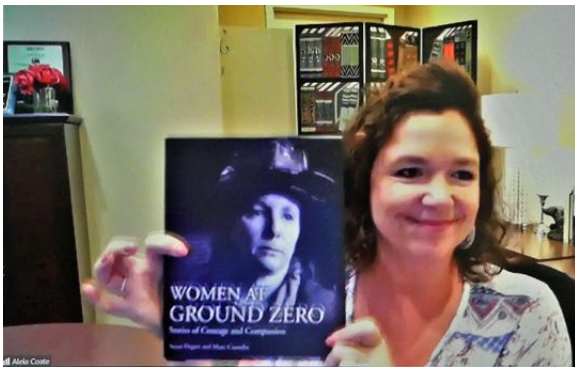
Mary told of watching coverage of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks with friends and noticing that the news and media coverage leaned heavily on praise for the heroic work of the first responders

involved. She also noticed that the coverage was entirely in praise of the firemen, policemen and other male first responders on the scene.

Mary determined that there must have been female first responders at the scene and yet there was no mention of their work. She and a friend resolved to investigate exactly what happened and who, in fact, were the heroes. They decided to venture off to New York and find female first responders and seek the truth.



Mary went directly to the NYPD and asked for help. None was forthcoming. In fact, Mary got a lesson in New York manners. Everyone there is not as polite as people in Sonoma County. She asked a cabbie where the female cops hung out and struck pay dirt. The cabbie took her to a bar and Mary found the people she knew existed.



At first, the female first responders were reticent to discuss. But Mary persevered and soon had enough stories to fill a book. And she did. Of the 700 books written about the 9/11 attacks, hers, *Women at Ground Zero*, is the only one to delve into this overlooked area of American heroism.

## 🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

**President Dan Rasmus** closed the meeting at precisely 1:15pm





## AFTER THE BELL

Getting detailed information about the Wallbridge Fire can be a challenge. Knowing what information is accurate, and what is not, can be hard. The AppleKnocker team has assembled a list of resources to help you know what is happening. Keep these resources handy, as they may be of assistance later in the fire season.

Make sure you are registered for **NIXLE**. You will get text and email alerts about evacuations. This is handy to have year-round. To sign up, please visit: <https://local.nixle.com/register/>

**SoCo Emergency:** Website has detailed information about the Wallbridge Fire, including resources for those impacted by the fire: <https://socoemergency.org/emergency/wildfire/>

**SoCo Evacuation Map:** Learn which areas are under evacuation orders and warnings, and where road closures, and other resources are:

<https://sonomacounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=69a0e54e9e2b48c086d122027b21c961>

**National Fire Situational Awareness Map:** Shows near real time locations of large fire intensity: <https://maps.nwcg.gov/sa/#/%3F/%3F/38.5952/-123.0392/11>

**Cal Fire Incident Information:** Current details and statistics about the Wallbridge Fire, Meyers Fire (now fully contained), and the Hennessey Fire:

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2020/8/17/lnu-lightning-complex-includes-hennessey-gamble-15-10-spanish-markley-13-4-11-16-walbridge/>

**AlertWildfire Cameras:** Access PG&E and Cal Fire cameras across the North Bay, and California. Three cameras are currently trained on the fire (click on the link below to access the camera).

Mordhardt Ridge (Northwest of Cazadero): [Camera 1](#), [Camera 2](#)

Pole Mountain (West of Cazadero): [Camera 1](#), [Camera 2](#)

Mount Jackson (Above Rio Nido): [Camera 1](#), [Camera 2](#)

**Broadcastify Cal Fire Sonoma County:** Listen into radio communications with Cal Fire crews: <https://www.broadcastify.com/webPlayer/31847>

**Purple Air AQI Map:** Shows real time air quality levels: <https://www.purpleair.com/map?opt=1/mAQI/a10/cC0#10.01/38.423/-122.7509>

**Sonoma West Times and News:** <http://www.sonomawest.com/>

**News of the North Bay:** <https://newsofthenorthbay.com/>

**The Press Democrat:** <https://www.pressdemocrat.com/>

**Twitter Feed for Wallbridge Fire:** [https://twitter.com/search?q=%23wallbridgefire&src=typeahead\\_click&f=live](https://twitter.com/search?q=%23wallbridgefire&src=typeahead_click&f=live)

**Prepare For Wildfire:** Learn how to take steps to prepare and protect your property for wildfire: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/>

**Returning Home After a Wildfire:** Learn what do if your property is impacted by wildfire: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/post-wildfire/returning-home/>



## FUTURE PROGRAMS

### September 4, 2020: Congressman Jared Huffman



Jared Huffman represents California's 2nd Congressional District which spans the North Coast of the state, from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Oregon border, and includes Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity, and Del Norte counties. He was first elected to Congress in November 2012 and currently serves on the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis. In the 116th Congress, he chairs the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife, with jurisdiction over federal water projects, fisheries management, coastal zone and oceans policy, and wildlife and endangered species. Jared also founded the Congressional Freethought Caucus to promote sound public policy based on reason, science and moral values, while protecting the secular character of government and championing the value of freedom of thought worldwide.

Prior to his legislative service, Jared worked as a Senior Attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). One of his proudest accomplishments at NRDC was helping forge an agreement to restore a 153-mile stretch of the San Joaquin River in California's Central Valley. Before NRDC, Jared was a successful public interest attorney whose victories included several major jury verdicts in gender discrimination and race discrimination trials. He also served 12 years in local government as a Director of the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD), from 1994 to 2006. Jared represented the North Bay for six years in the California Assembly where he chaired the Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. Among his other accomplishments as a state legislator, Jared played a leading role in crafting landmark water reforms in 2009 and authored dozens of successful bills, including California's pioneering lighting efficiency standards (AB 1109) which were subsequently adopted into federal law; the nation's largest programs for solar hot water heating (AB 1470) and paint recycling (AB 1343); reforms that improve California's State Parks system (AB 1589) and Department of Fish and Wildlife (AB 2402); and creation of a new voluntary type of corporation, California Benefit Corporations, to promote corporate social responsibility (AB 361)