



# The Appleknocker

## Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Renée Schomp – Accessory Dwelling Units



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

### BEFORE THE BELL

Hello, dear friends and fellow Rotarians, this is an **editor's** note, from your (hopefully) favorite Norwegian, visiting **editor, Jorgen**. I received an email a few weeks ago from **Dan the Man Rasmus, Mr. President**, asking me to step in and help out with a little bit of AppleKnocker editing, and nothing would please me more. I'll take the liberty of filling in a little more below, with an update on myself, our family and Norway, but for now, let me just say it was an absolute honor and pleasure to dial in and see those wonderful and familiar faces. It warmed my heart to the core and made me even more grateful for how you received me four years ago, when we were just back in town and new to Sebastopol. Cannot wait to see you all again in person, in the Community Church, and hug it out properly. Keep taking care of each other, you are really good at it! -Ed.



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

## Future Programs

February 19  
**SHIRLEE CUNNINGHAM**  
An Artist's Journey to the de  
Young

February 26  
**LYNN HUNT**  
President of Air Museum

March 5  
**OAK DOWLING**  
Justice Ginsburg

March 12  
**Fire Chief Contreras**

## 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)**

## AT THE BELL

At 12:15 **President Dan** called the meeting to order at our Russian River Vineyards Rotary home away from home. He was wearing what looked suspiciously like a Kevlar vest. We had to reassure him that there were no plans to rush and take over the podium...at least not yet!



**Les Crawford** led the Pledge, using, or attempting to use, a Scandinavian accent, no doubt in honor of **Jorgen Holst** who had joined us via zoom from Norway. In all honesty, **Jorgen** is much easier to understand.

[**Editor's** note: I am honored by **Les'** attempt to make me feel more at home, but that honor was balanced out by the actual result.]

**Robin Maybury** provided a couple of thoughts for the day: "She who has a Why to live can bear almost any how," by Friedrich Nietzsche and "Don't take life too seriously. You'll never get out of it alive," by E. Hubbard.

Thought(s) of the Day  
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## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

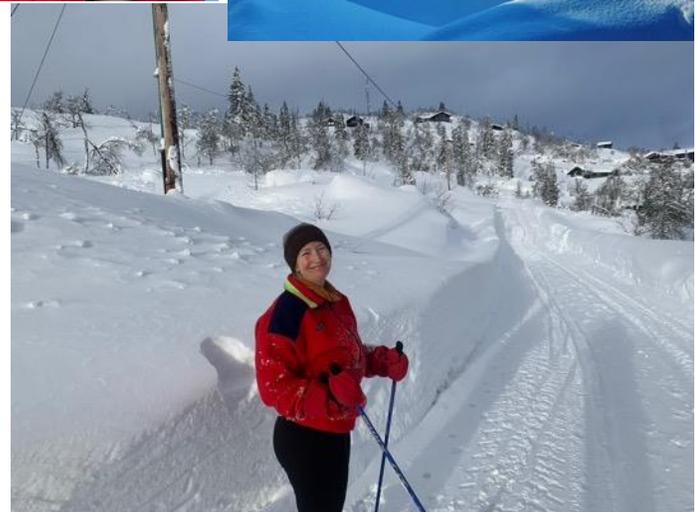


**Sue Engle** introduced Michael O'Toole. Michael works on issues of homelessness and affordable housing and will be working with our club's Homelessness Committee.

**President Dan** then introduced **Jorgen Holst**, our club member now currently shoveling snow in Norway, who provided us an update on his life and activities since moving there with his family in August. He is currently in the interview process for several jobs with the Norwegian government. There are openings in his field of innovation and digitalization. **Cordelia** is writing a book about their experiences living in Norway and the U.S.



The country is currently under strict COVID quarantine, which means many Norwegians, including the **Holst's**, are spending extra time in their cabins in the woods. Who knew quarantine is synonymous with vacation? Gotta love those Norwegians! One of the biggest downsides to the move was the fact that their dog had to remain in Sebastopol.



They have plans to visit Sebastopol in July, pick up the dog, and return to Norway. Of course, it will also involve a cross country drive because currently the dog has to fly from the east coast. I think he also refuses to fly coach! **Jorgen** says they plan to stay in Norway at least 21/2 more years until son, Conrad, finishes school.

Great to hear from you, **Jorgen**.

[Thank you, **Gene**, it was great to come see everyone, and I love talking about myself! And I hope you appreciate that photo there, **Ellen**! -Ed.]

## 🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

**No Crab Feed (enter sad trombone here), but still some good news:**

**President Dan** reminded us that this would be the day we normally would be cooking and cracking crab for the crab feed. That explains why so many of us are still sober this afternoon! He showed slides of past crab preparation days. **Scott Briggs** then reported that our fund-raising efforts on behalf of the teacher mini-grants have produced nearly \$10K in donations.



Half of the donations have come from non-Rotarians. The person making the largest gift will receive a basket of fine wines. Also, all who donate \$70 or more will be entered into a drawing for more fine wine. Drawing will be on Feb. 19, so there is still time to make a donation online or by mailing a check to the Sebastopol Rotary Foundation.

### **Super Bowl Winners!**

The game may have been less than exciting, but a few club members are still celebrating.

1<sup>st</sup> quarter winner – **President Dan** - \$200 (it's good to be king)

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter winner – **Frank Mayhew** - \$200

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter winner and winner for the game – **Paul Thielen** - \$600. Now he can afford that root canal!

Thanks to all who played. If you have not yet paid for your square, we know who you are and where you live. And, of course, the big winner was SREF to the tune of \$1000!

## 🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

### **Birthdays:**

2/9 – **Ruthie Dunlap**. Celebrated the day at home with **Jack**, her daughter and two grandchildren and a dinner of fresh crab.



2/11 – **Rollie Atkinson** hit the big 70. He started the day in a big way...at the hospital for tests. That went well and he emerged with the realization that he is now a man of great wisdom. The big lesson of #70 is to learn to pay attention to those things in life that really matter. He demonstrated that by sharing with us while sitting in a bar surrounded by bottles of booze, or as he insisted, he was sitting in his personal library where he has substituted bottles for books. Your humble **Scribe** could use a “shot” of such wisdom. **Rollie**, now quite literally a “wise guy”, also expressed appreciation for the Rotary zoom celebration of his birthday before our regular meeting.



**Anniversaries:**

**Norm Stupfel** wasn't with us, but congratulations to **Norm** and **Judy** on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary – Feb. 5.

**Rotary Service Anniversaries:**

**Kelly Back** – 2 years

**Linda Johnson** – 7 years

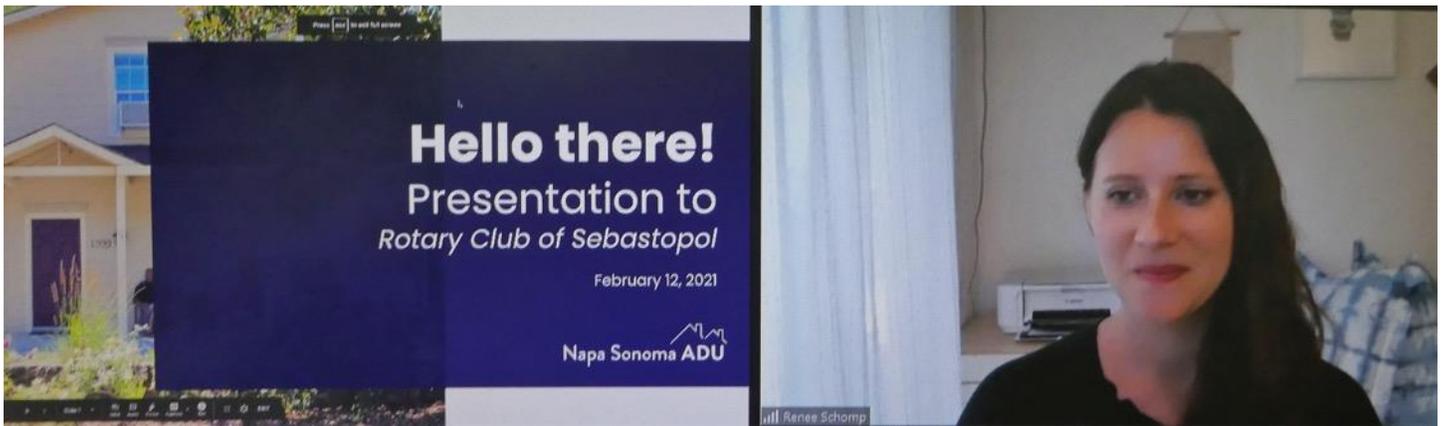
**Richard Petersen** – 14 years

**Jack Blasco** – 15 years

**Nao Noguchi** – 16 years

 **THE PROGRAM** 

**Pam Graber** introduced Renée Schomp, attorney and the Director of the Napa Sonoma ADU Center. ADU stands for Accessory Dwelling Unit, essentially tiny houses. Renée currently lives in a 720 sq. ft. ADU with her husband, and soon with their child. Yes, she is pregnant. Their ADU is on her mother-in-law's property and allows them to be involved in her care. ADUs can be detached dwellings, built over garages, or, if they are 500 sq. ft. or less, can be part of an interior conversion. The ADU Center began in April 2020, with financial support from Napa and Sonoma Counties and cities within those counties. Recent changes in state law have made it much easier to construct ADUs. In fact, most homeowners can qualify. And construction of ADUs can have a significant impact on the housing crisis - lack of housing and especially lack of affordable housing, in the North Bay, especially since the devastation wrought by recent fires. ADUs can house family members, such as Renee and her husband, aging parents, disabled relatives and can even be used for rental income.



Even in the challenging housing market and permit process of Sebastopol, there has been increasing city staff support for ADU building permits.

The ADU Center provides a number of tools for people who are interested in exploring ADU construction:

- ADU Calculator: provides information on building costs and return on investment.
- ADU eligibility info
- Feasibility Consults: person to person onsite visits and feasibility reports.
- Navigating Permit Process: Guidelines on working with planning and building departments.
- ADU Webinars: These can be registered for and viewed online. For example, the Feb. 11 meeting with the Sebastopol planning Dept. is already online – how to build an ADU in Sebastopol.

The Center is currently working on pre-approval for ADU plans. The goal is to get multiple jurisdictions in the two counties to pre-approve standard ADU construction plans. Also talks are underway with Burbank Housing in Santa Rosa to provide ADUs for low-income people, and the Center is engaging in discussions with landlords, encouraging them to consider ADUs on their properties. And the Center is engaging banks, credit unions and other lenders in how to help, especially low- and middle-income individuals and families, to finance an ADU. Some of this financing information is available in an online webinar. For example, there are no impact fees for ADUs under 750 Sq. Ft., and construction of an ADU will not affect your Prop. 13 tax rates but could impact resale value.

More information can be found at [napasonomaadu.org](http://napasonomaadu.org). The phone number is 707-804-8575.

Thanks Renée – and **Pam** - for such an enlightening and pertinent program.



🍎 **THE FINAL BELL** 🍎

With a reminder to buy your loved one a nice bottle or two of Russian River Vineyards wine for Valentine's Day, **President Dan** adjourned the meeting at 1:15pm sharp.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

### February 19, 2021

**Shirlee Cunningham**, wife of Past President **Russ Cunningham**, will share with us this Friday her journey amidst an otherwise busy and demanding career, to being invited to show her work at the San Francisco de Young Museum's 125th Anniversary Show.

**Shirlee's** career started in Michigan as a Licensed Social Worker with a spectrum of clients from the clinically insane to the plain neurotics. Eventually found herself in California running PG&E's Employee Assistance Program for some 36,000 employees and then other roles like developing a training program for women linemen. She culminated her work with the company as the Director of Governmental Relations in Sacramento.

There are more commendable career achievements, but she also had significant talents in the arts especially with a brush and an easel. Her work led to becoming a member in the prestigious 's 150-year-old Salmagundi Club of New York which was started by art giants like Tiffany and Wyeth. In addition, she has shown her work in some 60 national and international shows.

On this Friday's February 19th Rotary Meeting we will hear about **Shirlee's** journey and feast our eyes on her work that the Editor in Chief of American Artist Magazine and WaterColor Magazine described as "Magical".

# Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – February 09, 2021

## President's Report to the Club for February 2021

Fellow Club Members and Friends,

We have a busy Spring ahead! We are just wrapping up our Crab Feed donations drive, we just raised over \$1,000 for the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation (SREF) with our fun Superbowl Board, the Overcoming Obstacles Award committee is hard at work planning for an April 23<sup>rd</sup> program, Dictionaries are ready to be distributed, volunteer opportunities continue in our community, there are considerations of a virtual Learn-to-Swim program, and our big Annual Fundraiser is almost ready to kickoff.

Socially speaking (a huge part of being a Rotarian), planning has started about a possible Spring Golf event and maybe even a Club Picnic in the Spring. Hybrid meetings have just restarted with the onsite portion of meetings being held at Russian River Vineyards.

For those comfortable attending in person, there is food (and wine) available, gorgeous views, fun fellowship, bathrooms, heaters, and shade and shelter. We have speakers to amplify what is happening and, in February, we are adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> TV monitor so everyone on premise has a clear view of what is happening on Zoom.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
**Dan Rasmus**



[You can see the full Directors' reports at ClubRunner| Member Area| MyClubRunner| ViewClubDocuments| BoardMeetingMinutes| 2020-2021. –Ed.]

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA – CINDY CARTER, DIRECTOR:



COMMUNITY GRANTS (**Richard Power**, Chair) – The Community Grants application period opened December 31, 2020. Last day to apply is February 8, 2021. As we near the final application due date, the applications are starting to arrive fast and furious.

Committee Members: Cindy Carter, Aleia Coate, Jack Dunlap, Jorgen Holst, Jackie Moreira, David Schreiber

COMMUNITY & GLOBAL ISSUES, VOLUNTEER PROJECTS (**Diana Rich**, Chair) – 1) Our next workday at Redwood Empire Food bank is scheduled for February 25, 2021 from 1-4 pm. 2) **Mete Senocak** and **Sue Engle** – Home for Homeless Subcommittee – The committee has identified four established and successful groups and communities, in Germany, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, and Austin, Texas -- two urban and two more rural. Some have established long-term permanent communities, requiring participation from the residents, in on-site construction of homes and communal buildings, general maintenance, landscaping, along with development of enterprises providing paid employment and revenue, including commercial workshops, art & craft studios, organic farming, small

livestock management, catering, food truck deliveries, grocery store & café, along with various health and well-being programs and recreational activities. Each is providing us with insights as to how they established, developed, overcame glitches, and succeeded, funded the phases, from ground-breaking on through. We are also collectively working on various action items, focusing at this stage on identifying, talking and working with Rotarians and primarily locally connected people, in business, government, philanthropic ventures, to gather knowledge, advice, etc. 3) **Diana Rich** – Sebastopol Downtown Parklets – No update this month. 4) Environmental Sustainability – new subcommittee under construction. Details still in the works. 5) Sonoma County "Adopt-a-road" – another new subcommittee being discussed. Look for the Sebastopol Sunrise Club's sign on Occidental Road.

Committee Members: Steve Beck, Tom Boag, Keller McDonald, Jim Pacatte; YTWCA & Laguna: Ellen Harrington (Ch), Patrick Dirden, Sue Engle; R.E.F.B: Jerry Warren, Tom Boag, Sue Engle, Gene Nelson, Harry Polley, David Schreiber; Home for Homeless: Mete Senocak (Ch), Steve Beck, Ruthie Dunlap, Sue Engle, Gene Nelson,

CRAB FEED (**Scott Briggs**, **Nao Noguchi**, **Patrick Dirden**, Co-Chairs) – **Tom** and **Scott** sent an email reminder with a live link to the Club's home page donation link and a Zoom link for upcoming club meetings where the prize winners will be announced on February 19. The wine prize drawing will be held at the beginning of the club's Zoom meeting on Feb. 19. The committee has also utilized other social media advertising (Facebook and Next Door) for the request for donations.

Committee Members: Tom Boag, Ruthie Dunlap, Mike Ferguson, Larry Ford, Tony Given, Greg Jacobs, Michele Kimble, Hal Kwalwasser, Keller McDonald, Bob Rogers

DICTIONARY PROJECT (**Paul Yeomans**, Chair) – The dictionaries have been received. An email will be distributed to the club soon to ask for volunteers. This year the dictionaries will be dropped off at the schools and the teachers will distribute them when it becomes possible.

Committee Members: Ruthie Dunlap, Pam Graber, Harvey Henningsen, Bob Hirsch, Robin Maybury

"BIG" FUNDRAISER (**Aleia Coate**, Chair) – The big fundraiser is now going to be a super raffle. We are ironing out all the details and will get the info out to the club soon.

Committee Members: Bristol Hassler, Michele Kimble, Jackie Moreira, Ameer Sas, Rick Wilson, (plus Brendon Houston, David Schreiber)

**LEARN TO SWIM (Greg Jacobs, Rick Wilson, Co-Chairs)** – The committee has started to prepare the instructional video script about water safety. The script includes three locations: 1) a Sonoma County beach, 2) a Russian River beach, and 3) Ives Pool. Tim Murphy, state lifeguard, has agreed to assist with one segment.

Committee Members: Larry Ford, Jackie Moreira,

**MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANTS (Jack Blasco, Torrey Olson, Co-Chairs)** – Due to the Crab Feed cancellation, the Spring round of teacher grants has been cancelled, the funds held in reserve for this program will be rolled over to fund the Fall 2021 round.

Committee Members: Jack Blasco, Torrey Olson, Co-Chairs: Barbara Bickford, Tom Boag, Patrick Dirden, Ruthie Dunlap, Ellen Harrington, Bob Hirsch, Hal Kwalwasser, Harry Polley, Richard Power, David Schreiber, Laura Victor van Gorder

**SPONSORSHIPS COMMITTEE (Ellen Harrington, Patrick Dirden, Co-Chairs)** – No update this month.

Committee Members: Tom Boag, Lu Frazier

## VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – ROBIN MAYBURY, DIRECTOR:

**COOL KIDS CAMP (Multi Club Program) (Robin Maybury, Chair)** – Cloverleaf Ranch management is still hoping to hold Camp in 2021. Co-chairs Libby Fitzgerald and I are concerned that lack of progress eliminating the danger and threats of the COVID-19 virus will prevent them from being able to hold Cool Kids Camp. At this February 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, I have requested a discussion regarding a proposal that we take the existing funds in the CKC account and donate them to Cloverleaf's 501(c)3 charity, Charm's Place, whose purpose is to provide scholarships and "strives to provide an opportunity for all young people, ages six to 17, the ability to experience traditional camp activities in a ranch setting." To date there is \$3,615 in the Cool Kids Camp account.

Committee Members: Tom Boag, Patrick Dirden, Keller McDonald

**FINANCIAL LITERACY (Tim Moore, David Schreiber, Co-Chairs)** – No update

Committee Members: Lu Frazier, Diana Rich

**HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (Larry Ford, Richard Power, Co-Chairs)** – No update

Committee Members: Mia Del Prete, Tony Given, Pam Graber

**INTERACT (ANALY, TWIN HILLS, BROOK HAVEN) (Pauline Pellini, Chair)** – Sad to say I have no news. Meetings for Brook Haven Interact are via Zoom and we have not been able to come up with a project or a fundraiser due to COVID-19 restrictions. For a variety of reasons, Twin Hills has not met.

Committee Members: Gail Gijzen, Jackie Moreira; Analy: Gail Gijzen; Brook Haven: Ruthie Dunlap, Pauline Pellini, Laura Victor van Gorder; Twin Hills: Mia Del Prete, Pauline Pellini

**OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (Tom Boag, Hal Kwalwasser, David Schreiber, Co-Chairs)** – The students' applications have been reviewed by the committee and the students have been selected. Email Letters to Participating Students (7), Backups (2), and "Thanks for applying" (8) were sent on February 8. Next, after 2/14, the OOA committee will be scheduling (zoom) "break-the-ice" meetings with the students at each high school – with several committee members attending. That meeting, not an interview as participants are already chosen winners, does help to assess which of the participating students will benefit most from 1:1 assistance (by Rich and his team) with their speeches.

Committee Members: Bob Cugini, Mia Del Prete, Ruthie Dunlap, Tony Given, Pam Graber, Ellen Harrington, Greg Jacobs, Robin Maybury, Richard Petersen, Harry Simms, David Still, Laura Victor van Gorder, Yvette Williams van Aggelen, Rick Wilson

**ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (Multi Club Program) (Gail Gijzen, Cindy Carter, Co-Chairs)** – The weekend has been chosen for Virtual RYLA, but no other news yet. RYLA will take place the weekend of April 30<sup>th</sup>. Friday night is kickoff. There will be a few hours of Virtual RYLA on Saturday, and Sunday a little send off."

Committee Members: Tom Boag, David Schreiber

**SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (Jim Passage, Chair)** – We are in contact with Lauren Coburn at SRJC. Lauren will be our contact this year. Student application information will be available mid-March. Committee members have been alerted and asked to schedule adequate personal time in March, April, and May for meetings and for review of applicant materials.

Committee Members: Henry Alker, Tom Boag, Scott Briggs, Hal Kwalwasser, Laura Victor van Gorder

**YOUTH EXCHANGE (Multi Club Program) (Aleia Coate, Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyрка, Yvette Williams van Aggelen, Co-Chairs)** – No new information

**LEARN WITH ME (Linda Irving, Chair)** – No update

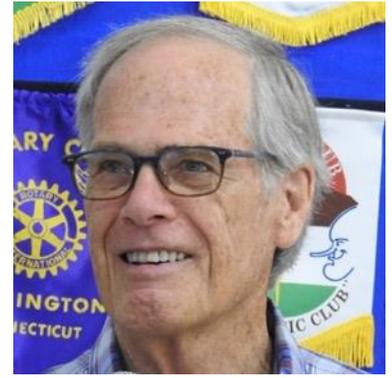
Committee Members: Patti Blount, Lu Frazier



## CLUB SERVICE – BOB BOYD, DIRECTOR:

APPLEKNOCKER EDITORS (**David Still**, Chair); Subcommittees: PHOTOGRAPHY (**Harvey Henningsen**, **Jack Dunlap**, Co-Chairs), SCRIBES (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair) – The AppleKnocker Committee has added new editors, thanks to the requests made at the last noon meeting by **Dan Rasmus**. We will continue to seek more **-Ed.'itors** and **Scribes** but the committee seems sufficiently staffed now to keep the AK continuing publication of this weekly review – at its current level of informative, entertaining, and high-quality reporting. I was not aware of all the time and hard work required to put each issue together. Scribes: Scribes are in place for this month and **Patrick Dirden** is currently scheduling for Feb-April.

Committee Interest: Editors: David Still (Ch), Tom Boag, Patrick Dirden, Harvey Henningsen; Scribes: Patrick Dirden (Ch), Lu Frazier, Tony Given, Harvey Henningsen, Greg Jacobs, Robin Maybury, Gene Nelson, Jim Passage, Bob Rogers, David Schreiberman; Photographers: Harvey Henningsen (Co-Ch), Jack Dunlap (Co-Ch), Tom Boag, Karen Daniels, Patrick Dirden, Mike Ferguson, Larry Ford, Robin Maybury, David Schreiberman, Jerry Warren



AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM (**Paul Thielen**, Chair) – ZOOM MEETINGS (**John Blount**, A/V Techie; **Tom Boag**, **Jack Dunlap**, **Ken Jacobs**, Co-Hosts) – The A/V Committee is always busy. They will continue to initiate hybrid meetings at Russian River Vineyards and have acquired a tent so meetings can continue there, rain or shine, until we can return to the church.

Some of the committee members are tasked to help produce this year's President Elect Training Seminar – this includes preparing written, filmed, and edited material for openings, the master of ceremony parts, video assists for speakers, and features for this seminar which will be held this year in San Jose.

And, they are beginning to put together a debunking without relying on the acting talents of club member **Dan Rasmus**... Tough to do, but they think they will be able to manage without him.

Committee Interest: John Blount, Tom Boag, Ron Puccinelli, Bob Rogers, Edwin Wilson

GREETERS (**TBD**, Chair) – No new report.

Committee Interest: Steve Beck

CLUB ARCHIVES (**Chair: Tom Boag**) – The Archive Committee has completed hard disk backups of the entire OneDrive Cloud Archive and shared folders and files. (Please do not ask me what this means. I will assume those who need or appreciate this information will understand it. **-Bob**). A copy of this will be put in offsite storage as usual. The committee has also met with Dan Rasmus to review password and sharing policy for all known club databases.

Committee Members: Patti Blount, Harvey Henningsen

MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS: SUNSHINE AND RAIN (**Mark Fink**, Chair); Subcommittees: ANNIVERSARY CARDS (**Sue Engle**, Chair), BIRTHDAY CALLER (**Pam Graber**, Chair) – No new report

Committee Members: Sunshine and Rain: Mark Fink (Ch), Harry Polley, Edwin Wilson; Anniversary Cards: Pam Graber (Ch), Sue Engle; Birthday Cards: Sue Engle, Ruthie Dunlap

MEMBERSHIP (**David Schreiberman**, Chair); Subcommittees: ROTARY INFORMATION, MENTORING, NEW MEMBER ATTRACTION) – No new report.

Committee Members: David Schreiberman (Ch), Tom Boag, Keller McDonald; Mentoring: Jack Blasco, Tom Boag, Ruthie Dunlap, Ellen Harrington, Jim Passage; New Member Attraction: Sue Engle; Member Retention: Jack Blasco, Sue Engle, Ellen Harrington, Greg Jacobs

PROGRAMS (**Jeff Boal**, **David Still**, Co-Chairs) – No report

Committee Members: Jeff Boal (co-Ch); David Still (Co-Ch), Barbara Beedon, Tom Boag, Aleia Coate, Patrick Dirden, Pam Graber, Dan Rasmus, Rick Wilson

PUBLIC IMAGE (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair; Subcommittees: PRINT/RADIO, TV AD MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA, WEB DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE, WEBPAGE (Webmaster, **Robin Maybury**) – The Public Image (Relations) Committee has been active. They have sent out materials promoting the Crab Feed and Teacher of the Year nominations, as well as a press release on Community Grants. They have also overhauled the SREF website. The old platform on WEEBLY no longer was functioning, so they are in the process of moving the site to WIX. **Robin** and Michael Hixson, even from Thailand, have been very helpful in the process.

Committee Interest: Hal Kwalwasser (Ch), Tom Boag; Social Media: Patrick Dirden; Web Design and Maintenance: Robin Maybury (Ch), Cindy Carter, Mete Senocak

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (**Nao Noguchi**, Chair) – No new report.

Committee Members: Tom Dillely, Tony Given, Jim Pacatte

## CLUB ACTIVITIES – JOHN BLOUNT, DIRECTOR:

ACTIVITIES GROUPS (**TBD**, Chair) – No new Report.

APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE FLOAT (**TBD**, Chair) – The consensus is there will be no Apple blossom Parade in 2021.

CLUB PICNIC (**TBD**, Chair) – Still would like to explore a fun old-timer's ballgame at Balletto's "Field of Dreams" in the late spring – perhaps a "vaccination only" game.

DEBUNKING (**Ken Jacobs**, Chair) – Debunking committee is meeting every other week. Still discussing locations and choosing theme. There are terrible few candidates for the first and a multitude of options for the second.

Committee Interest: Tom Boag, Tony Given, Keller McDonald, Gene Nelson, Aldean Noethig, Bob Rogers, David Schreiberman

THIRSTY THIRD THURSDAY (**TBD**, Chair) – As soon as we are cleared to meet on these, we will pursue. Also, as the days and evenings are warmer.

THREE ON A STREET (**TBD**, Chair) – Hopefully still the drawing board for Spring. At this point, we have not appointed a chair since we are unsure of the viability yet.



SEBASTOPOL ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT (**Paul Yeomans**, Chairs) – Viable for late spring perhaps.

SEBASTOPOL ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY (TBD, Chair) – [Event Cancelled per decision at Board Meeting 11/10/2020.]

SUPER BOWL BOARD (**Aleia Coate**, Chair) – It happened.

“ROTATING CLUB MEETINGS” – Continuing at Russian River Vineyards for the month. Works for weather – whether wet, cold, or ideal. Also, is legal since it is a restaurant, and we are outside. Numbers are not an issue, could accommodate 25 social units easily. Just like the original club – We have found a home for the time being!

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA – STEVE PRANDINI, DIRECTOR:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (**Lu Frazier**, Chair) – As of 1/31, Annual Share Fund was \$7,425. As of 2/5, it was \$7,425. The annual goal is \$20,000, reduced from \$30,000. **Bob Rogers** has raised \$43,000+ for Polio Plus. The PP goal is \$10,000. Together, Sebastopol Rotary has exceeded the \$30,000 goal for the two Rotary International Funds.

There are eight members who have earned a new pin. I have contacted them, only three have responded so far. There will be a presentation (virtually) on Feb 19. The pins will be delivered to them before then.

**Jim Passage** emailed me asking what to do with his old pins. I have piles of old pins in the Rotary Foundation box. Maybe someone can come up with something clever to do with these pins. Just a thought.

Committee Members: Steve Beck, Frank Mayhew

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (**Bob Rogers**, Chair) – At the Rotary Club of Sebastopol's January 12, 2021 Board Meeting, the Board acted on the following World Community Service Committee (WCS) recommendations:

1) St. Helena Rotary's Global Grant Zimbabwe Water Project – Voted to approve the support of this project with a donation of \$2,500. A check was sent by **Club Treasurer Ken Jacobs** to District 5130 Foundation Chair Kevin Eisenberg on or about January 14, 2021. For details of this project please see the January 12, 2021 Board Report.

2) Puerto Vallarta South's Eye Surgery Program – Voted to approve the support of this project with a donation of \$6,000. A wire transfer was initiated by **Club Treasurer Ken Jacobs** to the Rotary Club of Puerto Vallarta South on January 25, 2021. Received confirmation on January 28, 2021 by PV South Member Sandra Stoltz that the funds had been received by their club's bank account and they have already identified the 6 recipients of the eye surgeries these funds will support. PV South was instructed to hold any excess funds left over after these surgeries for the next case(s) that are identified by Dr. Miramontes in this program. For further details on this project, please see the January 12, 2021 Board Report.

3) The Board acknowledged the Committee's decision to hold the remaining \$1,500 in reserve for the time being.

Haiti Hanwash Project – On January 15, 2021, **WCS Chair Bob Rogers** attended a Zoom meeting of the Hanwash Steering Committee at the invitation of District 5130 International Chair, PDG Barb Spangler. These meetings are held on a weekly basis and Barb thought it would be beneficial for **Bob** to attend to see the “inner workings” of this Committee and the project. Also in attendance from District 5130 was District 5130 DGE Dustin Littlefield and District 5130 DGN Jennifer Strong. Based on what **Bob** learned at that meeting.

What other Sebastopol Club members expressed after other presentations on this project, specifically:

A) Another Steering Committee Meeting on October 12, 2020 with **Bob Rogers, Steve Beck** and **Steve Prandini** in attendance.

B) A club program at our regular weekly meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, in which, after the meeting, **Bob** took a “straw poll” of about a dozen club members after the presentation, who all unanimously expressed interest in being involved in this project with the District as a “Champion District”, supporting one specific community in Haiti, since identified as “Leogane”.

They completed their first Global Grant on another Haitian community last year and are working on future Global Grants at this time. Stay tuned.

*PROGRAMMA DE BECAS* – Our committee continues to pursue our goal of setting up a zoom presentation to our club with the Rotary Club of *Puerto Vallarta Sur* to discuss the *de Becas* program and rekindle our long-term relationship with their club. We hope to expand our club's participation in this program and strengthen our relationship with this international partner.

John Powell and Jorge Zambrano of the PV club have been invited to be a program at one of our regular meetings in the Spring. Date(s) have been provided by **President Rasmus** and will be acknowledged by **Dorothy Rodella**.

WCC Committee Members: Chair: **Bob Rogers, Steve Beck, Frank Mayhew, Keller McDonald, Harry Polley**

Programma De Becas Committee Interest: **Gene Nelson, Dorothy Rodella, Tom Lambert, Steve Beck**

