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"All the News that Fits We Print"



Early Zoomers included-

**Bud and Sharon Daveiro** showed off their new dog, Eddy.

**Steve Beck's** dog also made an appearance.

**Bob Rogers** talked about why he has not been crabbing- crab poachers being one of the reasons. He said the thieves did "not have a crab leg to stand on." He also implied that taking his boat out to get crab tended to raise the cost of said crab above the 9.99 a pound level.

**Robin Maybury's** 96 years old Mum(Dorothy June) passed away in England. Condolences were expressed.

Breakout rooms from 12:07-12:14. **Guenther Meiburg's** daughter is "holedup" in Hong Kong. She is working on a family tree to pass the time.

If you want to revisit any of the Zoom meetings, they are recorded and can be downloaded. See Tom Boag for instructions. ([TRBoag@aol.com](mailto:TRBoag@aol.com))





## AT THE BELL



No bell!!! Meeting started at 12:15 pm.

**President Dan Rasmus** recognized Martin Luther King Jr's birthday.

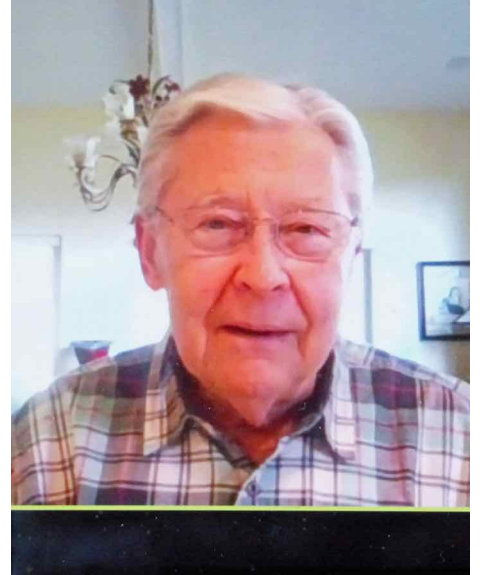
***Thought for the Day:*** Presented by **Dave Madsen**

*The world is a dangerous place to live, not because of other people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it. Albert Einstein*

*INSANITY: Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. Albert Einstein*

*The people who work there have their human frailties, but at moments of great crisis, like 9/11 or Wednesday's mob rampage, most of them show a devotion to our common enterprise that makes me cry with admiration. This is why the Capitol, not the White House, is the altar of our democracy, the sacred gathering spot of those that have served, strove and died building this nation.*

David Brooks, New York Times writer



## ● VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS !



Bruce Campbell, Sparks NV



and Gary Kimes, Colorado Springs CO

No guests admitted to listening in but we think there were a few.



## 🍎 Future Programs 🍎

**January 22**  
**Candy Pierce**  
**CASA**

**January 29**  
**Hal Kwalwasser**  
**Thurgood Marshall**

**February 5**  
**Brett Parkman**

**February 12**  
**Michael Krasny**

## 🍎 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**

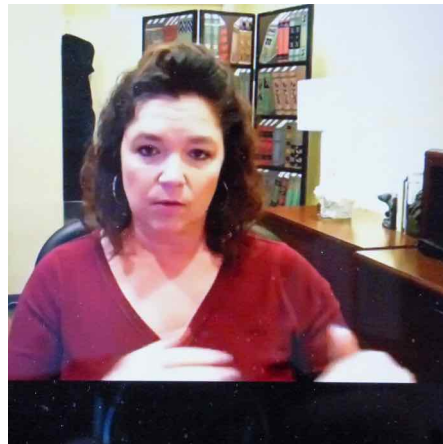
**[sebastopolrotary.com](http://sebastopolrotary.com)**

## 🍎 DIRECTOR'S UPDATE 🍎

Up first was **John Blount** *Director of Club Activities*



Given that club activities have been severely curtailed, **John** gave out hope that we would have a second round of "1<sup>st</sup> thirsty 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays". The last one was in September. And not on the third Thursday.



The 'off the books' *Super Bowl Raffle* is on this year with adjustments. **Aleia Coate** and **Torrey Olsen** are heading it up again this year. Proceeds to go to the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation. The squares will be assigned by a random computerized program. The cost is \$20 a square. Contact Aleia to purchase a square or more: [aleia\\_c@yahoo.com](mailto:aleia_c@yahoo.com) 707-889-6430. **Do not** send money to **Ken Jacobs** or Rotary PO Box. **Aleia** sent out an email to Rotarians Friday afternoon.



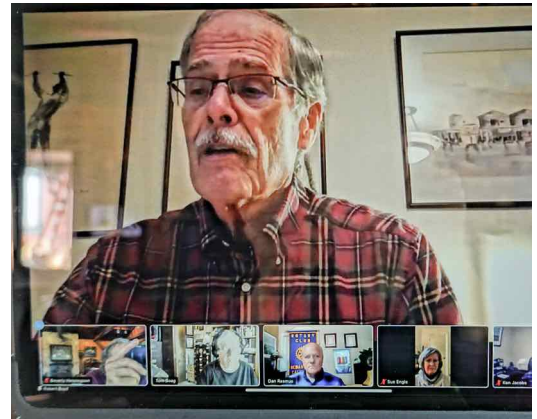


## DIRECTOR'S UPDATE CONTINUED



Next was **Bob Boyd** *Director of Club Services*

Bob explained that Club Services is a background for other committee's work. He thanked **Pam Graber** doing the birthday calls and anniversary cards. Also, kudos to the AV committee for set up and making 'it work' for outdoor hybrid Friday meetings which can take two-three hours.



A shoutout to **Patrick Dirden** for heading up the Appleknocker writers. **Dave Schreibman** is the Membership Committee Chair. We are back up to 100 members! **Nao Noguchi**, *Sergeant at Arms* is in charge of setup at the Community church. Call or email Nao if you want to join his set up committee.

**Jeff Boal and David Still** are the Program Committee Chairs. **Bob** explained that he really appreciated programs about local people and events that he had not heard about before. Also learning about people and events outside of our community and even the value of birdwatching. **Hal Kwalwasser** is working on public image. He is interested in meeting with public officials and service providers to see what Rotary can do to help them with projects. Maybe **Diana Rich** can facilitate this?

**Cindy Carter** oversees Community Grants. She sent an email Friday on what the grants covered and how to apply for a grant.(Information in After the Bell.) Deadline is February 8.

**Rick Wilson** is working on a live auction for the planned fundraiser on May 1. He cited the pandemic, global warming, racial reckoning, and insurrection as problems in raising money for the club (these are also problems for everyone and everything but we know that.) He plans on a virtual and in person event and is looking for vacation places to auction off in order to raise funds to keep Sebastopol Rotary on top. Rick said that he will entertain any ideas that members have to offer to raise funds.





## 🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

### ***Rotary Service Anniversaries:***

No one is quite sure why but 28% of our club had their Rotary Service Anniversaries in the first two weeks of January. Can you say “what a bunch of old-timers”? Anyway here is a list of Sebastopol Rotarians and the number of years in Service Above Self.

**Rollie Atkinson** 24 years  
**Steve Beck** 24 years  
**Bob Boyd** 24 years  
**Les Crawford** 10 years (new guy)  
**Tony Given** 37 years  
**Guenter Meiberg** 38 years  
**Dick Zimmer** 41 years  
**John Blount** 44 years  
**JT Martin** 28 years  
**Mark McDonnell** 28 years  
**Steve Prandini** 28 years  
**Sally Ewald** 16 years  
**Mike Long** 34 years  
**Tim Moore** 32 years  
**Dorothy Rodella** 18 years  
**Katy Spyrka** 14 years  
**Mike Ferguson** 38 years  
**Harvey Hennigsen** 41 years  
**Frank Mayhew** 27 years  
**Ken Silveira** 34 years  
**Dave Madsen** 43 years  
**Mark Stevens** 27 years  
**Pierre LaGourgue** 34 years  
**Paul Theilen** 34 years  
**Mark Fink** 37 years  
**Mete Senocak** 1 year

Truly an inspiring list. So many years of Service and Fellowship. To further amplify the meaning of Rotary, **President Dan Rasmus** called on Badge Number 1 – **Harry Polley** to take over and describe what Rotary has meant to him for these many years.

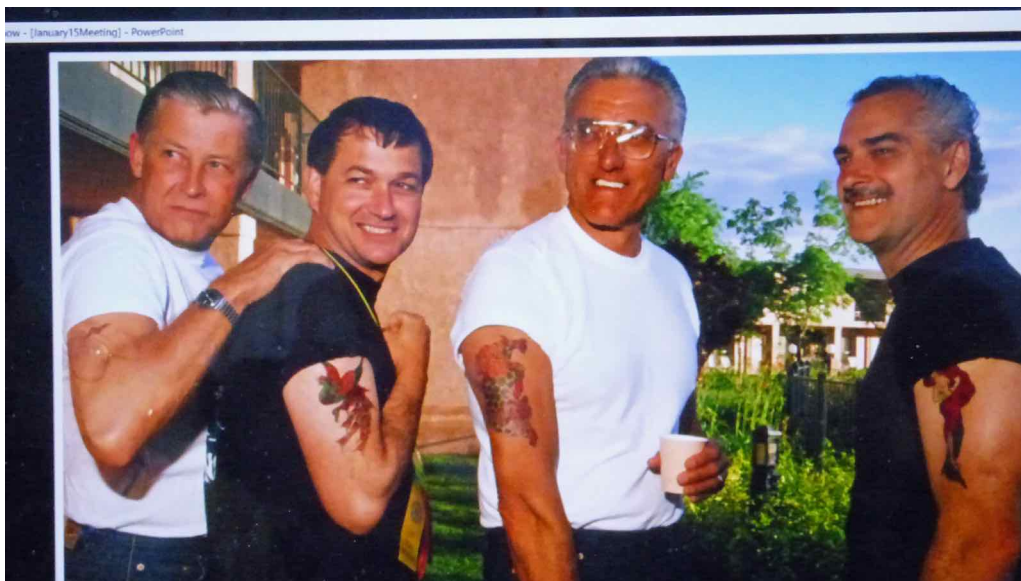




**Harry Polley** was inducted on January 9, 1970, 51 years ago. He has badge #1. **President Dan** presented some photos of life and Rotary in 1970. Great pictures of Sebastopol and Harry and Rotary friends over the years.



Loved the tattoos on **Dave Madsen**, **Gene Nelson**, **Norm Stupfel** and **Harry**. **Harry** reflected on his 51 years in Rotary and how much it was a big part of his life. He developed deep friendships and a drive to help others through Rotary.



He sponsored somewhere between 30-35 members over the years. Membership is a big part of Rotary. He was part of Sebastopol Rotary's first International Project along with the Crab Feed and Teacher mini grants. He loves the debunkings. He thanked Rotary for being in his life and asked that we go out and recruit new members.







## THE PROGRAM

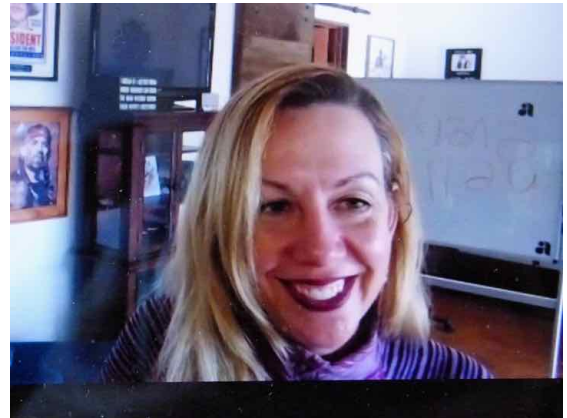


Elizabeth Gore serves as President and Chairwoman of the Board for HelloAlice, the first-ever artificial intelligence platform for business owners. As a social enterprise, HelloAlice is open to all entrepreneurs and prioritizes services for women, minorities and veterans.

Elizabeth lives on a farm north of Healdsburg. She worked for the peace corps in Bolivia, and for the UN for ten years as entrepreneur-in-residence. She is also the emeritus Chair of the United Nations Foundation's Global Entrepreneurs Council.

HelloAlice (as in *Alice-in-Wonderland*) is a platform powered by AI technology which helps small business owners find funding, network and services. There are over 300,000 companies and growing. The platform tracks data and trends to increase owner success rate.

HelloAlice is also hosting the COVID19 Small Business Resource Center to help in the pandemic.



Elizabeth studied cattle in college in Texas. She is now running a tech company and married to James Gore, Sonoma County Supervisor. After working for the Peace Corps, Elizabeth returned to the US to find that it was very hard to start a small business. She then went to work for Dell Technologies as entrepreneur-in residence and worked to support Dell's goals of helping small and medium businesses grow.

Hello Alice uses machine learning to mine information for the over 350,000 businesses to use to intelligently grow their businesses. The Covid19 Business Center helps business mine government and private funds.



Elizabeth talked about local data. She said 70% of business owners think it will be better in the second half of 2021. Many are planning to rehire. 60% of the restaurants are decimated. The Covid19 Center helps business "close with dignity" and helps them keep their credit ok for future endeavors. E-Commerce has sustained and grown. The hardest hit in the Hispanic community is the hardest hit, women even more. Veterans are also hard hit because of lack of credit history so they could not get PPE or PPP.



Hello Alice gathers data trends and sells the information to companies like Salesforce and QuickBooks. They are a venture backed company who plans on selling after they reach 1,000,000 customers. They will have reached their personal capacity by then and a much larger company will be needed.

Access to HelloAlice at [HelloAlice.com](http://HelloAlice.com)

## THE FINAL BELL

And President Dan rang the final bell at 1:15pm sharp.

## AFTER THE BELL

After the Bell has some interesting information about the Crab Feed from Scott Briggs and the Crab Feed Committee. Please keep reading.

Also information from Cindy Carter about Community Grants.



**January 14, 2021**

**Dear Friend of Sebastopol Rotary,**

There will be no Sebastopol Rotary Crab Feed this year. The Corona virus has done us in.

The problem is that the reason we put on the Crab Feed has not gone away. In fact, it is more urgent than ever. All the money we raise from our diners at the Crab Feed supports the Mark Sell Teacher Grants program. Just to refresh your recollection, our teacher grants go to teachers from any school in West County who have a terrific idea to improve teaching that cannot be funded from the school budget. The maximum grant is \$500, but it adds up. Over the nineteen-year life of our program, we have given out over \$313,000 in almost 1000 individual grants.

Our grants are needed in the age of COVID more than ever. Distance learning is not easy. Sally Briggs, who teaches art at Apple Blossom School, illustrates the ongoing financial difficulties teachers are facing. Before, all she needed were enough supplies for one art classroom. Now, she needs to make sure every child has supplies at home, which means 408 pairs of scissors, 408 brushes.... You get the idea.

On behalf of the teachers and students in West County, we ask for your help. Give us a hand in making sure that the teacher grants can continue to support great learning for our kids. Please stand with your community.

So, what's a crab dinner worth when there is no crab? Here is what we suggest: The Crab Feed traditionally allows us to put about \$70 per couple toward our teacher grants. Could you dig down and give us that level of support, even if the meal is a bit "slim" this year? Or maybe you could think bigger. Perhaps you could find \$200, which would likely be enough for a great grant all on its own? We want to help with that. The giver of the largest donation will receive three bottles of Sonoma County pinot noir (Kosta-Browne, Williams-Selyem, and Martinelli) worth nearly \$300, and anyone who gives more than \$70 will be eligible for a drawing where the winner will receive three bottles (two bottles of Sonoma County pinot noir [Freeman and Lynmar] and a bottle of Iron Horse sparkling rose) worth nearly \$200.

And remember all donations, which go to the Sebastopol Rotary Club Foundation are tax-deductible under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

To donate, please go to the Club's website, [www.sebastopolrotary.com](http://www.sebastopolrotary.com) and click on "Donate" link at top of page, or use the enclosed envelope. On behalf of every student in West County, thank you.

Sincerely,



Scott Briggs, Crab Feed Co-Chair

Patrick Dirden, Co-Chair

Nao Noguchi, Co-Chair





## COMMUNITY GRANTS

**Sebastopol Rotary Club invests in our local communities by providing grants to benefit organizations in West Sonoma County. Funding for community grants is a result of the success of our annual fundraising event.**

### 2020-2021 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION

Applications accepted starting **Thursday December 31, 2020**

Final deadline to submit request is **Monday February 8, 2021**

Award announcements to be made by Friday **March 12, 2021**

The Sebastopol Rotary Club provides monetary grants to organizations whose request meets the following **GRANT CRITERIA:**

1. Sebastopol/West Sonoma County focus
2. Long-term impact
3. Overall community benefit (including number of people affected)
4. Lack of alternative funding sources
5. Grants used for capital equipment or projects
6. No operational costs will be funded!!
7. No travel expenses will be considered!!

As it has been our goal to assist as many applicants as possible, we approve grant requests in the **\$501-\$5000** range. To be considered, Sebastopol Rotary must receive grant applications no later than midnight February 8, 2021. All fields must be completed. Do your homework by answering all questions and specifying exact costs.

## INSTRUCTIONS



Applications must be received before midnight on Monday, February 8, 2021.

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

**(Online application form located at: <https://sebastopolrotary.com/sitepage/community-grants>)**

1. **Organization Name:** If not a tax exempt organization, please describe your status
2. **Executive Director/CEO:**

**First Name**

**Last Name**

**Address**

**website**

**phone**

**email**

**Contact Person (if different than Executive Director):**

**Name**

**Phone**

**Email**

**Organizational Mission Statement: Include purposes and services of organization**

**Amount Requested: (\$501-\$5000)**

**Describe Project and/or Equipment Request: (No more than 1500 characters/three paragraphs). Be sure to include where purchase will occur and any shipping/handling fees.)**

**Are There Other Sources of Funding? (Include all other applications)**



**What Will Be the Positive and Long Term Effects of this Grant? Describe outcomes, and how success will be identified.**

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***Required from Prior Recipients: If you have previously received a grant from the Sebastopol Rotary Club in the past three years, please include: (1) amount received, (2) exactly how the money was spent, and (3) the direct results you obtained from the use of the funds.***

***Note: We will ask recipients of grants for updates on their project outcomes approximately six months after receipt of funds. Feel free to let us know of your success stories earlier, if applicable.***

*If you have any questions regarding Community Grant applications, contact: Cindy Carter, Co-Chair at 408-431-7820 or email at [cindycarterflamm@yahoo.com](mailto:cindycarterflamm@yahoo.com).*



## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

**January 22 2021**

**Candy Pierce**



District Governor of District 5160 in 2006/2007, Candy is a member of the Rotary Club of Cordelia, and served as President in 1998/99. Candy is the recipient of The Rotary Foundation Citation For Meritorious Service. A Major Donor, Paul Harris Society Member and Bequest Society member, the Rotary Foundation plays a big part in her Rotary life, and at her Rotary 5160 District Conference, Candy honored her daughter Samantha with a Paul Harris which she proudly tells everyone to this day, even though she is in college.

Other Rotary positions include or have included: PETS General Chair 2009, PETS Instructor, PETS organizing committee, Zone Institute Organizing Committee, GETS Instructor, GNATS Chair, GNATS Instructor, Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Zone Foundation Transition Coordinator, Zone Focus Group Coordinator and District Foundation Chair.

Candy is currently the Executive Director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Solano County. A member of numerous boards, Candy's commitment to the NorthBay Healthcare Foundation, the American Red Cross and the Ellen Meadows Prosthetic Hand Foundation, takes up much of her remaining free time with maybe a little golf thrown in when time permits.



# Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – January 12, 2021

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

Fellow Club Members and Friends,

Our club really stepped up to help families in need over the holidays.

Members helped out at the Redwood Empire Food Bank

The Interact Adopt-A-Family made Christmas brighter for 18 families with gifts and food boxes. Thank you to **Pauline Pellini** for her leadership and pulling together so many groups to make this happen. Interact Advisers and students, Schools, Sebastopol Firefighters all contributed their time and energy. And a big thank you to the local businesses that gave so generously – Pacific Market, Vanguard Realtors, Shoes4Kidz, and Russian River Vineyards.

The holiday dinner organized by Sebastopol Sunrise each year also had to be reinvented as it transitioned into a drive through food box distribution event. The community came together to support Sebastopol Sunrise. This includes a number of our club members, VFW members, Sebastopol Arts Center, Toys for Tots, Pacific Market, Balletto Vineyards, and Redwood Empire Food Bank

Nine large bags of coats and warm clothing were donated by our members and were distributed to those in need. Thank you to **Ruthie and Jack Dunlap** for organizing this!

I look forward to 2021 and all the great things this club has planned.

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.

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

COMMUNITY & GLOBAL ISSUES, VOLUNTEER PROJECTS (**Diana Rich**, Chair) – 1) Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary Club – December 24, 2020 Holiday Dinner at the Arts center. Our club provided \$1,000 to this event. It was an amazing turnout from both clubs' memberships assembling the food boxes, directing traffic (thank you, Dave Kimble and the VFW crew), placing the food boxes in the vehicles, and handling out gifts. Many families enjoyed a great holiday meal and numerous children received toys, backpacks, and books. 2) **Cindy** – Our next workday at Redwood Empire Foodbank is being worked on. 3) **Mete Senocak** – Home for Homeless Committee – The committee had their third meeting via zoom on January 6 and decided to contact some organizations with established programs to help

people with housing. Our main interest is primarily community-based complete solutions and to learn from these organizations. Each committee member will contact an organization of their choice. **Sue Engle** has accepted the position of co-chair of this committee. 4) **Diana Rich** – Sebastopol Downtown Parklets – No update this month. 5) Environmental Sustainability – New subcommittee under construction – Details next month.

Committee Interest: 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 Schreiban; Home for Homeless: Mete Senocak (Ch), Steve Beck, Ruthie Dunlap, Sue Engle, Gene Nelson,

CRAB FEED (**Scott Briggs**, **Nao Noguchi**, **Patrick Dirden**, Co-Chairs) – The committee made the difficult decision to cancel this February's Crab Feed in light of COVID-19, with unfortunate implications for this year's Mark Sell Teacher Grants Program. Accordingly, our committee is currently working on a donation request letter which will soon go out to Club members and past supporters of our Crab Feed., with the hope of generating some revenue to fund a reduced future Teacher Grant Program.

Committee Interest: 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) – No update this month.

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

"BIG" FUNDRAISER (**Aleia Coate**, Chair) – The big fundraiser is taking off. Live and silent auctions are meeting with their committees. **Aleia** is working with Greater giving to add an online bidding component. Waiting on board approval for the cost. The event is still planned for May 1, 2021 as a hybrid event; partial in person and partial online with the ability to quickly switch to 100% online if we need to. A club announcement will be coming soon!

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



LEARN TO SWIM (**Greg Jacobs, Rick Wilson**, Co-Chairs) – The committee is still looking at alternatives such as instructional videos about water safety and swimming tips. **Greg** has reached out to County Parks, who may be able to provide support for online water safety lessons for second graders.

Committee Interest: Larry Ford, Jackie Moreira,

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANTS (**Jack Blasco, Torrey Olson**, Co-Chairs) – It has been determined that a spring round of teacher grants will not be done., however, there will be a fall 2021 round of Mark Sell Teacher Grants.

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) – \$10,760 in sponsorships received to date. This includes the \$2,760 from the Russian River Vineyards wine sales fundraiser. There are more organizations that have either pledged or are interested. Ellen Harrington, Patrick Dirden are following up on these.

Committee Interest: Tom Boag, Lu Frazier

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

COOL KIDS CAMP (Multi Club Program) (**Robin Maybury**, Chair) – No news, other than Cloverleaf Ranch management are hoping to hold camp in 2021.

Committee Interest: Tom Boag, Patrick Dirden, Keller McDonald

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

Committee Interest: Lu Frazier, Diana Rich

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (**Larry Ford, Richard Power**, Co-Chairs) – No update, other than best wishes for the New Year.

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

INTERACT (ANALY, TWIN HILLS, BROOK HAVEN) (**Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – Adopt-A-Family: Analy and Brook Haven Interact plus a few students from Twin Hills adopted 18 families and 50 children. They shopped online and in person at stores. On December 19<sup>th</sup>, the day at the firehouse was reworked so each club had shifts. Interactors signed in and had their temperatures checked. They sanitized their hands and put on gloves before walking over a sanitizer mat. Six-foot tables were spaced apart so each student had their own table and wrapping supplies which were sanitized before the next school arrived.

**Vanguard Properties** agents donated more money than ever and the food boxes were amazing. Myriah from Shoes for Kids donated 21 pairs of shoes for the children needing shoes. Many thanks to her organization.

The presents and food were delivered with the fire truck with two interactors at a time in the truck. Parents were required to follow the fire truck so their child could get a turn riding in the truck.

My thanks to the Interact advisors **Aleia Coate, Mark Stevens, Gail Gijzen**, and Jeff Stucker. Thanks also to **Steve Prandini** and **Mia Del Prete** for helping make the day go smoothly.

Everyone had a great time!!! Lots of very happy families and children!

Committee Interest: 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) – We have 17 students this year. Committee members have the student materials and assessment tracking spreadsheet and have started their evaluations of the applicants. As last year, the preparations and event will be done online via zoom. The speech presentations and awards are currently for 23 April 21.

Committee Interest: 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) – Copy of update from **Cindy's** email: "Good to hear from you! Funny that you reached out now. I'm working on RYLA right now and also just fielded an inquiry from a former camper (2009) who wants to become a counselor! Must be RYLA time!

Yes, is the answer. Currently we're working on a Spring virtual event estimated for April that would meet again in August either virtually or in-person if conditions permit. I'll be updating the RYLA website to reflect this news and will continue to provide updates on the website. Any important updates will also be emailed to my RYLA club leaders. Cindy, hope you are faring well! Thanks again for reaching out! From Eve Yeomans (who is the District 5130 RYLA coordinator)."

Committee Interest: Tom Boag, David Schreiber

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (**Jim Passage**, Chair) – No update

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

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

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

Committee Interest: Patti Blount, Lu Frazier





## CLUB SERVICE – BOB BOYD, DIRECTOR:

Happy New Year to all with hope for a much better year. Not a lot to report.

APPLEKNOCKER EDITORS (**David Still**, Chair); Subcommittees: PHOTOGRAPHY (**Harvey Henningsen**, **Jack Dunlap**, Co-Chairs), SCRIBES (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair) – 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 Schreiber; Photographers: Harvey Henningsen (Co-Ch), Jack Dunlap (Co-Ch), Tom Boag, Karen Daniels, Patrick Dirden, Mike Ferguson, Larry Ford, Robin Maybury, David Schreiber, 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 continuing to do a great job producing, directing, and zooming the Friday meetings. Some day we'll be back at the Church.

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**) – No new report except that hard drive backup of the entire AK Archive has been made – for offsite storage backup.

Committee Interest: 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 Interest: 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 Schreiber**, Chair); Subcommittees: ROTARY INFORMATION, MENTORING, NEW MEMBER ATTRACTION) – The Membership committee proudly inducted Kathy Schwartz last Friday, bringing our membership back up to 100. Hopefully more will follow. This is a difficult time for recruiting without the chance to share the enjoyable fellowship of all meeting together.

Committee Interest: David Schreiber (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**) – No new report

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) – **Nao** confirms that there is not much for the Sergeant-at-Arms at this time.

Committee Interest: Tom Dille, Tony Given, Jim Pacatte



## CLUB ACTIVITIES – JOHN BLOUNT, DIRECTOR:

[No report from Club Activities group this month]



## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AREA – STEVE PRANDINI, DIRECTOR:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (**Lu Frazier**, Chair) – No report.

Committee Interest: Steve Beck, Frank Mayhew

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (**Bob Rogers**, Chair) – The WCS committee met on Friday, December 8th to consider which projects, if any, to support with the \$10,000 allocated to us by the Sebastopol Rotary Club Board. Working with the District 5130's International Committee Chair, **Barb Spangler**, 3 projects were chosen to consider, in addition to a 4th project presented to us by our sister club, Puerto Vallarta South.

After much discussion, two projects were chosen to support.

- 1) St. Helena Rotary's Global Grant Zimbabwe Water Project – Areas of focus are Water and Sanitation and Economic and Community Development. The Rotary Club of Harare is the Host Club, who conducted the TRF required Community Assessment, which involved about 20 multi-aged individuals from the 2 villages of 2,200 inhabitants this project will support. As a result, they will be drilling two wells and installing two 5,000-gallon elevated storage tanks, which will distribute the water by gravity to each village.





The system will be sustained by the selling of fruits and vegetables in the Hararte market, about 50 miles away. The water from the wells will make the fruit and vegetable gardens possible. Cost of the project is estimated to be \$80,000, with a cash contribution from Rotary Clubs of approximately \$23,000 to qualify for the Global Grant. The WCS Committee voted to recommend to Sebastopol Rotary's Board a contribution of \$2,500 in support of this project. We request an approval at tonight's Board Meeting, as time is of the essence in getting the application submitted to TRF.

- 2) Puerto Vallarta South's Eye Surgery Program – A member of the PV South Club is Dr. Jaime Miramontes, an ophthalmologist who performs corrective eye surgery on children with congenital cataracts and strabismus (cross eyedness) on a pro bono basis. He has negotiated with the local hospital a cost of \$700 to \$1,000 per surgery for the use of their facilities. There is a continual need for funding for these corrective eye surgeries for low income families and the waiting list is growing. Due to the COVID pandemic, the club has not been able to hold its annual fund-raising event which provided much of the funding for this eye surgery program. The WCS Committee voted to recommend to Sebastopol Rotary's Board a contribution of \$6,000 in support of this program. We request approval at tonight's Board Meeting, if possible.
- 3) The Committee has decided to hold the remaining \$1,500 in reserve for the time being.

Respectfully Submitted, Bob **Rogers** Chair, WCS Committee.

*PROGRAMMA DE BECAS* – No new report.

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**