



The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Hal Kwalwasser - Thurgood Marshall



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



Yes, the meeting last Friday, January 29th, was again a Zoom meeting. There were many Rotarians tuned in before noon but the banter, the gab was not as active and as continuous as it was before other recent club meetings. **Sue Engle** has been exploring the ocean cliffs near Wright's beach and happened upon old coastal defense fortifications. **Pam Graber** mentioned other old fortifications near Limantour beach at Point Reyes. **Tony Given** joined us from Palm Springs where he and his wife are encamped in their motor home.



AT THE BELL



Suddenly it was 12:15, the bell was rung and **President Dan Rasmus** called the meeting to order. **Dan** started off with a short sincere talk. He thanked members of the club for their unselfish efforts. He noted that creativity was making things happen during these strange and challenging times.



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And **Torrey Olson** provided this timely “Thought for the Day”

My motto was always to keep swinging whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having trouble off the field. The only thing to do was to keep swinging.....

Hank Aaron



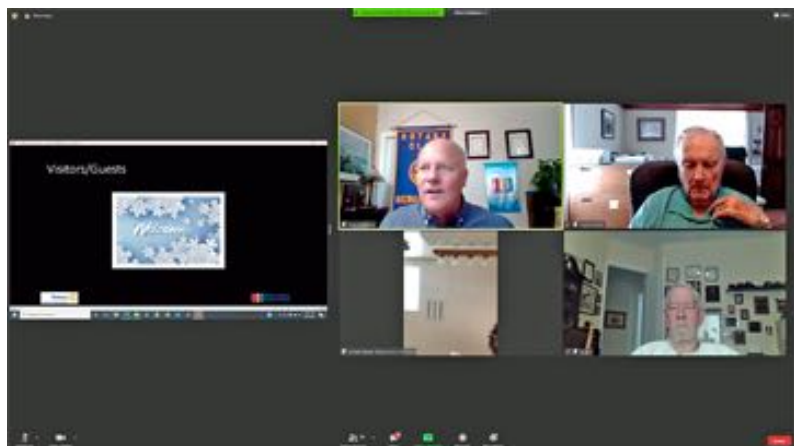
🍎 VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS 🍎

Three visiting Rotarians were announced:

Bruce Campbell – from Sparks Nevada

Gary Klmes – from Colorado Springs

David Mark Raymond – Sebastopol Rotary Sunrise Club



The question remains as to which one will get the Dr Dan Bornstein award.

🍎 Future Programs 🍎

February 5
Breck Parkman

February 12
Michael Krasny

February 19
Shirlee Cunningham

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

There will be a conference on local journalism February 4th. at 6pm. It is being sponsored by the Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary Club. Details can be found in After the Bell.

Next Friday the club meeting will be at Russian River Vineyards. Hurrah. A “hybrid” meeting.

Hybrid Meetings with onsite at RRV resumes Next Week – Feb 5!

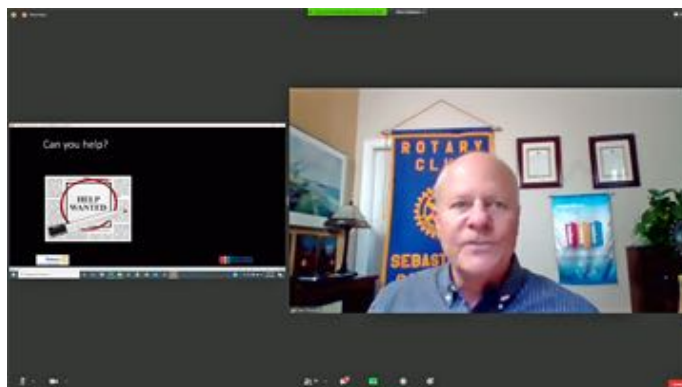


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Opportunities

If you can help with Sergeant at Arms duties, talk to **Nao Noguchi**. That committee needs help.

Hiring – **Dan** showed pictures of “help wanted “ signs from near and far. Step up and volunteer to help make things – behind the curtain - function smoothly.



Patrick Dirden has had to step back from Appleknocker tasks. So volunteer to help edit the Appleknocker. And **Jack Dunlap** did just that.

CRAB FEED

SO FAR –

without killing or cooking a single crab; the annual Rotary Club spring Crab Feed has received contributions of \$5440. These monies are for teacher mini-grants to help local teachers purchase teaching materials. In a few weeks – wait for it – there will be a drawing for Crab Feed raffle prizes.



RECOGNITIONS

IT'S BELATED BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION TIME AGAIN:

Let's see if any of them can remember what they did?

Jim Pacatte – Jan 16 – a simple family dinner at their ranch in Nevada. More than ten people attended!

Sally Ewald – Jan 18 – carefully observed all pandemic protocol. Her nephew joined her for dinner.

Frank Mayhew – Jan 19 – Frank does not remember what happened on his birthday this year but he is certain that he was born in 1938. No doubt the occasion was marked in an appropriate manner.

Jackie Moreira – Where is Jackie ?

Diana Rich – also missing today

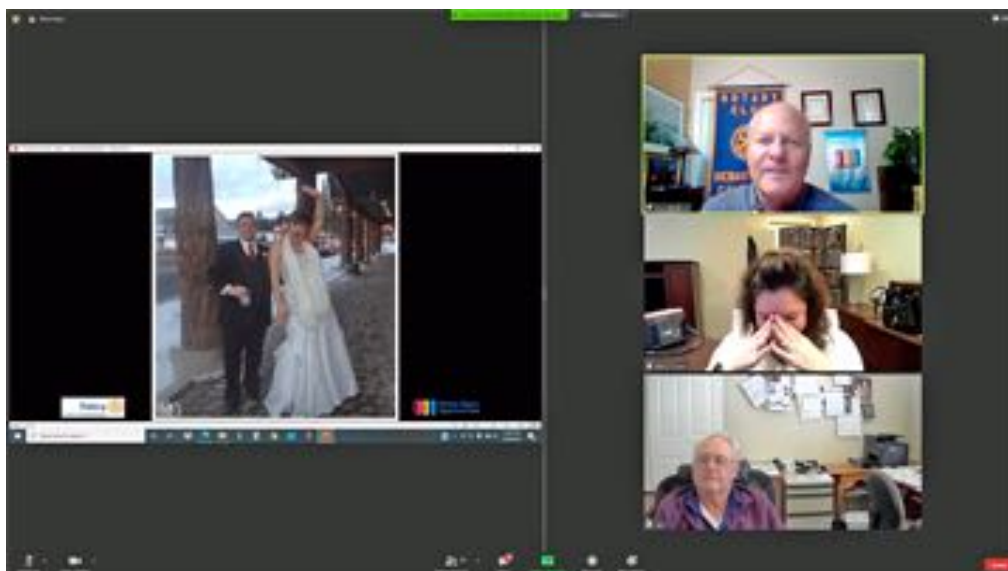
Harvey Henningsen – Jan 25 – Photo evidence of a large bird watching Harvey enjoy a fancy cake.



Torrey Olsen – Jan 28 – Torrey did not attend a mask-less party at the French Laundry – he took his son out for a milkshake at the Shake Shack in San Francisco.

Anniversaries

Aleia Coate – Jan 12 - they did nothing – stayed at home !



Her annual rite of watching the Patriots in the Playoffs didn't happen this year. No one knows why the Pats bombed out this year and failed so badly. Same coach, same stadium, same uniforms. What a mystery.

Jim Pacatte – Today, January 29, was his anniversary celebrating 55 years.



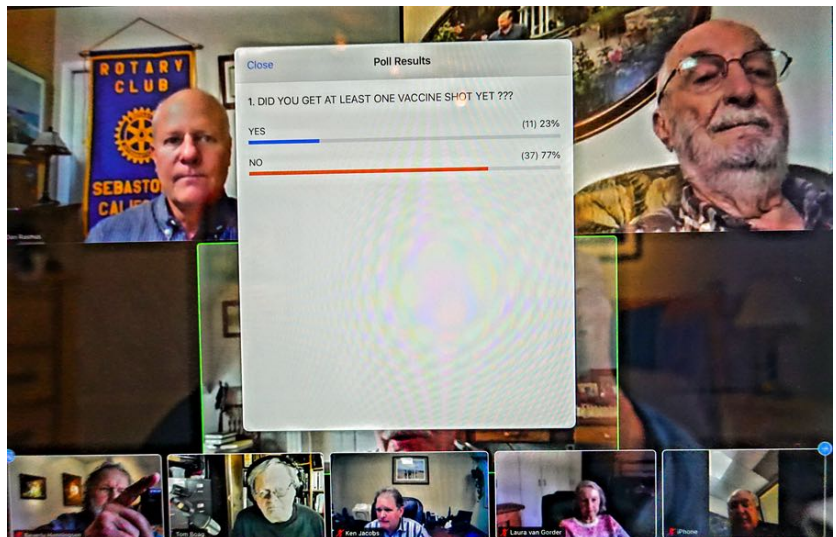
Note: Photo taken during the early days of cameras.

At this point **President Dan Rasmus** opened the meeting to a general discussion about the Covid Vaccination program. A quick impersonal electronic poll was taken. **DID YOU GET AT LEAST ONE VACCINE SHOT YET?** 23% of members present voting have received their first vaccination shot. 79 % have not. Does that mean that 2 % voted both ways?

Several members discussed the program at Sutter, at Sonoma County Medical Association, and at OptumServe.

Some members have been successful and have received their shots. Others have been frustrated or are simply waiting until the waiting line is shorter. Recent reports in the Press Democrat indicate that many people thought they had appointments which are or will be cancelled.

This Vaccination issue will be on the agenda every week until we have all been vaccinated.



It is recommended that you do not rely on the AppleKnocker for the latest information about how you can be vaccinated. The discussion herein is for general interest only. Not that the AppleKnocker is not a reputable source of information, however, our staff of reporters is somewhat limited. Take your health seriously, please.

🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

Rick Wilson introduced the speaker – our own **Hal Kwalwasser**. **Hal** graduated from Swarthmore, and from Yale Law School where he edited the Yale Law Review. He worked on the Michael Dukakis campaign. He staffed for John Garamendi. The **Kwalwassers** moved to California in 2010. **Hal** is currently writing a book about Thurgood Marshall.



Hal explained that he is writing the second volume of a series on Justice Marshall's life. This volume will cover the years from 1936 until 1954. Thurgood Marshall was, of course, working in the “Jim Crow” south .

The NAACP had at most five or six lawyers on staff and another fifteen or so living in the South who collaborated with the NAACP on litigation. So, a mere “army” of twenty lawyers are responsible for

ending much of Jim Crow in the South.

What makes Thurgood Marshall so extraordinary is that much of this effort fell on Thurgood himself. He had to do the public speaking, the fund raising, and the public relations, about which he was a whiz. He actually carried the civil rights movement on his shoulders for twenty years. He organized and led the campaign for civil rights until his appointment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit by President Kennedy and his subsequent appointment to the US Supreme Court by President Johnson.



He was never elected to any public office. Many people believe that the civil rights movement started in 1955, when Martin Luther King, Jr., led the Montgomery Bus Boycott. . That is not correct. Thurgood led the movement for the years before the bus boycott and prepared the NAACP to take on the mass demonstrations and boycotts that made up much of the modern civil rights movement. .



His ultimate goal was to end segregation. His vehicle was to bring cases focused on education and transportation, where he could demonstrate that the “separate but equal” doctrine that was at the heart of Jim Crow was never equal. In addition he knew that the most basic power in society was the right to vote, which was denied to Blacks in the Jim Crow South, so he took that on as well. And he had one other focus: defending Black defendants against Southern “justice,” and, in so doing, established many of the key precedents that guide modern criminal justice today.

Finally, during this period of Marshall's career, the Second World War created other issues. Black troops were not treated very well during WWII, and they had difficult time finding housing after the

war. During the War, he argued many cases dealing with providing equal justice and work opportunities for Blacks, and after the war, Thurgood focused on housing opportunity for returning veterans.

One important matter was decided in Texas. Thurgood Marshall was able to end the practice of all white primary elections. He worked on cases all around the South. He traveled by rail. In general, he avoided Mississippi because of its violence, but otherwise kept cases going in virtually all the other Southern states for most of the period.

Hal discussed the Columbia, Tennessee riot. A fight between white store owner and a black customer escalated into a police riot. There were shootings by white police officers, who also rampaged through much of the Black neighborhoods of Columbia. Marshall brilliantly managed the defense of over two dozen Blacks indicted on a variety of charges. Only one man ever spent time in jail, as the vast majority were acquitted – an amazing result in the rural South. The publicity was so wide-spread that this event was the beginning of a change in the course of law enforcement in the South.



Many Rotarians remained tuned in long after the meeting had been officially ended. Your scribe left the meeting at 1:50 and there were still at least 33 people in attendance.

This was a fascinating report on the fight to end segregation in this country. **Hal's** book will be available in a year or so. Certainly it will be good reading.

THE FINAL BELL

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

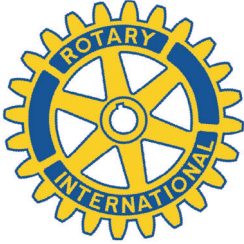
AFTER THE FINAL BELL

You will be happy to know that the AppleKnocker is officially off of the Endangered Species List. After a quick scare last week, Rotarians stepped up to tackle the job. You will see **Jack Blasco** and **Jack Dunlap** on the editor list in the coming weeks. **Jorgen Holst** has agreed to lend an assist from his snowy outpost in Norway. (Who says you can't phone it in?)

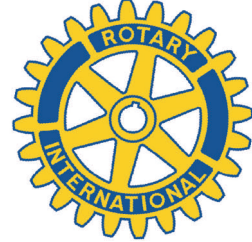
Patrick Dirden will be back on the masthead after a short educational hiatus. But don't let that crowded masthead fool you. We will take more editors. If you are interested - sign up. Keep this newsletter alive and well and share the workload. We also have never had a woman editor on the AppleKnocker. (Just sayin') Could you be the first?

The AppleKnocker staff is grateful for all the hard work that Rotarians put into the effort .

Rotary Roundtable on Saving Local Journalism



Thursday, February 4
6-7 p.m. PST
via Zoom



Local news within the Russian River Watershed, long taken for granted, is endangered. Please join the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise for a round-table discussion on the future of local news and a model for its preservation of national significance.

The newspapers of Sonoma West Publishers have been serving Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Windsor and the Russian River/West County communities for over a hundred years. Meanwhile, across America, more than 1,800 communities have lost their local weekly newspapers in the last 18 years and with them went coverage of city councils, youth sports, local elections and tax initiatives, school news, service club programs, and the shared sense of community those local newspapers engendered.

The nonprofit Local News Initiative and Sonoma West Publishers are pursuing a public/private solution.

Consider the alternative to professionally reported local news. Then join us for an interesting discussion via Zoom, Thursday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m.



Meeting ID: 653 121 1630 • Passcode: freedoms

Guest Speakers



Rollie Atkinson

Publisher and
Co-Owner of
Sonoma West
Publishers



Nancy Dobbs

Board President
of Sonoma
County Local
News Initiative

Hosted by Sebastopol Sunrise with an invitation to all Sonoma County Rotary clubs, plus a special invitation to the clubs in the Russian River and West County areas, Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Healdsburg Sunrise, Windsor, Russian River and Sebastopol, and all area residents.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

February 5, 2021



Breck Parkman was born and raised in Georgia but has made California his home since 1971. Breck retired from State service in 2017, after forty years as a State Archaeologist. His work took him to all corners of the Golden State, as well as to Kodiak Island, Alaska; the Canadian Plains; the South Coast of Peru; and Central Siberia, among other places. Breck earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in Anthropology at California State University, Hayward. He was the founding Director of the UNESCO-sponsored Fort Ross ~ Global Village Project (1996-2000) and he is a former Research Associate at the University of California at Berkeley and a Past President of the Society for California Archaeology. Currently, Breck sits on the Board of Directors of two local non-profits, the Sonoma Ecology Center and The Olompali People. Breck's research interests are broad

and range from Ice Age megafauna to the archaeology of hippies and the Grateful Dead. His many publications address these and similar topics. His work has been featured in several hundred newspaper, radio, and television interviews and he has appeared in various films and documentaries that have aired on PBS, BBC, and the History and Discovery Channels. Breck lives in Sonoma Valley with his teenage son.

The Burdell Mansion, located within what is now Olompali State Historic Park, was once deemed "The White House of Hippiedom." From 1967-1969, the Chosen Family commune called the mansion home. And before the Chosen Family moved in, the mansion was home to the Grateful Dead. Over the years, I've excavated what remains of the archaeological deposit associated with the hippie occupation of Olompali. In this talk, I will discuss that part of Olompali's history, paying particular attention to the concepts of Open and Closed communities.

