

Chuck Durrett – Co-housing



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

BEFORE THE BELL



The Zoom Meeting Room was, by noon, already well attended with everyone cheerful. A new year certainly had lightened the mood. Happy New Year! There were no “breakout rooms” today – I suppose there was too much genial banter amongst all to warrant that exercise. **Robin Maybury** announced the very recent death of Rocky Harris – a local man known to many club members.

AT THE BELL

President Dan Rasmus opened the meeting promptly on time at 12:15pm sharp. Three weeks without a meeting was clearly too long !

Ellen Harrington provided the “Thought for the day” – an appropriate quote from the Buddha.

We are shaped by our thoughts, we become what we think.

When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves.



VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

Our president introduced two visiting Rotarians:

Bruce Campbell: now a member of the Rotary Club of Sparks Nevada

David Mark Raymond: a member of Sebastopol Sunrise Club.

And he also introduced visitors Doug and Penny Rodrick, guests of Pam Gruber.



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● Future Programs ●

January 15

Elizabeth Gore

January 22

**PDG D5160 Candy Pierce
CASA**

January 29

**Hal Kwalwasser
Justice Thurgood Marshall**

February 5

**Breck Parkman
Archaeology of the Hippie White
House**

February 12

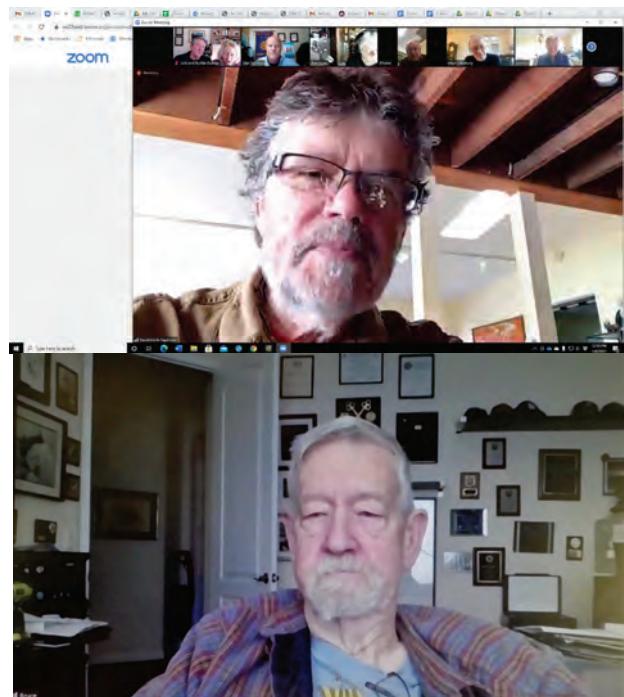
**Michael Krasny
KQED Forum**

● Miscellany ●

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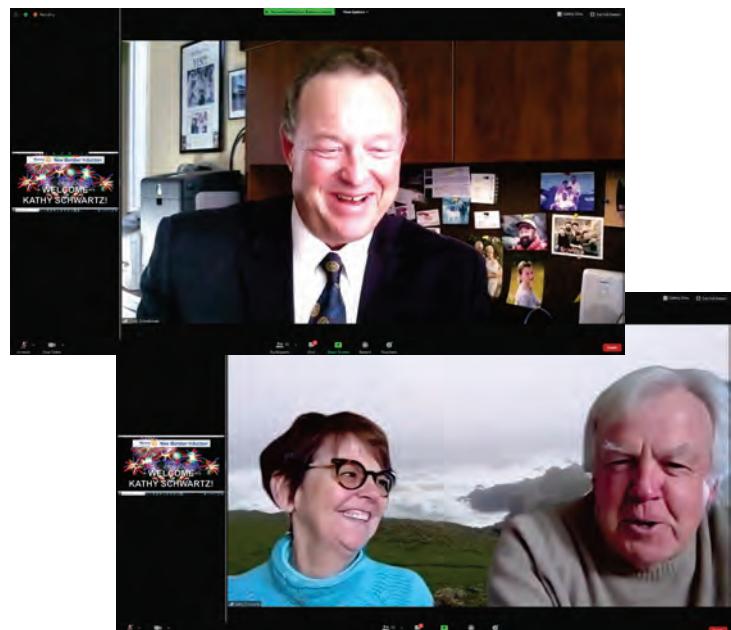
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● NEW MEMBER ●

Welcome **Kathy Schwartz!** **David Schreibman**, membership committee chair, introduced the newest member of Sebastopol Rotary Club – the first new member of 2021 – **Kathy Schwartz**. She comes to us from the Santa Rosa Club. She has a long record of counseling, of helping people, and of community service work. **Les Crawford** and **Mia del Prete** will be her mentors.

Membership materials have been delivered to her doorstep. Her green badge is in the Community Church storage closet but will be retrieved and delivered promptly. Her wall plaques are coming and likewise will be delivered very soon. There was applause by all in the club as best as possible when muted on Zoom! Members will be signing her club roster invisibly by telephone or by other modern magic.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Dan turned our attention to five current and/or recent club activities



Crab Feed. **Scott Briggs** explained that the crab feed committee had tried to plan an event that would be in accord with current lockdown rules. They concluded that it would be impractical to plan and carry out a successful crab feed under current rules.

A letter will be distributed to all members and, as far as possible, to frequent attendees of previous crab feeds. All will be asked to contribute money to support teacher grants. Without a regular crab feed money-making event, we must raise funds to support local schoolteachers. So, all should look forward to a letter from the crab feed committee and prepare to be generous.

Adopt A Family. **Pauline Pellini** manages this annual project. And her task was made difficult by the current pandemic rules. The three local school Interact clubs participated in shifts assembling the gift boxes on December 19th. All shopping was done on-line this year. Students were carefully checked for fever or other virus symptoms. Hand washing and sanitizing was rigorous. Only two students were allowed on the fire truck at any one time. 21 families requested shoes for their children's feet. "Shoes for kids" came through with donated shoes to fill all requests. **Pauline** thanked the many Rotarians and others that helped this year and made special mention of the assistance of **Mia del Prete** and of **Steve Prandini**.



Cindy Carter Flamm updated us on the holiday dinners. Holiday dinners and toys were distributed to local families just before Christmas, on December 24th. This activity was in collaboration with the Sunrise Club. **Cindy** thanked all who participated. It was a joyful and very successful day. And it was lots of fun too. Later in the program **President Dan** thanked Pacific Market for providing groceries for our holiday programs at cost. It was an important factor and heartily appreciated.



Ruthie Dunlap – Coat drive – For several days in December, **Ruthie** and **Jack Dunlap** collected coats and warm clothing from club members. This was a new program, and was a very successful event. Ruthie described the volume of donated winter clothing as "amazing". Nine bags of donated clothing were delivered to the Guerneville homeless shelter. One bag was delivered to the Sebastopol Inn which is a new refuge for local homeless folks.

Torrey Olsen – fresh flowers from Gabriel Farm. Last summer, **Torrey** delivered 15 buckets of fresh cut flowers to Rotarians. A total of \$ 150 dollars was raised for the club. Thanks, **Torrey**.

Nota Bene – Applications for Community Grants are due February 8th



RECOGNITIONS

Ah – A game of Jeopardy to keep us awake and focused. The three culprits (players) this week were **Torrey Olson, Ruthie Dunlap** and **Mike Ferguson**. **Scott Briggs** was scorekeeper. **Torrey** was the winner – with the right answer to his first question. Next stop Hollywood! Where will **Torrey** invest his \$500?

Hey there was no discussion of birthdays or anniversaries this week! So, by acclamation it is decided that birthday and anniversary celebrations are postponed. So hang in there. Maybe next week.

PROGRAM



Pam Gruber was called upon to introduce the speaker. **Chuck Durrett** has a long and deep association with design and development of co-housing in this area. He is an advocate for co-housing and has worked closely with many groups to develop co-housing projects. He has published two books on this subject. Nevada City is his current home.

Chuck showed slides of several completed projects. He explained that life in a relatively small community is an attraction. Residents participate in the building work and in the landscape work. Residents typically dine together five or six evenings each week. Each resident gets to be cook once or twice a month. Some projects have a large population of children, while others are intended for seniors. Residents report that their need to drive around is greatly reduced as marked by reduced need to fill the gas tank. Often equipment such as lawn mowers or hot tubs are owned and shared communally. These communities are becoming more commonplace and more popular.

THE FINAL BELL

The meeting closed at 1:15 pm with the usual ringing of the bell. Sebastopol Rotary in 2021 is well underway!