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Diana Rich - City Council Update



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



DEBUNKING - FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 5:30 PM AT RUSSIAN RIVER VINEYARDS!



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

Future Programs

Will be announced soon

Coming Events

Debunking

June 25, 2021

**Donation Station at
Redwood Empire Food
Bank**

June 30, 2021

Miscellany

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS: scottbriggs50@yahoo.com

On-line Make-Ups:
www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:
707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

AT THE BELL



Talk about going out in a blaze of glory....on the hottest day of 2021, President **Dan** convened his final Rotary meeting – as President, that is – at Russian River Vineyards, Rotary's ongoing home away from home, at 12:15. Warm Rotarians and cold chardonnay – truly a winning combination.

Past-president **Larry Ford**, led us in the pledge and **David Still** shared these words of wisdom from Mark Twain: "The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not." Welcome to a long and boring life!



VISITORS & GUESTS

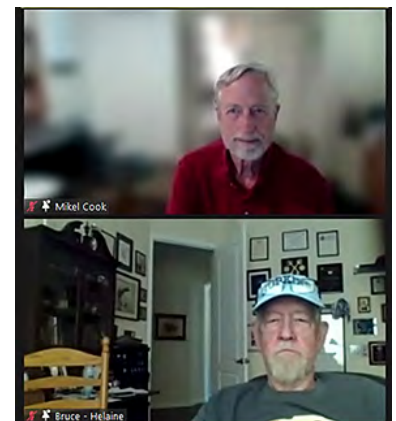


Visiting Rotarians
District Governor Doug Johnson was with us in person. More from him later.

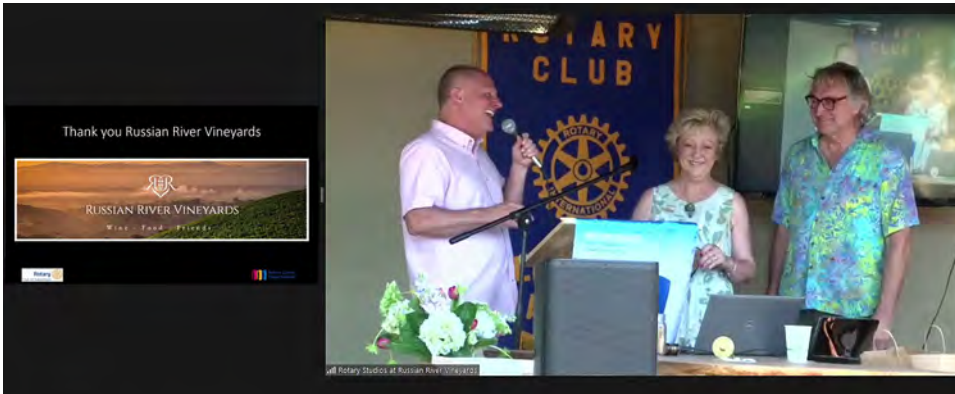
With us on zoom, Past District Governors Bruce Campbell and Helaine Campbell. Also Mike Cook from the morning club.

Visitors

Sally Briggs, Kathy Hicks and what's her name? ...oh yes, Fran Rasmus. President **Dan** just can't seem to remember. Must be the heat....or wine. Welcome all!



THANK YOU RRV



President **Dan** invited **Chris O'Neill** and **Debbie Timm** from Russian River Vineyards to the podium and thanked them for all they have done to make these remote meetings possible. **Chris**, a member of our club, has been so generous in providing the space and **Debbie** has been behind the scenes making all the scheduling arrangements. They truly have both demonstrated service above self, helping our club navigate these challenging times while providing wine,

food, location and great service. Special word of thanks to **Nick**, our server. It was pointed out that **Chris** has close to perfect attendance since we started meeting at the winery! He will also be our host for Debunking on June 25th. Speaking on behalf of all of us, **Dan** thanked **Chris** and presented him with a bottle of Balletto pinot...just kidding. **Chris** has a fondness for tie dye, so Dan gave him a tie dyed Rotary t-shirt. And for the always gracious and helpful **Debbie**, a bouquet of flowers. It was also announced that **Chris** has retired from the day to day operation of the winery, turning it over to winemaker, **Giovanni**. Congratulations, **Chris**, and best wishes.

ROTARY FOUNDATION MAJOR DONORS

At this point, DG **Doug** came forward to recognize three of our Sebastopol Rotarians as Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation, meaning they have given at least \$10K. The three generous Rotarians are **Tom Dilley**, **Larry Ford** and **Tony Given**. **Pat Dilley** joined **Tom** at the podium. Each shared some thoughts on supporting the Foundation: **Tom** and **Pat** spoke of paying it forward, that for them the Foundation is the best place to put your money if you want to see it do good and make a difference, not only today, but in the future as well. **Larry** said that all you have to do is open the "Rotarian" Magazine to see the wonderful work the Foundation is doing around the world. For him, giving to the Foundation is the most efficient way to make a positive difference. **Tony** said that he and **Gloria** have always believed in the biblical concept of tithing – giving at least 10% of your income to charitable work. Giving to the Foundation is a concrete way for them to give something back and help others.



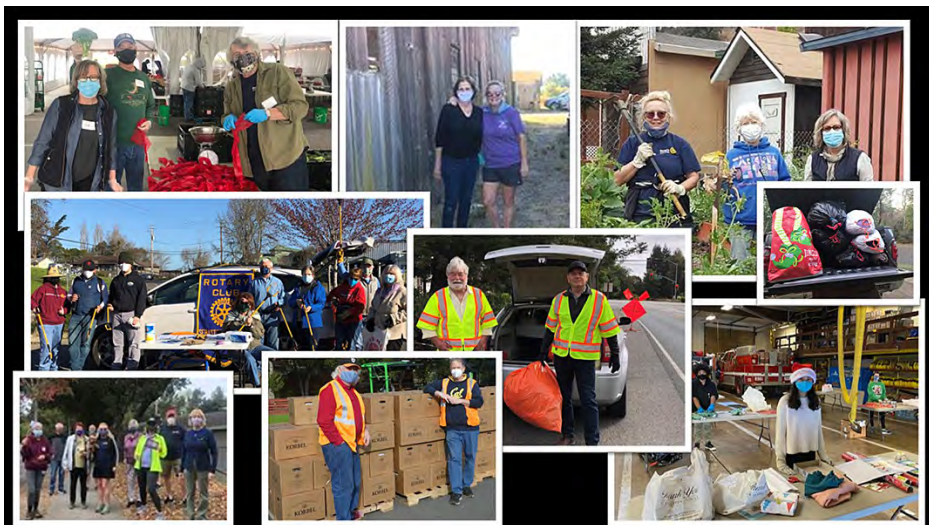
Congratulations to our newest Major Donors and thank you for your generosity and great faithfulness.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

On this, his last official meeting of his Rotary year, President **Dan** took a few moments to look back on this rather unique time we have shared together. How to plan for a year no one knew how to plan for? How to work together when we could not see each other face to face? But this was no time to give in or give up. There was still much to be accomplished and that is exactly what we did.



As in any Rotary year, there were losses. We mourned the deaths of **Yvette Williams Van Aggelen** and Past-President **Gary Kimes**. Other members left the club and/or moved away to start new adventures. Many members dealt, not only with COVID but also with fires and evacuations. But we also welcomed new members, including two who will officially join us the night of Debunking.



year a drive-thru; Interactors once again wrapped and distributed Christmas presents to children in need; and a coat drive organized by **Ruthie Dunlap** generated a truck load of coats and blankets.

On the education front, dictionaries were distributed to grade school kids; Interact Clubs continued to meet via zoom; Overcoming Obstacles overcame COVID obstacles and again recognized and reached out to some extraordinary youth; RYLA happened via zoom and Cool Kids Camp will once again take place this summer with scholarships partially funded by our club. And, as part of the BECAS program, \$4K was raised to fund 12 education scholarships for children in need in Puerto Vallarta.

And yes, Virginia, there was fund-raising! Members donated over \$47K to the End Polio campaign –that cheer you heard was from **Bob Rogers** – and over \$15K to the Rotary Foundation. We were unable to hold our Crab Feed, but through fund-raising letters to members and our wider community, over \$12K was raised for our Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grants! And thanks to the outreach by **Ellen Harrington** and **Patrick Dirden**, many local businesses supported our club efforts by committing to sponsorships with over \$11K donated to our club's foundation. The Super Bowl board raised over \$1K for SREF, and our major fundraiser, the Derby Day raffle, proved wonderfully successful, netting \$78K for community projects. Thanks to **Aleia** and her committee for all their hard work.

And how was this money used? Well, a sincere request for season tickets for the Green Bay Packers was rejected. However, our community grants committee awarded \$27K to deserving organizations and entities such as Ceres, Sebastopol Library, Ives Pool, Analay Fine Arts, and the Laguna Foundation. Forty teachers received nearly \$15k in Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grants. In cooperation with the Sunrise club and aided by matching grants through the district, \$7900 was donated to local schools for assistance with distance learning. And \$10K in international grants included a clean water project in Zimbabwe and eye surgeries in Mexico.



And let's not forget the Friday meetings...we might want to, but we cannot. **Jeff Boal** and the program committee provided a number of entertaining and educational programs, both in person and via zoom. We heard from our own members, a number of Sonoma county leaders and innovators, statewide leaders such as Secretary of State – now Senator – **Alex Padilla**, and international Rotary leaders such as **Ravi Ravindran** from Sri Lanka.

Under President **Dan's** leadership and with invaluable help from our AV committee led by **John Blount**, we moved into hybrid meetings, allowing us to keep in touch via zoom and in person at Russian River Vineyards. Yes, there we encountered wind, rain, smoke, wood chippers and other unexpected interruptions, but with President **Dan's** skill and flexibility, with our members' patience and good humor and a few glasses of wine, all went remarkably well. And now, we can look forward to gathering in person for Debunking! **Dan** thanked us and we all rose and thanked him for his leadership through such a unique and unforgettable year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget Debunking on June 25th. **Bob Rogers** may need help moving stages Thursday morning in preparation for Friday. If you have a truck or can help, let him know.

RECOGNITIONS

Birthdays - **Amee Sas**, **Mark Stevens** and **Cindy Carter** celebrated birthdays, but only **Aldean Noethig** was with us in person. She celebrated her special day at lunch with **Tom** and **Pat Dilley**. But nothing was said about the post-lunch happy hour! Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries - The **Kwalwassers**, **Serkissians**, **Longs**, **Houstons** and **Becks** all celebrated anniversaries, but were not with us at the meeting or on zoom. **Steve Beck** did want us to know that he and **Terry** are celebrating their 55th anniversary today, June 18th, with a trip to Sierra and Plumas Counties, where they lived and worked the first three years of their marriage. They lived in a small house on a cattle ranch in Sierraville. Shades of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans! (younger Rotarians are now asking...who?)

Present with us at RRV was **Harry Polley**. He and JeanE celebrated their 55th anniversary with a dinner at Salt and Stone, where they managed to engineer a power failure. Seems **Harry** will do anything to get that romantic candlelight dinner!



Ken and **Lisa Jacobs** celebrated their anniversary with a dinner at Willi's Wine Bar.

Congratulations All!

Oh yes, **Dave Madsen** added that he and **Carleen** will celebrate their 55th on June `19th, and thanked Congress for declaring their anniversary a national holiday. We should thank him for getting Congress finally to agree on something.

Other Recognitions - In lieu of Christmas and birthday presents, **David** and **Carolee Schreibman** enjoy "staycations" with their family. This year's time together included a hot air balloon ride and renting a houseboat on Lake Sonoma.

Jack and **Ruthie Dunlap** are home after an extensive tour of the Northwest.

Club Secretary **Scott Briggs** then took the microphone and on this, President **Dan's** final meeting, used his secretarial privilege to fine our President \$10 for failing to recognize and introduce his wife, **Fran**. DG Doug thought that was so much fun that he added a \$10 fine as did PDG **Bob**. Sort of an early start to Debunking!

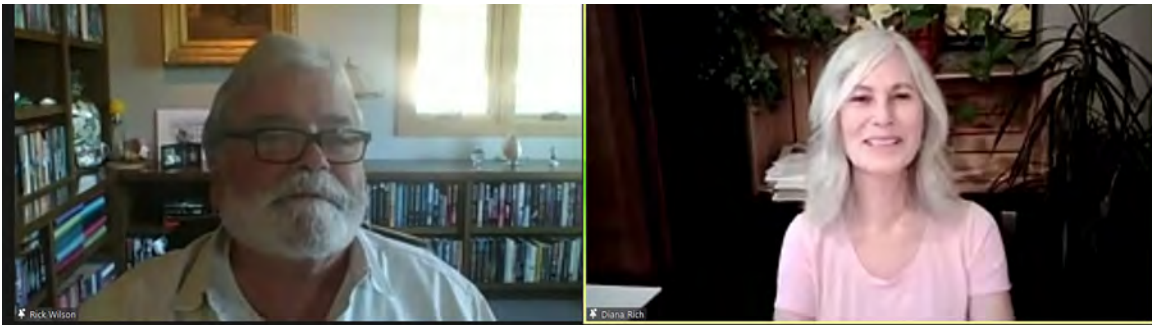


Our President reminded us that Sebastopol Rotary just celebrated its 97th year. So congratulations to us! **John Blount** may be the only founding member still with us.

THE PROGRAM

President **Dan** introduced **Rick Wilson** who introduced our program for the day, City Council Member and fellow Rotarian **Diana Rich**. Interestingly, she and **Rick** joined Rotary on the same day in 2011.

Diana spent her first ten years in Sebastopol raising children and volunteering for a variety of groups. She then served as the Director of the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center until 2017, leaving just in time to miss fire evacuations and COVID. Wanting to contribute to and make a difference in our community, she decided to run for City Council and was elected, officially taking office on December 1, 2020. **Diana** said she is a firm believer in collaborative problem solving. (definitely a counter-cultural point of view in these angry and divisive times) She sees herself as a problem solver and bridge



builder. There is always a delicate balancing act when it comes to the often conflicting demands of individual needs versus the common good. It is so important for Council members to listen and keep an open

mind. Your scribe wants to add that her skills were immensely helpful when he worked with her during **Bob Roger's** District Conference.

For our program **Diana** focused on two crucial and challenging aspects of city government – budget and police audit. There are 7000 people in the city limits, but Sebastopol actually serves a wider population, closer to 50,000. But the budget remains rather modest, bringing in between \$9 and \$10 million, while spending \$8 - \$9 million. The city has often been able to bank reserves, entering 2019 with \$4 million in unallocated reserves. Then came COVID. A number of revenue sources, including sales tax, precipitously declined, leaving just \$1.25 million in reserves at the beginning of 2021. The challenge now, as the pandemic threat hopefully retreats, is how to embrace a hopeful financial future for the city. A goal is to get the reserves back to \$6 million. The city needs aggressive business development and marketing. She believes we have a great city staff capable of doing this, and anticipates increased sales tax and hotel tax revenues.

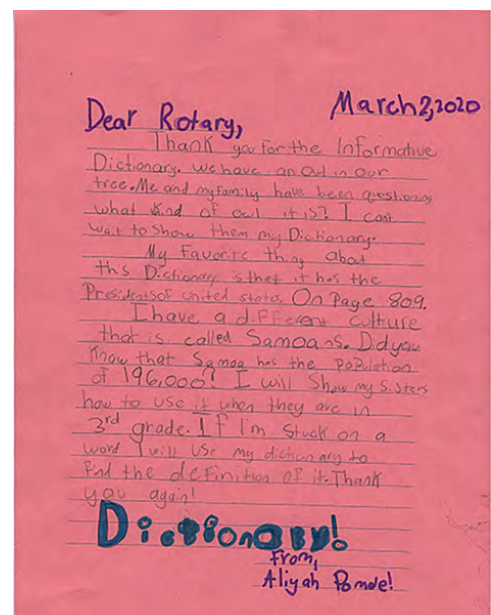
Of course, any planning must address issues of housing and homelessness. The city is now looking to West County Community Services to provide case management for the homeless in our city and to help with housing and shelter. For a number of years, the Community Church has made space available for an overnight parking program, and now WCCS is approaching other churches about providing space. The city is also working with CAHOOTS – a program in which trained mental health providers can be the first responders instead of police in situations involving mental health issues instead of criminal activity. Also, since the former Sebastopol Inn has been turned into housing for the unhoused, contrary to many fears, there have been no increased police calls or other negative consequences.

Jerry Threet is leading the audit of the Police Department with the support of Police Chief Kilgore. **Diana** said he is a highly skilled person for this job, and is a strong believer in civilian oversight of police. He is working on policy and procedure recommendations, including website updates, more community involvement and more transparency around the handling of complaints by the public. The auditor also reports that the police department is significantly understaffed. The current staff faces mandatory overtime and there are simply too many open positions. Threet is a strong believer in the city's ability to make necessary changes.

🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

When the program concluded, President **Dan** adjourned this, his final meeting. Thanks, **Dan**, for a job well done in the face of unique and often trying circumstances. You were truly the right person for the job.

🍎 AFTER THE BELL 🍎



Editor's Note: The 4-Way Test is suspended for this unauthorized biography.

Dan Rasmus was born in 1967 to parents Irene and Ron, the youngest of three children. They lived on a large desert property outside of



Scottsdale, Arizona. Little Danny had an idyllic childhood, enjoying pastimes such as golf ball fetching and rattlesnake wrangling, both of which would be useful lessons many years in the future as a Rotary President.



As a lad, Dan and his family also lived in Korea and Hong Kong. Dan loved exploring these

foreign cities, traveling by train and subway. This sense of adventure is still with Dan today, as he enjoys exploring new places...as long as he reaches some kind of brewery by 4:30 PM and is in bed by eight.

After Hong Kong, Dan's family moved to Massachusetts where he completed 11th grade. They returned to Scottsdale for Dan's senior year at Chaparral High School. Go Fighting Tumbleweeds!



After graduation, Dan attended the University of Arizona where he joined a frat, or as Dan calls it, "a fraternity", studied Human Resources and Finance, and learned to love beer and the Wildcats. As a Delta Tau Delta member, Dan volunteered to participate in every activity available, soon became the President of the Interfraternity Council, and even won the Interfraternity Beer Pong Tournament.



After graduation, Dan was hired by Honeywell and began a career in Human Resources. He traveled to various cities for recruitment events and was highly successful in securing excellent prospects. He loved discovering new brewpubs and taverns while traveling for business.



Dan's next job was with a business software company in the Phoenix area. He also traveled frequently with this job, but on one weekend home back in 1996, Dan went to a friend's 30th birthday party. Coincidentally, Fran also was at this party -- and the two teamed up for a

card game which may have involved a drinking contest of some type. Unfortunately, memory of this evening is hazy, but rumors are it was love at first drink...or sight....or whatever.

The two went on their first date a couple weeks later, an amazing hike on South Mountain followed by dinner on a beautiful patio overlooking the desert. They were married 18 months later at the Desert Botanical Garden where the minister sneezed and hacked during the entire ceremony due to blooming desert wildflowers. The wedding reception featured some of Phoenix's best craft brews.



Fran and Dan's son, Ben, was born a year later, while the family lived in Tempe. Fran's extended family was living in Northern California, so there were frequent visits which developed a longing to relocate to a cooler climate, and start a new adventure.



Fran's mom Vicki was lifelong friends with Jackie McDermott, the mother of Jackie Moreira. Jackie introduced Fran and Dan to her fellow Rotarian and Realtor Mark Stevens, who helped them find their home. Dan is not a big spender so it was quite daunting to consider buying a home in Sebastopol, and they were having second thoughts at one point. Mark told them to "shit or get off the pot." Since they bought the house it is clear which option they chose.



Their daughter Jane was born right before they moved into their new home on Hill Drive. Dan described the birth of his two children as the second best events of his life, just behind the annual release of Pliny the Younger.

Dan works in a home office in his garage. Nobody actually knows what he does for a living, but rumors about something to do with a witness



protection program and the CIA have been circulating for years. When not doing whatever he does in his "home office", you can find Dan enjoying Rotary, sports, working on projects around the house, his family, travel, and anything to do with beer.

Dan, known by the nickname "Talent", has participated in many Rotary acting roles, which have included multiple Dubunkings, District Conferences, Regional Rotary International events, and a stellar performance playing Paul Harris at the International Assembly in front of 1,400 people from around the world. This is beneficial to Rotary, which always has a limited budget, since Dan will work for beer.



SCHEDULE

5:30 Reception, appetizers, wine & beer

6:30 Dinner by Gerard's Paella
(Please remain seated until your table is called)

7:45 Awards, Gifts, and Meet the New Board
(Please move to the theatre area)

8:15 Jeopardy!

Chair

Ken Jacobs

Party-Planner-in-Chief

Meredeth Bertacco

Head Jeopardy! Writer

Paul Thielen

Emcee

David Schreibman

Party Crew

Meredeth Bertacco
Patti Blount
Aleia Coate
Diana Wilson

Ticket Sales

Lu Frazier

Cast

Keller McDonald
Gail Gilzen
Gene Nelson
Aleia Coate
Jack Blasco
Sharon Daveiro
Nao Noguchi

AV Crew

Jack Blasco
John Blount
Jack Dunlap
Ken Jacobs
Ron Puccinelli
Paul Thielen
Edwin Wilson

Stage Manager

Bob Rogers

Script Committee

John Blount
Jeff Boal
Tom Dilley
Ken Jacobs
Gene Nelson
Bob Rogers
Ron Puccinelli
David Schreibman
Paul Thielen

Thank You

Russian River Vineyards
Gerard's Paella
Fran Rasmus
Delta Tau Delta Fraternity
Pliny the Younger



Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – June 15, 2021

President's Report to the Club for June 2021

Fellow Club Members and Friends,

When we all started this year, the greatest challenge for each of us was not really knowing how to plan for club programs and activities. But thanks to so many dedicated Rotarians, so many things DID happen!

New members joined the club this year and are already contributing and making a difference! And we will be adding 2 new members very soon.

Despite, COVID-19, our members still volunteered and made a difference.

Groups continued to work at the Redwood Empire Food Bank

A work group did maintenance at the Laguna Foundation, like this club does every Fall.

A work party formed to help the grounds of Cloverleaf Ranch where Cool Kids Camp is held.

A group of walkers walked to support Alzheimer's Research and raised over \$2,000. This will continue each year.

Groups spread out in different areas throughout the county and participated in the River Cleanup Day.

Our club is now proud parents of an adopted road – Mill Station.

We helped out Sebastopol Sunrise with their annual Christmas Dinner for those in need. Drive-thru style of course

Our Interactors and advisors, once again, shopped, wrapped and distributed Christmas presents to children in need.

A coat-drive, organized by **Ruthie Dunlap**, yielded a truck load of coats and blankets for the needy. Once again, you gave generously.

The youth in our community and our schools were served once again by the wonderful work this club does.

Dictionaries were distributed, Interact clubs met, Students were recognized for Overcoming Obstacles, The Financial Literacy course for seniors continued this Spring, RYLA continued on this Spring – Zoom of course, Troubled children will once again get to go to Cool Kids Camp this Summer on scholarships partially funded by this club.

As part of the Becas program, \$4,000 was raised by club members to fund 12 scholarships providing education opportunities to children in need in the Puerto Vallarta area.

4 deserving students at SRJC were awarded \$4,000 each.

Your generosity and fundraising efforts were truly inspiring this year.

Members donated over \$47,000 to End Polio forever.

You donated over \$15,000 to the Rotary Foundation to help with hunger, education and clean water throughout the world.

Although our club could not hold our annual Crab Feed, the crab feed committee sent letters out to club members – and more importantly – with the community. \$12,000 was raised for Teacher Grants!

Despite COVID and the impact on businesses, many local businesses still supported this club this year by committing to sponsorships. Thanks to the outreach by **Ellen** and **Patrick**, \$11,000 was donated to our club's foundation to fund valuable programs.

Our annual SuperBowl board competition raised over \$1,000 for SREF.

Due to the hard work of all of you and the generosity of you and so many people in the community, \$78,000 was netted from the Derby Day themed Raffle, our Major Fundraiser.

More importantly, funds were distributed to help our local and international community.

Our community grants committee awarded \$27,000 to worthwhile and well-deserved entities in our community. To name a few: Ceres, Sebastopol Library, Ives Pool, Analy HS Fine Arts, and the Laguna Foundation.

40 teachers in our community received nearly \$15,000 in Mark Sell Teacher Grant Awards.

Along with Sebastopol Sunrise and District Matching Grants, \$7,900 worth of supplies went to local schools to assist with Distance learning and an eventual return to school.

\$10,000 was donated to International causes including a clean water project in Zimbabwe and eye surgeries to those in need, in Mexico.



Although we could not hold our annual picnic, holiday party, friendship dinners and many other social events, our Friday hybrid meetings became our club's primary social activity. On zoom – we had pre and post meeting chatter. In person, a chance to meet in person and make that critical connection with each other. And maintain some of the social aspect that makes Rotary so unique from other service clubs.

The programs throughout the year were entertaining, and educational.

We were able to hear from people outside the county – and even our country – thanks to Zoom. Ravi Ravindran, Chair of Rotary International Trustees joined us from midnight his time from Sri Lanka in October. California Secretary of State, Alex Padilla spoke to our club from Sacramento and then shortly after was appointed to the US Senate. I guess we can say we had a US Senator speak to our club.

And, although Russian River Vineyards provided us with shade, shelter, and heaters. Meeting outdoors regularly is not really ideal. We had to contend with Wind, Rain, Heat, Smoke, Ash and outdoor noises – Obviously, none of this within our control. It seemed like each week -- the A/V crew, led by **John Blount**, added some kind of improvement. The complexity of this type of hybrid meeting was extremely difficult and I can't thank everyone involved enough.

As COVID-19 winds down, the most satisfying way to end this unique Rotary Year is seeing our club getting back to somewhat normalcy –and what a gift to all of us.

Thank you for making this a GREAT YEAR!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Dan Rasmus



COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA – CINDY CARTER, DIRECTOR:

COMMUNITY GRANTS (**Richard Power**, Chair) – Another \$12,000 in Community Grants was approved at the May board meeting. **Ken Jacobs** quickly issued the checks, and the checks were mailed in late May (see final report attached). We are starting to receive reports from the March round of grants and following up with others to confirm how the funds were used.

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

COMMUNITY & GLOBAL ISSUES, VOLUNTEER PROJECTS (**Diana Rich**, Chair) – 1) **Cindy Carter** - REFB – switching this up for June. We'll host a Donation Station at the Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB) on June 30, 2021 from 11am to 1pm. We need two volunteers to accept the bags of food coming into the food bank for the event that our club is hosting.

2) **Sue Engle**- Home for Homeless subcommittee – Following up on the presentation at the April board meeting (re the Community First! Village in Austin, Texas) the board approved, at its May meeting, finding out additional details re what this partnership might look like.

3) **Kathy Schwartz** - Environmental Sustainability – first meeting hosted by the new committee chair, **Kathy Schwartz**, was held in May. Exciting things are coming soon. (From **Robin Maybury**: “**Kathy Schwartz** is now the Chair of the Climate Committee. She will be traveling for the first two weeks of June. I am filling in for her on one task – We have invited select local organizations to apply to our club for a district grant for a project of their choosing that helps to mitigate climate change. **Ellen** knows all about this. I will be evaluating proposals that come in.”)

Committee Members for Climate Committee: Patti Blount, Lu Frazier

4) **Cindy Carter** - Sonoma County "Adopt-A-Road" – First county road clean-up was held Saturday, May 15, 2021. Thanks to the great turn-out the clean-up only took 1.5 hours. Thank you to the following participants: **Steve Beck, Sue Engle, Tony Given, Ellen Harrington, Steve Prandini, Bob Rogers, David Still, Rick Wilson, and Yours Truly** “the Ditch Witch” aka **Cindy Carter**. We worked in teams of three and whipped Mill Station Rd into beautiful shape from Hwy 116 to Ferguson Rd. Now we are waiting for our club's name to be posted at the two ends of Mill Station Rd.

Committee Members: Steve Beck, Tom Boag, Keller McDonald, Jim Pacatte; YWCA & 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) – Nothing new to report.

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) – **Paul** finished distributing the dictionaries in May. **Linda Irving** brought **President Dan** a bushel of thank you notes from the Parkside students at the 6/11/21 club meeting. Possibly he will have a chance to share a few at the final club meeting on 6/18/21.

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

“BIG” FUNDRAISER (**Aleia Coate**, Chair) – The May 1, 2021 Derby Day raffle grossed \$89,805 as of 5/10/21 board meeting.

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) – No update this month.

Committee Members: Larry Ford, Jackie Moreira,

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANTS (**Jack Blasco, Torrey Olson**, Co-Chairs) – Looking forward to 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 Schreiberman, Laura Victor van Gorder

SPONSORSHIPS COMMITTEE (**Ellen Harrington, Patrick Dirden**, Co-Chairs) – **Patrick** and **Ellen** will be updating the Sponsorship materials for FY 2021-22 to obtain sponsors for the coming year.

Committee Members: Tom Boag, Lu Frazier

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE AREA – ROBIN MAYBURY, DIRECTOR:

COOL KIDS CAMP (Multi Club Program) (**Robin Maybury**, Chair) – Cool Kids funds for 2021 camps are increasing steadily. Some clubs wait till June to send a donation. Approx. \$2,000 more in funds will enable us to send all 16 kids to camp. We have sent a \$5,000 deposit check for the 2021 camps. Our goal is approx. \$11,300, which will cover kid's camping and photography costs. Libby and **Robin** will present how 2021 camps went to the Petaluma Valley Club in September 2021.

Committee Members: Tom Boag, Patrick Dirden, Keller McDonald

FINANCIAL LITERACY (**Tim Moore, David Schreiberman**, Co-Chairs) – **David Schreiberman** is happy to report that, despite the immense chaos in the West County High School District, the Financial Literacy Committee successfully reached two classes of graduating seniors at Analy High School. **David** performed two hour-long presentations via Zoom. The teacher, Freddie Lambert, reached out after receiving feedback from both classes:



"Hi David,

Thank you so much for speaking to my classes about Personal Finance. The overwhelming majority found the presentation very helpful. I did my follow up with the second class today and I have had a total of 32 students request Flash Drives. Let me know if you would like me to pick them up or if you would like to drop them off. If you do drop them off, you can drop them off at the main office with a Special Attention for myself.

Thank you again for taking time out of your day to speak with my classes. I really appreciate you.

Best regards,

Freddie Lambert"

Committee Members: Lu Frazier, Diana Rich

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (**Larry Ford, Richard Power**, Co-Chairs) – Nothing new to report.

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

INTERACT (ANALY, TWIN HILLS, BROOK HAVEN) (**Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – Twin Hills never got off the ground during COVID but Brook Haven has been amazing. We have met all year via Zoom. We met in person to do a fundraiser. Last week the officers met and voted to give \$200 each to the Living Room, Earl Baum Center for the Blind, Forgotten Felines, and Canine Companions. They also elected officers for the 21-22 school year.

I will be bringing Jeff Stucker and the incoming and outgoing president to the June 11th Rotary meeting.

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 Schreiberman**, Co-Chairs) – **Tom Boag** reported "I sat – distanced & masked in the hot sun of Laguna's basketball court to present the scholarship to Jashai Limu-Houston. Laguna is my favorite awards presentation. Magic happens there." Our committee members attended also both El Molino and Analy Awards events.

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) – **Gail Gijzen** reports that Envision RYLA took place and 1 student was recruited from Analy. I had reach-out to all student body (Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors) via the career center, emailed the school counselors for recommendations, and put an announcement out to the Interact Club. It looks like next year, or at least I dream in all the un-predictability, that RYLA will return to in person camp.

Committee Members: Tom Boag, David Schreiberman

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (**Jim Passage**, Chair) – Four scholarships were awarded, each of four thousand dollars.

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 update.

LEARN WITH ME (**Linda Irving**, Chair) – Nothing new to report for (June)

Committee Members: Patti Blount, Lu Frazier

CLIMATE COMMITTEE (**KATHY SCHWARTZ**, CHAIR) – (See under Climate Committee in Community Service)

CLUB SERVICE – BOB BOYD, DIRECTOR:

APPLEKNOCKER EDITORS (**David Still**, Chair); Subcommittees: PHOTOGRAPHY (**Harvey Henningsen**, **Jack Dunlap**, Co-Chairs), SCRIBES (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair) – Patrick reports that all Scribes are scheduled through the end of **Dan's** term and is starting to schedule **Scribes** for the first three months of **Ellen's** term.

Harvey reports that “Our **Roto-Image-making-Paparazzi's** has been honed down to a lean veteran crew during the stay-at-home zoomie-RRV-pandemic-meetings. Many thanks to **Tom Boag** our Zoom-Meister for keeping the more faint of heart who attend meetings from home involved in Rotary. More appreciation to **David Schreibman**, **Robin Maybury**, **Jack Dunlap**, **Jack Blasco**, **Patrick Dirden** & **Richard Power** for covering the different aspects of our Pandemic meetings – both in person at RRV and via screen captures. Although not on this committee, we have the greatest appreciation for the A/V team who shows up to blend RRV live meetings with the zoom meetings. There's a lot of lumping equipment around and setting up and tearing down and packing equipment away, and then doing it all over again when the A/V crew gets home. Awesome work, A/V crew!

One More – “This report would be incomplete without a huge thank you to our **Pandemic-President Dan Rasmus**. He was dealt the “crappy-pandemic-hand” for his presidency and has carried on with poise, good humor & diligence. **Dan** has been tested by the fire of a generational world crises, kept our club attendance strong and has endured. Thanks & Bravo **Dan!** HH

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 Schreibman; Photographers: Harvey Henningsen (Co-Ch), Jack Dunlap (Co-Ch), Tom Boag, Karen Daniels, Patrick Dirden, Mike Ferguson, Larry Ford, Robin Maybury, David Schreibman, Jerry Warren

AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM (**Paul Thielen**, Chair) – ZOOM MEETINGS (**John Blount**, A/V Techie; **Tom Boag**, **Jack Dunlap**, **Ken Jacobs**, Co-Hosts) – **Paul** reports that all the A/V committee continues to provide streaming of the Friday meetings and is in discussions within the District to provide services for the October District Conference. Oh yes... Debunking.

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**) – A new club policy, “Rotary Club of Sebastopol Electronic Storage, Communication and Privacy” written by **Dan**, **Tom**, **Robin**, and **John** – It was unanimously approved at the June 15 board Meeting.

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 Schreibman**, Chair); Subcommittees: ROTARY INFORMATION, MENTORING, NEW MEMBER ATTRACTION) – The **Membership Committee** is excited to be in the final phases of bringing in two new members. Rotary Information is complete and an email was sent to all members on 6/7/21. If all goes well, we are hoping for a dual induction ceremony on **Dan's** last official meeting on June 18. **John** and **Patti** are thrilled to not only “replace themselves” in their Dentistry practice, but to also bring in two people who really want to contribute to their new community through Rotary. They will not only be sponsors but mentors as well. **David** added his congratulations to **Director Bob Boyd**: “**Bob**, I also want to congratulate you for stepping up and serving our club in a year of constant change. Undoubtedly your wisdom and heart for service were significant whenever the Board had a new decision to make.”

Committee Members: David Schreibman (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) – [What a great year of programs. Great teamwork from all the committee, the best leadership from **Jeff Boal**, innovation, handling surprises, coordinating everything. A special surprise program to honor our long-time member **Mario Ramos**. All of this despite a really tough year in so many ways. A special honor to work with this group. -**Ed.(Tom)**]

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**) – **Hal** reports that the Public Relations Committee in the past month has: 1. Sent out two press releases – One dealt with Teacher of the Year and the other SRJC Scholarships. 2. He has begun collecting material for the annual website update to be done this month. 3. **Ellen Harrington** and he and Councilperson **Diana Rich** together largely led the very successful Community Needs Summit.

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** reports that the **Sergeant at Arms Committee** was excited to be able to have the first opportunity to actually use the fine collecting box at the last meeting.

Committee Members: Tom Dilley, Tony Given, Jim Pacatte



CLUB ACTIVITIES – JOHN BLOUNT, DIRECTOR:

(NO NEW REPORT, EXCEPT FOR DEBUNKING. OTHER NOTES FROM FEBRUARY.)

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 well into logistics, production, and now sales. The event is Friday night, June 25, at Russian River Vineyards. Issues are: 1) Location costs; 2) Attendance numbers; 3) Food costs; 4) Safety concerns; and 5) Drinks included or ala carte? Note: **Ken** is onsite for the board meeting and will discuss all these elements. The Debunking is on track for Friday, June 25. Buy your ticket.

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

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) – We changed Foundation month to May. So far, we have three new Major Donors, and two members moving up the scale. There will be two Fridays that will have a Foundation presentation. We continue to make announcements to raise awareness of our club's efforts to support the foundation. The presentations will help in that process.

Committee Members: **Steve Beck, Frank Mayhew**

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD REPORT (**Bob Rogers**, Chair):

1) St. Helena Rotary's Global Grant Zimbabwe Water Project – Received word from St. Helena Rotary's **John Muhlner** on June 4th that they have received the funds in the amount of \$82,250 from the Rotary Foundation for the Zimbabwe Water Project. The host club in **Harare** is now arranging for the approved vendors to begin the project. For details of this project please see the January 12, 2021 Board Report.

2) Puerto Vallarta South's Eye Surgery Program – Nothing new to report. On April 26th we received a full report on the seven eye surgeries performed by Puerto Vallarta South Rotarian **Dr. Jaime Meramontez**.

3) Santa Rosa Sunrise's Sabalos Surgery Center Global Grant in Nicaragua – **John Jones** of Santa Rosa Sunrise reports total raised for this project was \$47,000, and because of a local contact, were able to negotiate the cost down on the portable x-ray machine to \$38,000, allowing them to also purchase a cauterization scalpel plus a newborn patient table and monitoring system. Firm Purchase Orders have been cut with 50% deposit made. Balance will be paid when equipment is ready to be shipped to Sabalos. Expect to be up and running in about a month.

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS (Chair: **D. Rodella**) – In partnership with the Puerto Vallarta Sur club. Plan is to start communication with the club at large on or before 7/1/2021. Here is a recent e-mail from **John Powell** who continues to support the program and our club's participation:

"If you could get money to PV by the end of August that would be great. I will see if I can get some information and pictures of some of the students seeking help. Thanks for our continued support."

A great idea was floated by our own **Ken Jacobs**. Perhaps we seek one-time donations in addition to traditional scholarships. I plan to pursue this. Great idea! Thank you, **Ken**.

Annual Becas Scholarship amounts currently are: Middle School \$300; High School \$350; University \$400.

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**

