



# The Appleknocker

## Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

### Fire Chief Contreras – New Ideas in Fire Science



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

### BEFORE THE BELL



It was a beautiful springlike day as fellow Rotarians were enjoying the virtual meeting that Zooming provides. Others were enjoying closer contact on the gorgeous grounds of the Russian River Vineyards where Fearless Leader AKA **President Dan Rasmus** was busy setting up the podium and preparing for the upcoming meeting.

[The audio/visual crew at RRV was rushing around trying to make a balky projector send sound to the speaker so the RRV audience could hear the attendees on Zoom (including the program

speakers.) Finally, **AV Guru John Blount** bypassed the unhelpful projector by plugging the speaker directly into the Zoom session laptop. Crisis averted; meeting can be enjoyed by all. Never a dull moment in the AV business -Ed. ]



### AT THE BELL



**Prez Dan** brought the hammer down on the Roto Bell a tad early at 12:14 to start the second year of Zoomified meetings of The Rotary Club of Sebastopol. **Dorothy Rodella** started things off by leading in honoring Old Glory.



## **Future Programs**

**March 19, 2021**

**Glenn Waring**

***Questions and Waiting for  
Answers***

**March 26, 2021**

**The Hon. Robert Boyd**

***The History of the Electoral  
College***

**April 2, 2021**

**Brandon Spars, Phd**

***Tales from Sumatra -  
storytelling lessons***

## **Coming Attractions**

**Debunking**

**June 25, 2021**

## **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)**



This was followed by **Richard Petersen** providing us with the thought for the day.

“Brand for a Company is like a reputation for a person. You earn reputation by trying to do hard things well.

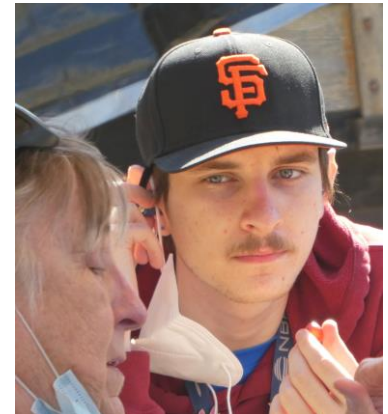
If you do build a great experience, customers tell each other about that. Word of Mouth is very powerful.”

Jeff Bezos, Founder of Amazon

## **VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS**

It would not be the same without the presence of two of our favorite visiting Rotarians, Past President, and Past District Governor Bruce Campbell and Past President Gary Kimes zoomed all the way in from their respective homes in Sparks, NV and Colorado Springs, CO. **Jim Passage** introduced Katrina Zavalney from Santa Rosa East—we will hear more from Katrina later.

**Lu Frazer** introduced her grandson Jack.



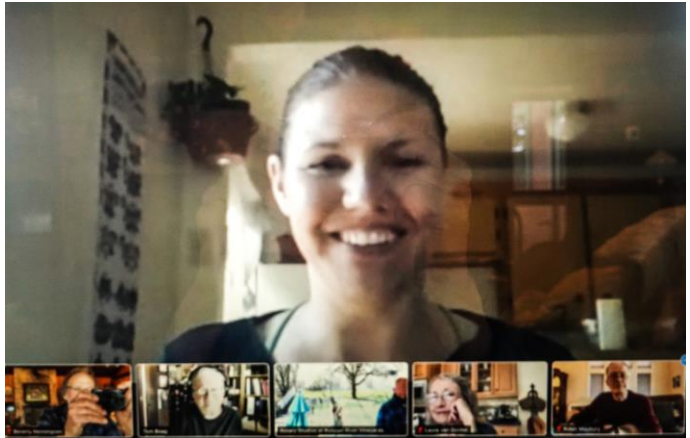
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Jim Passage** stepped to the podium to introduce one half of today's program, Katrina Zavalney from the Santa Rosa East Rotary Club. She is an organization development coach for a nonprofit. She is dedicated to creating a sustainable environment for all with 20 years' experience in community organizing. Katrina has been at the forefront of the sustainability movement, starting with organizing Earth Day





events since 2000. She is known for greening things, including Disney—writing environmental policies that went company—wide. Katrina has gone to work with the communities around the world to be the change they want to see, with Global Grants in Nepal and Uganda.



Katrina noted that Rotary District 5130 has joined forces with ESRAG (Environmental

Sustainability Rotary Action Group.) In doing this, Rotary has created a 7<sup>th</sup> area of focus and that is protecting the environment. Many Rotarians in District 5130 have joined in an ESRAG working group on this topic. They have developed short term and longer-term strategies for protecting the environment. They are planning a district wide Earth Day (April 22<sup>nd</sup>) platform for clubs in the District to easily engage in community service activities on the environment. One suggestion is to have your club plant gardens with club members or in collaboration with other clubs, organizations or schools. On March 20 there is a River Clean-up on the Russian River. **Cindy Carter** has sent out an email sign up for next Saturday's project. Register your projects with District 5130. Here is the [link](#) to Katrina's Power Point Presentation.



## DERBY DAY FUNDRAISER



**Aleia Coate** stepped up and announced that The Rotary Club of Sebastopol's major fund raiser "The Derby Day Raffle Fund Raiser" is up and running (pun intended)—with one ticket being sold so far. The event is scheduled to coincide with the Kentucky Derby and the raffle will be held Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>.



Tickets will be priced at \$50 each and everyone needs to pitch in and sell, sell, sell. It is the goal of the club to raise \$100,000 for our projects ( yes, we are going to essentially give the money away.) Each club member will be given 20 tickets to sell but it's okay to sell more. And more. And more.

**Aleia** gave a quick run-through of the prizes and they are awesome. \$5,000 cash or a trip to New York is the grand prize but there are so many more. A shopping spree, a stay at a home in Montana, and many more with details to follow. These tickets should sell themselves.

Your Horse Team Trainers (captains)

Excellence in West County Education  
Keller McDonald

Cool Kids Camp – Ameer Sas

Rotary District 5130

How do we track how we are doing? I am glad you asked. Each club member is assigned to a team with a team leader and it is a race. Progress will be carefully monitored each week until we reach the May 1 finish line. Teams and team leaders are 1) *Interact* led by **Pauline Pellini**, 2) *Youth Exchange* – **Jackie Moriera** 3) *Financial literacy* – **Tim Moore** 4) *Learn with me* – **Patti Blount**, 5) *Overcoming Obstacles* – **David Schreiber**. 6) *Community Grants* – **Mia Del Prete**, 7) *Excellence in West County Education* – **Keller McDonald**, 8) *Cool Kids Camp* – **Ameer Sas**.

You should know by now which team you are on and should be planning your sales strategy. In the words of **David Schreiber**, ABC – *Always Be Closing*.

## 🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎

[No recognitions this week, everyone save your pennies for next week when catch up is sure to happen -Ed.]

## 🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎



**Edwin Wilson** took the lectern to introduce our Zoom Program. Presenters were Dr. Tommy Abercrombie zooming in from Texas and Garrett Contreras all the way from Hayward. Dr Abercrombie is a retired firefighter and an internationally known expert on Fire Science and Fire Science training. Chief Contreras has been the Fire Chief of the City of Hayward since 2012.

Dr. Abercrombie was first to speak and noted that firefighter training was the same for many years. Essentially each fire department had a multi-story tower with stairs, and they told the trainees to

“pretend it’s an apartment house” or “pretend it’s a hotel” or “pretend it’s a BART car on the tracks”, and run up the stairs and put out the fire. Clearly this training had its limitations and put new firefighters in danger. A recent phenomenon is that older firefighters are retiring and there are fewer fires to fight. So new trainees do not get the same type of On-the Job- training as in the old days. Enter the City of Hayward and its new sales tax, a part of which was designated to the Fire Department. Dr. Abercrombie, Chief Contreras and our own **Edwin Wilson** are collaborating on building a new Fire Training Facility in Hayward covering 6 ¾ acres.



Chief Contreras took over to describe the state-of-the-art concepts involved in the project. There is a dummy BART car. There is a dummy airplane. There is an overturned Big Rig just to mention a few. There are also numerous buildings with different entry points and simulations. There is computer controlled “Fire” for the trainees to work on – dangerous and providing valuable training experiences. There is a giant “smoke

room” to simulate one of the most dangerous conditions firefighters encounter.



This impressive facility is six years in the making so far and on track. This training is far beyond the old “run up the stairs” concept and will make training more effective and safer.

After the presentation, **Jeff Boal** asked about how urban departments assist with wildfires. Chief Contreras described mutual aid teams that are sent throughout the state to help others with wildfires. Each “strike team” is led by a strike team leader and a strike team leader trainee. You must serve on a strike team, then become a strike team leader trainee, and only then can you become a strike team leader. It’s not just the oldest guy (or gal) in the firehouse. These people are trained and ready. A comforting idea.



## 🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

**President Dan Rasmus** rang the closing bell at precisely 1:15pm

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

**March 19, 2021**

Glenn Waring

Questions and Awaiting Answers

**In the room where it happens:**

**Ever wonder how effective leaders make decisions?**

**What are the powerful questions they find most challenging?**

**If you could ask only two focus questions, what would they be?**

**March 26, 2021**

Judge Bob Boyd

The Electoral College



**April 2, 2021**

Brandon Spars, Phd.

Teacher and Story Teller

**Brandon Spars** will be our speaker on April 2, 2021. His Topic: **Tales from Sumatra – Storytelling Lessons.**

Sonoma Academy where he teaches describes Brandon as “our resident storyteller”. His home state of Missouri, travels, and marriage have informed his rich and entertaining stories not only in the classroom but as a workshop leader, as a TEDx speaker and a multi-champion of the nationally famed Moth story telling contests including GrandSLAMS at the Castro Theater in San Francisco and at the Mystic Theater in Petaluma. He has contributed to countless workshops and conferences on the intersection between storytelling, ancient history, and pedagogy. Add to this, Brandon is a published author.

Bridging a great California academic rivalry, Brandon attended Stanford for his undergrad education and UC Berkeley for his MA in South & Southeast Asian Studies, as well as his PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies. He spent seven years teaching at UC Berkeley and other international universities before coming to Sonoma Academy.



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

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

Fellow Club Members and Friends,

Our club's major fundraiser is officially off to the races!

The Derby Day Raffle is our major fundraiser this year and our club's way of funding all the wonderful educational, international, and community programs we do.

Although no one is required to sell 20 tickets, I hope you use this as an opportunity to connect with friends, neighbors and family and give them the opportunity to help our community – and possibly win one of 8 great prizes! Remember each ticket you sell helps your Rotary Team in our club competition. We will be showcasing the up to the minute team standings each and every Friday until the winners are drawn on May 1, 2021 – Kentucky Derby Day.

The drawing will be celebrated in a Kentucky Derby theme at a live outdoor day time event with fun, food, fellowship, and drink. This event will be streamed live so everyone has a chance to participate.

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 closed on February 8, 2021. All applications were reviewed by the committee on February 28, 2021. The committee's recommendation is attached for the board's approval.

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** – Redwood Empire Food Bank – We had a strong turn-out on February 25. Many thanks to the crew of ten who worked hard sorting carrots. Our next workday at REFB is scheduled for Thurs, March 25 from 1:00-4:00 pm.

2) **Mete Senocak** and **Sue Engle** - Home for Homeless – Continuing with internal committee tasks, including developing a business plan and connecting with and learning from successful self-sustaining communities nationally and internationally. We now have an advisor and potential guest committee member, Mikeal O'Toole, who has several decades of on the ground experience with local homeless issues, site developments, and

related challenges. We've also connected with Michelle Patino who, along with running the recently opened homeless accommodations at the Sebastopol Inn and the Astro Hotel, is also networking with several permanent communities nationally. Mikeal and Michelle both share our vision for establishing successful self-sustaining communities here in Sonoma County, providing permanent housing, along with security, health care, revenue producing businesses, and employment – with necessary involvement from the residents.

3) **Diana Rich** – Sebastopol Downtown Parklets – No update this month.

4) **Jim Passage** - Environmental Sustainability – new subcommittee under construction. Details still in the works. During the business portion of the March 12, 2021 meeting, an intro will be provided by District 5130 representative Katrina Zavalney.

5) **Cindy Carter** - Sonoma County "Adopt-A-Road" – Program opened 2/21/21. Balletto Vineyards and the Sebastopol Sunrise Club have adopted parts of Occidental Road. No cost to the club. Vests, bags, and other tools provided by the County. The commitment is for three years; two clean-ups required twice per year; preferably four. Need to select a one mile stretch of county road that has visibility for the signage provided by the County. Looking at Ragle Road, Guerneville Road, Mill Station Rd. See article in the Sonoma West: [Supervisors create 'adopt-a-road' program for county roads](#)

6) **Jack Dunlap** – Building Desks for Children in Need. **Jim Pacatte** and **Tom Dilley** indicated that they do not consider themselves "finish" carpenters suitable for building desks, but we would still like to see if we can't help out a needy child or two in our community. If you are interested in learning how please contact **Jack Dunlap** and maybe you can help talk **Jim** and **Tom** into showing us their skills. Also, there are videos to watch. These are not masterpieces so if you have a desire to help a child have a decent place to do school at home via zoom then give **Jack** a shout.

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

**CRAB FEED (Scott Briggs, Nao Noguchi, Patrick Dirden, Co-Chairs)** – Nearly \$13,000 raised so far. The wine prize winners were announced on February 19. Donations still being accepted until March 19, 2021. **Scott** is working on a club reminder and thank you letters with **Cindy** and **Hal**. Many thanks to **Scott** and **Hal** who donated some great wines from their own personal collections!!

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

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

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

**“BIG” FUNDRAISER (Aleia Coate, Chair)** – The Big Fundraiser is now going to be a super raffle held on May 1, 2021. Details coming soon about “Derby Day”. Each club member will be asked to help sell twenty \$50 raffle tickets. Our goal is to raise \$100,000, in order to fund all of the very important community and international club projects next Rotary year.

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)** – **Greg** presented video script to **John Blount** – who will look at it after March 15 as he is busy with PETS. The committee prepared the instructional video script about water safety. The script includes three locations: (1) a Sonoma County beach, (2) a Russian River beach, and (3) Ives Pool. Tim Murphy, State Lifeguard, has agreed to assist with one segment. Plan is to provide the script long before the school year ends as second graders need water safety instructions. We hope not to miss two years in a row.

Committee Members: Larry Ford, Jackie Moreira,

**MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANTS (Jack Blasco, Torrey Olson, Co-Chairs)** – There will be no further action on Teacher Grants this year. We're looking forward to the Fall 2021 round.

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

**SPONSORSHIPS COMMITTEE (Ellen Harrington, Patrick Dirden, Co-Chairs)** – Manzana Products became the club's newest gold sponsor!! More potential sponsorships are still pending.

Committee Members: Tom Boag, Lu Frazier

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

**COOL KIDS CAMP (Multi Club Program) (Robin Maybury, Chair)** – Cloverleaf Ranch management is still hoping to hold Camp in 2021. We shall see. However, the Calistoga Rotary Club (Julia Leza and Mary Hastings) managed to secure a very generous donation of \$1,400 from Modern Woodmen of America (MWA). Ken Jacobs kindly notarized the form they wanted me to sign. I am sending a thank you card to MWA.

Committee Members: Tom Boag, Patrick Dirden, Keller McDonald

**FINANCIAL LITERACY (Tim Moore, David Schreiber, Co-Chairs)** – There is nothing new to report from Financial Literacy.

Committee Members: Lu Frazier, Diana Rich

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

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

**INTERACT (ANALY, TWIN HILLS, BROOK HAVEN) (Pauline Pellini, Chair)** – Brook Haven Interact is having a fundraiser. They usually sold lollypops for Valentine's Day but will sell them at school pickup this Friday.

We will see how this works, but they have been quite creative, and I hope their enthusiasm prevails!

Twin Hills is yet to get up to speed this year. School might be back on campus soon so that might change.

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



**OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (Tom Boag, Hal Kwalwasser, David Schreiber, Co-Chairs)** – All seven participating Overcoming Obstacles Award students (3 from Analy, 3 from El Molino, 1 from Laguna High School) attended one of two special "break-the-ice" meetings with several members of the OOA committee (**Rick Wilson, Harry Simms, Ellen Harrington, Pam Graber, and zoom host Tom Boag**). The purpose was to tell the students what the program is about and what to expect on our April 23 event day. **Rick** chaired the meeting and inquired which of the students felt comfortable about speaking in front of a bunch (100) of people. A few were concerned. He told them about the speech assistance/practice sessions that his group provides to most students and also stressed that the students should start thinking about their five-minute talks - ahead of Spring Break (3/16 – 3/20) when most students get busy with writing and practicing their speeches. This week **Tom** will send out the first of three explanatory emails to all participating students - outlining speech content, etc.

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**) – There is no further information at this time related to what time the Zoom RYLA will be taking place, though it is still going on as scheduled April 30 – May 2nd. On February 28<sup>th</sup>, an updated link to the RYLA site was provided to link our committee to a promotional video for counselors to show students: <https://www.rotary5130ryla.org/>

**Gail** has contacted the Analy College & Career Center. **Gloria Mora** is now our contact. She and **Gail** have touched base, and **Gail** will be sending on the RYLA promotional video for recruiting.

Committee Members: Tom Boag, David Schreiber

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (**Jim Passage, Chair**) – The committee springs into action on Mar 14<sup>th</sup>. First step is to obtain the materials from SRJC. More news next month.

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

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

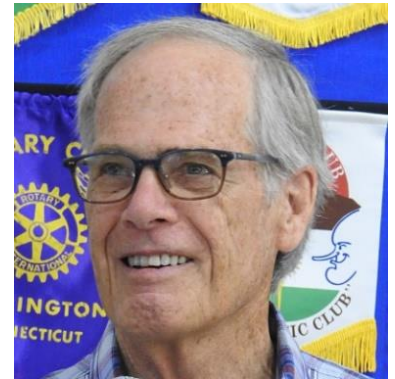
LEARN WITH ME (**Linda Irving, Chair**) – No update

Committee Members: Patti Blount, Lu Frazier

## CLUB SERVICE – BOB BOYD, DIRECTOR:

APPLEKNOCKER EDITORS (**David Still, Chair**); Subcommittees: PHOTOGRAPHY (**Harvey Henningsen, Jack Dunlap, Co-Chairs**), SCRIBES (**Patrick Dirden, Chair**) – The AppleKnocker Committee has added new Editors and we will continue to seek more, but the committee seems sufficiently staffed now to keep the AK continuing publication of this weekly review – at its current level of informative, entertaining, and high-quality reporting. **Harvey** reports “Our Covid-19 condensed group of image-makers continue to cover the Roto-zoom and remote-in-person mentioned remotely and occasionally in person”. **Patrick** reports that Scribes are in place through mid-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 group continues to stream meetings from the Russian River Winery every Friday. This week their major project over the past several months will culminate with the production of this year’s President Elect Training Seminar which **Ellen** will be virtually attending. **Paul Thielen** reports “quite an effort and well worth it”. At some meeting, I suggest we have **Paul** give a few minutes report at some future meeting of all the work this committee has done this year.

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.

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; Birthdays: Sue Engle, Ruthie Dunlap

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

Committee Members: 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 reports that Sergeant-at arms committee is standing by ready for action when needed.

Committee Members: Tom Dilley, Tony Given, Jim Pacatte

## CLUB ACTIVITIES – JOHN BLOUNT, DIRECTOR:

(NO NEW REPORT FROM THE CLUB ACTIVITIES GROUP THIS MONTH – HERE ARE NOTES FROM LAST MONTH.)

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

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

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

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

Committee Interest: Tom Boag, Tony Given, Keller McDonald, Gene Nelson, Aldean Noethig, Bob Rogers, David 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) – **Lu** reports: "Sebastopol Rotary successfully presented PHF awards (after a whole year) to seven members. We still have eight more awards to present plus a major donor presentation for **Bob Hirsch**. **Steve** did a great job in presenting the awards. It is time to ask for donations to the SHARE portion of the Foundation."

Committee Members: Steve Beck, Frank Mayhew

2) Puerto Vallarta South's Eye WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (**Bob Rogers**, Chair) – 1) St. Helena Rotary's Global Grant Zimbabwe Water Project – The Grant was submitted to TRF on 1/21/21 requesting approval of the \$82,250 project for the drilling of two wells and supporting infrastructure. TRF responded by sending four forms to be completed by the host club in Harare. At their weekly Zoom meeting last week, Harare Rotary reported they are in the process of completing the forms and will be forwarding shortly to TRF. For details of this project please see the January 12, 2021 Board Report.

Surgery Program – Dr. Miramontes has already performed the first eye surgery, made possible with the funds our club sent, last Saturday (March 6<sup>th</sup>). The procedure was performed to correct the child's strabismus (crossed eyes). See attached photos of before and after. A second surgery is being scheduled within the next 2 to 3 weeks. After that, Dr. Miramontes will provide a full report on the two surgeries. For further details on this project, please see the January 12, 2021 Board Report.

*PROGRAMMA DE BECAS* – Jorge Zambrano and John Powell will be our guest speakers at the March 26th meeting. **Tom Boag** will ensure they are comfortable with Zoom and screen sharing.

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**

