



The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Glenn Waring - Questions & Waiting For Answers



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



It was an almost 60 degrees and the sky was clearing at Russian River Vineyards Studio when Zoom opened up at 11:55 AM for the Rotary event of the week. Large glasses of wine for \$5 were being offered to the gathering crowd. If you want to revisit any of the Zoom meetings, they are recorded and can be downloaded. See **Tom Boag** for instructions. (TRBoag@aol.com)

[On the cusp of Spring
Cool wind brings afternoon sun
I hear my heart sing. -Ed.]



AT THE BELL



President Dan Rasmus rang the bell at 12:15 PM and welcomed everyone to the Russian River Vineyards Rotary meeting.

Assistant Governor Jack Blasco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thought for the Day: Presented by **Pauline Pellini**

Pauline quoted from Abraham Lincoln in a book titled *Wisdom and Wit*.

"I say 'try'; if we never try, we shall never succeed."

"Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."

"Let us at all time remember that all American citizens are brothers of a common country, and should dwell together in the bonds of fraternal feeling."



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www.RotaryEClubOne.org

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707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS



Visiting Rotarians: John Powell from Winnipeg, Manitoba; Past District Governor Bruce Campbell, Sparks, NV; and Past District Governor Chris Gallagher, Sausalito, CA. Chris's Rotary Club donated \$22,000 in 2017 to help with recovering from the fires. She is also part of the AV team.

Guests: Edwin and Diana Wilson's daughter **Danelle** and granddaughter **Lenora**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the 1st year anniversary of Sebastopol Rotary meetings on Zoom. **Immediate Past President Keller McDonald** reflected on the trials and tribulations of learning how to run a successful meeting on Zoom. The first meeting welcomed **Gail**



Gijzen as a new member, recognized Sebastopol Rotarians including **Nao Noguchi** attending the "Emperor's birthday celebration" at the Japanese Consulate in San Francisco, and



celebrated the kickoff of the West County Construction Corps. There were more photos of Sebastopol Rotary volunteers at the



food bank and hand delivering dictionaries to the classroom. The 2020 Sebastopol Community Awards honored **Jim Pacatte** as Citizen of the Year, Analy Interact with the Youth Volunteer Service award, and the Sonoma West Times and News (**Rollie Atkinson**) as Business of the Year.

We missed a lot of events last March. Keller pointed out that the one we really missed was happy hour at the **Blount's** home. Other events we

missed were Friendship Dinners, Speech Contest, Analy Career Fair, Teacher of the Year, PETS and District Training Assembly.

Other cancelled events from April to June were the Apple Blossom Parade (where **Jim Pacatte** was to be honored as Citizen of the Year), the Learn to Swim program, the District Conference in Fortuna, the Club Golf Tourney, and the Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp.



Sebastopol Rotary rose to the occasion. Board members and **Tom Boag** called all the members. The Appleknocker team kept on rolling, **Tom Boag** figured out how do Zoom meetings and taught all of us how to function on Zoom. As I recall, getting Zoom to work well was a challenge. **David Schreiber** kept up with Facebook and **Dan Rasmus** hosted an Internet



club forum. The Overcoming Obstacles Award and Debunking made a successful transition to Zoom. What didn't work? Singing on Zoom. What did? **Jack Blasco's** speech on Chernobyl. As of May 2020, members and friends had donated over \$38,000 to community projects. Along with Sebastopol Sunrise, we donated \$30,000 to the City of Sebastopol for a new Super Playground at Libby Park. The two clubs also worked on landscaping at the park while wearing masks.



Keller said his mantra came via **Rick Wilson**. "Rocks in my path? I keep them all. With them I shall build my castle." Nemo Nox.

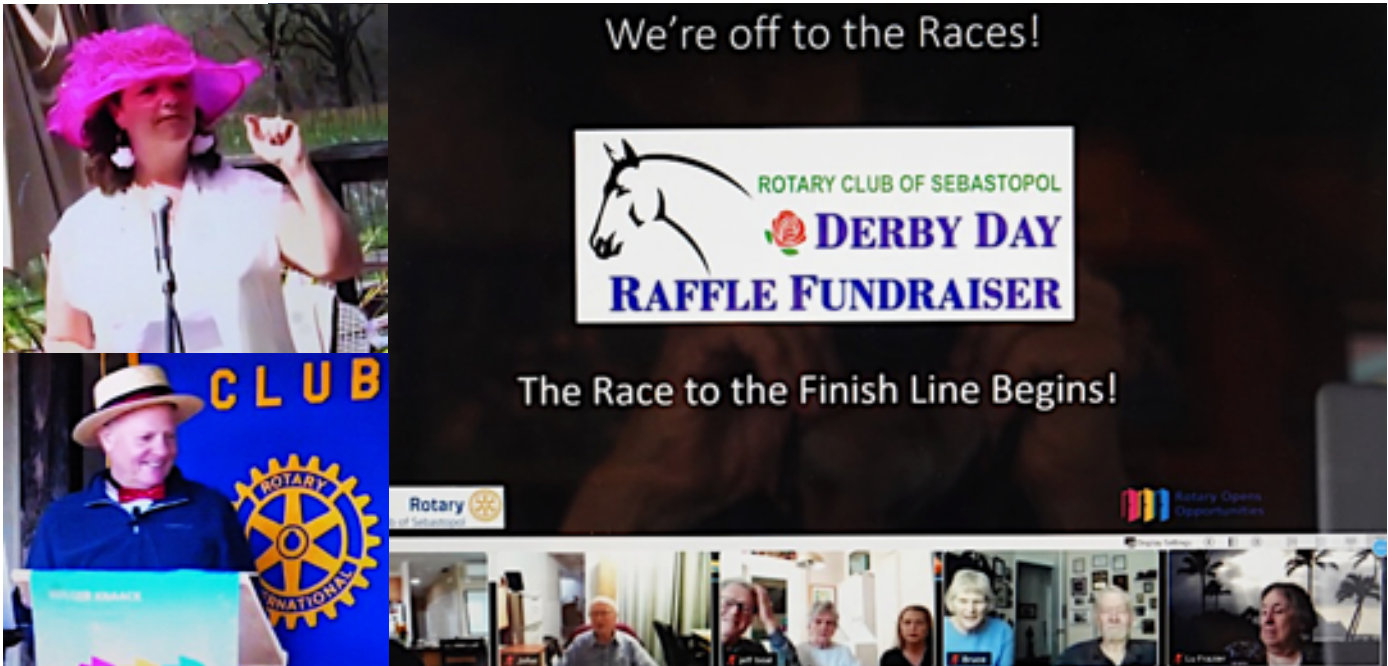
Pauline Pellini gave an update on Brook Haven Interact. The club meets on Zoom. They held a pick-up lollipop sale. There are still lollipops left and they hope to sell them all. **Pauline** went on to show a happy Brook Haven teacher showing off the hard copy books she bought using the Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grant. The book was *Refugee*, by Alan Gatz, an award-winning book for middle-schoolers.



Richard Power and **Cindy Carter** gave an update on Community Grants. They had \$15,000 to award with applications amounting to \$90,000. These grants are funded by annual fundraiser events.

Community Grants Distributed!	
Organization Name	Amount Approved
Ives Pool	\$1,000.00
Sebastopol Area Senior Center	\$700.00
Mr. Music Foundation	\$1,000.00
Analay High School Project Graduation	\$1,500.00
Our Village Closet	\$1,000.00
Analay Band Wagon	\$1,775.26
Brook Haven Middle School	\$639.84
Ceres Community Project	\$1,000.00
Community Seed Exchange	\$400.00
Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation	\$1,700.00
Sebastopol Regional Library	\$4,999.95
Born to Ball Basketball (youth)	\$1,000.00
TOTALS:	\$18,015.06

Our fundraiser this year is the Derby Day Raffle. **Aleia Coate** is the chair. **President Dan Rasmus** donned a red bowtie and a straw boater to introduce **Aleia** who was wearing a broadbrimmed red, fuchsia, purple? hat. She announced that \$4900 has been raised so far. Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets at \$50 each to raise \$100,000. The Derby Day Raffle is now



front and center on the Sebastopol Rotary website, where you can purchase tickets, learn where the money is going, and read a description of the eight great raffle prizes. Kentucky Derby Day, when the winning tickets will be drawn, is six weeks away. Wear a hat.



Ellen Harrington and **Hal Kwalwasser** are working with a new entity joining Sebastopol service clubs and non-profits and the City of Sebastopol to find out what the community needs and joining together to fund them. They met with the Co-Mission team of Sebastopol. Together they decided to have a Community Needs Summit sometime this year to figure out what the needs are and what the service clubs can do in the way of money or volunteer labor. Surveys have been sent out to the relevant groups to help decide what the needs are.

March 25 is the next Redwood Empire Food Bank Volunteer Day. Time: 1-4. Call or email **Cindy** if you plan on attending. Cindycarterflamm@yahoo.com 408-431-7820

Dictionaries are ready to go. **Paul Yeomans** sent out an email for signups.





THE PROGRAM



Jeff Boal introduced Glenn Waring, talking about effective organizations. **Jeff** said in full disclosure that Glenn is his brother-in-law.

Glenn is CEO of EffectiveOrganization.com, a company dedicated to increasing our understanding of organizations. Glenn works with companies to help them discover and reach potential. In private practice since 1992, Glenn counsel's medium to large organizations, building clarity around what has to happen to make a particular organization most effective.

Assignments touch on group work, scenarios and action planning. Glenn learns constantly from his clients, his MBA students, the experts who visit his CEO groups, and the

CEOs themselves. Glenn earned a Masters in Business Administration at Cornell University and spent twenty years in two Fortune 100 corporations (Ford and Nationwide Insurance). He served as a Vice President in several capacities including Chief Financial Officer.

Glenn told several anecdotal stories about how people do not speak up and say no when they should have. One involved the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster, where although many key decision-makers believed it was unsafe to launch, nobody was willing to speak up for fear of being the one who stopped the launch from taking place. The result was tragedy. He said people are herd animals looking for validation and fear they will not get it if they disagree.

He ended with this advice: Figure out who you are and what you will tolerate.

[As **Dick**, **Richard**, and **Hal** looked on with rapt attention, **Greg** sought inspiration inside his eyelids. -Ed.]



THE FINAL BELL



President Dan rang the bell at 1:15 PM.



FUTURE PROGRAMS



March 26, 2021 - *The History of the Electoral College* - Hon. Robert Boyd



Bob Boyd graduated from UC Berkeley and then served three and one half years in the US Navy as an officer. He then attended Hastings Law College in San Francisco, graduating in 1971 where he was a member of the Hastings Law Journal. After five years of practice in San Francisco, he moved to Sebastopol in 1997 and started a law firm in Santa Rosa. He served two terms on the Sebastopol Planning Commission. He was appointed to the Sonoma County Superior Court in 1998 where he served for twenty two years presiding over criminal, civil and family law courtrooms before retiring in June, 2019. He also was a professor at the Empire Law School in Santa Rosa for fourteen years teaching Contract law.

Since retiring, **Bob** has been filling in at the courthouse when full-time judges are not available as he waits for the Covid-19 restrictions to drop so that more fishing trips can be planned.

April 2, 2021 - *Tales From Sumatra - Storytelling Lessons* - Brandon Spars, PhD.



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.

April 9, 2021 - *Life As A Press Democrat Photographer* - Kent Porter



I started at the Press Democrat in August of 1987, previously at the Midland Reporter-Telegram in west Texas for four years. I grew up in Lake County, where I started my career and the Lake County Record-Bee.

I picked up a camera at the age of eight, documenting family trips to the Central Plains, eventually graduating to a 35mm Yashica and a Pentax K1000 in high school. After graduation, I took classes at SRJC under the tutelage of John LeBaron and Thomas Chown.

At the Press Democrat, I've covered numerous Super Bowls and World Series events, traveled to Cuba, Canada and Mexico with 45 different states in between for coverage of one type or another. I spent a week on the Prince William Sound in a fishing boat, documenting the aftermath of the Exxon Valdez oil spill and another two-weeks in airplanes, helicopters and automobile, photographing the extent of the

economic damage in Valdez, Anchorage and Cordova. I covered the Loma Prieta earthquake from the get go, on the field at Candlestick Park and eventually at the Bay Bridge.

I'm very concerned about climate change, and my recent coverage during the past six years of calamitous wildfires, whiplash flooding and drought has made me well adapted to dive in to the coverage even deeper as we pull out of the pandemic. I've won international, national and state awards, and was also on the 2018 Pulitzer Prize team for our coverage of the 2017 fires that burned our communities. I'm a big believer in newspapers and journalism as a whole, passionate about community communication and using all channels available to tell stories in our region.

I have a 21 year-old son, who is a firefighter. I love the southwest canyonlands, I like to chase severe weather in the heart of our country and live by the seat of my pants most days. I'm also an avid gardener, love to fish and am currently attempting to hike every local and state park in Sonoma County during 2021. I'm about one quarter of the way through.

April 16, 2021 - *The New Advanced Energy Center At Sonoma Clean Power* - Cordel Stillman



In his role as Director of Programs at Sonoma Clean Power, Cordel Stillman works directly with the CEO to set the strategy for distributed resources and customer programs. Mr. Stillman also works closely with Programs staff and the Director of Power Services to develop and evolve SCP's Integrated Resource Plan.

Formerly the Deputy Chief Engineer at the Sonoma County Water Agency, Cordel has over 28 years of experience in the public sector in planning, design and construction management.

Under his guidance, the Sonoma County Water Agency achieved its goal of Carbon Free Water through a combination of energy conservation measures and renewable energy development.

Mr. Stillman was one of the early pioneers of forming Sonoma Clean Power, including forming and administering the Steering Committee, commissioning and overseeing the feasibility study, securing early financing for the Agency, and working with County Counsel on the development of the Joint Powers Agreement which made SCP possible.