



# The Appleknocker

## Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

### David Schreibman: Geocaching



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

## BEFORE THE BELL

Take a deep breath! The air is fine! With clear skies finally over the neighborhood, part of the Roto-flock gathered at Russian River Vineyards for some good food, good wine, and old fashioned in-person fellowship! Others, including your scribe, logged in over zoom, to see some friendly faces! Word on the street was that the flock was going to learn how to find hidden treasures. Kick back, take notes, and get your GPS trackers ready!



## AT THE BELL

After a touch of technical difficulties, **President Dan Rasmus** struck the Roto-bell at 12:15pm sharp. We learned that **Hal Kwalwasser** was sent to the hospital. **Diana Rich** has been in contact with **Hal**. He is okay, and is going through some tests. Please keep **Hal** in your thoughts. If you need to get in touch with **Hal**, go through **Diana** for now. **Greg Jacobs** led us in the salute to Old Glory. **Tony Given** gave us the Thought for the Day.

"It is every person's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent to what he has taken out of it." Albert Einstein



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**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)**



## **VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS**

We had Kathy Schwartz from the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa, Gary Kimes of the Rotary Club of Broadmoor District in Colorado Springs, CO, and our Lieutenant Governor, Marilyn Lira.

Cindy Carter introduced her guest, Kendall. Marilyn Lira introduced her daughter, and fellow Rotarian and Rotaractor, Melissa.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The 2020-2021 Annual Meeting, where the new 2021-2022 Board of Directors is announced, was postponed. Watch this space for the upcoming date.

Open your wallets, because there are two opportunities to give big! The Foundation Raffle is coming, and you don't want to miss out! October 23<sup>rd</sup> is the big day! **Ellen Harrington** has been busy assembling the grand prize, a gift basket that will knock your Roto-socks off! For starters, you'll receive three (or more) bottles of wine from Vaughn Duffy (highly praised by the San Francisco Chronicle and Wine Spectator), a bottle of Iron Horse 2014 Brut X Estate Sparkling, box of chocolates from Eye Candy Chocolatiers, a bottle of Warre's Warrior Reserve Port, and a selection of food pairings! Other winners will receive wine, and Paul Harris Points. To join in the fun, donate online at [rotary.org](http://rotary.org), or send a check to **Lu Frazier**. Tickets are \$20 each, or six for \$100. Those who are recurring donors automatically receive four tickets. Don't delay, donate today!



Never to be overshadowed, the Polio Plus Society can help you double your impact! **Bob Rogers** informed everyone that by pledging at least \$100 to the Polio Plus Society, you'll get double points! Remember, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match your donation. You have until October 24<sup>th</sup>, World Polio Day, to take advantage of this! Donate online at [rotary.org](http://rotary.org), and select Polio Plus. Give early and give often.

Need to get out of the house? Well, on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, several Rotarians gathered for a two mile walk around Sebastopol for the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. **Jeff Boal** arranged the walk, and was walking in honor of his wife **Jean**, who is battling Alzheimer's. He was also walking in honor of his sister, Judy, who is also suffering from Alzheimer's. Judy was the subject of Ben Allen's talk with our club three weeks ago. More details about the walk to follow in the After the Bell section.

We'll be back at the Redwood Empire Food Bank on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. More details to follow soon. Unfortunately, due to COVID, we won't have our annual Veterans Day Program. However, we will still be honoring our Veterans on November 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have photos of yourself, or a family member who served, please send them to **Tom Boag**. Additionally, if you have a touching story to share about a family member who served, or of your experience in the armed forces, please let **Dan** know by November 6<sup>th</sup>.

## 🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎



**Robin Maybury** celebrated his birthday on October 6<sup>th</sup> with his two daughters and his wife. They had a lovely dinner, and enjoyed a good bottle of wine. **Dan** attempted to have Siri sing Happy Birthday to **Robin**, but Siri was in a bad mood, and told the Crazy Bit to sing for himself....pure violation of The Four-Way Test!

**Bob and Mary Ellen Boyd** celebrated their anniversary on October 4<sup>th</sup>. They went down to Concord to visit his son's new house. Exchanged his four walls for their four walls.



**Edwin and Diana Wilson** also celebrated their anniversary on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Instead of their annual anniversary trip to Hawaii, they settled on dinner at Gravenstein Grill.



**Jack and Ruthie Dunlap** are grandparents again! On October 1<sup>st</sup>, they welcomed a new granddaughter to the world, Hannah Isabel. They started her Paul Harris account, by donating \$100.

## 🍎 RAFFLE 🍎

THIS IS ROTO-JEOPARDY! **Cindy Carter, Diana Wilson, and Scott Briggs** were today's victims. On the menu today were the usual offerings, and an oddball category, **Ron Puccinelli's** year. The contestants were on a roll! Our scorekeeper, **Rick Wilson**, was keeping up with these crazy characters! In the end, **Scott Briggs** had lady luck on his side, and won the game! What are the chances that **Scott** would pick a question where he was the subject of the question!



## 🍎 PROGRAM 🍎



**Pam Graber** introduced **Past President David Schreiberman**, who spoke to us about the art of Geocaching. **David** is an avid Geocacher, has 4,000 finds in eight countries, and 18 states. He's hid over 200 geocaches of his own. **David** started geocaching in 2009, when a friend introduced him to the hobby. **David** even had a geocache in his front yard without prior knowledge.

What is geocaching? **David** describes Geocaching as a real-world outdoor treasure hunting game, where billion-dollar satellites are used to find hidden Tupperware boxes! There are millions of people worldwide who participate in Geocaching. Participants use GPS trackers to find hidden containers called geocaches. They log their discovery and experiences online, in addition to logging the find in each geocache. There are over three to four million geocaches worldwide placed by enthusiasts. **David** refers to Geocaching as the ultimate

COVID-19 activity, as it gets people outside.

Geocaches come in all sizes and shapes. Everything from mayonnaise jars, to Altoid tins, to old ammo boxes are used. People place caches under trees, rocks, along walls, and even under the skirts of lamp posts. Some even place caches in trees, and behind guardrails. Every geocache has a difficulty and terrain score that is given online by participants. Difficulty is measured by the effort needed to find the cache and logbook. Terrain is measured by the physical effort needed to find the cache. While most caches are accessible to almost all hobbyists, some are placed in challenging locations, such as the sides of cliffs.



**David** explained that there are many different types of caches. Mystery caches require participants to solve a puzzle before locating the GPS coordinates of the cache. Letterbox caches involve some participants adding a personal rubber stamp to the log. Webcam caches are located near a webcam, and you stand in front of the camera to log your find. Virtual caches involve finding a location, instead of a physical cache. Multi caches involve finding more than one cache. They are typically structured as tours of a city or a park. Earth caches involve learning about geology, and not a physical cache.

Now, how do you find these caches? **David** advised that the first step is to visit [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com), or download the free Geocaching app. Select a geocache on the map. The map lists the type of cache each one is (mystery, letterbox, virtual, etc). Geocachers can use the app to find the cache, or a GPS tracker. Once you're near the cache, start looking. If you can't find it, the app, and website, contains a description of the cache, geo coordinates, photos, and hints. Geocachers are encouraged to rate and write a review after each cache discovery.

Every cache contains a logbook, where geocachers sign the book after finding the cache. Almost all containers contain inexpensive swag. Geocachers are encouraged to leave a piece of swag, while taking one item from the cache. Some swag pieces are trackable. Trackable items contain a small tracking number. People who place trackables can follow the journey of the trackable. **David** noted that some of the trackables he's left have traveled thousands of miles! After finding

the cache, put it back EXACTLY as you found it, nothing more, nothing less. Make sure you log the cache on [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com). Share your experience, but don't spoil the fun by giving hints or sharing detailed photos.

### ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

		
Always bring a pen.	When you're within about 30 feet of the geocache, put your phone/GPS down and search with your eyes and hands.	Be stealthy in busy, muggle*-filled geocache locations. <small>*Muggles are non-geocachers.</small>

**David** suggested to carry a pen at all times. When you're near the cache, put the phone or GPS tracker down, and visually look for the cache. Be stealthy, and look quickly for it. Don't give non-geocachers an opportunity to take the cache. If you cannot find the cache, leave comments for the one who placed the cache. Geocaches are never buried. If you go out geocaching, be a good geocacher, and pick up trash. Cache in, trash out!

## THE FINAL BELL

After a fascinating presentation, **Dan** struck the Roto-Bell at 1:15pm sharp.

## AFTER THE BELL

On Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, **Jeff Boal**, and a dozen other Rotarians and friends, participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's. The team started at Community Market, and took a two mile walk around Sebastopol. **Cindy Carter** gave us a nice wrap up of the day's activities.

We had an amazing turn out on Saturday, October 10, 2020:

- Jeff Boal
- Jean Boal
- Cindy Carter
- Kendall Allums
- Mike Carey
- Dan Rasmus
- Fran Rasmus
- Gene Nelson
- Ruthie Dunlap
- Linda Johnson
- Leslie (Linda's friend)



We carried End Alzheimer's Walk flags. We got a few pictures at the Community Market where we started, then by the Skate Park. We walked down Florence (three little pigs sculpture) and passed the fire station and around Ives Park.

The best news is that we raised \$1,460 that we know of. The total may be even higher when the mail in donations are accounted for.

Many thanks to those that walked with us and to those who donated. And, especially to those who did both!!! This disease is extremely hard on the families who care for those suffering from Alzheimer's. On behalf of the families and the affected family members, THANK YOU Sebastopol Rotary Club!

**October 16: Jeremy Hurst - HANWASH: Haiti National Clean Water and Health Strategy**



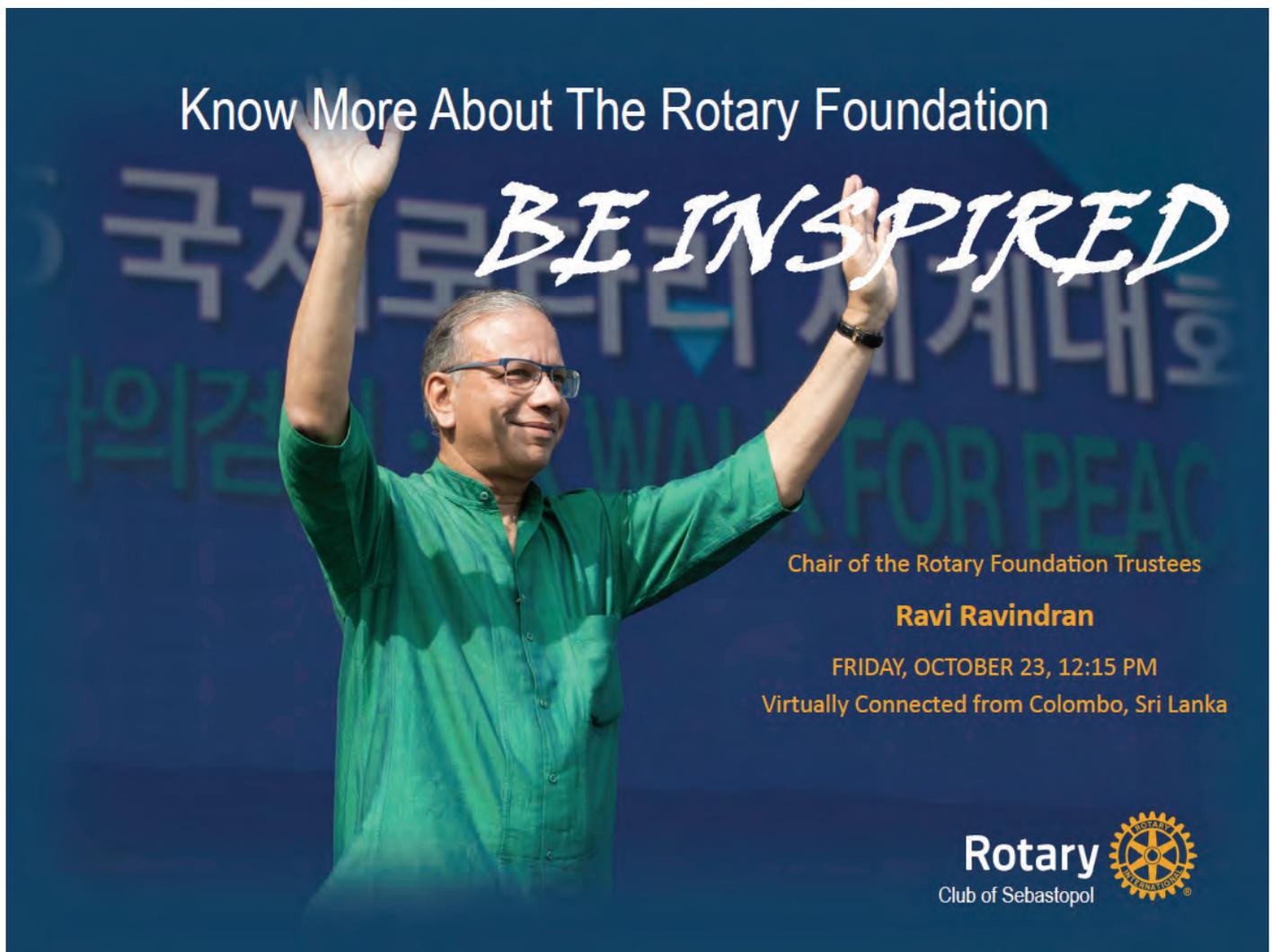
Jeremy was born and raised in Rochester, England in 1961 and relocated to the Cayman Islands in 1988 on an 18-month contract and 32 years later still calls Cayman home. Jeremy owns and operates the IRG group of companies offering property and investment-related services to private investors and corporations in the Cayman Islands and is active in promoting investment into the Caribbean Region. He is also a property developer, Chair of the Global Board of Leading Real Estate Companies of the World and sits on the board of an international private bank.

He joined the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman in 1988 and seven years later became its youngest President. He has held numerous other district positions was a member Rotary International's Membership Committee from 2015 to 2017 and chairs HANWASH's steering committee with the ambitious goal of bringing clean water, good sanitation and hygiene to all the citizens of Haiti. He is currently the General Chair of the Zone 33 and 34 Pittsburgh Summit to be held virtually in November this year. Jeremy is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious

Service and Michelle and Jeremy are Major Donors and Bequest Society members. They are also strong supporters of Interact and Rotaract and transitioning young professionals into Rotary.

Together they have four children, love travelling, (even if virtually) and making the most of the unique opportunities to serve, build lifelong friendships and fellowship that Rotary brings to their lives.

**October 23: Ravi Ravindran - Update on Rotary Foundation & Polio Plus**



Know More About The Rotary Foundation

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Chair of the Rotary Foundation Trustees

**Ravi Ravindran**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 12:15 PM

Virtually Connected from Colombo, Sri Lanka

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