



The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



Easter greetings to Rotarians and friends who are reading the comings and goings that percolated during the Pre-Easter celebrations at our weekly meeting in the Roto-palace.

While traveling to our Rotary meeting on a beautiful spring morning that follows a much hoped for rain I was struck by how wonderful it is to breath in the clean fresh ozone-enriched air, fresh & clean! Hopefully by the time this newsletter is read we will have another 2-3 inches to add to our yearly rainfall.

Entering the Roto-Palace the sound of friendly Rotarian conversations & the scent of a delicious meal filled me with the joy of visiting with nice people and the promise of a nice lunch.



AT THE BELL

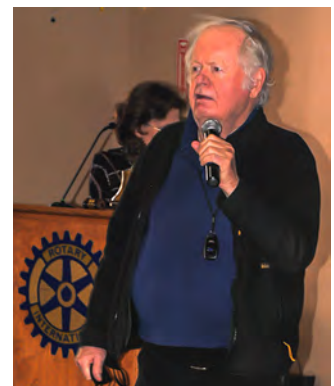


President Ellen tapped the bell at 12:15 and the Roto-bus started moving without my full attention as I missed who led the pledge of allegiance and the introduction of the first guest.



The meeting was underway when **Tom Boag**, the Birthday-boy celebrating his 80th B.-Day entered the palace at 12:17 to share with us his two thoughts for the day. "Numbers never lie, after all: they simply tell different stories depending on the math of the tellers" - Luis Alberto Urrea, from *The Devil's Highway: A True Story*. "The purpose of computing is insight, not numbers." - Richard Hamming.

President Ellen then called upon past president **Ricky Wilson**, the guy with the built in loudspeaker and razor-sharp memory in complete detail of everything that has happened in his rock-n-roll life to lead us in song..... But wait, there's more.....**Rick** recounted



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

Future Programs

April 22, 2022

Overcoming Obstacles

April 29, 2022

**Eddie Engram - Sonoma
County Assistant Sheriff**

May 6, 2022

High School Speech Contest

Coming Events

May 7, 2022

Out of Africa Our Big Fundraiser!

Miscellany

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Ricky.

for us how the music died when Buddy Holly, the Big Bopper & Richie Valens perished in a plane crash. **Rick** proceeded to lead us in a rousing version of Chantilly Lace by the Big Bopper. **Rick** gave an encore performance. A majority of us of a certain age knew the song and words, with the required bodily moves to join in. Some of the younger members just sort of glazed over. My guest, Sheila Johnson, politely smiled and looked at me with puzzlement as I gyrated and sang enthusiastically along with rock-n-roll

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

Your scribe is seated next to his editor for this week's A.K, the big guy, **Jack Blasco**. I'm a bit nervous and want to be on my best behavior. In the process of these thoughts I've missed the names of the Rotarian who led us in the pledge and the first Rotarian with a guest, sure hope he doesn't notice. [That ship has sailed, **Harvey**. Put \$5 in the fine box next week. -**Ed.**]

President Ellen is now asking for guests of Rotarians and someone introduced the first guest, but unfortunately those names are lost to history.



Sheila Johnson was introduced by Wonder-Woman **Cindy Carter**. **Aleia Coate** introduced Mario Balistreri. **Pauline Pellini** introduce out-bound exchange student to Italy Aliyah Contreras. **Aleia** announced that our out-bound exchange student was \$350 shy of the money she needs to finance her trip. At this point **Frank Mayhew** grabbed the microphone and said that he thought it would be a great idea to pass the hat, his hat, and generate the money that our student Aliyah needed. In true Rotary fashion after the hat was passed, there was over \$700 to add to Ms. Contreras's travel funds

BIRTHDAYS

Tony Given on April 11, **David Still** on April 15th & **Tom Boag** on April 16, were next on the chopping block. **Tony & Gloria** headed north to enjoy the coastline and some good food, and



Tony paid \$5.00, **David** had fun & didn't get hurt, and paid \$5.00 as well. **Tom Boag & Ralph** were heading for St. Helena to celebrate a birthday, to feast on some good food and enjoy the trip, also in for a fiver.



ANNIVERSARIES



Anniversaries: **Dan & Fran Rasmus** - 24 yrs. on April 11th, **Kathy & Don Hicks** -31 yrs. April 13th. **Harry & Susanna Simms** - 44yrs. on April 15th. **Dan & Fran** went to the Barlow to have fun & enjoy Sebastopol.

[Apparently **Dan** spent all his cash on **Fran** at the Barlow, and is reduced to using an IOU to pay his fine. Fine-meister **Nao** looks on skeptically as **Dan** tries to convince him that his scrawl is as good as gold. Check in the mail, Dan? **-Ed.**]

Rotary Anniversary: **Tom Boag** -13 yrs. on April 12th

[This marks Tom's third mention in this week's AK. Congrats on the trifecta, Tom. **-Ed.**]



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Locals Who Make A Difference: **Jim Pacatte** has been recognized again for his services to Sebastopol. His picture and name are on display on flags on Main Street. What a Roto-Wonder-Guy!

Bird Watchers **Keller McDonald & Greg Jacobs** led a group of 9 on a birding walk on the West County Trail and identified 42 species of birds. **Keller** said that **Greg** is stellar at identifying birds by sound.

HOP Day = Helping Other People. **President Ellen** showed projects that have been completed by HOP. This group takes on projects around town to help others. Familiar faces **Jim Pacatte & Cindy Carter** showed up in these photos of completed projects. Do most of you out in the audience notice how **Cindy Carter** pops up at all of the projects? What a Roto-Wonder-Woman!



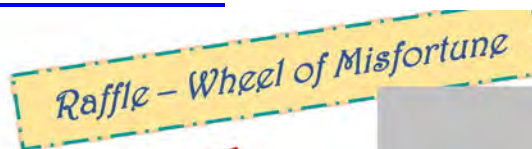
HOP Day



THE WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE



Wheel of Misfortune..... **Greg Jacobs**, [the-bird-watching-audiologist-supreme] did indeed have the misfortune of spinning that striped yellow & blue colored wheel. **Greg** landed on Paul Harris and the current Roto-Palace rules are, If ya land on Paul you pay \$1,000. Mercifully **Ellen** let him spin again for a big \$1 payout.



OUT OF AFRICA FUNDRAISER



Here comes The Pitch. Emerging from the vast audience in the palace hall **JT Martin**, the Louisiana boy, appeared. **JT**, who can turn a word into a musical note and a sentence into a song, read a heartfelt letter he had composed that morning to friends. He checked his computer before coming to Rotary and had 6 sales. It was a pleasure to hear how simple these sales worked. Then, out of the jungle mist appeared **Keller-the-killer-presenter-McDonald**. **Keller** in his bombastic fashion gave us a quick overview of our Out Of Africa main fund raising event, riding on the coat-tails of **JT's** sales success by simply asking friends to support our Rotary work and enjoy the event & prizes, **Keller** asked those of us in

palace audience to get off our butts and sell this event to our friends. Send out those emails, make those calls.

If you forsake incoming president **Hal Kwalwasser** on this event you may be cursed with bad luck & oogeey-boogeys during his reign of terror. That isn't exactly what was said but is the gist of the message.

[Oogeey-boogeys? **Harvey**, I want some of what you've been smoking. -Ed.]

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Richard Petersen and **David Schreibman** gave us an update on next week's Overcoming Obstacles program. We still need one more sponsor at the \$275 level, and we will gladly accept any contributions to add to the students' scholarships, which now stand at \$2,000 each. Please arrive before noon and be prepared to offer a standing ovation as **David** introduces each student as they enter the Roto-palace at noon. Please allow the students and their guests to cut into the lunch line so they have time to eat before the program begins. Listen for opportunities to be of service to these great kids after the event, such as networking, mentoring, etc. This is the premiere event of the year and a good meeting to invite a guest.

THE PROGRAM



Rachel Averbeck shared her reflections from her two year visit to India as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in 1997-99 and the impact it had on her life.

The first thing that struck me about **Rachel's** program was how soon technology makes old familiar objects & tools obsolete. **Rachel's** program was delivered with a trusty Kodak Carousel projector with old fashioned slides. My how times change and things disappear! Rachel received a \$10,000 Rotary ambassadorial scholarship which was supposed to last her for one year in India. She stretched that money out to stay 2 years. She had many great images and stories. I was struck by the magnitude of the people in all of her images. **Rachel** says India is a place where people can be alone together. Her images were beautiful. It's too bad they were hard to see with the competing ambient light.

Two of Rachel's questions stick with me. What makes a place sacred? Answer: people. How do we send out our hopes? Referring to prayers flags. Rachel continued with slides & stories until the slide tray was empty. There were questions & answers all perfectly timed to end the presentation at 1:28 pm giving **President Ellen** enough time to give this week's pondering.



THIS WEEK'S PONDERING



This Week's Pondering...



Why do we wait until a PIG is dead, to "CURE" it?



THE FINAL BELL



With that pearl of wisdom Ellen tapped the sacred Rotary bell at precisely 1:30 PM and we all drifted off into Easter bliss.



CORRECTIONS



[In spite of what you might have read in the April 8 edition, our Out of Africa fundraiser will take place on May 7, 2022, indoors at the Balletto Event Center. Not on May 14. Not outdoors. -Ed.]

Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – April 12, 2022

President's Report for AppleKnocker for April 2022

Fellow Club Members and Friends,

Our annual fundraiser, "Out of Africa", is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th at the Balletto Event Center. Event tickets are moving, so be sure to purchase yours soon. You don't want to miss the live and silent auctions, announcement of the Big 5 raffle winners, great food, drink, decorations, and entertainment to be held. If you have not purchased or sold raffle tickets, contact your team captain, **Hal Kwalwasser**, or **Kelly Back**. Keep your attention open at our meetings and on our website for all these details. Also, information is available for all of this on our website. Funds raised at this event support our Rotary club's projects for next fiscal year, so it takes all of us as a team.

We recently received an additional \$4,000 in sponsorships that help to support our projects for this fiscal year. This time of year, we are busy with many of our education projects for youth service and volunteer projects for local nonprofits. This Saturday, April 23rd our Rotary club will be participating in the Apple Blossom Parade along with the Service & Action Coalition (SSAC). We will again be promoting volunteerism throughout the community. On Tuesday, June 14th the SSAC will be holding the second community summit, and it will be held at the West County (Analy) High School cafeteria. More information will be forthcoming.

Ellen Harrington



[You can see the full Directors' reports at ClubRunner| Member Area| MyClubRunner| ViewClubDocuments| BoardMeetingMinutes| 2021-2022. –Ed.]

COMMUNITY SERVICE – AMEE SAS, DIRECTOR:



ANNUAL MAJOR FUNDRAISER (**Keller McDonald**, Chair) – I'm super appreciative of the hard work the Out of Africa team is investing to pull together a successful fundraiser to provide resources for the club in the coming Rotary year. The raffle prizes, silent and live auctions, and event details have come together nicely. We have significant work to do in selling raffle and event tickets and have great faith that the club will rise to the challenge!

Live Auction – David Schreiber - All five live auction items and the Big Five Raffle prizes have been secured and writeups are complete for the bidder booklets. I will be launching an email promotional campaign for the live auction items starting the last week of April with item descriptions (PowerPoint slides) and enticing images.

Silent Auction – Amee Sas – Still collecting the wine and other items/money pledged.

Ticket Sales/Reservations – Katy Spyryka-Co-Chair, **Jackie Moreira**-Co-Chair - We have plenty more event tickets to sell!

Raffle tickets – Hal Kwalwasser - Raffle fundraising is proceeding; however, I don't have good numbers at the moment on tickets sold.

[Members: Coate, Sas, Zimmer, Bertacco, Kimble]

[Live Auction: Schreiber, Kimble, R. Dunlap]; [Silent Auction: Chair: Amee Sas]; [Decorations: Chair: Kathy Hicks.

[Ticket Sales/Reservations: Co-Chairs: Katy Spyryka, Jackie Moreira]; [Raffle Tickets – Hal Kwalwasser]; [Greater Giving/Event Accounting – Aleia Coate]; [PR – Michele Kimble]; [Sponsorships – Patrick Dirden]; [Volunteer Assistance: Pacatte, Frazier, Maybury]

CRAB FEED (**Scott Briggs**, **Nao Noguchi**, **Patrick Dirden**, Co-Chairs) – All done for this year.

[Members: Rogers, Carter, Moises, Zimmer, Meiburg, Moreira, Martin, Victor-van Gorder, Kimble, Noguchi, Dirden, R. Wilson, R. Dunlap]

COMMUNITY GRANTS (**Cindy Carter**, **Richard Power**, Co-Chairs) – Earle Baum Center of the Blind was the first to turn in their final progress report. This is early as we generally ask that recipients submit their reports 90 days after the grants are issued. The LED lighting was installed to help clients and employees, and the center's report was shared with the club at the April 8, 2022, meeting.

[Members: Serkissian, Boyd, Cugini, Hirsch, Schreiber, J. Dunlap, Moreira, Victor-van Gorder, Kimble, Dirden, Atkinson, Boag]

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS (**Cindy Carter**, **Diana Rich**, Co-Chairs)

[Members: Boal, Pacatte, Passage, Schwartz, Maybury, Beck]

A) Friday, March 18, 2022, from 9 to 11:30am the Sebastopol Rotary Clubs worked alongside the Ceres Community Garden's master gardeners to plant trees that our club had donated through our Community Grants

program. Stop by the garden's new location on the Sebastopol Independent Charter school's property to enjoy the new 1.5-acre location and look for the new fruit trees along the right-hand fence line. We also donated shrubs which are planned for the northern fence line and should be planted soon.

B) Sunday, April 3, 2022, from 9-11:30am - the work on the Sebastopol Post Office Landscape Project was continued. The Rotary Club of Sebastopol installed the landscaping around the Post Office during **Mike Long's** Rotary year (2007-2008). Currently, it was in need of a lot of TLC. In March we weeded, pruned & spread wood chips to beautify the Post Office. On April 3rd, **John and Patti Blount** joined the crew to continue the work. There is still additional mulch that needs to be spread (apparently five feet of depth is best, and we are only at three feet). Stay tuned for one more workday on this project. Dan Needham, the Community Services Chair for the morning club has been leading the fun.

C) Saturday, April 9, 2022, was the second Helping Other People (HOP) workday. This is a program run by the Sebastopol Area Senior Center, which invited seniors who have small projects they cannot do themselves to submit requests to the Center for help. The Sebastopol Service and Action Coalition, of which we are a part, volunteered to respond to as many of the requests as possible. The projects included: landscape/cleanup work, hanging pictures, replacing a toilet, replacing a kitchen faucet, and clearing down spouts/cobwebs.

D) Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 9am – High School Road Trash Pickup. Let's honor our town and the memory of Big Lou Hopfer. We'll be done in a couple of hours with enough volunteers! Meet in the north-most parking lot at the high school. Hosted by Dan Needham, Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary Club.

E) Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB) Workday - the next joint workday with the sunrise club is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2022, from 2-4pm.

HOMELESSNESS (**Jack Dunlap**, Chair) - **Jim Passage** has joined the committee and we have communicated the need for help monitoring safe parking. The new safe parking facility for RVs is up and running and needs help improving their infrastructure and reducing operating costs.

[Members: Boag, Rich, Beck]

LEARN TO SWIM (**Greg Jacobs, Rick Wilson**, Co-Chairs) – Learn to Swim is in high gear for its 36th year from April 25, 2022, to May 19, 2022. T-shirts have been ordered for the instructors and students, and the swim gear bags for the students are ready. We have 154 students signed up from five schools and over 60 volunteer swim instructors. Instructional materials are ready for distribution and the instructor training dates are set for April 25 and 26.

[Members: Grados, Boyd, Carter, Simms, Schwartz]

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANTS (**Jack Blasco**, Patrick Dirden, Co-Chairs) – Attached, please find the final summary of Rotary Teacher Grants we are funding this cycle. The committee met last Monday to deliberate the grant submissions. We are funding 24 grants for a total of \$9,823.89. Please see the tabs for amounts due to each school. The request is that the board approves the committee's recommendations and direct Ken to cut checks for the schools.

[Members: Serkissian, Boyd, Cugini, Moises, Schreiber, Victor-van Gorder, Dirden, Power, Atkinson, Boag]

SPONSORSHIPS COMMITTEE (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair) – **Sponsorships – Ellen Harrington** - We received a Gold sponsorship from Manzana Products/North Coast Organic, a Silver sponsorship from Exchange Bank, Sebastopol, Bronze sponsorship from Pacatte Construction Co., Inc. A total of \$4,000.

DICTIONARY PROJECT (**Paul Yeomans**, Chair) – The dictionaries are starting to be delivered.

[Members: Hirsch, Henningsen, Noguchi, Maybury, R. Dunlap, Lambert]

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair) – Robin's report on the website notes that the Out of Africa information is on the site, as is the Teacher of the Year application. I will try to do the "year end" update of the site over the next few weeks. If I can't get to it, we'll have to leave it to the new editor post-July 1.

The Community Needs Summit is proceeding nicely. The site is West County High School Cafeteria, June 14 at 4:30-7pm. We have approximately 12 volunteers to do the work (from our club, Sunrise, Lions and Kiwanis). The City has voted to support our effort, authorize use of their mailing lists and appropriated \$1,000 to help defray costs (Most of their money is likely to go to an insert in next month's water bills promoting the event.). Our letter to providers asking them to submit a form with their updated volunteer opportunities information will go out this week. That will be followed by calls from our volunteers to make sure they've gotten the mail and to encourage them to participate once again this year.

Related to the Summit: The City is holding a celebration of its 120th anniversary in Ives Park on Saturday, June 18. The organizers reached out to us to see if we wanted to hold the Summit in the morning of June 18 before their festivities. Their idea was that they, too, are promoting volunteerism, so there would be synergy between the two. The collective judgment of the Sebastopol Service and Action Coalition members is that the two programs clash more than mutually support one another. However, we will do what we can to promote the week of June 12 as "Volunteer Week," which should be of some benefit to promoting the Summit.

The Apple Blossom Float is coming along nicely. It will promote the Summit with large banners on each side of **Guenter's** truck (the same one that we used last fall). We have a place to build the float, volunteers, banner designs and a commitment to cover the cost of wood and other materials. Also, several of our "superheroes," who

walked alongside the truck last fall have agreed to don their costumes again to carry through on the fall theme of "Superheroes Volunteer."

[Members: Grados, Boag]

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (**Lu Frazier, David Still**, Co-Chairs) – I don't think we have much to report. We continue to attempt to place programs of environmental importance - with limited success.

[Members: Schwartz, Passage, Boag]

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE – GAIL GIJZEN, DIRECTOR:

YOUTH EXCHANGE (Multi Club Program) (**Aleia Coate, Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyрка**, Co-Chairs) – Youth Exchange is anxiously awaiting finding out who our inbound student will be and from where. The first host family is already in place.

COOL KIDS CAMP (**ROBIN MAYBURY**, CHAIR) – Pending report opening issue.

[Members: TBD]

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (**Tom Boag, Hal Kwalwasser, David Schreibman**, Co-Chairs) – The Overcoming Obstacles Award Event is only a couple of weeks away, on Friday April 22. Our participating students are getting help from our coaches - **Rick Wilson, Harry Simms**, and **Cindy Carter**. Some students have had multiple 1 on 1 sessions. **David Schreibman** has the morning session set-up with several special speakers, including two new ones. At the last minute one of the students had a time conflict and had to drop out. They were prepared for this with two (already committee-chosen) alternates and, with assistance from school Scholarship admin, we contacted one, met and explained our program and will catch her up. Mentor/Guides have been chosen and paired with their students and Sponsors are being recruited. Several VIP guests have been invited to the noon event.

There are many last-minute things to get done, but we really look forward to another live (not Zoom) event day, our 12th year.

[Members: Cugini, Carter, Still, Harrington, G. Jacobs, Simms, Victor-van Gorder, Del Prete, Maybury, Petersen, R. Wilson, Beal, Given]

INTERACT (**Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – Brook Haven and Twin Hills have had successful fundraiser in the past month. Both clubs will continue their efforts. School is out the end of May, so by the first meeting of May they will decide what non-profits and charities to donate their money. They will also be holding elections of officers for 2022-2023. Pauline will call their choices of their fundraising and ask them to come either to the last meeting or last assembly of the year to receive their checks. Pauline expressed her amazement at the difference these young students are making in the world. She is also happy that our club offers these life changing opportunities to young people.

[Members: Coate, Gijzen, Hirsch, Victor-van Gorder, Stevens]

INTERACT HOLIDAY ADOPT-A-FAMILY (**Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – Nothing to report this month.

[Members: Coate, Sas, Carter, Victor-van Gorder, R. Wilson, R. Dunlap]

LEARN WITH ME (**Linda Irving**, Chair) – Nothing new to report. – This is not taking place during the 2021/2022 School year due to COVID protocols.

[Members: Victor-van Gorder, Blount]

FINANCIAL LITERACY (**David Schreibman**, Chairs) – The Financial Literacy Committee is in full planning mode. They are happy to be partnering with WCHS Economics Teacher Eric Wycoff once again. Eric was one of our original partners when we began our Financial Literacy program and he taught at El Molino. He has asked us to choose people from specific backgrounds to speak on finances from their professional perspective. While it's yet to be absolutely finalized, it looks like we will be presenting to eight 90-minute classes over the course of two weeks starting April 26. Our club members giving talks include **Meredeth Bertacco, Aleia Coate, Anthony Grados, Gail Gijzen**, and **David Schreibman**.

[Members: Grados, Frazier, Bertacco, Power, Moore]

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (Multi Club Program) (**Gail Gijzen**, Chair) – Camp RYLA will be back, in-person at Westminster Woods Sunday, June 12 - Friday, June 17. The cost for camp this year is \$700.00 per student. There are 2 students currently planned to attend from West County High School. One of the students attended last year's Envision RYLA via Zoom, so she is very excited to have the opportunity to attend the live event. Organization of the BBQ our clubs host is in the works as well.

[Members: Carter, Gijzen]

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (**Larry Ford**, Chair) – Nothing new to report until the actual event.

[Members: Graber, Power, Atkinson, Given]

NORTH BAY CONSTRUCTION CORPS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair) – Funding in place, further update pending.

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (**Les Crawford**, Chair) **Les** and the committee have been busy working through the SRJC processes. There appear to be fewer opportunities to evaluate candidates for their individuality. The scholarship software being used is limiting, plus there are confidentiality policies that apply to the applicants. Initially our Rotary Club was not going to be able to speak to the candidates before final choice for awarding our scholarship could be made. **Les** and the committee made it clear that meeting and interviewing students is necessary this year, or we were not going to continue with awarding the scholarships. SRJC has agreed to allow for direct communication, though it is unclear whether the JC



will provide the phone numbers for the candidates or if the JC will do the contacting. Candidates have been ranked by the committee and interviews will take place soon. Once the process is finished this year, an evaluation process of whether we will remain with the JC to offer our scholarships, or we could possibly go directly to Analy High School to have a more local feel with an ability to choose students based upon our specific criteria.

[Members: Simms, J. Dunlap, Moreira, Passage, Victor-van Gorder, Graber, Briggs, Beck, Boag]

CAREER FAIR AT WEST COUNTY HIGH (**Tom Lambert**, Chair) – The CareerFest was held virtually March 7-9. Seniors from every high school in Sonoma County connected with local business and community representatives to explore careers and participate in career-readiness workshops. At our club's March 4th meeting, Stacy Fortin, Work-based learning Coordinator for Laguna and West County High Schools, showed a promotional video, produced by Analy Student, Maxwell Dunkle, and a flyer for the CareerFest. Our club donated \$250 for the promo video and flyer. Stacy thanked our club for the support and sent the attached thank you note (See attached.)

[Members: Grados, Boyd, Boag]

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE – DOROTHY RODELLA, DIRECTOR:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION – (**Lu Frazier** – Chair) -- **Foundation** Report as of 4/11/2022 for our Club # 413 has us with 98 members.

Annual Fund for the Month \$40,525 (includes \$30,000 raised for Ukraine.) YTD \$65,920 against a club goal of \$20,000.

Polio Plus for the Month \$140 YTD \$57,009 against a club goal of \$10,000.

Total raised this year for the Rotary Foundation is \$122,929.

Rotary Sebastopol raised over \$40,000 in March for the Ukraine. \$10,000 came from the Board (Thanks for it being approved 100% by the Board.) The other \$30,000 came from 16 members.

Rotary Sebastopol had three new major donors in March and April. Looking forward to presenting the awards, hopefully in April or early May.

[Members: Moises, F. Mayhew, Beck]

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE – (**Keller McDonald** – Chair) - Total approved budget \$11,200. Projects funded \$10,200

1) Baby Incubator for Chidamoyo Hospital - \$7,200 - Funds have been donated for the incubator and a thank you letter received (attached). **Steve Prandini** had a plaque made in Petaluma in memory of Kathy McCarty, which our club paid for from the budget for this project. The plaque has been mailed to Major at Chidamoyo Hospital.

2) Harare Well project - \$1,500 - John Muhlner at the St. Helena club has acknowledged receipt of our \$1,500 to support their Harare water project. The project now has full funding to be completed by end of summer.

3) Puerto Vallarta Water Filter project \$1,500 - Jose Guillen from Santa Rosa club has acknowledged receipt of \$1,500 from our club plus an additional \$125 donation for this project from one of our club members. This project has provided over 1,100 water filters to date.

4) Project Hope Corp Street Business School \$1,000 - We allocated \$1,000 to help support the initial \$6,800 to pilot this project. **Steve Beck** is our point person on this project. **Steve** is out of town for an extended trip and will give an updated for the May Board meeting.

[Members: Moises, F. Mayhew, Nelson, J. Dunlap, Noguchi, Beck]

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS – Nothing new to report. I plan to continue to chair this program in **Hal's** year - if the new International Service Director needs me to. 2021-2022 School Year. \$5,900.00 wire to the PV Club on 11/16/2021 includes \$1,000 from the Clubs' Foundation. Said \$1,000 to be used for 3 - scholarships.

[Members: Sas, Pacatte, Shehadeh, Power, Beck, Lambert]

CLUB SERVICE – EDWIN WILSON, DIRECTOR:



WEEKLY PROGRAM SPEAKERS (**Dan Rasmus**, Chairs) – June dates are still open for the 21-22 program year. A couple of ideas in the works, but nothing finalized.

We are still waiting on official word if 6/24 is Dark due to Debunking or not.

[Members: Beedon, Carter, Still, Nelson, Ferguson, Graber, P. Blount, Pellini, R. Wilson, Boag]

APPLEKNOCKER (**David Still**, Chair) – No update

[Editors: Boag, Henningsen, Still, Dunlap, Dirden, Blasco, Rasmus]

SCRIBES (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair) – Most of the Scribes are scheduled through the end of the Roto-year. Still trying to plug a couple of holes. Otherwise, we're in good shape!

[Scribes: Still, Nelson, Frazier, Given]



PHOTOGRAPHERS (**Harvey Henningsen**, Chair) – The Roto-Photo-Shooters are alive and well documenting the hidden mechanisms & hidden windings that govern Rotary's celestial universe week in and week out.

Special thanks to David Schreibman, **Richard Power**, **Dorothy Rodella**, and **J.T. Martin** for each documenting one month of Rotary meetings with superb image making.

A very special thanks to photographer **Robin Maybury** for covering the months of Oct, Jan & March.

Dick Zimmer is the photographer for this month of April.

More thanks to **Tom Boag** for keeping the merry band of image makers organized and out of trouble

[Photos: Schreibman, Zimmer, Rodella, Blasco, J. Dunlap, Martin, Ford, Maybury, Power, Boag, Given]

PUBLIC RELATIONS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair) – No update

[Print/Ad Media Chair: Kwalwasser; Webmaster: Maybury, Webmaster Member: Boag; Social Media Chair: Schreibman]

MEMBERSHIP (**David Schreibman**, Chair) – The Membership Committee is happy to announce that Sheila Johnson is on the verge of being accepted as a member of our club having completed Rotary Information with her husband Kerr and her sponsor Harvey Henningsen. At the time of this report, we are awaiting word that no objections were received and that the Board approves her classification of Photographer before scheduling an Induction. As more become comfortable meeting in person again, we are seeing an increase in the number of guests interested in the Club.

The Membership Retention Subcommittee Chair **Jack Blasco** reports reaching out to nine (9) members who haven't been engaged in Rotary activities in the last 2 months.

Mentoring. Co-mentors (**Aleia Coate** and **Dan Rasmus**) have been assigned to our incoming member Shelia Johnson.

[Members: Coate, Cugini, Simms, Blasco, P. Blount, R. Wilson]

[Mentoring Chair: Blasco; Members: Coate, Rasmus, Simms, J. Dunlap, J. Blount, Crawford, Fink, Del Prete, Ferguson, P. Blount, Power, R. Dunlap]

[New Member Attraction Chair: Schreibman; Members: Coate, Cugini, Hirsch, R. Wilson]

[Member Retention Chair: Blasco; Members: Coate, Simms, J. Dunlap, Thielen]

AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM (**Paul Thielen**, Chair) – Apple Blossom Parade: Club has been approached by the Chamber with a request to provide audio gear at one of the announcer's stations during the Parade on April 23rd. Board approval required for use of Club equipment at a non-Rotary event.

Working to clarify and confirm AV support requirements for Club fundraiser in May.

We are also committed to providing A/V support for the late May District Conference in Arcata, June Community Needs Summit, as well as a November conference for District 5160 in Monterey.

[Members: Rogers, Blasco, J. Dunlap, J. Blount, Power, Thielen, K. Jacobs]

BIRTHDAY CALLER (**Ruth Dunlap**, Chair) – Nothing to report

SUNSHINE (**Mark Fink**, Chair) – No update

ANNIVERSARY CARDS (**Sue Engle**, Chair) – No update.

GREETERS (**Rick Wilson**, Chair; Committee: **Harry Polley**, **Dave Madsen**, **Jerry Warren**) – No update

[Members: Coate, Cugini, Simms, Blasco, P. Blount]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (**Nao Noguchi**, Chair) – No update

[Members: Boyd, Zimmer, Pacatte, Dilley, Given]

CLUB HISTORY/ARCHIVAL (**Tom Boag**, **Patti Blount**, Co-Chairs) – Not much new on archives - except we do gather up every week all AppleKnocker ingredients, photos, PowerPoints, etc. for our online (since 2002) collection.

We did prepare an archive-scanning project proposal for SREF, but it is for next year's consideration.

We also met with West Sonoma County Historical Society/Museum archivist, Donna Pittman, to consider a joint project and help her get acquainted with high school staff.

[Members: J. Dunlap, Boal]

CLUB WEBSITE (**Robin Maybury** – Chair, Webmaster) – Club website: Our Club Website is sporting the latest information and forms to help with the Out of Africa Fundraiser. Please spread the word that just going to our homepage and following the links right there in the middle, will take all y'all to information and forms to buy BOTH types of tickets, or at least ticket numbers.

SREF website: - I've also been working with **Mia Del Prete** to enable the nominations for Teacher of the Year on the SREF website.

[Members: Support: Boag, Carter]

SECRETARY SUPPORT COMMITTEE (**Scott Briggs**, Club Secretary) – No update

[Members: Boag]

TREASURER SUPPORT COMMITTEE (**Ken Jacobs**, Club Treasurer) – No update

[Members: Frazier, R. Dunlap]

CLUB ACTIVITIES – SUE ENGLE, DIRECTOR:

APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE (**Hal Kwalwasser, Ellen Harrington**, Co-Chairs) – Saturday, April 23. Who is doing what?!!

[Members: Carter, Blasco, J. Dunlap, Frazier, R. Wilson]

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS (**Ruth & Jack Dunlap**, Co-Chairs to be confirmed) -- Hosts – **Ruth & Jack Dunlap** are taking a Looooonnggg trip across the USA. **Aldean Noethig** may host something this Spring. She certainly has ideas.

[Members: Cugini, Carter, Still, Schwartz]

HAPPY HOUR/FIRST FRIDAY/THIRD THIRSTY THURSDAY (**Aldean Noethig**, Chair) – Nothing on the calendar yet. Hopefully resuming Spring, this year.

[Members: Serkissian, Grados, Dilley]

BIRD WATCHING FIELD TRIPS (**Keller McDonald, Greg Jacobs** – Co-Chairs) – Next one. This Wednesday:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/FMfcgzGmvpDtNPRnKdpSqZzSXHjfQDWL>

Whistle and Toot, but please don't bring yer shot guns Ooooot !!

[Members: Blasco, Graber, Power, Boag, Lambert]

DEBUNKING / END OF YEAR CELEBRATION (**Diana Rich**, Chair) – **JT and Teresa Martin** have volunteered to host the end of year/debunking celebration at their house. Saturday June 18 is the date that works for them. **JT** is thinking a BBQ, very casual, afternoon to early evening (maybe 4:30pm-7:30pm?). Details still need to be worked out (with our help), but he's already thinking about music and the menu (and getting us to consume all the alcohol he apparently has stored in his garage!). No video, no elaborate skit - just a light-hearted upbeat social opportunity with good company, food, and drink. The Committee still has work to do, but with the date and location resolved, the rest should be easy-peasy (and super fun!).

[Members: Rogers, Schreiber, Moreira, Shehadeh, Thielen]

CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT (**Aleia Coate, Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyrka** – Co-Chairs) – Chairs and event TBD for 2023

[Members: Carter, Pacatte]

CLUB PICNIC (**David Still, Cindy Carter**, Co-Chairs; **Bob & Peggy Rogers**, Hosts) – Done!

[Members: Noethig, Cugini, Hirsch, Rogers, Meiburg, Simms, Ramos, Engle, Dilley]

CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY (**Cindy Carter**, Chair) -- Done

[Members: Meiburg, Martin, Schwartz, Ford, R. Wilson, R. Dunlap]

SUPER BOWL BOARD (**Aleia Coate**, Chair) – Done

[Members: Schreiber, Power]

