


# The Appleknocker


## Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

### Dick Ogg – Thoughts from a local Fisherman

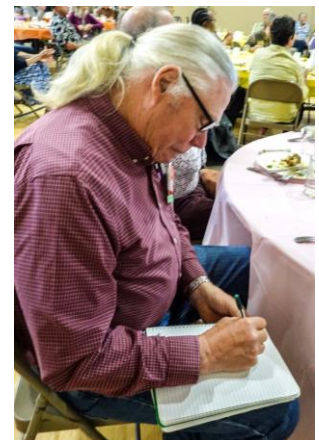
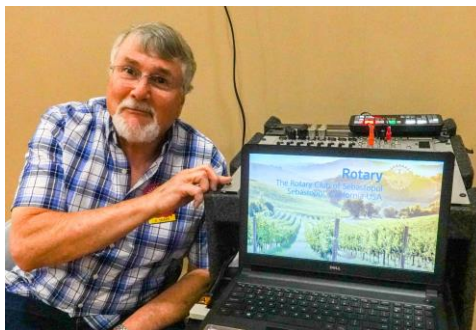
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"All the News that Fits We Print"

## BEFORE THE BELL

An excellent crowd gathered at the Sebastopol Community Church today. Some people we haven't seen for quite a while. They are coming back. And not an April Fool in the house. Well, on second thought.....



## AT THE BELL

**President Ellen Harrington** rang the bell to begin the meeting of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol and called on **Steve Prandini** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Edwin Wilson** came up with some really apt Thoughts for the Day.

**Gene Nelson** led the singing. He told us that his song for the Day, *Oh What a Beautiful Morning*, was from "Oklahoma" a musical that came out right after WWII. This song cheered everyone upon both then and now.



## Future Programs

April 8, 2022

**PDG Barb Spangler -  
Public Health Policy in  
2022**

April 15, 2022

**Rachel Averbuck –  
Reflections from a 1997 -  
1999 Rotary  
Ambassadorial Scholar**

## Coming Events

April 25, 2022

**Learn to Swim**

May 7, 2022

**Out of Africa Party and  
Celebration.  
Outdoors at Balletto Event  
Center**

## Miscellany

**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS:**  
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**On-line Make-Ups:**  
[www.RotaryEClubOne.org](http://www.RotaryEClubOne.org)

**[sebastopolrotary.com](http://sebastopolrotary.com)**

## VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

Visiting Rotarian Linda Sinkay from the Sunrise Club was introduced. She then introduced new Sunrise Rotarian Linda Taylor.



Guests included **Dan Rasmus's** mom Irene.

**Frank Mayhew** introduced caregiver Jane Mugwe.

**Bob Rogers** introduced his guest Carl Kohler, a fisherman from Bodega Bay who came to hear the program.



**Linda Johnson** introduced her spouse, Greg Reynolds. She informed us that Greg is available now. She then explained that she meant that he is now retired.



**Diana Rich** introduced Tomas Phillips. Tomas works across the road at the HorizonShine Village.



**Pauline Pellini** introduced her guest Mario Balistrieri.

Welcome back Mario.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



**Bob Rogers** recently celebrated his anniversary with Peg. He said he also recently celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. They went to Jackson, California. He also mixed in a little business speaking to the Los Altos Club. **Bob** is a busy man.



## 🍎 RECOGNITIONS 🍎



Although there were no photos to prove it, **Keller McDonald** recently returned from a trip to Yosemite and Disneyland with his grandkids. I have heard that you can, once again, hug the Disneyland characters so **Keller** must have had a good time. He had so much fun he is planning on doing it again in May with a different set of grandkids. **Keller** is definitely in the running for the coveted “*World’s Greatest Grandpa*” award.

**Larry Ford** just returned from another long road trip in his RV. This time it was points east with a destination in Oklahoma. He marveled at the Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest on his journey. He eventually landed in his ancestral home in LaVerne Oklahoma. Okay, we saw the pictures and it’s not a garden spot. But the locals were all very friendly and wife Gerry didn’t have to break out the N.R.A. decals that she brought along just in case.

**Larry** went to a restaurant that features a free 72 ounce steak. All you have to do is eat the whole thing in an hour. Plus sides. **Larry** didn’t try it. **Big Bob Hirsch** was heard to say “I wonder what they serve for dessert?”



## 🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎



**Rick Wilson** says “Everybody into the Pool.” That’s right, time for *Learn to Swim*. The Club is embarking on year 36 of teaching kids to swim at Ives Pool. **Rick** and **Greg Jacobs** are looking for help on this project. There are fewer kids this year but they will all be showing up at the same time (not literally). Instructors are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays noon to 1:30. No experience necessary.

**Cindy Carter** recently helped CERES move their garden to new digs. Also pitching in were **Jim Passage** and **Amea Sas**. The new garden is at the Sebastopol Charter School and encompasses 1 ½ acres. Lots of land.

**Gene Nelson** took the lectern to announce the passing of Richard (Dick) Pellascini. Dick was a long-time club member. **Gene** said there is a tribute video available on YouTube.

## 🍎 OUT OF AFRICA FUNDRAISER 🍎



The Big Fundraiser approaches and the African Safari is there for the winning. **Keller McDonald** raised the enthusiasm level with his description of the Safari. Who wouldn’t want to go and see these animals? And if you don’t win the Safari, there are other terrific prizes including a progressive dinner, a week at Big Sky Montana and others.

**David Schreiber** took the microphone to encourage **EVERYONE** to go on Facebook and **SHARE** the information about the raffle. It is so easy. You know you are on Facebook- everyone is pretty much. Just hit that share button and magically hundreds of additional eyes will see the information.



## THE WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE



**Myriah Volk** was seated at the winning number and gave the wheel a spin. Her lucky day featured a \$15 prize.



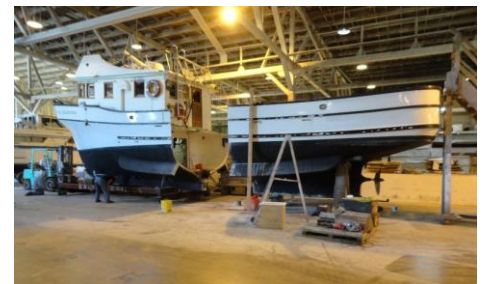
## THE PROGRAM



**Dan Rasmus** introduced Richard (Dick) Ogg. Dick is a commercial fisherman out of Bodega Bay. He has been fishing the West County coast for fifty years, the last twenty-five as a commercial boat captain. Dick had just returned from an east coast trip the night before at 3am. I guess those fishermen are used to keeping strange hours because he seemed wide awake.



Dick has a boat he bought in 2014 called the *Karen Jeanne*. He showed pictures of the modifications he made on the boat including literally cutting the boat in half and adding several feet to its hull length. Don't try this at home. New engines were installed and hatches.



Commercial fishing somehow survives despite the best efforts of many to make it so complicated that it can't go forward.

Changing whale migration patterns are a cause for constant regulatory changes along the way. The regulatory agency in charge, Fish and Wildlife, uses models to predict what will happen and then the regulate the fisherman accordingly. The models aren't always right. Dick works with Fish and Wildlife doing surveys and other practices.

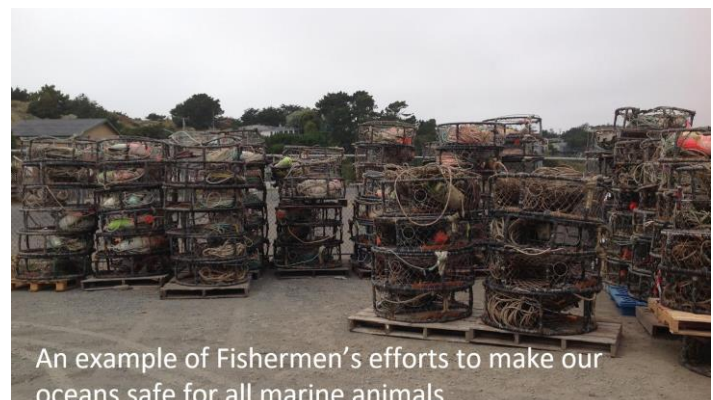
One of the reasons trap fisheries are so sustainable is the ability to release resources unharmed.



Commercial fisherman must face a barrage of regulatory barriers to bring the fish to the market. Richard agrees that whales can be endangered when there are thousands of crab pots in a relatively small area. There are engineers working on devices to protect the whales. Many of the devices work but they are cost prohibitive at this time.

We were all left with a sense of what a day in the life of our local Fishermen is like.

Obviously, commercial fishing is a tough life.



An example of Fishermen's efforts to make our oceans safe for all marine animals



## THE FINAL BELL



President Ellen thanked our guest and left us with something to ponder from Lewis Carroll.



## FUTURE PROGRAMS



### **APRIL 8 –**

#### **PDG Barb Spangler – Public Health Policy in 2022**

Covid 19 has brought Public Health to the forefront of news. But do we really understand what Public Health is? PDG Barb Spangler will help us understand this field and cover some questions we all probably have, such as: What Data is needed to make Public Health decisions; Is there better ways to communicate to the public; How is the field changing due to politics?

### **APRIL 15 –**

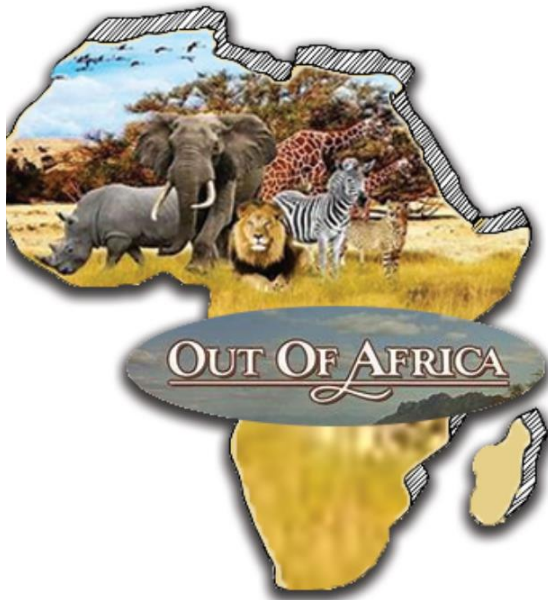
#### **Rachel Averbuck – Reflections from a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar**

We will hear Rachel's reflections from her time as a 1997 -1999 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in India and the tremendous impact it has had on her life.

### **APRIL 22 –**

#### **Overcoming Obstacles**





**Saturday, May 7, 2022  
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Balletto Event Center  
5700 Occidental Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95401**

***An Evening with Sit Down Dinner, Drinks, and Festivities!  
Big Five Raffle, Live and Silent Auctions!  
SURPRISE ENTERTAINMENT  
Dressy casual***



**Menu – Catered by Bianchi Catering Co.**

- Caesar Salad, Penne Pasta w/Marinara Sauce, Grilled Chicken Breast, Dutch Crunch Rolls & Butter; Vegetarian entrée upon request
- Vanilla Bean Ice Cream & Warmed Brownie
- Balletto Red & White Wines, Beer, Wine & Non-alcoholic Appleknockers

**Event Tickets \$100**

Contact: Katy Spyrka (707) 328-5535 or  
Jackie Moreira (707) 696-6523

**Raffle Tickets: \$50 for 1, \$200 for 5, \$1,000 for 30**

Contact: Hal (202) 262-2139 or Kelly at Exchange Bank (707) 823-4087

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