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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



Ah, December. A time for Holiday Parties, Hot Buttered Rum, Rain. And my personal favorite, December 21, the shortest day of the year.



AT THE BELL



President Ellen Harrington called the meeting to order. It took a couple of calls as the food line was loaded with hungry Rotarians. But they stopped and paid complete attention to...

Guy Smith, who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Mia Del Prete provided us with the inspirational thought of the day.

As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible." – Author Unknown.



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

Future Programs

December 10, 2021

**Harry Polley, John Blount,
Rick Wilson – How I got
into Business**

December 17, 2021

**Margaret Press – DNA Doe
Project**

Coming Events

December 9, 2021

**Birding (8am Carpool)
(8:35am Petaluma)**

December 11, 2021

**Holiday Party (6-9 PM)
Details and Map Below**

December 18, 2021

Adopt A Family (9am-12pm)

Miscellany

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS: scottbriggs50@yahoo.com

On-line Make-Ups:
www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:
707-546-1234

Steve Beck grabbed the mic and directed a rousing chorus of *Jingle Bells*. I must say the group never sounded better.

Before breaking for lunch, **President Ellen** introduced Pastor Benjamin Broadbent who leads the Sebastopol Community Church. (He is also effectively our landlord as we are using his church hall.) Pastor Ben greeted the group and thanked us for our presence. He reiterated the long-term relationship between the club and the church. He specifically thanked **President Ellen, David Schreibman and Hal Kwalwasser** for their recent work on a new contract. It turns out that Pastor Ben's son is President of the West County High School Interact club and his daughter a member. Sounds like two Rotarians in the making. Thanks, Pastor Ben.

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

President Ellen introduced visiting Rotarian Robert Pierce from the Santa Rosa Main club.

Robin Maybury introduced his guest and neighbor Ron Cammock.



HH introduced Sheila Johnson.
Sheila is a local

photographer and it sounded like **HH** was about to hand over the title of Sebastopol Photographer Extraordinaire to her. Stay tuned.



Keller McDonald introduced his wife, Marcia.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Some Birthday celebrators failed to appear today. **President Ellen** sent best birthday wishes to **Steve Prandini, Norm Stupfel, Tom Campbell, and Paul Yeomans**.

Some birthday celebrators did appear. **Ken Jacobs** claimed he had a lot of work to do on his birthday (ahhhh) but managed to make a drive out to the coast to recreate. (Yay)

Linda Johnson spent her birthday eating and opening presents. What could be better? She had dinner at *LaGare*.

Robin Maybury and Jean celebrated their anniversary with a dinner at *Café Giostra*. Forty years and counting.



Rotary Anniversaries



Ken Jacobs – 28 years – December 1st
 Jerry Warren – 21 years – December 3rd
 Hal Kwalwasser – 5 years – December 4th

There were a few Rotary Anniversaries noted.

Ken Jacobs 28 years (old timer)

Jerry Warren 21 years.

Hal Kwalwasser 5 years (new guy)



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Cindy Carter took the lectern to go over the Community Grants Program. She urged members to be on the lookout for worthy groups and encourage applications. The rules and forms are on the club website.



The money spread throughout the Community comes from our annual fundraiser. Grants are from \$501 to \$5000. One recent grant went to the Sebastopol Library to improve wi-fi coverage. **Cindy** noted that many students are given laptops at school but lack a good wi-fi source. This will be one. Applications for this year's grants should be submitted by January 15, 2022.



RECOGNITIONS



Harvey Henningsen recently appeared on the cover of *Sebastopol Living Magazine*. The cover shot and inside pictures were taken by **Sheila Johnson**, **Harvey's** guest. **Harvey** made a plea for anyone who has any copies of the magazine to save them and bring them to him. His plan is to send them out to his relatives in lieu of Christmas Cards. For the recognition, **HH** kicked in \$100 to fund his grandson's Paul Harris



THE WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE



John Blount was chosen completely at random having the right number at his seat.

He spun the wheel and landed on **Ken Jacobs'** photo. Oh, no. **John** must pay a dollar to the kitty.

No one has previously landed on the pay square. That might be why they call him "**Lucky John**"





AN UPDATE ON WEST COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL – TONI BEAL



Toni Beal took the lectern to update the Club on the West County High School District. The High School District does not have enough students to maintain two High Schools and a Continuation School. Hence the recent merger of El Molino High and Analy High. The new High School dubbed West County High School has 1530 students attending classes at the old Analy High Campus. 87 Laguna High students attend at the old El Molino campus.

It was recently decided by the School Board that West County High will become Analy High starting in the 2022-2023 school year. Most activities at the El Molino campus will be phased out with the exception of Laguna. Some facilities will still be used and others subject to being rented out to the community.

Toni said that the District has received some recent grants to enhance CTE studies and improve the interactions and relationship with Santa Rosa Junior College. She asked for any help the club could provide with guest speakers, mentors or paid internships.



MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS



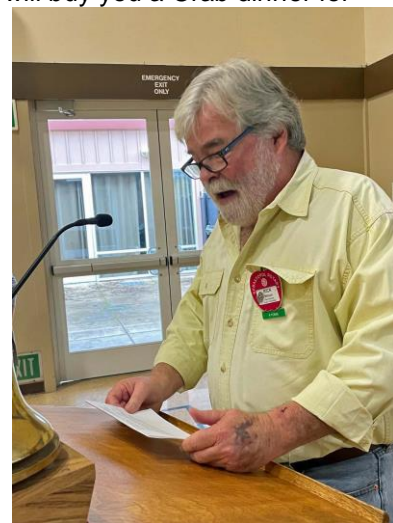
Jack Blasco took the lectern to update us on the *Mark Sell Teacher Mini Grants*. Even without a Crab Feed last year the Club managed to award 44 grants totaling over \$16000. This added to the total financial assistance given to teachers through mini grants to over \$330,000 since 2002. That's a lotta Crab.

Rick Wilson then explained that there will be a Crab Feed this year on Valentine's Day weekend so mark your calendars for February 12. The Crab Feed will be drive through at the Holy Ghost Hall and is designed with Romance in mind. \$150 will buy you a Crab dinner for two with all the trimmings and a bottle of Champagne.

Pauline Pellini is working hard on the Interact and Rotary collaboration to *Adopt A Family*. All the pieces of the puzzle are in place and on December 18 the

Interactors will board the Sebastopol Fire Engines to deliver the goods. No additional volunteers are needed this year – **Pauline** has it under control.

Keller McDonald had a few seconds to promote the upcoming Bird Watching excursion. It will be on December 9 at *Schollenberger Park* in Petaluma. Should be an excellent venue for birds. Carpooling will be available. Look for a separate email with all the details.



THE PROGRAM

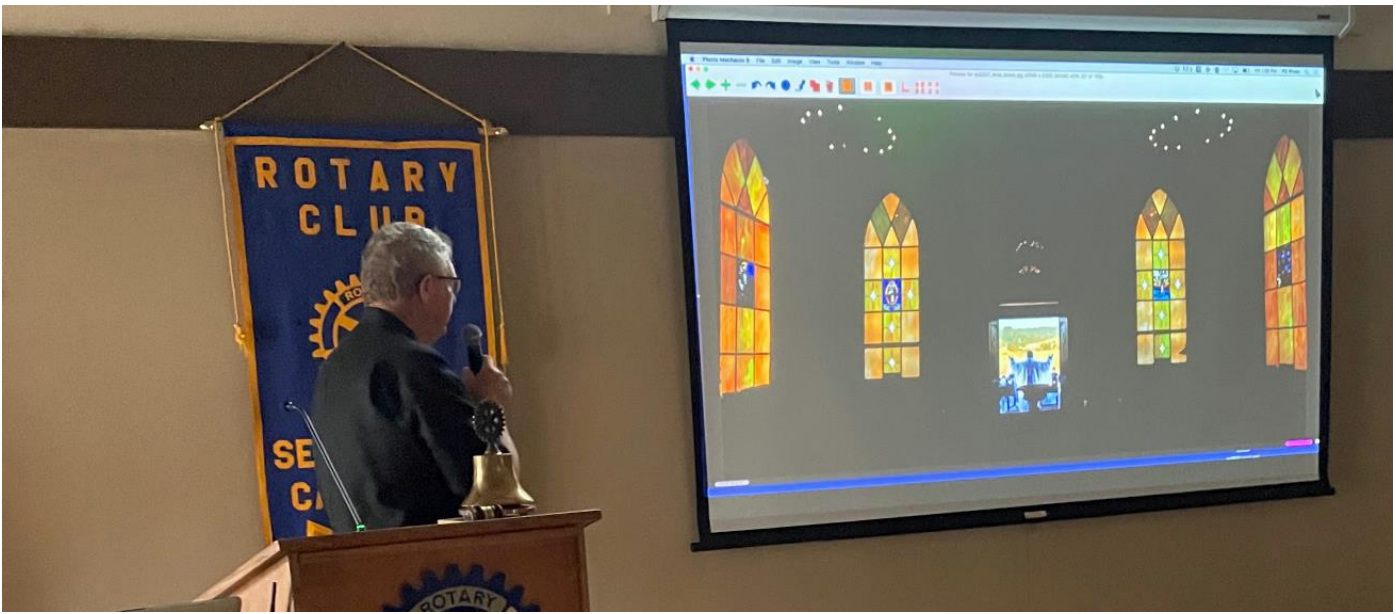


Harvey Henningsen introduced Kent Porter. Kent is a local who made good winning the Pulitzer Prize for his photography in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat. He was raised in Lake County and began taking pictures at an early age.

Kent works hard to get his special brand of photographs. He often travels to remote or dangerous locations. He doesn't actually live in his car but sometimes, while on assignment, it seems that way. He carries supplies just in case.



Kent narrated a series of dramatic and beautiful photographs, mostly from Sonoma County venues and also from this year of 2021. He took his first wildfire pictures at age 12 while covering a local fire on his ten speed. One of his teachers recommended that he take a photography elective and he became inspired. He now excels at wildfire photography. He also excels at sports photography.



🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

President Ellen thanked Kent for a fascinating program and rang the bell, slightly late.

🍎 AFTER THE BELL 🍎

A map designed by **JT Martin**, the host of the Christmas Party, is below. Otherwise, use your phone and type in 3555 Thorn Road, Sebastopol.

The most important thing is to find the mailbox that says 3555 Thorn Road, before getting off to the small lane.

Our Holiday Party features potluck appetizers and dessert. Wine will be provided.

Please RSVP to **Kathy Schwartz** (kgschwartz123@gmail.com) or **Ruthie Dunlap** (Ruthsmily1@gmail.com).

WHERE?: **JT and Teresa Martin's** home, 3555 Thorn Road, Sebastopol

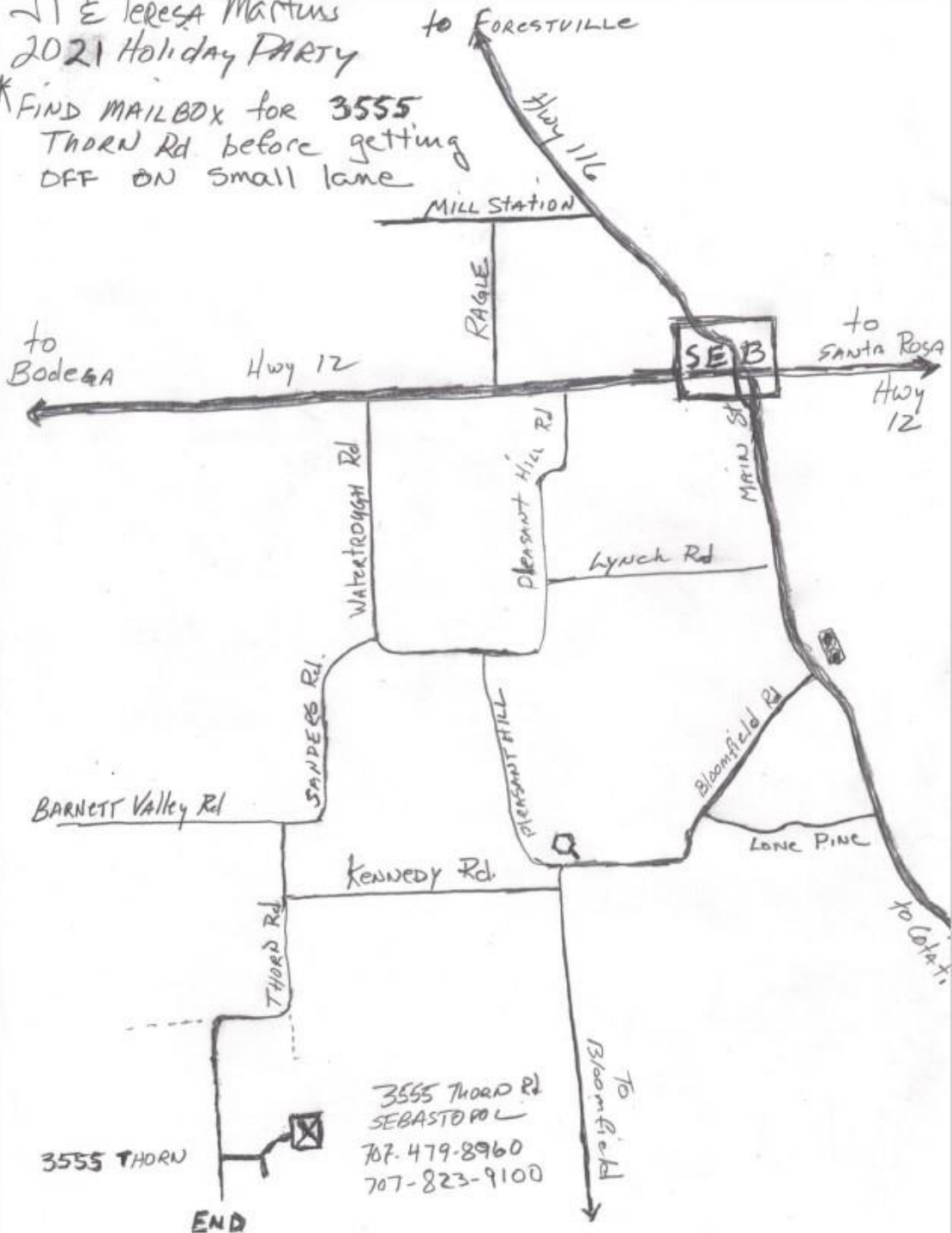
WHEN?: Saturday, December 11, 2021, 6 to 9 p.m.

Partners and children are welcome. COVID vaccination is required.

Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary announced its food box give away project at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts on **December 23, 2021**. The flyer is below. If you are interested, sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/EjDpahl>

LT E Teresa Martin's
2021 Holiday Party

* FIND MAILBOX for 3555
THORN Rd. before getting
OFF ON small lane



Free!

Christmas Day Dinner Fixings

Gratis



We're unable to host our traditional Christmas Day dinner gathering this year, but we will be preparing dinner boxes that will be available on the **afternoon of Thursday, December 23.**

Each box will contain the fixings for a family of 4:
A whole frozen chicken, stuffing mix, gravy seasoning, potatoes, other vegetables, and dessert ready to thaw and cook on Christmas Day.

Holiday Food Box Drive-through Distribution

- Thursday, December 23
- 1:00 - 3:00
- Sebastopol Center for the Arts (282 S. High Street)
- One Food Box per car, as supply lasts



Donate \$25.00 to
sponsor a Holiday
Food Box



When picking up your Food Box, we ask that you & anyone accompanying you please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Remain in your vehicles and our volunteers will place things in your trunk.

This is for the safety of our volunteers, as well as your families.



Rotary
Club



of Sebastopol

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
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SEBASTOPOL
CENTER FOR THE ARTS



FUTURE PROGRAMS



December 10, 2021 - How I got into business: Harry Polley, John Blount, Rick Wilson

In 1905, Rotary was started by four business men in Chicago. They named the club Rotary, as they rotated the meeting site among the four men's businesses. Rotary was founded and grew exponentially on this concept of vocation.

At the December 10th meeting, we'll revisit the roots of Rotary – Vocations. **Harry Polley, John Blount and Rick Wilson** will share with us how they ended up in their chosen professions. This program will be interesting and entertaining.



December 17, 2021 – Margaret Press, PhD - DNA Doe Project

Margaret Press is CEO of The DNA Doe Project. Its simple humanitarian mission is to identify John and Jane Does using genetic genealogy. On April 11, 2018 at a press conference in Troy, Ohio when their identification of Buckskin Girl as Marcia L. King was announced – it marked the first time in history that the world learned of the power of genetic genealogy to solve cold case identifications.

The DNA Doe Project is an all-volunteer organization with over 60 experienced genetic genealogists giving their time and passion to this cause.

You'll learn about their techniques and some interesting Doe cases they have resolved!