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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Erika Steffe MD - COVID, Vaccines & Testing

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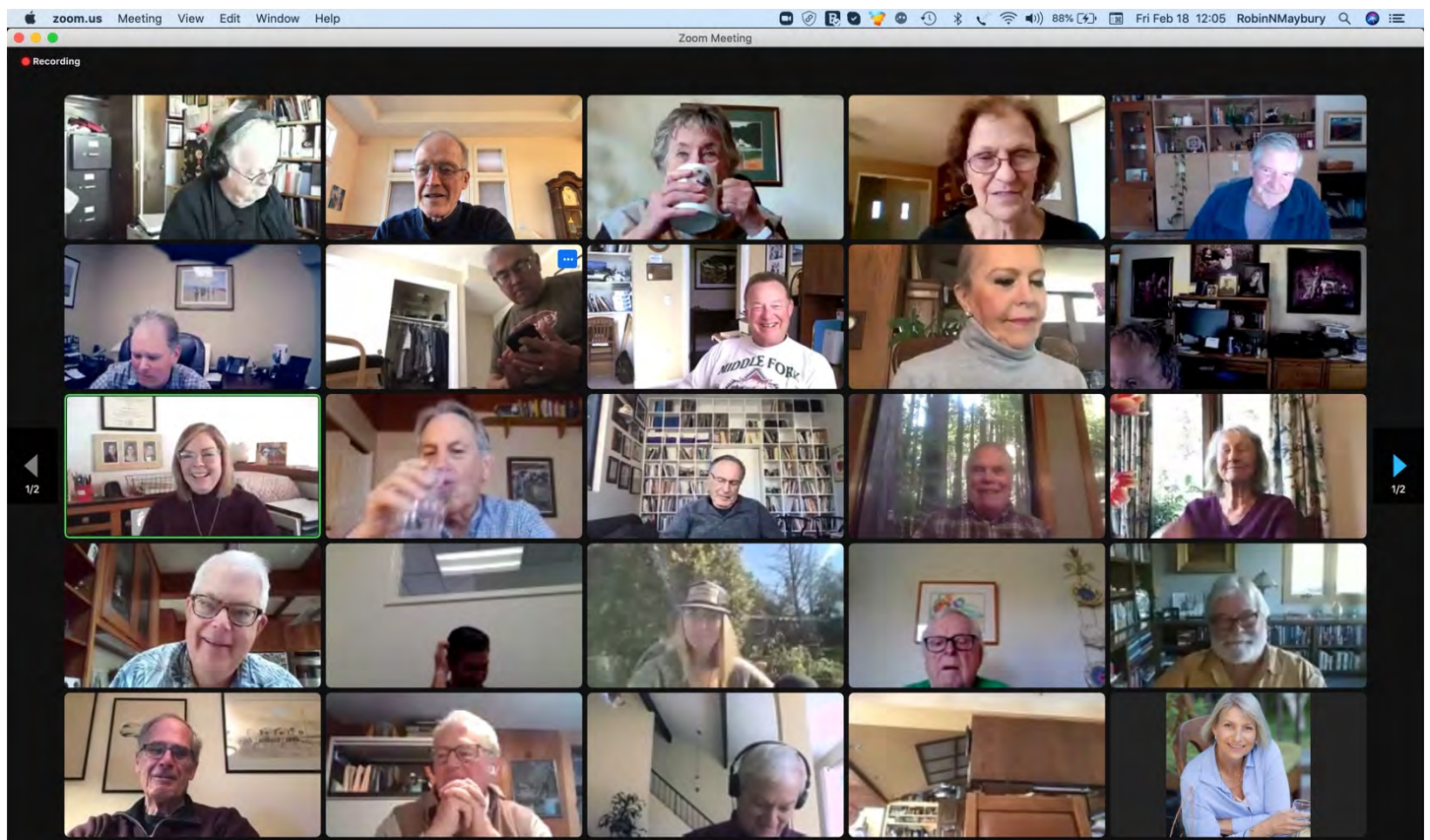
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"All the News that Fits We Print"

🍏 **BEFORE THE BELL** 🍏



There were 50 attendees.

With any luck at all, this was our last Zoom meeting. Many thanks to Tom Boag, Jack Dunlap, Ken Jacobs and rest of the AV crew for their nimble and unfailing response to the Covid crisis.



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

Future Programs

February 25, 2022

**Guy Smith - Photos And
Stories From Fighting The
Dixie Fire**

March 11, 2022

**Shirley Zindler, Founder of
Dogwood Rescue - Pet
Rescues and Adoptions in
Sonoma County**

Coming Events

February 24, 2022

**Rotary Volunteer Day at
Redwood Empire Food
Bank**

Miscellany

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AT THE BELL

President **Ellen Harrington** rang the bell at 12:15 pm and welcomed everyone to our Sebastopol Rotary Zoom meeting.

Jackie Moreira gave us our thought for the day:

“Be brave. Even when you’re not, pretend to be. No one can tell the difference.”

“Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react.”
-Anonymous



VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

There were no visiting Rotarians.

Our only guest was Diana and Edwin Wilson's grandchild.

BIRTHDAYS



Lu Frazier- That's me. I turned 80 on Feb 17 this year. Spent the day relaxing and had dinner with grandson Jack at Fandee's.

ANNIVERSARIES



Keller McDonald and Marcia will celebrate their anniversary birding around Gualala.



Rotary Anniversary: **Kathie Mayhew** celebrated 21 years with Sebastopol Rotary.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The World Community Service Committee has been working hard. Our club will be donating \$7,200 to the Chidamoyo Hospital in Karoi, Zimbabwe for purchase of a baby incubator. It will be donated in the name of Kathy McCarty, "Sister Makate", who served the hospital for many years.

Dan Rasmus announced the Super Bowl winners.

Congratulations to **Laura Victor-van Gorder**, winner of the 2nd and 4th quarters for a total of \$600; **Kathy Hicks** with \$200 in the 1st quarter, and **Alain Serkissian** with \$200 in the 3rd quarter. Of course, the big winner is the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation, taking home a cool \$1,000.



Super Bowl Board
WINNERS...
.. Dan Rasmus..



Delivering the GOODS!!!

Our

major fundraiser is coming up. The theme is "Out of Africa" and **Keller** is the lead honcho. More later.



CRAB FEED WRAP UP



SEBASTOPOL ROTARY'S DRIVE-THRU CRAB FEED

Rick Wilson gave an update on the Crab Feed. All but one volunteer showed up to help. Everything went like a well-oiled machine. The question is, does Rotary do an in person event next year or another drive-through. Your thoughts are welcome.

Thanks to **Sally and Scott Briggs** the volunteer crew was fed. **Rick** thanked **Nao Noguchi** and **Jack Blasco** for all their hard work to make the Feed the success it was. He also thanked

Cindy Carter without whom the Crab Feed would not have happened.

They packed 223 boxes!! I can speak to the fact that the crab was fantastic. There was more than enough food for two people. I ate crab for three days.

More than \$17,000 was raised for the Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grant program. **Kelly Back, Cindy Carter and Jim Pacatte** were at the Exchange Bank to do a live drawing of the winners of the 50/50 and the ticket draw. **Jim and Rose Pacatte** donated a butterfly house made by **Jim** and painted by **Rose**.

The Interact clubs were there to help. **Rick** said they did a fantastic job. They were 'tipped' \$1,400. **Harry Polley** sold the most tickets.





THE PROGRAM



David Still introduced today's speaker, Erika Steffe, MD whose topic is "The Truth about Covid, Vaccines and Testing". Dr. Steffe practiced infectious diseases & travel medicine for 25 years and hospice for 5 years in Sonoma County. She also has a newsletter and her email address is apointofview22@gmail.com.

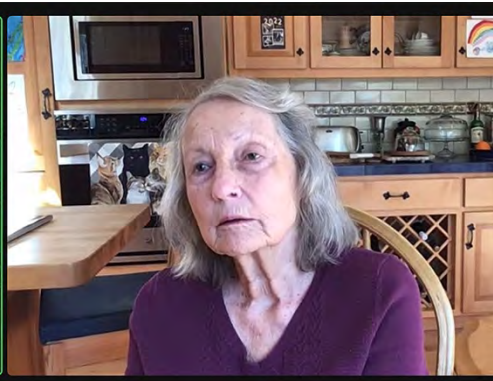
Dr Steffe explained that cases of Omicron have decreased by 75% in the last month, the number of hospitalizations have decreased and deaths due to Covid have leveled off.



The only places not doing better are in states where people did not get vaccinated. Omicron is immunizing them now as case rates continue to increase. From what I've read, Omicron has infected up to 50% of certain populations. We will never know, because the vast majority of infections most likely went unreported.

What can we do now? Assess your risk. If you are immunocompromised, you need to be careful and have an action plan if you happen to get infected. Get an action plan. Discuss this with your doctor and know how to access your healthcare system quickly if needed.

If you are healthy, without risk factors and vaccinated, you are good to go, with caveats. For vaccinated people, it sounds like getting an Omicron infection makes you not want to move off the couch for around five days (so you would miss work). You could lose your sense of smell (for days to months), get a sore throat, have an excruciating headache and have nasal congestion. Worse, you might spread it to friends, family and coworkers. But having Omicron when you are vaccinated and healthy is no longer a probable trip to the hospital.



Reintroducing the idea of getting out of the house and being social might be difficult for some. Consider starting slow. Have a few people over that are willing to test themselves before your dinner party. Or go to outside gatherings only. Keep your mask on in high risk situations (no it does not 100% prevent disease but it certainly decreases the risk) and take it off for low risk situations.

How did we get this pandemic? In January 2020 a new human virus was identified. Many people probably don't understand what a big deal that is. Humans have NO immunity to a brand new virus. None. Not even if you are super healthy. Your body has absolutely no way to fight it - at least not within the first days when your immune system is trying to figure out how to react. If a brand new lethal virus infects someone and causes disease, then a person will get infected and probably will die.

Covid mutated, bringing us alpha, beta (not important because it didn't spread well enough), delta (which was twice as infectious as alpha and a lot more lethal), a couple of other variants of concern which ended up not being important, and finally Omicron.

In Dr. Steffe's view, delta could have been as bad as the 1918 flu in terms of spread and lethality except for one thing - we had vaccines. The mRNA vaccines followed by the J and J vaccine really are miracles. The speed, precision, safety and efficiency with which they were made and distributed is still hard to comprehend. They saved us, even if only half of the population decided to participate in getting vaccinated.



The future depends more on what humans do than what the virus does. We know this virus now. We know it can/will mutate. We know we can make vaccines if there is a big shift. We have the ability to detect new variants and warn public health officials who in turn can guide us. We can put networks and systems into place to respond well.

Now the surge is over. There is much, much less risk. The disease is known not to be lethal to healthy people. There is no new Omicron specific vaccine to get yet, and many vaccinated people got Omicron (because it was so contagious). These vaccinated, newly Omicron-infected people must be the most immune, Omicron resistant folks out there at the moment. We need to continue to decide what to do about the Covid, as it mutates and as we get more data. We need to do it in real time. We need to do it well.



THIS WEEK'S PONDERING



This Week's Pondering...

I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.



THE FINAL BELL



President Ellen Harrington closed the meeting at 1:19 pm.



FUTURE PROGRAMS



Guy Smith - Photos And Stories From Fighting The Dixie Fire



Our own Guy Smith will regale us with tales and photos of his up-close-and-personal experiences fighting last year's Dixie fire from the seat of his bulldozer. A man of many talents, Guy was apparently not satisfied with climbing and felling trees that would give Paul Bunyan pause, but had to watch thousands of them burst into flames from a distance that would singe your eyebrows. If you want to know how Guy spent his summer vacation, don't miss this one!

Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – February 08, 2022

President's Report for AppleKnocker for February 2022

Fellow Club Members and Friends,

Among life's greatest rewards

How good does giving get? Our club just actualized this statement. I couldn't be more proud of the success of our Crab Feed from this weekend. Kudos to Chairman (& Club Secretary) **Scott Briggs** and his quality team for a very successful Crab Feed. This was our first year doing the Crab Feed as a 'drive-in' event. We have a reputation for having the freshest crab in the area, and we were sold out then offered more tickets and sold out again. My heart and gratitude goes out to school art teacher Sally Briggs who had the great idea at our last live Crab Feed to get students to display 'crab' artwork at the event. This year our team took this to the next level and pasted the students' artwork on the Crab Feed boxes that our guests picked up at the drive-in. What a super idea to showcase teacher Sally Briggs and her students. I gave a gift this past holiday to local family. They sent me an image of the artwork on their box saying they "got the best one." Our Crab feed proceeds go to our teacher grants program that fund projects teachers don't have to pay for out of their salaries. Thanks to our great team!!!

This coming week we will be launching our major fundraiser that supports the remainder of our club's many other quality programs. Funds we raise at this event go to our following fiscal year's projects. Chairman **Keller McDonald** has a super event team that will reaching out to our club and the community to engage another fine event of raffle, live and silent auctions, great food, drink, and entertainment at the Balletto Event Center. Keep your attention open for all these details.

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) – We are pivoting the main fundraiser effort from a live auction to a big-prize raffle. We're also planning an in-person party with silent auction and small life auction, where we'll draw the winning raffle ticket. Party planned outdoors at Balletto event center on Saturday, May 14. All committee chairs for raffle and event have been recruited. Raffle and event push will start right after Crab Feed. We will need all club members to actively sell raffle tickets, as this event will generate funds for next year's service projects and good works!

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

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

[Ticket Sales/Reservations: Co-Chairs: Katy Spyrka, 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) – The tickets are sold out. The chowder, desserts, Caesar Salad, bread, packaging materials, and champagne have been ordered. The volunteer roster is full; everyone is ready to pitch in. The committee is very excited for the club's first ever drive-thru Crab Feed to begin. [Crab Feed a great success, sold out, extended, and sold out again. Great reviews and money raised for Mark Sell Teacher Grants. -Ed.]

[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) – The Community Grants committee met on January 30, 2022. A list of recipients [was approved] by the Board. The final request [was] for \$32,048.35. (Note that the CG committee did not approve spending the entire \$38,000 in the budget. Some applications were not approved for even partial funding as they did not have sufficient West County focus or were not well written or thought out, etc. The Committee also requested approval to spend \$500 to purchase Rotary signs to place on some of the installations approved.)

[Members: Serkissian, Boyd, Cugini, Hirsch, Schreibman, 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) The first HOP (Helping Other People) Workday held on Saturday, January 15, 2022, from 9:30am-12:30pm was a success. All of the projects were completed. Helping Other People is a program run by the Sebastopol Area Senior Center, which has 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, has volunteered to respond to as many of such requests as possible. The projects include landscape/cleanup work, replacing a light fixture, replacing a toilet, replacing a kitchen faucet, clearing down spouts, and roof cleaning. The next HOP Workday is scheduled for April 9, 2022.

B) Redwood Empire Food Bank: the next joint event with the Sebastopol Sunrise Club is scheduled for Thursday February 24, 2022, from 2:00-4:00pm.

C) The Adopt-A-Road clean-up day has been postponed until February 26, 2022, from 8:30-10am. This is our 3x yearly commitment to keep Mill Station Rd (116 to Ferguson Rd) in tip-top shape.

D) The Ceres Community Garden is moving to a new location. Working to schedule a club workday on March 18, 2022, in the morning.

E) West County Community Services (WCCS) is trying to expand its Safe Overnight Parking program in Sebastopol. Currently looking to see if any Rotarians are willing to assist as lot monitors.

HOMELESSNESS (**Jack Dunlap**, Chair) - **Jack** has written a report about what he has learned during his time as chair of this committee. This will become a separate presentation to the club.

[Members: Boag, Rich, Beck]

LEARN TO SWIM (**Greg Jacobs, Rick Wilson**, Co-Chairs) – Investigation is underway to determine which schools would like to participate this year. Ives Pool will only allow 50 students and 15 instructors which will require adjustments in order for the larger schools to be involved.

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

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANTS (**Jack Blasco**, Patrick Dirden, Co-Chairs) – The Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grant Committee is requesting that at the upcoming meeting the Board allocate up to \$15K for the Spring round of teacher grants. The grant period is not open yet, but they would like to know how much they have to work with. Co-Chair **Patrick Dirden** is taking the lead in managing the Spring round of grants. The application period will run from February 15 through March 15. The announcement of the opening of the grant application period will be emailed to the schools around February 7. We anticipate holding the committee meeting to select grant recipients in late March and distributing checks in April.

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

SPONSORSHIPS COMMITTEE (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair) – To date we have \$17,500 in sponsorships, an additional \$1,500 pledged, and at least another \$2,500 pending. Many thanks to members **Larry Ford, Kelly Back, Dorothy Rodella, Jackie Moreira, & Pauline Pellini** for their team efforts in obtaining these funds. These sponsorships are available to apply to this year's programs.

DICTIONARY PROJECT (**Paul Yeomans**, Chair) – **Paul** has the dictionaries and will be sending out a call to members this week to help with drop off at the schools. Only a drop off this year to minimize risk due to COVID.

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair) – The Sebastopol Service and Action Coalition has its VolunteerNow page up and running. All clubs can post volunteer opportunities, and we are beginning outreach to community service organizations to encourage them to take advantage of the page. We are also beginning to plan for a second May Community Needs Summit.

The three Rotary Clubs in the West County have reached out to the School Board to offer to work with the interim superintendent or the new superintendent. Pending the appointment of a new superintendent, however, our attempt to coordinate our support with the district is on hold.

The Publicity Committee has otherwise not produced anything in the past month. However, **Amee Sas** has taken the lead in improving our social media presence, with an interim proposal due on April 1.

[Members: Grados, Boag]

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (**Lu Frazier, David Still**, Co-Chairs) – Our committee continues to find and promote programs with an environmental theme, our latest being Lathrop Leonard on Forestry. **Jim Passage** attended the Rotary Leaders Environmental Workshop online to get some new ideas.

[Members: Schwartz, Passage, Boag]

COMMUNITY SERVICE – SPECIAL REQUESTS – **Gene Nelson** proposed [and the Board confirmed] making a donation toward the rebuilding of the vandalized fountain named in honor of Lillian Judd, Dennis Judd's mother. Many in our club knew her and she spoke to us about her concentration camp experiences. It seems a hate crime such as this, directed at one whom we knew, demands a response.

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE – GAIL GIJZEN, DIRECTOR:

YOUTH EXCHANGE (Multi Club Program) (**Aleia Coate, Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyryka**, Co-Chairs) – Inactive FY 2021-22.

[Members: Katy Spyryka]

COOL KIDS CAMP (**ROBIN MAYBURY**, CHAIR) – **Robin** is emailing all club treasurers, secretaries, and presidents for District 5130 soon, to remind them to put aside \$700 for each "kid" they want to send to Cool Kids Camp. **Libby** is enquiring of Cloverleaf Ranch how many places they can offer us this year. **Steve Prandini** has been talking to the owner of Alliance Redwoods who might be interested in hosting some "Cool Kids" (Early Investigations at the moment).

If we can raise more funds than we need for the number of kids that Cloverleaf can accommodate then it would be nice to have Alliance Redwoods working with us.

[Members: TBD]

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (**Tom Boag, Hal Kwalwasser, David Schreiber**, Co-Chairs) – The six selected participating students confirmed and committed that they will participate. Next step is to conduct by zoom some initial "break-the-ice" meetings with the students (in a group) to put them at ease, answer questions, and basically describe what will happen and what is expected. We have made it clear to the students that this is not an interview - as they are all already winners. The "break-the-ice" meeting will be conducted in the week of February 14-18 after our Crab Feed. The students will then begin thinking about their short speeches and some of our group will provide speech assistance. (Over half of our past students have used this help.) The students have some four weeks to think about the speeches until their Spring Break (March 21- 25, when they really get busy) then another three weeks for additional practice and our help if needed before our April 22 Overcoming Obstacles Award 2022 Events. Other members of our committee will be looking for sponsors and contributions and choosing the morning Leadership Seminar adult speakers. We are still planning an entirely zoom event – since we have done that twice out of our 11 years – but things could change and, with school, health department, and club agreement it might be done live. We do have a reserved live venue for the morning meeting (O'Reilly Media's Tarsier Conference Room) - a great place we have used before - if it works out.

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

INTERACT (**Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – **Pauline** Chairs all of Interact (Twin Hills, West County, Brookhaven) --

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

Twin Hills Chair: Pellini – Twin Hills seems to struggle pulling things together. The principal and teacher advisor notice this as well. They wanted to do a lollypop sale, but student council was already planning one, so they are booked to do a St Patrick Day sale. They meet Tuesday and I will see if any members will volunteer to help Saturday morning.

Brook Haven (Chair: Pellini, Member: Victor-van Gorder) – Brook Haven Interact is in the midst of their Valentine lollypop fundraiser. This group is so well organized and amazing. A few members are also signed up to help with the crab feed assembly.

West County (Chair: Pellini, Members: Coate, Hirsch, Stevens) – Nothing to report this month.

INTERACT HOLIDAY ADOPT-A-FAMILY (**Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – Done

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

LEARN WITH ME (**Linda Irving**, Chair) – This is not taking place during the 2021/2022 School year due to COVID protocols.

[Members: Victor-van Gorder, Blount]

FINANCIAL LITERACY (**David Schreiber**, Chairs) – Nothing new to report.

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

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (Multi Club Program) (**Gail Gijzen**, Chair) – Nothing to report this month.

[Members: Carter, Gijzen]

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (**Larry Ford**, Chair) – Nothing to report but Scheduled for May 6.

[Members: Graber, Power, Atkinson, Given]

NORTH BAY CONSTRUCTION CORPS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair) – Nothing new to report.

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (-Open-, Chair) – Nothing to report.

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

Career Fair at West County High (**Tom Lambert**, Chair) – No new report. Pending date and information from school counselors. Nothing new reported.

[Members: Grados, Boyd, Boag]



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE – DOROTHY RODELLA, DIRECTOR:

Club No.	Name	Number of Members	Annual Fund Goal Amount	Goal % Achieved	AF Per Capita	Annual Fund		Other Funds		Endowment Fund		Total
						Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	
413	Sebastopol	98	\$0.00	0%	\$ 257.60	\$ 2,285.00	\$ 25,245.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 56,839.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 82,084.00



Rotary International Foundation – Lu Frazier – Chair

Annual Fund goal is \$20,000 (It is not showing up on our RI report) – We have exceeded our \$20,000 Goal.

We have also exceeded the PolioPlus Goal set at \$10,000.

Of note is the fact that we continue to have members of our club that give generously.

[Members: Moises, F. Mayhew, Beck]

World Community Service – Keller McDonald -- Chair

Attached is **Keller's** committee recommendations. The total budget for International Service was \$11,200 of this amount \$1,000 was committed and has been sent to the *Programma de Becas* scholarship Program. Below are recommendations from the committee for the remaining \$10,200.

To: President Ellen Harrington and Club Board, 2021-22

From: Keller McDonald, World Service Committee Chair

Date: January 24, 2022

Re: Recommendation on World Service Projects for 2021-22

The World Service Committee held three meetings to consider international projects for our club to support for the 2021-22 Rotary year. It was our understanding that the budget, after funding **Programma de Becas**, is \$11,200. The committee voted unanimously to recommend the Board approve funding the following projects for 2021-22.

1) A baby incubator for Chidamoyo Hospital in Zimbabwe, with plaque stating this is a gift from the Rotary Club of Sebastopol in memory of Kathy McCarty. (Kathy served Chidamoyo Hospital for many years and was a key contact for several previous projects between our club and Chidamoyo. Kathy recently passed away. Our current contact at Chidamoyo is Major Mereki, who has visited our club several times.) \$7,200

2) Support for a global grant project (\$82,250) sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of St. Helena, Harare, and other several other clubs to install a well for drinking and garden irrigation water and deliver sanitation practices to two villages (population 3000) near Harare, Zimbabwe. Our club supported this project with \$2,500 last year. The wells and solar pumps are completed, but the project has incurred \$15,000 in cost overruns. Donations of \$13,500 have been secured from the Rotary Clubs of Santa Rosa, Calistoga and St. Helena, plus other non-Rotary sources. The committee recommends our club donate the "last mile" funding to complete this beneficial, well-managed project. \$1,500

3) Purchase 25 bucket-based water filters for rural residents now drinking unsafe water in the Puerto Vallarta region. This is an on-going project of the Rotary Club Puerto Vallarta Sur, partnering with the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa and several other clubs. (Santa Rosa plans to send a contingent of 10 members to help Puerto Vallarta Sur distribute water filters in late March 2022.) \$1,500

4) Support for the "Street Business School" operated by Village HopeCorp, a non-profit that has improved economic, education and health factors in rural Kenya for 21 years. This project will provide three days of training in entrepreneurial business and micro-enterprise practices to 9 cohorts of 10 individuals each over the period of one year. The individuals are health outreach workers and other key leaders in small villages in rural Kenya. Program costs are \$6,800 for 3 cohorts of 10 individuals. **Steve Beck** and a Rotarian from the Phoenix area are Village HopeCorp board members. They will use our club's donation to encourage matching donations from other clubs in District 5130 and the Phoenix area to fully fund the Street Business School project. \$1,000

TOTAL RECOMMENDED FUNDING \$11,200

Please be aware the committee identified several additional projects that have excellent potential for our club's support in the near future, including:

Anthill Foundation plans to build a training facility for young mothers to learn a skill to support themselves and their children, and name it in honor of **Kathie Mayhew**. This is a possible global grant project in 2022-23 for our club, a Rotary Club in Uganda, and the Anthill Foundation.

Village HopeCorp Youth Resource Center, serving 700 teens in Kenya with education and recreation.

Rotary Clubs of Zamboanga City, Philippines; Sebastopol Sunrise and Calgary, Alberta have successfully secured a global grant to establish a telemedicine network between a regional hospital and 100 outlying remote medical clinics on Zamboanga Island and surrounding islands. This project is fully funded, but fundraising may occur to include additional medical clinics in the network.

Rotary Clubs of Rigores, Honduras and Port Isabel, Texas partnering with Hands to Honduras non-profit on global grants to improve education and health factors in rural Honduras. Contact in USA is Tom Plumb, Port Isabel Rotary.

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

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS – 2021-2022 School Year. \$5,900.00 wire to the PV Club on 11/16/2021 includes \$1,000 from the Club's Foundation. Said \$1,000 to be used for three scholarships.

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

CLUB SERVICE – EDWIN WILSON, DIRECTOR:



WEEKLY PROGRAM SPEAKERS (**Dan Rasmus**, Chairs) –

- Program committee will need to meet in the next 2 weeks to finalize the Spring programs.
- OOA and Speech dates are confirmed.

[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) – No update

[Scribes: Still, Nelson, Frazier, Given]

PHOTOGRAPHERS (**Harvey Henningsen**, Chair) – Nothing new to report

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair) – The Publicity Committee has not produced anything in the past month. However, **Ame Sas** has taken the lead in improving our social media

presence, with an interim proposal due on April 1.

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

MEMBERSHIP (**David Schreibman**, Chair) – The Attraction Committee has just received a new sponsor application from **Harvey Henningsen**. She has already attended at least two meetings in person and one Zoom. Her application is attached for the Board's benefit only.

The Membership Retention Subcommittee Chair Jack Blasco reports we are reaching out to 8 folks who haven't participated in any Rotary activities (that we know of) during December and January. Folks who were contacted in January are not being contacted in February.

Mentoring. Mentors continue to work with new members. Of our four new members, two have given Rookie Sketches and one is scheduled for February 11.

[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) – I'm pleased to report that, owing to our innovations last year, we were able to pivot to a zoom platform for weekly meetings with relative stability.

Work will proceed to outfit the new gear trailer to accommodate our equipment, hopefully ready for the upcoming PETS in early March.

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

Ron Puccinelli remains a valuable asset, though he does tend to rub in how wonderful his life is. Comes with the territory.

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

BIRTHDAY CALLER (**Ruth Dunlap**, Chair) – Nothing to report - I keep calling all members on their birthdays.

Several members, especially the newer members, have incomplete profiles in CR. What mechanism is in place to rectify this?

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) – Nothing new to report

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

CLUB HISTORY/ARCHIVAL (**Tom Boag, Patti Blount**, Co-Chairs) – A proposal has been written for SREF entitled “WSCHS-WCHS-Rotary History Project...Initial Ideas-TB_2202061621.” It proposes to capture 100 years of Rotary Club of Sebastopol history in Digital form, utilizing efforts of Rotarians, West Sonoma County Historical Society, West County High School/Analy departments (History, English, AP, other) and student volunteers. – Materials collected from AppleKnocker newsletter and other club materials in club or member control. This will include properly scanning and archiving a quantity of paper records currently stored in the club trailer and member attics/basements.

The proposal has been shared with WCHS/Analy Principal Shauna Ferdinandson and will be shared also with Donna Pittman and Teresa Ramondo of West Sonoma County Historical Society as they have expressed interest.

[Members: J. Dunlap, Boal]

CLUB WEBSITE (**Robin Maybury** – Chair, Webmaster) – Our Sebastopol Rotary club website is up to date with the latest changes including: Our Crab Feed, the Mark Sell Teacher Grants page, the changes in sponsors, about whom **Ellen** informed me, and the latest copies of the AppleKnocker newsletter.

SREF website: I met recently with **Jack Blasco** to ensure that he has access to GoDaddy, WIX and necessary information that allows him and others to actively control the facets of the management of the SREF website including billing.

[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) – Event on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

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

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS (**Ruth & Jack Dunlap**, Co-Chairs to be confirmed) -- Usually taking place in March, further details to be established.

[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) – [A trip to Bodega Bay was well attended on February 5th.] Next trip sometime in Spring.

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

DEBUNKING (**Diana Rich**, Chair) – Debunking plans will start in early Spring. Herding Cats. Planning the first committee meeting ASAP.

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

CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT (**Aleia Coate, Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyрка** – Co-Chairs) – Not 100% sure about this event. **Aleia** is checking with **Katy** and **Jackie**. Aleia updated at meeting a couple of Fridays ago.

[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) – **Aleia** has it under her wings. [Super Bowl happened, and scores were announced by **Dan Rasmus** 2/18. Board winners will be notified.]

[Members: Schreiber, Power]

