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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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“All the News that Fits We Print”

🍏 **BEFORE THE BELL** 🍏

The customary gathering of the Rotarians took place around noon o'clock via the magic of Zoom. Those paying close attention noted **Pauline Pellini** backed by a beautiful quilt of her own making. Apparently the quilt is for sale. Also noted was **Dorothy Rodella** with Gus, her dog. Gus is one half Australian Shepherd, one half Maltese, and one half Cockapoo. That is a lot of halves. Gus is not for sale. Also in the mix was speaker Donna Pittman live from the West County Historical Museum. Her background was the auto exhibition currently on display. Lots to see here. What is your background?

🍏 **AT THE BELL** 🍏

President Ellen Harrington rang a tiny bell at 12:15pm to get the February 4 meeting of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol off to a rousing start.

While the opening song is apparently on vacation right now, your humble scribe suggests a new tune called “Every Zoom Call Ever” and it goes like this:

Let me share my screen...
Can everyone see my screen?

You can make up your own tune.





Future Programs



February 11

Vivien Straus – The California Cheese Trail and updates on this growing local industry

February 18

Dr. Erica Steffe – Covid, Vaccines and Testing

Coming Events

February 11, 2022

Crab Feed Preparation (and fun!)

February 12, 2022

Drive Through Crab Feed



Miscellany



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President Ellen called on **Gene Nelson** for the Thought for the Day.

...Thought for today...

From Gene Nelson

On this month when we celebrate Presidents' Day, and just one week from the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, I share some of his thoughts on just what it means to be "this nation under God."

During the Civil War, Lincoln was often visited by northern clergy. During one meeting, a clergyman exclaimed that he prayed daily that God is on our side. Lincoln replied, "I do not agree with you. I am not at all concerned about that, for I know God is always on the side of the right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side."

And in his second inaugural address, this man who, it was said, felt all of the grief and none of the hatred of the Civil War, concluded this speech for the ages with these timeless words: "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for this widow, and his orphan – to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves and among all nations."



GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

Bruce Campbell checked in from his home in Sparks Nevada.



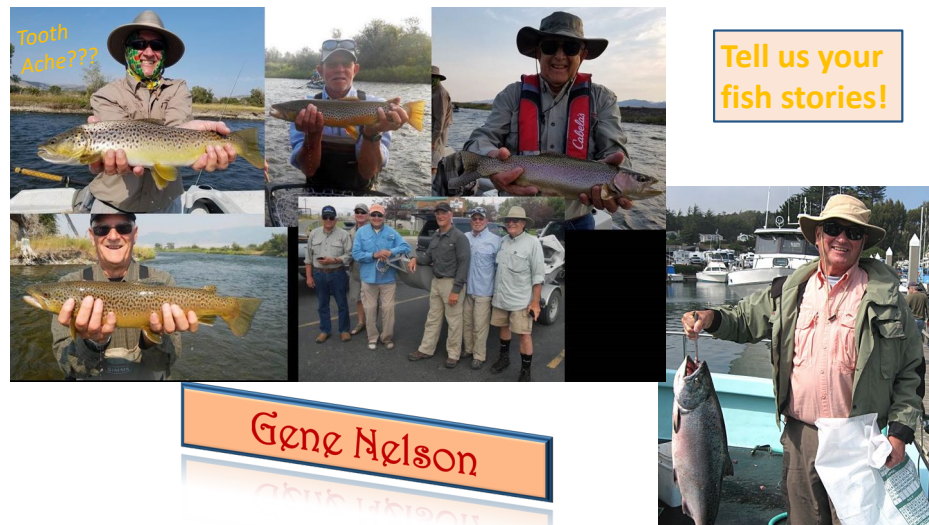
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Tom and Pat Dilley celebrated their 57th or 58th anniversary on 2/1. Club Runner says 57. Tom says 58. I will go with 58.

Tom and Pat took the **Pacattes** out as is their custom. Then the **Pacattes** take them out.

Gene Nelson had a birthday on January 30. **President Ellen** asked if fishing was involved but alas, **Gene** was only able to go visit his daughter in Novato and they say the fishing there is iffy. He did describe a few photos that **President Ellen** displayed. He claimed that one of the fish was caught by one of the group and then passed around for individual photos. Sounds like a fish story.



🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎

Keller McDonald took the Zoom floor to describe a project noted by the International Service Committee and now in front of the Board for consideration. This project is under the auspices of the WASRAG – Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group.

300 Sawyer Point One Water Filters:

- Easy to install
- Easy to clean and maintain
- With proper maintenance can last 10 years



**COST
PER
WATER
FILTER
UNIT
\$58.00**



The project is to bring clean water to a small enclave in the mountains near Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. This isn't the cruise ship port of PV but a barrio called Colonia Magisterio built on the old town landfill. The project will bring small individual water filtration systems to up to 300 local families.

The project is headed up by the Santa Rosa Rotary Club And they are planning a March 26 distribution day on site. It's not too late to sign up if you are interested.



COLONIA MAGISTERIO

*The City dump was previously located in this community
There are 300 families living here now*

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[MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS](#)



Your scribe was shocked to see a photo of his new grandson Samuel Gene Still appear on the Zoom screen. Sam was only about 15 hours old when he attended his first Rotary meeting, likely a new record. Well, it was only a photo but hats off to President Ellen for getting such a scoop.

Samuel Gene Still

Born February 3, 2022, 9:30pm
Proud grandparents –
Dave & Nan Still



Sam and his mother are doing great. 8lb 3 ounces since you asked. I might say that he is very handsome. Of course I would.

Keller McDonald gave a rundown on the recent Club birding expedition to Bodega Bay. No killer seagulls were encountered fortunately. Tippi Hedrin was not involved. But forty different bird types were seen and noted. **Greg Jacobs** was also a co-leader. A stop at Spud Point Crab Shack was on the menu too. **Keller** says that another birding trip will be in the offing soon.

Rotary Birding – BODEGA BAY

- Thursday, February 3, 2022
- Thanks to David Schreiber for the photography




Dan Rasmus reported out the progress on the Super Bowl Board. THERE ARE SQUARES LEFT. 20 dollars a square and the lion's share of the money goes to the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation. So buy some squares and give yourself a reason to watch the Super Bowl this year. You may already be a winner.

While there are squares left on the Super Bowl Board – THERE ARE NO TICKETS LEFT FOR CRAB. That's right. A Sell Out. We will raise tons of money for Mark Sell Teacher mini grants. It's all going back to the kids. But...

Now the work needs to get done. **Rick Wilson** and **Jack Blasco** outlined the tasks in front of us to make this the success it will be. To deliver the 215 boxes of delicious romantic pre Valentine's Day dinners for two, the Club will need to pull out all the stops and get it done.

Many have signed up but more slots are available. **Jack** promised that the clean up crew will be welcome to keep any \$100 dollar bills they find on the floor while working. Can you pass that up? We will need help in the morning on Friday, Feb 11 doing what is done to the crabs. Then on Friday afternoon, more prep to get those crabs all set for their Saturday rendezvous with destiny.

On Saturday, the distribution is done at the Holy Ghost Hall. Also raffle tickets will be sold. So sign up and be ready to have fun, fun, fun while fundraising.



**SEBASTOPOL ROTARY'S DRIVE-THRU
CRAB FEED**

Once the kitchen is in operation, the North Bay area supporting our members.

Saturday, February 12, 2022
Holy Ghost Hall, 7960 Mill Station Road, Sebastopol

The freshest home cooked crab in the county!
Clam Chowder, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Champagne
Boxed Meal for Two - \$150 Donation
Choose Your Pick-Up Time online or via in-person purchase:
3-4pm, 4-5pm, or 5-6pm

50-50 Raffle: Buy one chance for \$25 (or 3 for \$100) to win half of the pot (other half goes to Teacher Grant Program). Raffle tickets not available online.

For tickets or info, visit: sebastopolrotary.com or call 408-431-7000 (Cindy) or 707-824-4007 (Kelly at Exchange Bank) or 707-824-9000 (Annie Sas at Vanguard Properties)

Since 2003, all proceeds from this event have been used to fund Sebastopol Rotary's Teacher Grant Program.

18 years, 40 schools, 1,022 grants, \$330,530 in grants, and counting!





THE PROGRAM



Pauline Pellini introduced our trio of speakers representing the Western Sonoma County Historical Society. First speaker was Teresa Ramondo. Teresa is presently directing the Society. She is a well-known Sebastopolite (Sebastopolian?) (Sebastopudlian?) who served as director of the Chamber of Commerce for many years.

The Historical Society was founded in 1975 to feature the Luther Burbank Experimental Farm – a unique local treasure. It expanded to include a Historical Museum and Archive in the old Depot building downtown. The Society is funded by memberships - \$30 per or \$100 for angels. They also receive grant money. The Rotary Club of Sebastopol has made many such grants.



They sponsor a Cemetery walk each year as a major fundraiser. They present historical vignettes in the cemetery itself. They are always looking for new volunteers, especially young people (they know how to work the computers and stuff – really helpful.)



Gail Lee then spoke representing the Burbank Farm. Luther Burbank was a towering historical figure. He rode his bike out to Sebastopol from his home in Santa Rosa to the Farm to complete his work with plants. He was friends with luminaries such as Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Helen Keller.

The Society preserves his work and raises money through plant sales, wreaths, and jam sales. They have a cadre of volunteers to work on the property and provide docent led tours to schools and interested groups. They are presently working on a deer proof garden.

Donna Pittman discussed the Museum. It has a very popular exhibit right now of Autos and automotive history. They have had exhibits about the hippies of Sebastopol and also the Pomo Indians. They have 16 trained docents. They have a large archive and can provide assistance to interested history buffs. They are attempting to digitize a large amount of material that has been donated over the years.



🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

President Ellen rang the final bell at precisely 1:15pm

🍎 AFTER THE FINAL BELL 🍎

Your humble scribe admits that he did not make up the words to the song *Every Zoom Meeting Ever*. He is working on a tune to go with it though.

Sign Up to Work the Crab Feed.

Buy some Super Bowl Squares

You will be happy if you do.



FUTURE PROGRAMS



February 11, 2022 – Vivien Straus – The California Cheese Trail



February 18, 20, 2022 Dr. Erica Steffe – Covid, Vaccines and Testing.



Dr. Erica Steffe practiced Infectious Diseases and Travel Medicine for 25 years in Sonoma County. She publishes a newsletter regarding Covid and has many followers with this Club.

