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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Don McEnhill The Russian Riverkeeper

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“All the News that Fits We Print”

🍏 BEFORE THE BELL 🍏

A Zoom meeting! We haven't had one of these since June of last year – does anyone still remember how to Zoom? Unfortunately, the Omicron variant of COVID is currently running rampant in Sonoma County (to quote a headline in the Press Democrat) so we are back to Zoom to protect the health and safety of everyone. Apparently running and participating in a Zoom session is like riding a bicycle – everyone logged on just fine - eventually.

Jack Dunlap, Ken Jacobs and **Tom Boag** managed the Zoom session along with the Zoom polling program. Zoom polling turned out to be a great idea. An intoxicated driver hit a transmission line on Trenton Road and took down the pole. **Tom** and **Jack** had no power intermittently. **Ken** finished the session.



From **Tom Boag**: This meeting was significantly better attended (~ x2) than recent months' (70 at one point) meetings. The experience we (three co-hosts) have with zoom permitted withstanding even two power failures (that stopped both host (Dunlap) and co-host1 (Boag) but not co-host2 (Jacobs). Only a few people noticed power loss and host transfer. Kinda like old times - in a “make it happen” club. Grim, huh? **Tom**

Many members were on Zoom early and chatting about anything and everything. **Robin Maybury** still has his Christmas tree up and it still looked alive. From there the talk moved to snow blowers and damaged fingers. At which point, someone said: “How about them Giants?”

Jack Dunlap then explained how the polling works on Zoom for the four-line items to be voted on. As it turns out, this group of practiced “Zoomers” needed little training on all things Zoom.

Future Programs

January 14, 2022

Linda Collins

Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce

January 21, 2022

Greg Beale

The Livery, A new exciting business in downtown Sebastopol is coming

Coming Events

February 12, 2022

Crab Feed

 Miscellany 

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS: scottbriggs50@yahoo.com

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

Domestic Violence Hotline:
707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

AT THE BELL



Ellen Harrington, President rang the bell in her yard at 12:14:50 pm and welcomed everyone to the Sebastopol Rotary Zoom meeting.

Ellen led the Pledge of Allegiance. It was kind of weird with everyone else muted, but Ellen powered through sounding excellent.

The Thought of the Day was presented by **Keller McDonald**. He started with saying that 'from in person, to hybrid, to in person, to zoom. - That's a fact for our club thanks to COVID.'

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"I was taught the way of progress was neither swift nor easy." Marie Curie



VISITING ROTARIANS



Bruce Campbell, *Past District Governor*, now living in Sparks, NV attended from his home in Sparks.

ANNUAL CLUB MEETING

At the annual club meeting for this year, four motions were to be voted on by the membership attending the Zoom meeting. The first order of business was to confirm that a quorum is present. A quick count of the participants confirmed that 60 members were present and since a quorum consists of one third of the current membership of 99 members, the quorum requirement was easily satisfied.

The 2022-2023 Board of Directors

David Schreibman, Committee Chair of Nominating Committee was tasked with presenting the 2022 – 2023 board nominations.

David started with showing off his gavel plaque and how he removed the gavel in order to ring a bell in honor of his 15 minutes of fame. He then explained that the Nominating Committee consists of the last five past presidents-**David Schreibman, Jack Blasco, Larry Ford, Keller McDonald and Dan Rasmus**.

David then announced next year's Board members. **Hal Kwalwasser**, President, **Ken Jacobs**, Treasurer, **Scott Briggs**, Secretary, **Ellen Harrington**, Immediate past president, and Board members, **David Schreibman, David Still, Harry Polley, Mark McDonnell**, and **Kathy Schwartz** and after a short imaginary drum roll, **JT Martin**, President elect.



David then asked the Zoom attendees whether there were any additional nominations. Hearing none, he then asked for a motion to accept the nominations. **Lu Frazier** made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee's slate. **Jack Blasco** and **Robin Maybury** seconded it.

The Zoom poll was held (no problems!). The voters passed the slate unanimously. Congratulations to the new Board!



By-laws Revision

Presented by **Jack Blasco**, Chairman, Bylaws committee.

Jack thanked **Ken Jacobs** and **Scott Briggs**, the two other Committee members for their hard work reviewing the bylaws and recommending changes. He pointed out, somewhat dryly, that reading and revising bylaws was not the most stimulating task but needed to be done. Minor changes were made to both the Rotary Club of Sebastopol, non-profit and the Sebastopol Rotary Foundation, 501(c)(3) to bring them into agreement with each other. The Committee reviewed the bylaws and made several recommendations to bring the two non-profits up to date with current practices and to enhance consistency between the two entities.

Scott Briggs made a motion to approve the changes to Rotary Club of Sebastopol – a second was made but not recorded.

Scott Briggs made a motion to approve the changes to Sebastopol Rotary Foundation and **Mia Del Prete** seconded it.

A separate poll for each was held and both passed by 100%.

See "After the Bell" for several of Jack Blasco's slides describing the bylaws changes. An email had previously been sent to all Club members containing a detailed description of the proposed changes. Contact Jack Blasco or Jack Dunlap if you would like to have the email resent.



Restricted Funds Transfer

The fourth poll was presented by **Ken Jacobs**, Treasurer.

The Board has voted to move up to \$5,000 from restricted funds to unrestricted funds. These funds will cover any shortfalls resulting from payments to the caterer for lunches. He also pointed out that if enough members buy lunch (*if and when we get to meet in person again*) then the funds will not be needed. The authorization to move the funds must be approved by two thirds of the members where a quorum is present.

Robin Maybury moved to approve an authorization to move up to \$ 5,000 from the restricted funds reserve, and **Hal Kwalwasser** seconded it. The vote to approve was unanimous.

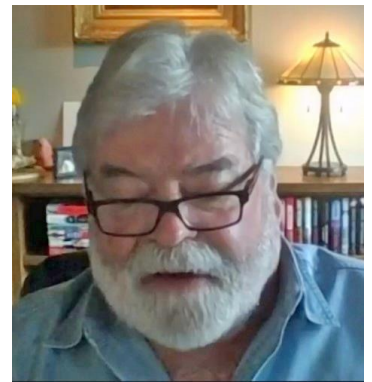
🍎 THE CRAB FEED 🍎

Rick Wilson gave a great speech about what the Crab Feed does for the community.

He pointed out that \$330,530 has been donated to teachers through the Teacher Mini-grants program. If 150 tickets are sold, then \$11,250 will be available to fund this year's program. This does not include the 50-50 raffle. The 50-50 raffle cannot be done online because it is a raffle.

To purchase tickets- go to **sebastopolrotary.com**. No need for a password. The Crab Feed is on the front page. The cutoff date for purchasing tickets is February 2.

Rick also thanked **Ken Silveira** for making the crab feed possible for the past 18 years.



🍎 THE PROGRAM 🍎

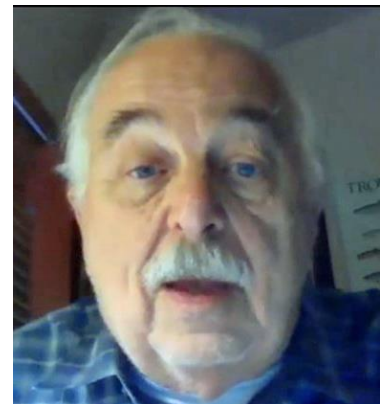
An update on the Russian River and Watershed

Jim Passage introduced today's speaker, **Don McEnhill**, Executive Russian Riverkeeper. **Jim** started with "Let's take a cruise on the Russian River". He explained that Don would explain why the Russian River is important to this community and efforts to maintain it.



Don explained that conservation is the cheapest and most drought proof source of new water supply. Seawater desalination is the most expensive energy intensive option and least likely to get permitted on the Sonoma coast.

California needs to employ better agricultural efficiency, stormwater capture and water reuse. He recommends water storage in existing underground aquifers. The increase in groundwater would allow the river to widen, giving more food for three salmon species. Like a prior speaker, he also recommends no tilling. This reduces greenhouse gas emissions and preserves the organic matter in the soil so it can hold more water.



🍎 THE FINAL BELL 🍎

This Week's Pondering...

What do little birdies see, when they get knocked unconscious?



[AFTER THE BELL](#)



SEBASTOPOL ROTARY'S DRIVE-THRU CRAB FEED

Enjoy the freshest crab
available in the North Bay
while supporting our teachers.



Tickets are available online
or in Sebastopol at the
Exchange Bank.

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:

3-4pm, 4-5pm, or 5-6pm

50-50 Raffle: Buy one chance for \$25 (or 5 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
408-431-7820 (Cindy) or 707-823-4087 (Kelly at Exchange Bank)
or 707-824-9000 (Amea Sas at Vanguard Properties)

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

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

Bylaws Update

January 7, 2022

Bylaws Update

- Bylaws are our operating rules. They direct the board of directors in their work to oversee the day-to-day operations of our club.
- A separate set of bylaws for each legal entity
 - Rotary Club of Sebastopol (501(c)(4))
 - Requirements and guidelines from Rotary International
 - Rotary Club of Sebastopol Foundation(501 (c)(3))
 - California Corporations Code requirements
 - Internal Revenue Service regulations
- Periodic review and update is a good management practice. Last updated in 2014 (club) and 2015 (foundation).

Bylaws Review & Update Process

- Review committee: Ken Jacobs, Scott Briggs, Jack Blasco
- Review criteria
 - RI recommended bylaws
 - Reflect our current practices
 - Opportunities for improvement
 - Enhance consistency between club and foundation bylaws
- Recommendations presented to Board of Directors
- Board approved final proposed revisions
- Proposed revisions emailed to club
- We will vote today

What has changed?

- Updates to reflect our current practices
 - Committee selection process; membership process; secretary's duties; financial review at discretion of Board; location of financial statements; etc.
- Changes to enhance consistency between club and foundation bylaws
 - Notice; provisions for online meetings; removal of directors; etc.
- Elimination of non-applicable language
 - Foundation bylaws reduced from 12 pages to 8
- RI-recommended bylaw provisions
 - Specifying terms of office; specifying what dues cover; etc.
- **Additional change to foundation bylaws**
 - Add to Article 11 - "The Board may delegate appointment of committee members to the committee chairperson."

