


The Appleknocker


Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Cheri Marcucci- History of Sebastopol's Apple Industry

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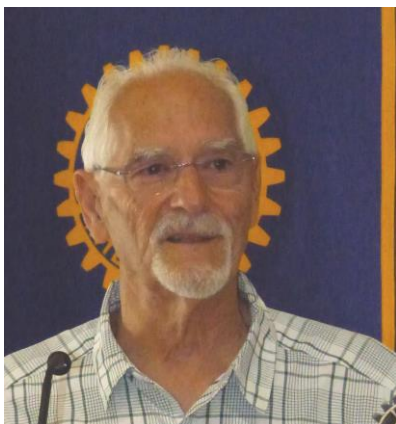
BEFORE THE BELL

Lots of conversations with smiles on their faces. Almost like old times.

AT THE BELL

Ellen Harrington, President rang the bell for her last regular meeting as **President** at 12:15 pm and welcomed everyone to *Sebastopol Rotary* meeting at the Community Church Memorial Hall.

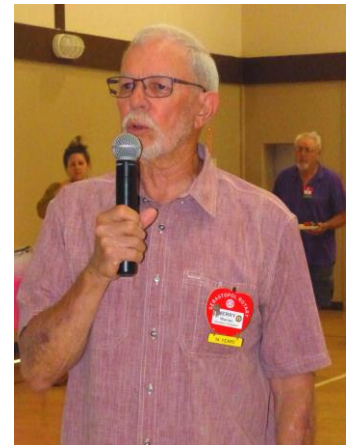
Salute to the Flag: Lead by **Jerry Warren**



Thoughts and tributes for the Day: **Harry Polley**

Quote: “Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, an impossible to forget.” G. Randolph

Harry gave a memorial to Rotarian Eugene Gulish, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon. Gene passed away on June 7th at the age of 85. After serving in the Army as an orthopedic surgeon during the Vietnam war, he and his wife Chris moved to Sebastopol where he practiced medicine at Palm Drive Hospital for 22 years. After “Managed Care” caused his practice to suffer, he and his family moved to Paris, Tennessee where he practiced for another 20 years. Harry and his wife became close friends with Gene and his wife, Chris. Because Harry was in Rotary Gene also joined. Gene traveled to Africa several times along with Past Club President, Bruce Anderson, to care for people with orthopedic needs. Why...because that is what Rotarians do.



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

June 17, 2022

Dark

June 24, 2022

**Surprise meeting with
Prizes and Surprises**

🍎 Coming Events 🍎

June 18, 2022

**President Ellen's
Debunking**

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

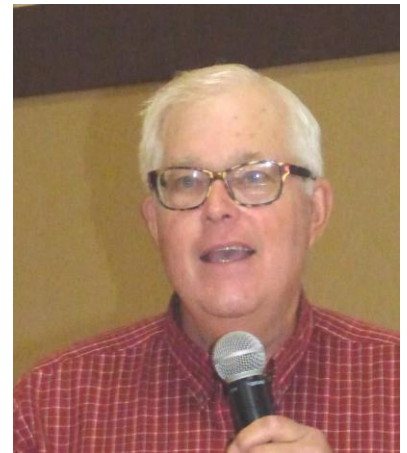
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On-line Make-Ups:
www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Domestic Violence Hotline:
707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

Song Time: In honor of *Flag Day*, Keller McDonald led us in singing "*The Grand Old Flag*"



🍎 VISITING ROTARIANS/GUESTS 🍎

No guests were announced, however strictly speaking our outgoing exchange student Aliyah Contreras was a guest.

But at our house if you stay more than three days, you are no longer a guest and are assigned chores.

[Aliyah has graced us with her presence enough times to qualify for chores. It has been great to getting to know you -Ed.]

🍎 BIRTHDAYS AND SUCH 🍎

Birthdays:



Cindy Carter was the only Rotarian present with a birthday. The gang sang a spontaneous and rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday."

Anniversaries:

Hal Kwalwasser celebrated his anniversary in a Spanish airport. The food was less than stellar?

Rotary Anniversaries:

Jack Dunlap (10 years) and **Tom Campbell** (22 years)

Other Events:



Edwin Wilson and his lovely Diana went on a WWII tour.

It was the "Band of Brothers" tour offered by Stephan Ambrose Historical Tours. It lasted for 15-days, starting in Toccoa, Georgia and ending in Zell am See, Austria - with stops along the way in Aldbourne, England, Normandy, France, Arnhem, Netherlands, Bastogne, Belgium, and Berchtesgaden, Germany.

Outbound Student, *Aliyah Contreras* held a raffle for a quilt to help finance her trip to Italy.

Aleia Coate was the winner of the quilt. Congratulations **Aleia!!**



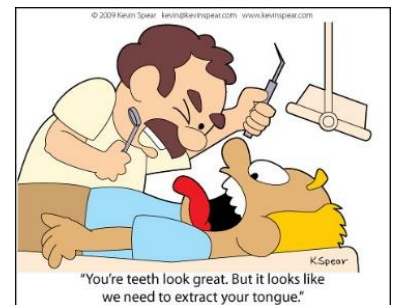
ROOKIE SKETCH



ROOKIE SKETCH: **Anthony Grados**



Anthony gave his rookie sketch today. Before moving to Sonoma County, Anthony spent most of his time on the East Coast. Here, he is a very busy dentist in Sebastopol and has just added a second office in the County. He did not start out to be a dentist. He was a mechanical engineer. We look forward to **Anthony** changing his green apple to red.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Diana Rich talked about the upcoming Debunking at **JT Martin's** home on June 18 and parking "intelligently". Parking intelligently became an instant meme when JT Martin related the rules for parking. He also said "**BRING A CHAIR**" and put your name on bottom. Also, if you want any alcohol, it is BYOB.



THE WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE



Dave Madsen was lucky enough to get a spin. He hit a \$1 jackpot by stopping the wheel on President Ellen's photo.



THE PROGRAM – THE HISTORY OF SEBASTOPOL'S APPLE INDUSTRY



Cheri Marucci started by explaining that she is a native of Sebastopol, born at the original Palm Drive Hospital and a graduate of Anal HS. She and her husband grew up in farming, her family farmed apples, her husband, Phil, grew grapes. She gave a brief history of our farming area. Grapes were the first commercial agricultural product in 1840 by General Vallejo. Other tree and berry crops soon followed. Phylloxera wiped out 95% of the vines and prohibition wiped out the rest. Grapes gave way to apples in the 1920's. An interesting fact: Apples and grapes were separated by Guerneville Road. Apples and berries were south of Guerneville Road, grape vineyards and hops were on the north side.

At one time, the Sebastopol Coop Cannery was the largest apple processing plant in California. The prosperity of the Sebastopol apple industry went on until the early seventies. The first noticeable change was the infiltration of new housing development in this agricultural area. The newcomers complained about the noise from tractors and trucks, spraying, and slow tractors even though Sonoma County had a "Right to Farm" ordinance in place. Her husband even had rocks thrown at him from the newcomers.

The local apple industry suffered from cheaper apples from Washington State, imports from Chili, New Zealand, South Africa, China, and Australia. The largest processor decided to build a new consolidated plant when interest rates were at 19%. Growers ended up being paid cents on the dollar that was owed to them. Because they were not paid what was

owed them, farmers could not make their crop loans. Foreclosures ensued. Cheri and Phil lost their packing plant to the bank in 1986. They sued the COOP and the local bank. It took five years before it was settled out of court. They did not receive what was due them but they got enough to help them get back on their feet.



THIS WEEK'S PONDERINGS



*I'll get you,
my pretty!*



- The guy who invented the door knocker got a no-bell prize.
- England doesn't have a kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- What did the sushi say to the bee? Wasabee!
- My husband refuses to go to a nude beach with me. I think he's just being clothes-minded!
- Never trust an atom, they make up everything!
- And....the pondering of the 1st week: How come sheep don't shrink when they get wet??????



THE FINAL BELL



Ellen tapped the sacred Rotary bell at precisely 1:30 PM.

AFTER THE BELL

Mark your calendars!

Debunking & End of Year Celebration

SATURDAY JUNE 18 | 3-7 P.M.

JT & Teresa Martin's House
3555 Thorn Rd, Sebastopol

Food, Fun, Friends
and (of course) humor and entertainment!

Celebrate Ellen, our club, and
our wonderful, hard-working,
outgoing Board

\$10 per person

Contact Diana Rich to buy tickets
dianagrich@gmail.com 707-479-1717
Or find me at the back table during meetings
Credit cards accepted (see Ken or Lu)

RYLA Camp

The Sebastopol Rotary clubs (Friday noon and Sunrise)
helped out (served dinner) to students at Camp RYLA on
Sunday 6-11-2022.



Volunteers needed – Gravenstein Apple Fair

Looking to fill: 52 4-hour shifts (26 each day)

Shifts: 9:00 am to 1:30 (gates open at 10am)

1:00pm to 5:30pm (gates close at 6pm; around 4pm things start to slow down and volunteers are slowly released from the gates).

Between both Sebastopol Rotary Clubs
Sat Aug 13 and Sun Aug 14
10am to 6pm

The shifts are largely sitting so no heavy lifting or much walking/on your feet activity.

Summary of Benefits...for participating

- \$2,000 stipend (split between both clubs)
- GAF produced acknowledgement at entry: "Powered by Rotary" or similar mutually agreed signage
- Opportunity for Club(s) to post additional Rotary signage, banner or wheel in agreed upon fashion
- One drink (wine, beer, cider) ticket per shift (to be redeemed after shift)
- GAF aprons - 1 per volunteer (not per shift)
- Chilled beverages in booth
- Occasional fritter boats delivered (possibly other snacks as well)
- Wristband good for weekend
- One entry ticket for a guest for volunteers that work TWO shifts over the weekend
- Parking pass good for weekend (though carpooling is strongly encouraged)



Brought to you by the City of Sebastopol and
The Sebastopol Service & Action Coalition

Sebastopol Community Needs Summit 2022

Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 4:30-7:00pm
West County High School Cafeteria

Community Members: Learn about volunteer needs in town. Find just the right project for your skills & availability.

Nonprofits & Service Organizations: Do you need a helping hand? Connect with those perfect volunteers.

It all comes together June 14 at the Summit!

Contact us to RSVP and for more information.

SebastopolSummit@gmail.com

FUTURE PROGRAMS

JUNE 24, 2022

Games, Fun, and Prizes!

This a meeting that you won't soon forget. This is your big chance to have oodles and oodles of fun and maybe WIN REALLY BIG PRIZES! How big, you might ask? Well, let's just say that we have Guy Smith's logging truck and American Crane and Rigging standing by. [FOUR WAY TEST ALERT - no, the prizes are not really that big, but the emotional impact of winning one might require an intervention by Dr. Ruth, Dr. Oz, Dr. Phil, and Dr. Leary]. Think Shock and Awe. Absolutely Amazing. Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. Be there - or be sorry!