



The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

SREF and the NBCC

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“All the News that Fits We Print”

🍏 BEFORE THE BELL 🍏

Rotarians have been very busy this week. **Dorothy Rodella** and **Rick Wilson** spoke at the Laguna High School graduation ceremony. **Dorothy** awarding the Exchange Bank scholarships and **Rick** with our own Overcoming Obstacles Scholarships. Two of our OOA winners graduated and **Rick** was there to acknowledge them.



🍏 AT THE BELL 🍏

President Ellen Harrington rang the go-bell at 12:15pm and asked **Jackie Moriera** to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

🍎 Future Programs 🍎

June 10, 2022

**Cheri Marcucci – The
History of Sebastopol's
Apple Industry**

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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www.RotaryEClubOne.org

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707-546-1234

Ken Jacobs provided the thought for the day. With solemnity, he named all of the young victims of the recent Uvalde school massacre. He then noted that: The Washington Post editorialized "*How many more days until the next school shooting? How many mothers and fathers will have to wait in torment to learn whether their child will come home?....*"

Ken added: How do WE allow this to happen over and over and over?



On that note, **Gene Nelson** and **Kathy Hicks** led us in song.



Gene asked that the song "*God Bless America*" be sung, not with triumphalism, but as a request.



VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS



Mario Balistrieri was introduced. Presently a guest of the club. Soon the hoped for green badge.



Cindy Carter introduced our soon to be outgoing exchange student – Aliyah Contreras. She is fund raising for her year in Italy (Is that cool or what?) Buy some raffle tickets, win a quilt, and help out Aliyah.



BIRTHDAYS AND SUCH



Scott Briggs had a recent birthday. When queried – he had some trouble remembering the shenanigans of the day. Maybe it wasn't that recent. Then he remembered the kids called. If they are like my kids, that is a memorable occasion.

Jack Blasco and Marie celebrated their anniversary recently. **Jack** alleges that the exact date of the marriage is unclear. Why? Well, if you remember the sixties, you probably weren't there.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Cindy Carter is looking for some volunteer help in this summer's Apple Fair. It is still a ways away – August 13 and 14 – but sign up now and mark your calendar.

JT Martin invited everyone to the debunking party at his house. It will be on Saturday, June 18, from 2pm to 6pm. Check out the flyer in **After the Bell**. This will be a terrific party. We need a head count so please let **Diana Rich** know if you will attend. Great food, fun and friends.



RECOGNITIONS



Robin Maybury took the lectern to thank everyone for their concern during his recent health scare. It happened during a meeting and fortunately was not a serious setback. **Robin** reiterated that if you feel a pressure in your chest, don't just ignore it. He related the story of a friend who ignored the symptoms to his regret. **Robin** says: Take care of yourself.

Nao Noguchi recently returned from an extended fishing trip in Alaska. He had photos of some giant fish. I mean big fish. No fish stories here. Troy McAdams, a prior member of the club was shown with a ling cod that was bigger than most humans. That's a lot of fish and chips.





David Still presented a few photos from his recent trip to England. He and Nan toured the great gardens of England and the pix were astounding. They went to Kew, Sissinghurst, Wiseley, Rousham and others. They also attended the Chelsea Flower Show, the oldest and biggest in the world.

Dave provided some travel tips as well. He found that they no longer use money in England. Not literally but virtually every purchase is with a credit card. A bottle of water- tap, Ice Cream cone- tap. A beer in a pub- tap. It takes some getting used too. They also rely on the internet everywhere you go. No more ticket booths and ticket takers, be ready to use your phone to function.



Fortunately, both **Dave** and Nan tested negative for covid the day before the return flight and so were let back into the USA.



THE WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE



Jack Dunlap was lucky enough to get a spin. He hit the \$10 jackpot.





THE PROGRAM – EDUCATION FOUNDATION



Diana Rich took the microphone to present the program brought to you by the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation (SREF). This is our Club's foundation devoted to educational pursuits. It presently holds a balance of over one million dollars, part of which it distributes every year.

This year's distributions included \$16,000 to the Club for educational programs, \$15,000 to the North Bay Construction Corps (more on that later), \$4,000 to the High School and \$4000 to the Club's Teacher of the Year program. The SREF board led by **Diana Rich**, President and **Scott Briggs**, Vice President have decided to devote \$20,000 to a wellness class at the High School.



Diana then introduced teacher Joe Maloney to present information about the North Bay Construction Corps. Supporting the NBCC is a signature project for SREF. The NBCC is affiliated with the North Bay Builders Exchange and the High School and is designed to give interested students non-classroom experience in the building trades.



Students attend Saturday workshops with real live tradespeople and learn the basics of the trades. Its hands-on instruction in various skills such as electrical, drywall, sheet metal, and solar. Health and safety skills are also stressed. Students who finish the program are invited to a one week skills camp and a two week hands-on boot camp. The NBCC provides interviews and placement upon completion.

Joe Maloney introduced two graduates of the program – Rohan and Jaden. Jaden is now twenty years old and working at TESLA in the solar power field. Rohan is working in the electrical field on his way to foreman status. They both credited the NBCC with teaching them needed skills and giving them the confidence to go into their fields. Both are eminently successful and making real money.

The North Bay Construction Corps also includes women in their training and the numbers are going up each year. The Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation plans to continue to support this successful and needed program.



THIS WEEK'S PONDERINGS



President Ellen left us with several things to ponder this week:

You know how most packages say “open here”? What is the protocol if a package says “ Open Somewhere Else?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?



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

dianagrigh@gmail.com 707-479-1717

Or find me at the back table during meetings

Credit cards accepted (see Ken or Lu)

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)

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!