



# The Appleknocker

## Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

**SREF Teachers of the Year Awards**

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“All the News that Fits We Print”

### 🍎 BEFORE THE BELL 🍎

Sally Briggs, along with her husband **Scott Briggs** and daughter arrived. Sally was immediately mobbed by happy Rotary members welcoming her back. She looked great. Scott said that she is doing very well where the Oncologist is now only using immunotherapy (and not Chemo hell anymore, which did great, but they're glad they are not doing it anymore).



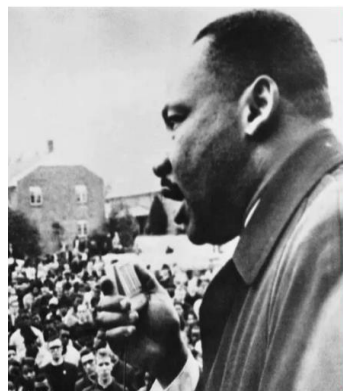
### 🍎 AT THE BELL 🍎

**Ellen Harrington, President** rang the bell at 12:15 pm and welcomed everyone to Sebastopol Rotary meeting at the Community Church auditorium.



**Salute to the Flag:**  
Lead by **Tom Dille**.

*God Bless America* was led by **Rick Wilson**. As far as I could tell, he was the only one singing on key.



“

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

The Thought for the Day was from  
**Diana Rich**



## Future Programs

May 29, 2022

**Frank Mayhew -  
International Service - An  
update on the very  
successful Kakira project**

June 3, 2022

**Your club's Educational  
Foundation dollars at work,  
supporting our youth**

June 10, 2022

**TBD**

## Coming Events

June 18, 2022

**President Ellen's  
Debunking**

## Miscellany

**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS:** [scottbriggs50@yahoo.com](mailto:scottbriggs50@yahoo.com)

**On-line Make-Ups:**  
[www.RotaryEClubOne.org](http://www.RotaryEClubOne.org)

**Domestic Violence Hotline:**  
707-546-1234

## VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS



Torrey Olson, a former Sebastopol Rotarian was visiting from Washington. He had a lot to say about the home he purchased up there. Sounds great.

**Jim Pacatte** introduced his wife, Rosemarie.



**Frank Mayhew** introduced Kathie's caregiver, Judy Kahoro.



**Scott Briggs** introduced Sally and their daughter Elissa Zakrasek



## ANIVERSARIES



**Richard Power** had a great story to tell about his anniversary. He and Trish decided to celebrate with friends in Solvang. They were over halfway there when their friends called to say they were ill. Oops. So, go on or not? They decided to play it safe and returned home. Nice road trip.

## RECOGNITIONS

**Bob Hirsch** and his significant other took a cruise on the *Ruby Princess* up the coast to Victoria. He does not recommend this trip. Lack of enough employees being one of the major reasons.

**Mike Ferguson** and his significant other toured Honolulu and Pearl Harbor.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

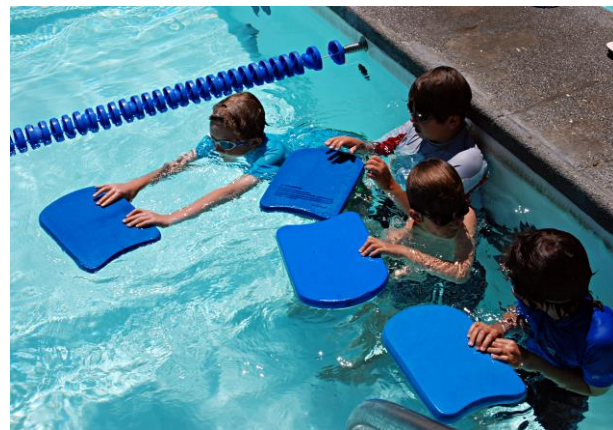


**Pauline Pellini** and outbound Youth Exchange student Aliyah Contreras made an announcement selling raffle tickets for a quilt to help fund her travel to Italy. \$20 each!



LEARN TO SWIM successfully completed another (barring the two year hiatus due to Covid) year.

**Jeff Boal, Rick Wilson and Greg Jacobs** led the party. There were 80 volunteers to help the second graders learn to swim. Great going guys!! (Ed. – thanks for the photos **Larry Ford**)



**President Ellen's** Debunking is scheduled for June 18, 3pm-7pm at **JT and Teresa Martin's** home. Let **Diana Rich** know if you want to attend so they know how much food/drink to order. \$10 per person!



## THE WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE



**Bob Rogers** drew the lucky number and got to spin that unfortunate wheel. Whatever you won, don't spend it all in one place!





## THE PROGRAM – TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



**Diana Rich** introduced the Teacher of the Year committee members: **Mia Del Prete, Scott Briggs, Dana Moises.** **Mia Del Prete** introduced the first presenter. She explained that each teacher would receive \$1,000 to do whatever they wanted, no strings attached.

### **New Teacher of the Year**

Mei Ibach (CTE)

West County High School

Introduced by Principal Shauna Ferdinandson

Chef Mai was the culinary teacher at El Molino. She is now the culinary teacher for West Sonoma County High School. Her classes at El Molino and now at West County are the most popular elective in the high school. She coordinates with SRJC and the high school so her students can carry on their culinary education after high school.



### **Career Teacher of the Year**

Sally Briggs (Art)

Apple Blossom School

Introduced by Rotarian **Jim Pacatte**

Sally Briggs has been a marathon swimmer (GG to Alcatraz) and has been a chef in Massachusetts and Switzerland. But art was always her desire. She had an old school bus which she taught art from. She was a long time teacher at Apple Blossom and Twin Hills.

### **Innovative/Collaborative Teachers of the Year**

Andrew DelMonte (Art/Choir) and Walt Hayes (CTE)

West County High School Introduced by Teacher of the Year Committee Representative **Mia Del Prete**

Andrew and Walt were responsible for the music light show for cars at the high school during Covid. They knew little about how to go about it but persevered. They used student innovations for the five-week show. Rotary and Screaming Mimi's funded the light show. They developed a model of the high school out of gingerbread to plan the light placement. They hope to continue the tradition.



The new West County High School Superintendent Dr. Kenneth "Chris" Meredith also attended.



## THIS WEEK'S PONDERING



- Why do they report power outages on TV?
- If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
- The trouble with doing nothing is that you never know when you are finished.



## 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)