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Paul Sloan - Small Vine Wines



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



The whole AV team was working today. As **Jack Dunlap** explained in an email last week we are starting a new live stream (not Zoom) of the Friday meetings. You can watch today's meeting at <https://youtu.be/HluRotD-sy8>. I was redirected when I logged on but did not have a problem accessing the video. You can watch it live during the meeting or view it later.

The Environmental Committee met at 10:45 a.m. and worked out new projects to pursue. Today's speaker was a result of **Jim Passage's** contribution. **Jim** is now the current chairman of the committee.

By 12:05 p.m. over half of the membership was there and it was an energetic group. It was loud, noisy, energetic, electric, alive, with smiles all around. It was reminiscent of pre-Covid days.

Today was the last day for **Kyla Lam** (<https://www.kylakitchen.com/>) to serve lunch.

[A prospective new member from Labrador arrived unannounced and waited expectantly in the chow line. When nothing on offer appeared to be making its own gravy he left to retrieve his lunch elsewhere. Are the dog days of November upon us? -Ed.]



AT THE BELL



President Ellen Harrington rang the bell at 12:17 p.m. and welcomed everyone to Sebastopol Rotary at the Community Church.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Kathy Hicks**.

Dave Madsen presented the following Thanksgiving tips as our Thought For The Day.

The kind of 'tude appropriate at the family dinner. Gratitude.



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

Future Programs

December 3, 2021

Kent Porter - Stories From A Local Photojournalist

December 10, 2021

How I Got Into Business - Harry Polley, John Blount, & Rick Wilson

Coming Events

December 11, 2021

Holiday Party (6-9 PM)

Miscellany

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS: scottbriggs50@yahoo.com

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

Domestic Violence Hotline:
707-546-1234

sebastopolrotary.com

Some of us will need to practice "social distancing" from the table/refrigerator.

Call your dad now and ask him what the wi-fi password is, so he has time to find the little paper it's written on before Thanksgiving.

From **Dave**: Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your families. May you enjoy the day and humbly thank God for all we enjoy in our lives.

Robin Maybury led us in a rousing version of "America".

[Kudos to **Robin** for managing not to sing "God Save The Queen" -Ed.]

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS



Dan Needham from the Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise and Maria Robinson from the Santa Rose East West Rotary Club graced us with their presence.

BIRTHDAYS



Keller McDonald will celebrate his birthday on November 20. Asked if he was going birdwatching or bird hunting, he said both.

[Just remember that you don't eat those pellets, Keller. -Ed.]



ANNIVERSARIES

No one present had an anniversary or Rotary anniversary.



JT MARTIN - CRAFT TALK



JT has led an interesting and diverse life. He said this talk was to emphasize that there is no substitute for trying and no substitute for experience. He graduated from the University of Louisiana with a degree in chemistry and biology. He worked on oil rigs to pay his way through college and gained experience in working with pipes. He moved to Sebastopol and did site work with a tractor he purchased. He went to SRJC and earned a real estate broker license and changed his company name from JT Martin Construction to JT Martin Associates. He worked for a while as a mortgage broker but eventually sold his business. He was a member of Rotary by then and **Dave Madsen** and **Harry Polley** asked him in 1986 to join their real estate firm. He retired in 2017. He still has a contractor's license and a real estate license. He lost a home in the 2017 Fountaingrove fire and has dealt with insurance companies since then.



REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK



Mark Fink, David Schreiber, Jim Passage, Steve Prandini, and Tony Given volunteered at The Redwood Empire Food Bank's food distribution last Thursday. Thank you all.



HOLIDAY PARTY



This year our Holiday Party features potluck appetizers and dessert. Wine will be provided. Please RSVP to **Kathy Schwartz** (kgschwartz123@gmail.com) or **Ruthie Dunlap** (Ruthsmily1@gmail.com).

WHERE?: **JT and Teresa Martin's** home, 3555 Thorn Road, Sebastopol

WHEN?: Saturday, December 11, 2021, 6 to 9 p.m.

Partners and children are welcome. COVID vaccination is required.



ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



Dorothy Rodella talked about the need for giving to the SHARE portion of the Rotary Foundation.

Rotary has a program called EREY- Every Rotarian Every Year. They are asking that every Rotarian donate at least \$100 to Rotary (SHARE or Polio Plus). With over 1,000,000 million Rotarians worldwide think of how much good Rotary can do with their Global Grants.

You can donate online using the My Rotary app. Or, you can give **Lu Frazier** a check or cash and she will fill out the form and send it to Rotary.



THE WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE



And the winner is ???
Laura Victor-van Gorder. She landed on **Dorothy Rodella's** picture and won \$10.



CRAB FEED NEWS



**Crab Feed-
- Scott Briggs-Chair**



Chairman Scott Briggs gave an update on the February Crab Feed. It will be a drive thru at the Holy Ghost Hall, hopefully on Feb 12. This hinges on whether there are any crabs to be had. **Ken Silveira** is working on the crab and food. Logistics, wine, food, and raffle are all being worked out. More to come...



MAJOR FUNDRAISER



It's back!!!

Fundraiser Chair **Keller McDonald** announced that our major fundraiser will be held sometime in May at the Balletto Event Center, hopefully on May 14. The date is dependent on obtaining **Mike McGuire** as the auctioneer. The May date means that fire and flood are not an issue, and it can be held outside or inside. The theme is "Out of Africa". There will be a live auction, a silent auction and lots of fun. More to come also.....

President Ellen Harrington announced that a sponsorship for \$1,000 has already been obtained by **Kelly Back**.



Major Fundraiser

May 14th 2022 (date-auctioneer depending)
Balletto Event Center

Committee

Chair – Keller McDonald
Live Auction Chair - David Schreiberman
Silent Auction Chair – Amee Sas
Ticket Sales Chairs – Katy Spyryka, Jackie Moreira
Raffle Ticket Sales Chair – TBA
Decorations Chair – Kathy Hicks
Event Accounting Chair – Aleia Coate
PR – Michele Kimble



THE PROGRAM



Jim Passage introduced **Paul Sloan**, owner of Small Vines Wines located on Barlow Lane here in Sebastopol. Rotary is now focusing on the environment and leaving the planet in a healthy condition. **Paul Sloan** is an innovative wine grower focusing on sustainability. He is a 3rd generation Sonoma County resident. Paul discussed grape growing practices that promote soil conservation, clean water and clean air.

Paul talked about regenerative agriculture where you are putting more back into the soil than you are taking out. He also explained that there are several approaches to farming sustainably depending on the circumstances.

He farms his 19 acres leaving cover crops in place which contributes to better soil conditions promoting worms, plants, and organisms that keep the soil healthy. He has no bare soil in his vineyards. This means he



does not put purchased fertilizer on his vineyard but produces it from the materials at hand, i.e. pruned vines, grapes, leaves. This keeps oxygen in the soil and allows water to percolate into the soil. This method reduces use of chemicals and fossil fuel use.

Paul fielded a variety of questions during a lengthy question & answer period. You can view it here on the new live stream at <https://youtu.be/HluRotD-sy8>.

You can visit Paul's winery on Barlow Lane . Their wine is only for sale at the winery. It is at 1600 Barlow Lane (the original Barlow homestead in the 1800's). Phone (707) 823-0886. Appointments can be made at smallvines.com.



THE FINAL BELL



President Ellen presented this week's pondering:

If oil is made from decomposed dinosaurs, and plastic is made from oil, ARE PLASTIC DINOSAURS MADE FROM REAL DINOSAURS?

President Ellen closed the meeting at 1:30 p.m.



AFTER THE BELL



Remember that next Friday is dark - Happy Thanksgiving!

I want to thank the AV team for the upgraded sound system. I could hear everything clearly from the back table. Also, thank you to **Dorothy Rodella**, Appleknocker photographer this week. Thanks, **Lu**



FUTURE PROGRAMS



December 3, 2021 - Kent Porter - Stories from a local Photojournalist



At the Press Democrat, Kent Porter has covered numerous Super Bowls and World Series events, traveled to Cuba, Canada and Mexico with 45 different states in between for coverage of one type or another. He spent a week on the Prince William Sound in a fishing boat, documenting the aftermath of the Exxon Valdez oil spill and another two-weeks in airplanes, helicopters and automobile, photographing the extent of the economic damage in Valdez, Anchorage and Cordova. He covered the Loma Prieta earthquake from the get-go, on the field at Candlestick Park and eventually at the Bay Bridge. He masterfully covered the past six years of calamitous wildfires, whiplash flooding and drought.

Kent has won international, national and state awards, and was also on the 2018 Pulitzer Prize team for the PD's coverage of the 2017 fires that burned our communities. He's a big believer in newspapers and journalism as a whole, passionate about community communication and using all channels available to tell stories in our region.

December 10, 2021 - Harry Polley, John Blount, & Rick Wilson - How I Got Into Business

[In the absence of a description from the Program Committee, your **-Ed.** was forced to speculate on what this program is actually all about. Silent Cal famously said that the business of America is business. Eddie Haskell taught the Beaver how to give you the business. Andrew Young observed that nothing is illegal if a hundred businessmen decide to do it. So what will **Past Presidents Harry Polley, John Blount, and Rick Wilson** have to tell us about getting into business? Are any of them still in business? Be there on December 10 to find out. **-Ed.**]