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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Estelle Rogers – Voting Rights & Laws



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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"All the News that Fits We Print"



AT THE BELL



President Ellen Harrington rang the bell promptly at 12:15, and we were off and running...or at least, walking briskly.

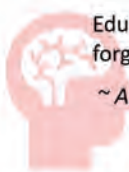
Laura van Gorder led our Pledge of Allegiance and **Robin Maybury** shared these words of wisdom from Albert Einstein: "Education is what remains after you have forgotten what you learned in school." So, why did I spend all that money on education?



...Thought for today...
From Robin Maybury

Education is what remains after you have
forgotten what you learnt at school.

~ Albert Einstein



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

Future Programs

October 22, 2021
**Bob Rogers - Celebrating
World Polio Day**

October 29, 2021
**John Mathers
Climate Crisis**

Miscellany

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS: scottbriggs50@yahoo.com

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

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VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

Keller McDonald introduced Dave Rose, the superintendent of the Gravenstein School District.



Hal Kwalwasser introduced his wife, **Estelle Rogers**, who was also our program for the day.

No visiting Rotarians today.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Robin Maybury – Oct. 6 – who narrated a number of photos of himself, everything from some very large wooden shoes to the king of computer nerds.



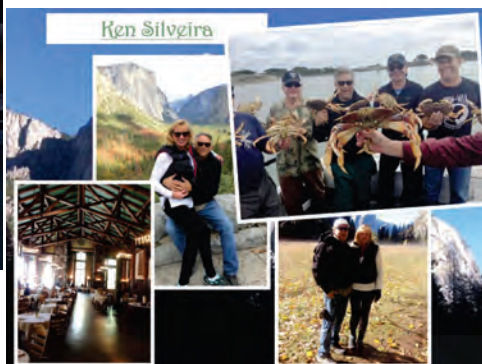


Guy Smith, – Oct. 16 - who narrated some photos of the “real” Georgetown and reflected on living well and fully during these final 12 months before he turns 70. Yes, “How terribly strange.....”

We also had photos celebrating birthdays of **Chris O'Neill** and **Patrick Dirden**, but, alas, they were not with us today.



Harvey and Bev Henningsen – October 10 – 23 years. **Harvey** spoke of a romantic celebration. However, she celebrated in Los Angeles with her sisters and he in Sebastopol.



There were also photos celebrating the anniversaries of **Meredith and BJ Bertacco**, October 10, 11 years, and **Ken and Nancy Silveira**, October 16, 16 years. But they were not with us today.

Also several nice photos of **Edwin and Diana Wilson** celebrating....just what were they celebrating? Ask **Edwin** next time you see him.





RECOGNITIONS



Linda Johnson has recently returned from a driving trip through the Midwest. A visit to Chicago was included in the drive and a good time was had by all. She contributed \$20 which seems about right for a Midwest vacation.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rick Wilson shared thoughts from the Alzheimer's Walk at Sonoma State, October 9th. Participants from our club were: **Rick Wilson, Cindy Carter, Gene Nelson, Jeff** and **Jean Boal**, **Jeff's** daughter, Alicia, with her appropriately dyed purple hair and son-in-law Tony. Ford, the faithful dog, also joined us.

Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia affect over 50 million people and that number is only increasing as we all age. **Jeff Boal** was honored as an Elite Grand Champion for raising over \$6800 for his walk! Thanks to all who participated in this important event.

President Ellen shared a note of thanks from the Senior Center for all the support our club has provided over the years, much of it in repair, maintenance and construction overseen by who else...**Jim Pacatte**.



Gene Nelson, Rick Wilson, Cindy Carter, Tony Sucheston, Jean Boal, Alicia Boal, & Jeff Boal



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE UPDATE



An Update from our Board of Directors: **Dorothy Rodella**- Director, International Service

Dorothy came forward to update the club on International Service. Our club is involved in three areas:

- Rotary International Foundation – **Lu Frazier**, chair: this involves two areas of focus: the general fund and polio plus. Our club goal is to raise \$20,000 for the general fund and \$10,000 for Polio plus.
- World Community Service – **Keller McDonald**, chair. This committee has a budget of \$11,200 and is currently at work looking at a number of service opportunities
- Programa de Becas – **Dorothy Rodella**, chair. This scholarship program, in cooperation with the Puerto Vallarta South Rotary Club, is now an

“official” Sebastopol Rotary committee under the umbrella of International Service. The program, which over the years has provided a number of scholarships for students of all ages, from middle school through the university, has been supported by individual Sebastopol Rotarians. All money received goes directly to the student. The goal for this Rotary year is to provide 22 scholarships. A middle school scholarship is \$250; high school \$300; university \$350. You can ask to be assigned a particular student, or can make a general donation. Make checks payable to The Rotary Club of Sebastopol Foundation. **Dorothy** has further information.



THE WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE



Raffle – Wheel of Misfortune

Tony Given had the winning number, spun the wheel and walked away with a nice bottle of wine. Congratulations!



THE PROGRAM



Hal Kwalwasser introduced our speaker, Estelle Rogers, who also happens to be his wife. For a number of years Estelle was the Legislative Director for Project Vote. She retired in 2015, but not really. She went on to chair the American Bar Association's committee on election law, as well as serving on the group, Lawyers Defending Democracy.

Estelle began by saying that when we discuss Election Law, we really are talking about a topic with three distinct parts:

- Before Election Day
- Election Day itself
- Post Election

Before Election Day:

Much of the pre-Election Day activity centers around voter registration. Every state, even smaller entities such as townships, have their own

laws and practices concerning voter registration, such as:

- Automatic Registration: you receive a letter in the mail telling you that you are registered.
- Pre-registration: this is offered to 16 or 17-year olds. They pre-register, then are automatically registered when they turn 18.
- On line registration
- Same Day registration
- Voter registration drives
- Register when you get or renew a driver's license.

What also can happen before an election and is quite common is a purging of the registration rolls. Literally thousands of names have been removed, often without informing the very people being purged. Some states also provide unsolicited absentee ballots, ballots mailed automatically to voters. Since the 2020 election, many states have also made the effort to restrict absentee or mail in ballots.

Election Day

Largely because of COVID, the 2020 election saw a major uptick in the number of mail in and absentee ballots submitted. Some states require a potential voter to provide an explanation – an excuse – for wanting an absentee ballot, while others state are no excuse needed absentee states. This election also saw an increase in drop box voting, 24-hour voting, early voting and drive up voting. On election day, there are a number of different state requirements concerning voter ID, and also who can exactly deliver a ballot – family member or non-family member. Some states prohibit this, even as they enact stricter ID requirements. A recent issue has been the presence of partisan poll watchers. Sent to polling places by political parties, are they there to ensure a fair election, or is their mission more intrusive, perhaps even an effort to frighten or intimidate voters? Some new state laws seem to allow these partisan poll watchers more latitude for intrusion.

Post-Election:

This is where things have really gotten interesting since 2020. Security of ballots and voting machines has become a huge issue. Just who can handle ballots, count ballots and secure all the voting related equipment. Voter subversion has become an issue, with a number of states – Texas, for example - passing laws that seemingly make it easier for state officials to overturn election results they don't like. If a governor doesn't like the outcome of a presidential election in his or her state, can that governor or legislature simply throw out the results, dismiss the duly elected presidential electors appoint new,

unelected ones? Can legitimate election results now be de-certified by a state secretary of state simply because his or her party didn't win? Indeed, can Congress do the same? The rioters of Jan. 6 had no problem with that. And who exactly is supervising recounts these days? Makes the 2022 election just a bit frightening...perhaps a lot frightening.

The Voting Rights act of 1964, a far-reaching, ground breaking piece of legislation, ensured that all people, especially minorities and the marginalized, had the right to vote. Section 5 of that legislation stated that certain jurisdictions, primarily in the South where voting rights had long been restricted, had to have the approval of the U.S. Justice Department before any changes to voting laws could be enacted. In 2013, Shelby County in Alabama, asked the Supreme Court to be released from the restrictions of Section 5. The Court agreed with Shelby County, essentially gutting Section 5 and opening the door to the draconian voting restrictions states are passing today. The Voting Rights Act also had a Section 2 which made it illegal to discriminate against voters. Justice Alito ruled that there was, in Estelle's words, "non-enough discrimination" to justify any restrictions, so essentially Section 2 was thrown out as well. And so, since the 2020 election, state after state has passed laws restricting drive in or drop box voting, limiting absentee and mail in voting, reducing the number of polling places, and reducing the number of days for early voting. Current bills before Congress seeking to protect the right to vote for all people seemingly do not have much of a chance for approval.

Estelle pointed out there is a terrible irony that underlies all these laws restricting voting. Politicians have created doubt and uncertainty about voting in spite of all the evidence to the contrary. So now they enact restrictive laws to address the doubt and uncertainty that they themselves originally created! Historically this country has expanded voting rights. We have moved from only white male property owners to all white males to females to minorities to including eighteen-year-olds. Are we now about to witness a contraction of the voting rights so many have fought to protect?

Thank you to Estelle Rogers for a provocative program.



THE FINAL BELL



With another successful and thought-provoking program in the books, President Ellen struck the Roto-bell at 1:30PM sharp!



FUTURE PROGRAMS



October 29, 2021: John Mathers

John has spoken to us before about the critical crisis of climate change. This time, he will focus on the economics of this existential crisis. John will display colorful graphics to help us follow the money. John is a past president of the second Rotary Club in the world, San Francisco. He is District 5150's Environmental Chair and a Climate Reality Project leader. In this capacity, John has spoken to numerous U.S. and international organizations about global warming and its dire effects on our planet. You will not want to miss John's take on what's happening to our world.

Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – October 12, 2021

President's Report to the Club for October 2021

Fellow Club Members and Friends,

We had a good session with our District Governor Dustin Littlefield a couple of weeks ago. He was very interested in using our club's model that developed the Sebastopol Service & Action Coalition (SSAC) to share with other clubs in the district as a way to find needs in each respective community.

Our club is working with the Sebastopol Sunrise Club & the Russian River Club (Guerneville) to find ways we can assist local schools' & other needs throughout the West County region. Recent communications suggest we may get support at a higher level. A questionnaire will be submitted to our club for inputs. Many community volunteer projects are already taking place. We are starting plans for our two annual events. The Crab Feed committee is looking at ways the event can work, considering the challenges presented by COVID issues. The proceeds from this event support local teacher grants. Our annual fundraiser this year will take place a Saturday in May at Balletto Winery's Event Center. This committee is already in place & starting to work on auction asks for wine donations to plan ahead. Proceeds from this event will support next fiscal year's programs. More information on both events will be forthcoming.

Ellen Harrington



[You can see the full Directors' reports at ClubRunner| Member Area| MyClubRunner| ViewClubDocuments| BoardMeetingMinutes| 2021-2022. –Ed.]

COMMUNITY SERVICE – AMEE SAS, DIRECTOR:



ANNUAL MAJOR FUNDRAISER (Keller McDonald, Chair) – Plans for our annual fundraiser, “Out of Africa” are progressing. Chair **Keller McDonald** is working with his team on these plans. The event will take place a Saturday in May 2022 at Balletto Winery's Event Center. Various committee chairs have been assigned & are working on their projects. Entertainment will be a surprise & is in the works. Keep looking for updates.

[Members: Coate, Sas, Zimmer, Bertacco, Kimble]
[Live Auction: Schreiber, Kimble, R. Dunlap]; [Silent Auction: Chair: Sas]; [Decorations: Chair: Coate].
[Ticket Sales/Reservations: Chair: TBD]; [Volunteer Assistance: Pacatte, Frazier, Maybury]

CRAB FEED (Scott Briggs, Nao Noguchi, Patrick Dirden, Co-Chairs) – OK, so I would say that while **Bob Rogers** has agreed to check in with other Clubs in our District re who has done drive-thru crab feeds and how did they go, and what are other clubs thinking for this year (drive thru, sit down, hybrid...???), the consensus of our mtg was:

1. Probably drive-thru without any sit-down
2. Purchase tickets online
3. Maybe include 50-50 type lottery where folks pay extra for opportunity to win half of lottery pot
4. Prep crab as always, and weigh out crab to sell prepackaged for 1, 2, 3, 4??? diners...
5. Packaging costs to be calculated, it may be more expensive than cost of attending in person?
6. Probably not deal with wine (except possibly for prizes)
7. Maybe attach kid's crab art to each crab feed package
8. Holy Ghost Hall seems like good place to assemble packaged meals, and good place for folks' ways to pick them up...but likely prepare crab as always at Greg Gill's

[Members: Rogers, Carter, Moises, Zimmer, Meiburg, Moreira, Martin, Victor-van Gorder, Kimble, Noguchi, Dirden, R. Wilson, R. Dunlap]

COMMUNITY GRANTS (Cindy Carter, Richard Power, Co-Chairs) – Nothing to report.

[Members: Serkissian, Boyd, Cugini, Hirsch, Schreiber, J. Dunlap, Moreira, Victor-van Gorder, Kimble, Dirden, Atkinson, Boag]

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS (Cindy Carter, Diana Rich, Co-Chairs)

[Members: Boal, Pacatte, Passage, Schwartz, Maybury, Beck]

- 1) **Cindy Carter** – Redwood Empire Food Bank – A workday was held Thursday, September 23, 2021, from 2-4pm. The next workday is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021, from 2-4pm
- 2) The Ives Park Playground Rehab Project was a huge success; led by **Jim Pacatte** and Michael McGlothlin of the Sunrise Club. Sixteen massive redwood 8in x 8in x 18ft beams were installed in the ground at the park.

3) We are gearing up for a Warm Coat Drive during the first two weeks of November. The first announcement to start saving warm coats went to club members on October 10, 2021.

4) Holiday Party Saturday December 11th at **JT & Teresa Martin's** house.

HOMELESSNESS (Jack Dunlap, Chair) - The water project is 2/3 funded. We just need approval of funding by the Sebastopol Rotary. (Hopefully you can tackle that at the next board meeting.) We could ask **Sue Engle** to answer any questions. In other news, we are getting closer to developing an education session in the form of a panel discussion. On our return we will earnestly recruit panel members and questions. I think we can get **Hal Kwalwasser** to moderate.

[Members: Boag, Rich, Beck]

LEARN TO SWIM (Greg Jacobs, Rick Wilson, Co-Chairs) – Well, if the PD is correct, kids will be masked through the year. I think Rick and I will have a committee meeting to brainstorm how and when to approach schools. Probably soon. And, of course, the pool insists on social distance at the moment. That may change.

[Members: Grados, Boyd, Carter, Simms, Schwartz]

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANTS (Jack Blasco, Chairs) – Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grants. The Fall grant application period opened on September 15 and will close on October 24. As of October 8, 19 grant requests have been received. The committee will meet on November 2 to select the grant recipients.

[Members: Serkissian, Boyd, Cugini, Moises, Schreiber, Victor-van Gorder, Dirden, Power, Atkinson, Boag]

SPONSORSHIPS COMMITTEE (Patrick Dirden, Chair) – Documents are being updated for this fiscal year, then **Patrick & Ellen** will start approaching prospective sponsors. [repeat]

DICTIONARY PROJECT (Paul Yeomans, Chair) – Nothing to report at this time. Budget will be similar to last year.

[Members: Hirsch, Henningsen, Noguchi, Maybury, R. Dunlap, Lambert]

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (Hal Kwalwasser, Chair) – Nothing to report at this time.

[Members: Grados, Boag]

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (Kathy Schwartz, Chair) – Nothing to report.]

[Members: Still, Passage, Frazier, Boag]

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE – GAIL GIJZEN, DIRECTOR:

YOUTH EXCHANGE (Multi Club Program) (Aleia Coate, Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyryka, Co-Chairs) – Inactive for FY 2021-2022.

[Members: Katy Spyryka]

COOL KIDS CAMP (ROBIN MAYBURY, CHAIR) – Nothing reported to me. Maybe to **Edwin** this month.

[Members: TBD]

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (Tom Boag, Hal Kwalwasser, David Schreiber, Co-Chairs) – Overcoming Obstacles Award 2022 Event is scheduled for **April 22, 2022**, as agreed by school and our club's Program Committee. We plan to hold a live event but will adapt to whatever health requirements are at the time. A great venue for the morning (restricted, smaller) event will be O'Reilly Media's Tarsier Conference Room. This program is on schedule.

A meeting, set up by committee member **Mia Del Prete** was held with the principals, scholarship coordinators, and counselors for West County and Laguna High Schools and our Co-Chairs - to discuss the application forms and more.

David and **Tom** will make short presentations at each school's all-teachers meeting in the next couple of weeks - this to reach more student applicants. [First at Laguna conducted 10/13. Second at West County High on 10/21.]

[Members: Cugini, Carter, Still, Harrington, G. Jacobs, Simms, Victor-van Gorder, Del Prete, Maybury, Petersen, R. Wilson, Beal, Given]

INTERACT (Pauline Pellini, Chair) – **Pauline** Chairs all of Interact (Twin Hills, West County, Brookhaven) --

[Members: Coate, Gijzen, Hirsch, Victor-van Gorder, Stevens]

Twin Hills Interact - On Wednesday, September 22, **Dan Rasmus** and **Pauline** met with all grades. They did not meet on campus at all last year, so this meeting was to talk about electing officers and explain officer duties. We met again on September 29th and October 6th and have some of the officer positions filled. We will meet again next week to finish the slate. They voted to hold Socktober to collect socks and donate to those in need. They were to meet the next day to prepare posters.

[Twin Hills Chair: Pellini]

Brookhaven Interact - **Jeff Stucker** and **Pauline** met with the officers on September 30th and went over their duties, planned the first meeting, and helped them write an agenda.

On Tuesday October 5th, they held their first meeting. There were about 30 students in attendance. They were very enthusiastic! They voted to have a Halloween lollypop sale. A committee was set up to make posters.

[Brookhaven Chair: Pellini, Member: Victor-van Gorder]



West County High School Interact - **Aleia** has been reaching out to one of our members (from West County High) who just responded. They are working to figure out when and where they will meet. There are two teacher advisors on campus – John Grech (from former El Molino) and Brian Wilson (West County) who, to **Aleia's** understanding, both teachers have been talking as well. We are waiting for directions.

Marin Broadbent-Bell stated that “because of consolidation, we are still figuring out the joining of the Interact Clubs from former El Molino and Analy clubs. As of now, we are deciding on officers and meeting times, but our numbers have been seriously depleted. We probably won't have a full group meeting until the club fair which is in a couple of weeks. I'll let you know when we decide our first meeting will be so you can come. Thanks for reaching out!”

[West County Chair: Pellini, Members: Coate, Hirsch, Stevens]

INTERACT HOLIDAY ADOPT-A-FAMILY (**Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – Fire Department & Pauline reserved December 18th for the Adopt a Family wrapping and delivery.

[Members: Coate, Sas, Carter, Victor-van Gorder, R. Wilson, R. Dunlap]

LEARN WITH ME (**Linda Irving**, Chair) – Nothing new to report.

[Members: Victor-van Gorder, Blount]

FINANCIAL LITERACY (**David Schreiber**, Chairs) – Nothing reported

[Members: Grados, Frazier, Bertacco, Power, Moore]

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (Multi Club Program) (**Gail Gijzen**, Chair) – Nothing new to report. (Schedule typically determined in January.)

[Members: Carter, Gijzen]

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (**Larry Ford**, Chair) – **Larry** and **Richard** are figuring out whether this will be possible this year.

[Members: Graber, Power, Atkinson, Given]

NORTH BAY CONSTRUCTION CORPS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair) – Nothing new to report.

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (**Jordan Burns**, Chair) – Status is same as last month. No response as to whether individuals that will be on the SRJC Scholarship committee have been confirmed.

[Members: Simms, J. Dunlap, Moreira, Passage, Victor-van Gorder, Graber, Briggs, Beck, Boag]

Career Fair at West County High (**Tom Lambert**, Chair) – Pending date and information from school counselors.

[Members: Grados, Boyd, Boag]

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE – DOROTHY RODELLA, DIRECTOR:



WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE (**Keller McDonald**, **Bob Rogers**, Co-Chairs) – Service committee continues to get informed of worthwhile projects that would have maximum impact for our club and the international community. We're getting new information on projects involving *Puerto Vallarta Sur* Rotary, plus some additional projects in Mexico and Africa.

[Members: Moises, F. Mayhew, Nelson, J. Dunlap, Noguchi, Beck]

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (**Lu Frazier**, Chair) – **Bob Rogers** has had steady contributions. At the end of 20-21, Polio Plus had \$49, 898. Year to date (three months) Polio Plus has raised \$40, 898.

SHARE (regular donations) YTD is \$10,990. All of last year (20-21) was \$18, 695. An estimated amount to be collected this year needs to be sent to District? International? I have attached a graph of SHARE contributions, but it needs an estimated contribution amount.

The chapter awarded four members and one grandchild their PHF's. **Ruthie and Jack Dunlap** awarded their grandchild, Dylan Sandvold a PHF. **Pam Graber** received her PHF+3, **Linda Johnson** and **Jim Passage** received PHF+6. **Nao Noguchi** received a PHF+5.

[Members: Moises, F. Mayhew, Beck]

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS – 2021-2022 School Year. Request for donations was sent to the club on 10/7/2021 with a goal to wire monies to the PV club on or before 10/28. Initial response has been good with a goal to double scholarships to 28 up from 14 in 2020-2021. 100-brochures printed. I plan to be at the club meeting reception table along with a committee member 10/15, 10/22 and 10/29 to answer any questions.

Here is an e-mail from the PV Club: “Good afternoon, **Dorothy**, I have taken the liberty of contacting Carmen who administers our *Becas Program* and have received the following from her. I hope this gives you all the information that you need. A big thank you to you and your club for your ongoing generous support of these young people. With a crazy situation that the world is in thanks to Covid, the support is more valuable than ever. If you DO need any further information, please don't hesitate to make contact again. Kind regards, Eleanor Hawthorn”

Scholarship Amounts are as follows: Secundaria (Junior High School): \$250 USD per year; Preparatoria (Senior High School): \$300 USD per year; University: \$350 USD per year

[Members: Sas, Pacatte, Shehadeh, Power, Beck, Lambert]

CLUB SERVICE – EDWIN WILSON, DIRECTOR:

WEEKLY PROGRAM SPEAKERS (**Dan Rasmus**, Chairs) – Nothing to report.

[Members: Beedon, Carter, Still, Nelson, Ferguson, Graber, P. Blount, Pellini, R. Wilson, Boag]

APPLEKNOCKER (**David Still**, Chair) – No update.

[Editors: Boag, Henningsen, Still, Dunlap, Dirden, Blasco, Rasmus]

SCRIBES (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair) – All of the scribes are scheduled through the end of December. Still working on getting additional scribes.

[Scribes: Still, Nelson, Frazier, Given]

PHOTOGRAPHERS (**Harvey Henningsen**, Chair) – The Rotary photographers continue to capture the detail & emotions of our weekly Rotary meetings.

Thanks to **Richard Power** for his great images during the month of September.

Thank you, Robin Maybury, for photographically covering the month of October

[Photogs: Schreibman, Zimmer, Rodella, Blasco, J. Dunlap, Martin, Ford, Maybury, Power, Boag, Given]

PUBLIC RELATIONS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair) – No update.

[Print/Ad Media Chair: Kwalwasser; Webmaster: Maybury, Webmaster Member: Boag; Social Media Chair: Schreibman]

MEMBERSHIP (**David Schreibman**, Chair) -- The Membership Committee is very active on multiple fronts.

First, we were excited to induct Carl Tennenbaum as a new member in September after a very smooth investigative process and subsequent Rotary Information session. Unfortunately, he recently resigned after deciding to run for Sheriff.

Two others were inducted in the last month – **Kathy Hicks** and **Myriah Volk**. Kudos to **Rick Wilson** and **Aleia Coate** for their help getting these two informed so quickly.

Regarding Member Retention, the member outreach group now comprises five Rotarians. The group is contacting members at the start of each month who haven't engaged in any Rotary activities in the previous two months. Long term no-shows are contacted every other month. (**Jack Blasco** distributed a separate Report via email to **President Ellen**, **Secretary Scott**, **Treasurer Ken**, and **David Schreibman** on 10/11/2021) - **EW**)

Mentors have been assigned to each new member and are diligently helping them work through their Red Badge Checklists. The mentoring group now has 8 active members, plus several who are still serving as mentors from last year. Both mentoring and retention efforts are led ably by **Jack Blasco**.

[Members: Coate, Cugini, Simms, Blasco, P. Blount, R. Wilson]

[Mentoring Chair: Blasco; Members: Coate, Rasmus, Simms, J. Dunlap, J. Blount, Crawford, Fink, Del Prete, Ferguson, P. Blount, Power, R. Dunlap]

[New Member Attraction Chair: Schreibman; Members: Coate, Cugini, Hirsch, R. Wilson]

[Member Retention Chair: Blasco; Members: Coate, Simms, J. Dunlap, Thielen]

AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM (**Paul Thielen**, Chair) – The A/V committee continues in its ongoing effort to provide problem-free, glitch less media delivery every Friday. Edwin has provided us with a sign-up sheet that assures a full component of technical support through the end of the year. We are all pretty much cross-trained in most aspects and, by coming early each week, continue to provide workarounds to problems as they arise - such as hard-wired laptops when the wireless fails; lots of shiny new AA and AAA batteries, should the mics fail; and continued vigilance to make sure all is unplugged properly at the end of the meetings.

[Members: Rogers, Blasco, J. Dunlap, J. Blount, Power, Thielen, K. Jacobs]

BIRTHDAY CALLER (**Ruth Dunlap**, Chair) – Nothing new to report. Birthday calls are being completed.

SUNSHINE (**Mark Fink**, Chair) – No update

ANNIVERSARY CARDS (**Sue Engle**, Chair) – No update.

GREETERS (**Rick Wilson**, Chair; Committee: **Harry Polley**, **Dave Madsen**, **Jerry Warren**) – No update

[Members: Coate, Cugini, Simms, Blasco, P. Blount]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (**Nao Noguchi**, Chair) – Nothing to report.

[Members: Boyd, Zimmer, Pacatte, Dilley, Given]

CLUB HISTORY/ARCHIVAL (**Tom Boag**, **Patti Blount**, Co-Chairs) – Have set up a cloud area for backup and access to video files. Working with **Ken Jacobs** to include some older collections. At **President Ellen's** request, we will be searching this collection for video clips to use in meetings.

[Members: J. Dunlap, Boag]

CLUB WEBSITE (**Robin Maybury** – Chair, Webmaster) – Our website maintenance is going smoothly. I am managing to keep most of it up to date, including the Bulletin page.

I'm also working with **Ellen** and **Hal** to review RI's encouragement to advertise Rotary's dedication to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion on our website.

[Members: Support: Boag, Carter]

SECRETARY SUPPORT COMMITTEE (**Scott Briggs**, Club Secretary) – NO UPDATE.

[Members: Boag]

TREASURER SUPPORT COMMITTEE (**Ken Jacobs**, Club Treasurer) – No update.

[Members: Frazier, R. Dunlap]



CLUB ACTIVITIES – SUE ENGLE, DIRECTOR:

APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE (**Hal Kwalwasser, Ellen Harrington**, Co-Chairs) – March/April 2022. Date TBD.

[Members: Carter, Blasco, J. Dunlap, Frazier, R. Wilson]

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS (**Ruth & Jack Dunlap**, Co-Chairs to be confirmed) -- Usually taking place in March, further details to be established.

[Members: Cugini, Carter, Still, Schwartz]

HAPPY HOUR/FIRST FRIDAY/THIRD THIRSTY THURSDAY (**Aldean Noethig**, Chair) – **Aldean**
Reports: “October 28th Halloween Happy Hoot: No definite host yet but if we have dry
weather there will be a party somewhere on the 28th for Halloween and costumes are
suggested!!! 🎃👹🧛‍♀️😁🥂🍷🍸🍺

Future Happy Hours, First Friday/Third Thirsty Thursday. **Aldean** is keeping an eye on calendars and activities to see if there is an opening for a gathering.”

[Members: Serkissian, Grados, Dilley]

BIRD WATCHING FIELD TRIPS (**Keller McDonald, Greg Jacobs** – Co-Chairs) – Next one. Date and location TBD.

[Members: Blasco, Graber, Power, Boag, Lambert]

DEBUNKING (Diana Rich, Chair) – Debunking plans will start in early Spring. **Diana** should be contacted to put this on her calendar.

[Members: Rogers, Schreibman, Moreira, Shehadeh, Thielen]

CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT (**Aleia Coate, Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyrka** – Co-Chairs) – The three co-chairs need to be contacted about scheduling our golf tournament. Usually held February.

[Members: Carter, Pacatte]

CLUB PICNIC (**David Still, Cindy Carter**, Co-Chairs; **Bob & Peggy Rogers**, Hosts) – Done, dusted, and heartily enjoyed by all. We didn't drink Costco's entire inventory of Margarita mix (aided with our own custom octane boosters), but we certainly gave it a good shot!

[Members: Noethig, Cugini, Hirsch, Rogers, Meiburg, Simms, Ramos, Engle, Dilley]

CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY (**Cindy Carter**, Chair) -- Hosts: JT & Teresa Martin. Saturday December 11th.

Event support team TBD. Previously: Larry & Gerry Ford, Rick Wilson & Cindy C-F: Set up and tear down (to be confirmed). Nao Noguchi is always a great help.

Mark your calendars, please. A date has been set for the Sebastopol Rotary Club's Holiday Party. Plan to join a fun filled, festive event on the evening of Saturday, December 11, 2021. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Rotarians and their partners. Rumor has it that **J T and Theresa Martin** have agreed to invite you into their home this year. The time hasn't been firmed up however it will likely be around 6-9pm(ish).

Stay tuned for additional details from the Holiday Party Committee. Shall we have a prize for the ugliest holiday sweater this year? A little eggnog?

Thank you, Cindy Carter and the Holiday Party Committee,

[Members: Meiburg, Martin, Schwartz, Ford, R. Wilson, R. Dunlap]

SUPER BOWL BOARD (Aleia Coate, Chair) – Aleia to be contacted in December or January to start working on the Super Bowl Board.

[Members: Schreibman, Power]

