



The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Field Trip to Georgetown



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



BEFORE THE BELL



The Sergeant at Arms team **Nao Noguchi**, **Jim Pacatte**, **Tom Dilley** and **Bob Boyd** were on duty early to guide the Rotarians to the location of the Summer Off-Site meeting at Georgetown, the estate of **Guy** and **Michelle Smith**. It's not easy to get too but the Rotary crew managed to find it and the cars came pouring in.

President Hal Kwalwasser looked a little bit nervous. It was 11:35 and the caterer was due at 11:30. Hmmm. No food would make for a short meeting. But, not to worry, the Sally Tomatoes truck arrived and all was right with the world.



AT THE BELL



No Bell. About 60 of us are off-site today at a beautiful ranch.

President Hal Kwalwasser got everyone's attention and called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. He led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rick Wilson, song-meister, led the group in an unusual version of the John Denver classic, *Take Me Home – Country Road*. It is a great number even when sung by the Rotary Club of Sebastopol. Hard to describe exactly - I guess you had to be there.



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Dick Zimmer provided the Thought for the Day – *A smooth sea never made a great sailor.*



GUESTS



No visiting Rotarians today.

Greg Jacobs introduced **Ricardo Freitas**. **Ricardo** runs the Ives Pool which is **Greg's** home away from home. He also works with **Greg and Rick Wilson** every year to put on the famous *Learn to Swim* program. You might be interested to know that a recent club survey showed that this program was number one in the hearts of Sebastopol Rotarians. You can look it up.



Greg also introduced **Terry and Joan Dale**. **Terry and Joan** are benefactors of the *Learn to Swim* program and enjoyed a day at Georgetown.



Amee Sas introduced her son **Andy**. (Not in school **Andy**? Is this home schooling?). **Kathie Mayhew's** caregiver, **Judy**, was also with us on this beautiful day.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Keller "Birdman of Rotary" McDonald led a flock of avian loving Rotarians last week to the marshlands of Petaluma. Highlights of the morning were Virginia Rail (heard, not seen), Common Gallinule, Great-tailed Grackle, barn owls in nest box, male marsh hawk, pair of white-tailed kites, Northern shoveler, and marsh wren (heard). Least bittern was seen there on Sunday, but not by us ...

It's a nice birding spot. We'll return in the fall when the migrants are there.

As mentioned earlier, **Greg Jacobs** introduced the Roto-flock to Terry and Joan Dale, major benefactors of the Learn to Swim program. Terry wished to share this at Friday's meeting: "The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that drowning is the leading cause of death in children 1-4 years old. Is is the second leading cause in children 1-14 years old after motor vehicle crashes. Nationwide, there are approximately 4000 fatalities and 8,000 hospitalizations annually.

Swimming lessons teach children how to swim, but perhaps more importantly, it teaches water safety. The Sebastopol Rotary is to be commended for supporting this program, which is unquestionably a vital service for the children of our community.

As trustees, of the Neil and Amelia McDaniel Charitable Trust, we are proud to partner with Rotary to sponsor this essential program for the Sebastopol Community.

We also want to acknowledge and commend the work of **Greg Jacobs** and all the volunteers who do the heavy liftin; without their unwavering support, the program would not be feasible".

THE PROGRAM

After a great lunch, the group was ready to trek the few hundred feet to Georgetown.

In 1953, after many years in old Hollywood, **Guy Smith's** father George Smith moved the family to this ranch adjacent to and sometimes underneath the Laguna De Santa Rosa. George spent years providing cars, carriages and other rolling stock to the Hollywood studios and he amassed a large collection.



George, **Guy** and the rest of the Smith clan set about building an Old West town complete with saloon, grocery, barber shop, and several, several garages for the vehicles. George found Victorian gingerbread decorations on various tear downs in the Santa Rosa area and grabbed them up. He enhanced the Old West look of the buildings with boardwalks and decorative elements.

Each building is packed with vehicles, signage, and artifacts of all kinds. The *American Pickers* television show once paid a visit and didn't know where to begin. Vehicles include Model Ts, Model As, multiple Rolls Royces, a buggy used in *Gone with the Wind*, an armored car, a classic Lincoln Continental (the car George drove), **Guy's** old race car and others. The Saloon is something out of the Hollywood movie reel, ready for a poker game and some red-eye.





George passed away a few years back and Georgetown became property of the family. **Guy** loves to show it off and talk about Old Hollywood. **Guy** became good friends with Fred MacMurray and his family. He remembers Fred setting up his easel by the side of the road to paint and arguing about prices in the Forestville Hardware. **Guy** said that George spent his retirement years in Georgetown, working all morning around the place, then relaxing in the room above the saloon in the afternoon, usually with a Dutch Masters cigar. George was a visionary and an eccentric. And aren't those the best kind of people?



Guy took the group out into the Laguna de Santa Rosa. It is a peaceful spot full of wildlife and plant life. Most people aren't aware of this ecological treasure right in the backyard.

Everyone thanked **Guy** for letting us have a meeting at Georgetown.





FUTURE PROGRAMS



August 19, 2022 – Rita Alonso - Sonoma County Housing Trends



Rita studied Organizational Development at University of San Francisco from 1998 to 2001. She worked at Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC and currently works at Keller Williams Realty. She will be speaking about housing trends and what is going on in the housing market.

August 26, 2022 - Jeffrey House - How I Ace'd It

English born marketeer left London for San Francisco in 1977 and started his own import/ export company Thames America, importing British and Belgian beers, exporting California wine. Went on to found the California Cider Company Inc and making ACE ciders in Graton in 1993. Sold the business, which became the number one independent, family owned Cider in America, in November 2021. Married with three sons, two of which are still running the business, living in Windsor, since 1997. Recent invitee to dinner at the House of Lords.



September 2, 2022 - Matt Wynkoop - Compostables – How They Are Creating a Greener World



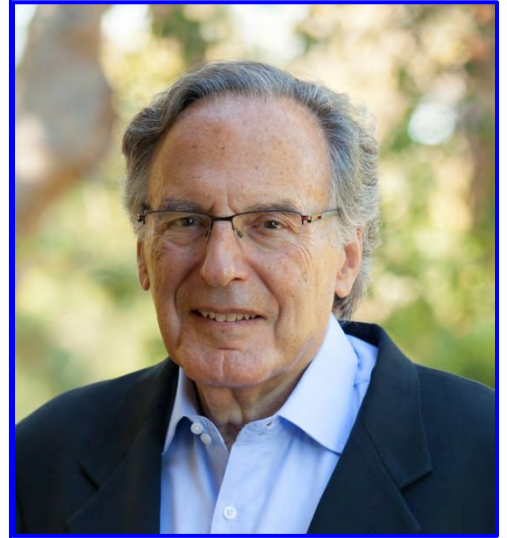
Matt has worked at World Centric for 10+ years, this company manufactures compostable single use products (plates, cup, utensils etc.) and is based in Petaluma.

Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – August 09, 2022

President's Report for AppleKnocker for August 2022

The attached Directors' Reports reflect that the Board HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON TWO THINGS IN THE PAST MONTH, THE BUDGET AND THE SELECTION OF Committee Chairs and members. You saw on Friday, when we distributed the first budget, that that process has been successfully concluded, and the reports reflect that the committee selection process is almost complete as well. We are on our way to a successful year.

Hal Kwalwasser



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

COMMUNITY SERVICE – HARRY POLLEY, DIRECTOR:

ANNUAL MAJOR FUNDRAISER (**J.T. Martin**, Event Chair; Committee Chair, TBD) - The good news is I am back from my 20-day exploration of the Great State of Alaska. Truly it is the "Last Frontier," and I had a wonderful time. The bad news is both Teresa and I have Covid. We are OK but are on day five and still testing positive. However, I only have remnants of symptoms remaining, and am well enough to report.

I have been thinking fundraiser ever since I discovered I will be the Pres next year. Then I found out that I can start fundraising this year. This is really great news for me because I know I will be too busy for fundraising if I am "Presidenting" (sic). So, this is what I want to do if it works out and is OK with everyone else who is involved on the board and committee. Please share this with **Pres Hal** and the committee members on the ninth because I probably cannot make that meeting.

I will be DIRECT. First, I would like to use music as a re-occurring theme for my presidency. I would like to do "A BLUESMAN COMES TO TOWN" musical concert in Ive's Park late in May or early in June with Tommy Castro and the Painkillers as headliner. I would like event proceeds to go toward upgrading the Ive's Park existing bathrooms or new ones, perhaps even having a shower component like the Doran Campground. **Rick Wilson** and I have tickets to Castro's concert in Nicasio later this month where we will approach him. **Rick** has promoted him before and is personal friend with his bass player, Randy MacDonald. We tried to email him earlier this summer but got no response. We were not sure of email address, and we wanted to hear from the horse's mouth first before going through the booking agent. Tommy Castro is hot right now. I have seen him twice in the last 3 months. He won the 2022 BB King Entertainer of the Year Award, Blues Band of the Year Award, and Blues Album of the Year Award. He has 5 Grammy's. He has a big following! His new album is "A BLUESMAN CAME TO TOWN."

Because I have been away, I have not completed all my homework. Before Linda Collins at the Chamber of Commerce retires in another month, I need to talk to her about her about AppleBlossom attendance numbers. I want to talk to Jim Corbett about attendance at his free concerts. I want to take a look inside both bathrooms again and look at alternatives. I want to talk to the city.

I know it is not my job to come up with a major project for Rotary, but a Major Fundraiser gets easier if the goal is plainly in front of you. Also concert goers who have to use that bathroom may want to contribute extra. I am right now thinking \$20 advanced \$25 at the door. 1,000 people spending \$60 each on admission, food, and drink = \$60,000.

I am also thinking a big barbecue with chicken and ribs, baked beans, salad, and bread \$20. We just have to rent, borrow, and staff a lot of those portable wheeled pits. We would need a wine tent with locally donated wine and beer optimum.

Yeah, it is a lot of work for Rotarians. They have to step up. Yeah, we are old now but don't let the grey hair fool you. I am hearing that they still want to have fun. They want to do a major fundraiser. They want to make money again. They want to work together. We'll let see if they can still "cut the mustard."

This does not have to be an annual thing, like the Cajun Festival. This should be easier because stage is there, shade is there, green room sort of there. None of that dance floor, hay bales, precooking overhead to deal with or pay. Park is better, city wants utilization. Get in and get out.

I have asked **Aleia** to help, **Rick Wilson** to help, **Patti Blount**, **Cindy Carter** (I think) to help. Amee Sas will help. Ruthie and Jack Dunlap signed up to help on the committee survey. Thank you to **John Blount**, **Dave Madsen**, and **Gene Nelson** for volunteering - all energetic team members. I would also like to see if I can get **Tim Moore** and **Meredeth** to help. They would be good with the wine tent along with **Harvey** and **Ken Silveira**. **Gene** would be good for the wine tent. **Tim Moore** was president in 97 when I was on his board. He was always appreciative and proud that the 23-year Cajun Festival was incubated in his presidency.

On another fundraising note, Soon as I am back to safe mode, I would like to introduce the club to a \$100 per chance, only 100 chances raffle for a trip to Washington DC. I will need help from an artist like **Bud Daveiro**, **Paul Thielen**, and anyone else who can put a few iconic images on a board to be at the back table to be there manned until board is filled. When filled, the drawing takes place and winner is determined. The winner gets \$5,000 to go on his trip - go on another trip - not go on a trip - or pay his bills. I have an old friend living in DC for 53 years working on hotel ideas, places to stay, eat, and best, fun things to do in DC. This is just for interest's sake. Not in stone. The club makes \$5K, the winner gets \$5K. I want to go to Boston next, New York, Chicago, Charleston, Anchorage, New Orleans, Nashville. We may could have \$30-40K in our account before our major fundraiser. I am hoping that most spots will be taken by club members over a 4-week sale period so that a club member will win - although nothing wrong with a friend of Rotary winning. The board should be as hard to fill as the super bowl board. A \$100 chance to win \$5,000. Somebody is going to win.

I also would like to work on a few higher dollar live auction items if case there is an opportunity to have them.

CRAB FEED (Cindy Carter, Chairs) – Crab Feed will be Saturday, February 11, 2023. Just starting to kick the tires. Checking to see if the road signs will still be usable another year; a bit faded from weather. Looking at the profits from the last few years to start discussions regarding whether the 2023 event will be a drive-thru or in person. A hybrid would be very difficult to pull off. This is always a great social event and the in person is a bit more profitable which provides more money for the Mark Sell Teacher Grants. More to follow in the coming months.

COMMUNITY GRANTS (Dorothy Rodella, Cindy Carter, Co-Chairs) – No update this month. This committee does not begin its work until December

COMMUNITY NEEDS SUMMIT (TBD, Chair) – Still working on finding someone to accept the committee chair position.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS (Mia Del Prete, Chair) -- **Mia Del Prete** has accepted the chair position. The following report was put together by last year's chair, **Cindy Carter**, **Community Volunteer Projects**:

- 1) Redwood Empire Food Bank (REFB) - joint workday with the sunrise club - was held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, from 2-4pm. **Mark Fink** and **Gene Nelson** were there and bagged carrots, carrots, and more carrots.
- 2) A HOP workday was held on Saturday July 23, 2022. Helping Other People (HOP) is a program run by the Sebastopol Area Senior Center, which invites seniors who have small projects they cannot do themselves to submit requests to the Center for help. The Sebastopol Service and Action Coalition, of which we are a part, volunteered to respond to as many of the requests as possible. **Ellen Harrington** pruned all the rose bushes for a senior and then trained him on how to trim and fertilize them. His wife passed away a few years ago and she loved her roses and now he can take care of them himself in the future and continue to enjoy them. **Gene Nelson** and **Cindy Carter** helped a senior with clearing and cleaning her front porch & back deck, cleaning solar panels, and power washing siding.
- 3) Gravenstein Apple Fair - 25 of the 52 volunteer slots have been filled by our club members for the August 13 and 14 event. Farm Trails increased the stipend from \$2k to \$3k so our club will see approximately \$1,442 for this event and all the volunteers will receive a two-day pass to the fair, food, drinks, an apron, and other perks. Plus, there should be a bit of Rotary advertising at the event.
- 4) Walk to End Alzheimer's - just kicking off our club's participation in this event to be held Saturday, October 8, 2022, at Sonoma State University. All club members can help with fundraising and volunteer to walk. The walk is designed for everyone and includes a very short route (less than a mile), or a little bit longer track (2.5 miles). Entertainment kicks off the event.

HOMELESSNESS (Jack Dunlap, Chair) – On July 15, the Homeless Committee along with members of the Sunrise Rotary Club visited the Horizon Shine safe parking village across the street from the Exchange Bank. The village is essentially full, and they are beginning to improve their organization. We asked them to think about what they need to improve their operations or facility. The committee is asking for a budget of \$500 that will allow participation with other organizations in West County in projects that help homeless reach the goal of moving to supported permanent housing.

LEARN TO SWIM (Greg Jacobs, Chairs) – Learn-To-Swim goes into full swing in 1Q23. Ives Pool has been reserved for April 17 to May 12, 2023.

Working on 2022 budget, shopping for the best t-shirt prices, volunteer advertisements, and starting to approach the schools to ensure they budget for transportation, where needed.

Greg is inviting the Ives Pool manager Ricardo Freitas, and Terry and Joan Dale, (our benefactors), to Georgetown. He won't be able to publicly recognize them for several weeks otherwise.

MAJOR BIG PROJECT (Aleia Coate, Jack Blasco, Co-Chairs) – Committee Chairs have had one meeting with **President Hal**. Work will begin in earnest once the results of the second club survey are compiled and distributed.

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANTS (Patrick Dirden, Chair) – The committee will start work on the Teacher grants program in early September. We intend to open the submission period by mid-September.

DICTIONARY PROJECT (Mark Fink, Chair) – Waiting to hear if there is a budget for the program.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (Lu Frazier, Chairs) – So far, there are only two members on the Environmental Committee- me and **Tom Boag**. If this committee proceeds forward, I plan on concentrating on things members can do to help the environment. To that end, I am looking for speakers who can show members what they can concretely do to help the environment. I plan on asking for speakers from such organizations as Blue Barrel (rainwater catchment), Daily Acts (water conservation and more) Master Gardeners, and the Stanford and UC Berkeley Environmental Centers.

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE – MARK MCDONELL, DIRECTOR:

YOUTH EXCHANGE (Multi Club Program) (Aleia Coate, Pauline Pellini, Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyрка, Co-Chairs) – (Committee Chair acknowledged the initial amount appropriated for the committee (attached).)

COOL KIDS CAMP (Robin Maybury, Chair) – (Committee Chair acknowledged the initial amount appropriated for the committee (attached).)

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (Tom Boag, David Schreiber, Co-Chairs) (Members: **Rick Wilson, Greg Jacobs, Richard Petersen, Harry Simms, Laura Victor-van Gorder**)– (Committee Chairs acknowledged the initial amount appropriated for the committee (attached).)

INTERACT (Pauline Pellini, Chair) – **Mario Balistreri** and **Sheila Johnson** have expressed interest in Interact service. **Sheila** is specifically interested in Analy Interact. I advised **Pauline** and she will make the necessary arrangements (e.g., getting school approval/access to the campus). **Pauline** asked me to advise **Dan Rasmus** of **Mario's** and **Sheila's** interest. I plan to follow through. (Committee Chair acknowledged the initial amount appropriated for the committee (attached).)

Brookhaven – **Pauline Pellini**, Chair

Twin Hills – **Dan Rasmus**, Chair

Analy – **Aleia Coate**, Chair

INTERACT HOLIDAY ADOPT-A-FAMILY (Pauline Pellini, Chair) – (Committee Chair acknowledged the initial amount appropriated for the committee (attached).)

LEARN WITH ME (Linda Irving, Chair) – This program will not be active for 2022-2023.

FINANCIAL LITERACY (David Schreiber, Chairs) – No current report

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (Multi Club Program) (Cindy Carter, Chair) – (Committee Chair acknowledged the initial amount appropriated for the committee (attached).)

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (Larry Ford, Chair) – No current report

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (Les Crawford and Jim Passage, co-Chairs) – No current report

CAREER FAIR AT WEST COUNTY HIGH (Tom Lambert, Chair) – No current report

The following is the form of acknowledgement about initial amount budgeted that is referred to six times above:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR COMMITTEE ACTIVITY.

The Club requires that no committee or Committee Chair suggest or promise that the committee will spend more money than is currently in the Club's budget for your program. If you wish to supplement the Club's appropriation from other sources, you are free to do so, but you *cannot* commit to spending any additional amount until two things occur: 1) the Club has the money in hand; and 2) the Board has approved the increase in authorized spending. To confirm that you know the amount you are authorized to spend, you are asked to sign this acknowledgment of the policy and the appropriated amount your committee has been authorized to spend.

The _____ Committee has been authorized to spend during the 2022-23 fiscal year the following amount: _____.

Acknowledged and agreed to: _____

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE – DAVID SCHREIBMAN, DIRECTOR:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION – (Dorothy Rodella, Dan Rasmus, co-Chairs) – No activity at this time.

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE – (Keller McDonald – Chair) - **Keller** has worked with **President Hal, David Schreiber**, and David Mark-Raymond from Sebastopol Sunrise to partner with Sebastopol Sunrise and Rotary Clubs from Rohnert Park to support the Lone Pine Ukrainian Family Aid project to bring a Ukrainian refugee family to Sonoma County.

Sebastopol Sunrise is the lead club in a multi-club district grant to match club contributions up to \$2,200 per club. The grant application has been submitted and we are awaiting approval from Rotary District 5130.

Keller has researched the possibility of applying for a RI Foundation Global Grant of \$25,000 to help fund Ukrainian relief. Applicants need to have a Rotary partner in Ukraine or a neighboring country doing relief work. My recommendation is to not go after this global grant, as applications are due in early September, and we do not have an international partner, or a project developed yet. If we want to get involved, we can partner with another club in District 5130 that successfully secures this grant (e.g., clubs from Santa Rosa, Petaluma, and/or Mendocino.)

Steve Beck is in communication with Rotarians in Arizona who are not applying for an RI Foundation global grant for the Village Hope Corps Street Business School project. Our club allocated \$1,000 for this project last year, which is now being held in reserve until the global grant application is processed.

On August 5, I plan to report to our club on the successful completion of our baby incubator project for Chidamoyo Hospital in Zimbabwe. The incubator is getting good use and has helped several preterm babies thrive and start healthy lives.

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS (**Dorothy Rodella**, Chair) – We have received a report from the program in Mexico and will be soon soliciting for donations from the regular supporters.

CLUB SERVICE – DAVID STILL, DIRECTOR:

WEEKLY PROGRAM SPEAKERS (**Kathy Hicks, Tom Boag**, co-Chairs) – **Kathy Hicks** and **Tom Boag** have many members volunteering for the programs committee. Programs are scheduled well into the winter.

APPLEKNOCKER EDITORS (**David Still**, Chair) – Editors assigned for quarter number one.

SCRIBES (**David Still**, Chair) – New Scribes **Jim Passage** and **JT Martin** have volunteered. Scribes are assigned for the first quarter.

PHOTOGRAPHERS (**Harvey Henningsen**, Chair) – **HH** has attempted to fill out the entire year assignment right away and it looks like is on the way to success.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (TBD, Chair) – No current report

MEMBERSHIP (**David Schreiber**, Chair) – No current report

Membership Retention Subcommittee – No current report

Mentoring – No current report

AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM (TBD, Chair) – AV crew has found a taker for the trailer that they are excessing. It is the Timber Cove Fire Dept.

BIRTHDAY CALLER (**Lu Frazier**, Chair) – **Lu Frazier** is chair.

Futures Committee (TBD, Chair) - Futures committee consists of **David Schreiber**, **John Blount**, and **Amee Sas** at this time.

SUNSHINE (**Jeff Boal**, Chair) – **Jeff Boal** is chair.

ANNIVERSARY CARDS (TBD, Chair) – No current report

GREETERS (TBD, Chair) – No current report

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (Bob Boyd, Chair) – **Nao Noguchi** has asked to be relieved of the S of A duties. He has asked **Bob Boyd** to step in.

CLUB HISTORY/ARCHIVAL (TBD, co-Chairs) – No current report

CLUB WEBSITE (**Robin Maybury** – Chair, Webmaster) – No current report

SECRETARY SUPPORT COMMITTEE (**Scott Briggs**, Club Secretary) – No current report

TREASURER SUPPORT COMMITTEE (**Ken Jacobs**, Club Treasurer) – No current report

CLUB ACTIVITIES – KATHY SCHWARTZ, DIRECTOR:

(Selection of un-named committee chairs is in progress. A couple of people changed minds at last minute.)

APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE (TBD, Co-Chairs) – No current report

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS (**Jack and Ruthie Dunlap**, Co-Chairs) – Add **Jack and Ruthie Dunlap** as co-Chairs.

HAPPY HOUR/FIRST FRIDAY/THIRD THIRSTY THURSDAY (**Aleia Coate and Jackie Moreira**, co-Chairs) – We are thinking this is a great “starter” committee for new members. Each would have the opportunity to set up a couple of socials. Also, we

are going for inclusivity among Rotary members. Chairs will encourage looking at different kinds of socials at different venues to accomplish this.

BIRD WATCHING FIELD TRIPS (**Keller McDonald, Greg Jacobs** – Co-Chairs) – No current report

DEBUNKING / END OF YEAR CELEBRATION (TBD, Chair) – Will await committee signups to find a potential chair (Usually picked by current President).

CLUB GOLF TOURNEY (**Richard Petersen, Les Crawford**, co-Chairs) – No current report

CLUB PICNIC (Cindy Carter, Co-Chairs) – **Cindy Carter** added as chair. Picnic is in planning now.

CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY (**Ellen Harrington and Patti Blount**, co-Chairs) – **Ellen** and **Patti** added as co-Chairs.

SUPER BOWL BOARD (**Aleia Coate**, Chair) – No current report