



# The Appleknocker

## Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

**Bret McIntyre – Geologist**

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“All the News that Fits We Print”

### 🍏 IMPORTANT DATE ANNOUNCEMENT 🍏

Next Friday's Rotary meeting, August 12, is at **Guy** and **Michelle Smith's** place. The address is 4015 Frei Road, Sebastopol. Phone: 707-494-0505. **Guy** will give a tour of the old-time western town on this property, and then finishing with spectacular views of the Laguna. **Guy** says this is the time of year the Laguna is at it's best!

### 🍏 BEFORE THE BELL 🍏

It seemed quiet before the meeting. Very unlike a typical Friday Rotary crowd. What could it be? The calm before some sort of storm? Or, perhaps everyone was too focused on eating their lunch.....grilled meat, potatoes, salad, dessert...hmm!

### 🍏 AT THE BELL 🍏

**President Hal Kwalwasser** rang the bell at 12:15 pm and welcomed everyone to *Sebastopol Rotary* meeting at the Community Church auditorium. **President Hal's** welcome to Rotary motto is *'It's time for Good Food. Good Times. Good Talk. Good Works.*



**President Hal** then called on **Tom Dille** to lead the Pledge.

**Steve Beck** then got the club warmed up by leading us in an enthusiastic rendition of *Yankee Doodle Dandy!*



## 🍎 Future Programs 🍎

August 12, 2022

Offsite Meeting at  
Georgetown. Tour.

August 18, 2022

Rita Alonsa - Sonoma  
County Housing Trends

August 26, 2022

Jeffrey House – How I Ace'd  
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## 🍎 Coming Events 🍎

August 13-14, 2022

Gravenstein Apple Fair  
Volunteers

October 8, 2022

Walk to End Alzheimer's  
Sonoma State

## 🍎 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

[sebastopolrotary.com](http://sebastopolrotary.com)

**Jack Blasco** provided the Thought for the Day, perhaps better described as some great wisdom we should all remember.

"Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right."

-Theodore Roosevelt

After an outstanding lunch, **Hal** took the lectern and jokingly threatened to open the meeting with a "motion". That woke everyone up from their lunch comas!

## 🍎 VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS 🍎

There were no visiting Rotarians today, but there were several visitors.



*Kathy Balistreri*, mother of incoming member **Mario Balistreri** was introduced by **Aleia Coate**.



**Pauline Pellini** introduced her Coldwell Banker manager, *Adam Dillon* and *Maria Robinson*

## 🍎 ANNOUNCEMENTS 🍎



**Diana Rich** announced that there are three openings on the Sebastopol City Council coming up. Three of the incumbents have indicated that they are not running for re-election. Should be interesting to see who does run.

## 🍎 NEW MEMBER INDUCTION 🍎

**Harry Polley** gave the introduction speech inducting a new member- **Mario Balistreri**. Standing with **Mario** was his sponsor, **Aleia Coate** and mentors, **Pauline Pellini** and **Jack Dunlap**. Welcome **Mario**!





## AREA GOVERNOR VISIT



**Dan Rasmus** is our *District Area Governor*. His area is *Sebastopol Rotary, Sunrise Rotary and Russian River Rotary*. District Governor Jennifer Strong requested that all the AG's give their clubs an update on District and Rotary International prior to her club visit.

This year's Rotary Theme is *"Imagine"*. Jennifer Jones, from Ontario, Canada, is the new RI president and the very first female RI President. She views the famous lyrics from that Beatles song as a call to action – 'You may say I'm a dreamer but I'm not the only one'. *Imagine* all the things we can accomplish as Rotarians!

Jennifer Strong, Rotary Club of Lakeport, is our *District Governor*. Her mantra is 2022-2023 The Year To.... Re-Invent! Re-Invigorate!! Re-IMAGINE Your Rotary Club!!! She will visit our club November 18.



## WORLD SERVICE REPORT



**Keller McDonald** gave a report on the latest project, a baby incubator that our club funded for the Chidamoyo Hospital in Zimbabwe. It was given in memory of Kathy McCarty, a nurse practitioner from Sonoma County who served Chidamoyo Hospital for nearly 40 years and has spoken to our club several times. A special plaque honoring Kathy and recognizing our club is on the incubator. The hospital is extremely grateful for the support of our club over the years.



## ROTARY NEWS



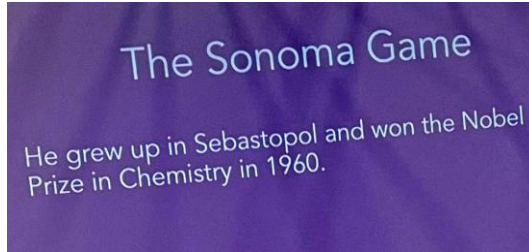
**Jeff Boal** gave a review of the restaurant, *Hole in the Wall*. He said above all, they know what service is, and the food is great. He also gave a shout out to **Mario's** restaurant, *Mexico Lindo*.



## THE SONOMA GAME



**President Hal's** take on the game portion of the meeting is called **The Sonoma Game**. The game involves all the tables. He asks questions about people in Sonoma that we should know (-Ed Should we?!?). Today's questions involved poets, actors and generals. Table 4 and table 10 tied, and then Table 4 won the 'playoff'. Each person at Table 4 received a one dollar bill. Congratulations???



## THE PROGRAM



**Kathy Hicks** introduced **Bret McIntyre**. They both work at EBA Engineering. **Kathy** is a civil engineer and Bret is an engineering geologist. EBA Engineering is a multi-discipline firm that covers Environmental, Residential, Commercial, Municipal, Landfill, Industrial, Multi-Family, Water Resources, Energy & Utilities.

Bret gave a quick overview of how he came to be a geologist.



- Kinder to 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Rocks, dinosaurs, and space.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Marine Biologist or bust!
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Busted, joined the Army.
- 1995 – Graduated UCSB with a B.S. in Geosciences.
- The next ten years – OSHA Hazwoper, nuclear gauge, concrete/grout sampling, soils laboratory, shoe-shining.
- Then, in 2005 – Professional Geologist license and the title, “Staff Geologist”.
- Three years later, in 2008 – Engineering Geologist license and the title, “Project Manager”.
- Five years later, in 2013, became a Qualified SWPPP Developer and inherited much more complicated projects.
- In the next 9 years, worked in various roles, including a 6-1/2 year stint with Sonoma County Transportation & Public Works as the County’s “Drainage Guy”.
- Now a “Senior Engineering Geologist” with EBA Engineering, working on miscellaneous geotechnical, water resources, and erosion control projects in the public, industrial, and private sectors.

He explained that typical geotech-centric engineering geology projects usually involve residential, commercial/industrial or governmental. That means everything from retaining walls to reservoirs to bridges. He then explained the entire engineering process from original contract to permits to finished report.



## THE FINAL BELL



**President Hal** reminded us that we will not be meeting at the Church Hall on August 12 but instead will gather at Georgetown, home of **Guy** and **Michelle Smith** for an off-site meeting. It should be lots of fun! **Treasurer Ken** is not confident the card reader will work, so bring \$25 cash if you can. Bring your own chair! (-Ed Continue reading for map and more details)

**President Hal** then rang the final bell at 1:30 pm.



## FUTURE PROGRAMS



### **August 12, 2022 – Offsite Meeting - Georgetown**

Georgetown, on the property of Guy Smith, is a replica of an old western town and was established by Guy Smith's father, George. Replica old west buildings with antiques and relics that will take you back in time. Guy will share stories about the town and the artifacts as well as provide a bonus walk down to the Laguna (which the property borders). Guy says the Laguna looks the best this time of year. This day will create lasting memories and is one not to miss.

<Map Below>

### **August 19, 2022 – Rita Alonsa – Sonoma County Housing Trends**

Rita is a member of the Santa Rosa Rotary Club and she will come and speak to us about what the housing market is doing.

### **August 26, 2022 – Jeffrey House – How I Ace'd it**

The developer of Ace Hard Apple Cider will tell of his life stories leading up to his success and a little bit about this competitive industry. You will be entertained by his one-of-a kind-personality, and you will leave with a better sense of a local business, life lessons, and maybe even a bit about Hard Apple Cider!

**Directions to Georgetown.** 4015 Frei Road. Look for some sort “markers” on where you will enter the driveway off of Frei Road. If coming from 116, it will be on your right hand side, several driveways past Lynmar Winery.

Food will be catered. Bring \$25 cash, if you remember. Bring your own chair.

