



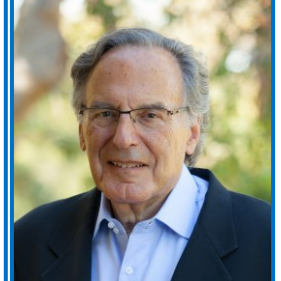
The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Donald Laird - The World of Drones



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



President Hal called the meeting to order promptly at 12:15. As Billy Joel might say, it was a pretty good crowd for a Friday.



Our wonderful Friend of Rotary, Ann Hill, led the pledge and your humble **scribe** led a rendition of Woody Guthrie's, "This Land Is Your Land, This Land Is My Land."



Rollie Atkinson shared this thought for the day:

"You can never go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the end."



Sonoma County YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline 707-546-1234

🍎 Future Programs 🍎

July 22, 2022

**C. Jane Taylor - Spirit
Traffic**

July 29, 2022

**President Hal - Special
Club Budget Meeting**

August 05, 2022

**Bret McIntyre –
Engineering Since 2020**

August 12, 2022

**OFFSITE at Georgetown
Guy Smith, Tour Guide**

🍎 Coming Events 🍎

July 27, 2022

**Rotary Day At Redwood
Empire Food Bank**

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

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www.RotaryEClubOne.org

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🍎 VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS 🍎

We had no visiting Rotarians but were graced with a number of welcome guests.

Edwin Wilson introduced daughter, Danielle, son-in-law, Torin, and granddaughter Lenora Mae Waters, all visiting from Phoenix. Oh yes, Friend of Rotary, **Diana Wilson**, was also with us, but seemingly needed no introduction, at least not from **Edwin**.

Pauline Pellini introduced her son, Mike, daughter-in-law, Jennifer, and granddaughters Sophia and Elliana.



Aleia Coate introduced our outbound exchange student, Aliyah Contreras, and Molly Moreira, daughter of **Jackie**. Aliyah announced a raffle: a \$15.00 ticket gives you a chance at a full chiropractic examination. All the money received will help fund her time in Italy.



Jack Blasco introduced his wife, Marie and our guest speaker Donald Laird.



THE COMING YEAR



All budget proposals for this Rotary year are due July 22. Be sure to study a recap of the proposals to be sent by **Tom Boag** before the July 29, meeting. Your input and vote are needed to help the board determine the direction of the club over the next year.

To date, only 41 Rotarians have filled out the form indicating their committee preferences. Please turn in your choices ASAP.

In this year of **Hal**, we will no longer acknowledge birthdays and anniversaries during the meeting. More often than not last year, the celebrants weren't at the meeting and who wants to be reminded of birthdays anyway...although that anniversary reminder was at times helpful!

Instead, at each meeting there will be a time for ROTARY NEWS! This will be a time when Sebastopol Rotarians report on....well, whatever they want to: travel, a good restaurant, business updates, celebrations, etc. Just remember...it is a report, not a biography. Think newspaper column: Who, what, when why and how. And so...today's news:



TODAY'S NEWS



Pauline Pellini reported on the surprise 75th birthday celebration for **Mark Stevens**. It was held at the Coldwell-Banker office and hosted by **Mark's** wife, **Connie**. Good food and drink, with music and good fellowship and a wonderful dessert prepared by **Connie**.



Jerry Warren reported on the July 4th celebration in Kenwood. The Kenwood Community Church sponsors a pancake breakfast on that day, featuring a grill that can cook 60 pancakes at a time. **Jerry** was the grill master this year. Food, a parade, and great music on the 4th. A wonderful small-town celebration. Although it may be some time before **Jerry** even wants to look at another pancake!



PAUL HARRIS AWARDS



John Blount hosted this part of the meeting. As a refresher for newer members, he reminded us that a gift of \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation makes one a Paul Harris Fellow, but there is no need to stop there. You receive additional “stones” for each \$1000 you contribute. So today he – we - honored:

- **Ellen Harrington** who received her 4th stone.
- **Edwin Wilson** who received his 8th stone.



We also honored first time Paul Harris awards:

Lenora Mae Waters, granddaughter of **Edwin** and **Diana Wilson**



Elliana Pellini, granddaughter of **Pauline Pellini**.

Thanks to these families for their dedication to Rotary and the good work of the Foundation. From ending Polio to clean water in Haiti to refugee aid on the Polish/Ukrainian border, to promoting education and literacy throughout the world, our gifts to the Foundation continue to make a huge difference in the daily lives of people.



🍎 THE SONOMA GAME 🍎

Ah, the year of **Hal** has only just begun and already so many surprises. We don't need no stinking raffle. How about each table answering questions about our town and county? Yeah, how about that!

The table with the most correct answers – one point for each correct answer – wins a dollar for each person at the table. But remember, a wrong answer is minus one point. See the slide for today's questions. And today's winning table with 2 whole points.....Table #1, which just happened to be the table of your faithful **scribe**. The fix is in.

🍎 QUESTIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT 🍎

Not sure if this will be a weekly feature, but today the floor was opened for questions for **President Hal**. Time was short, but **Les Crawford** had a question about proposed changes to the Community Projects budget. He wondered why we are cutting funds for programs we already know and support in the name of funding some large project which is still just a possibility. In his words, isn't this "putting the cart before the horse"?

President Hal responded that a committee is forming to research and recommend a major project. If such a project cannot be found, the money will be returned to the Community Projects budget.



Laura Victor-van Gorder wondered how to respond to budget proposals or learn more about them. **Tom Boag** reported that he has provided a link which shows all budget proposal to date.



THE PROGRAM



Donald Laird - Taking Flight; The World of Drones

Professor Laird is Chair of the Computer Studies Department at Santa Rosa Junior College, where he has taught for 29 years. He holds an FAA Remote Pilot (drone) Certification, and has created the Drone Studies program at the JC.

First...the Good:

Drones are proving to have a bewildering number of good and helpful, even vital, uses. Modern film and video productions could hardly exist without the use of drones and the many unique angles they provide. They can provide a number of different perspectives, for example, flying both above a building and then inside of it. Even productions within the Rotary Club of Sebastopol have come to depend on drones [piloted by **Edwin Wilson** under the direction of various debunking committees – **Ed**].

Another illustration shared by Professor Laid is the contribution of drones to the enhancement and preservation of natural resources. In Costa Rica, for example, the use of drones has enabled scientists to study the return and nesting of sea turtles without having to disturb the turtles. Drones can also see underwater, enhancing the ability to study sea life. Drones can actually take water samples and transmit them for study. And no one gets wet feet!

The humanitarian uses of drones is an area that keeps expanding. In Rwanda, for example, where hospitals and doctors are few and far between and many people live in remote villages, drones can be used to deliver necessary medicines and medical supplies. How might such a use of drones impact Rotary's fight against polio? This application of drones for medical purposes is not yet approved in the United States, but the day is coming.

Drones can be used to monitor construction projects, aid in promotions, enhance public safety and on and on. Our speaker said that the use of drones will become a billion dollar business.

The Bad...

When people who are flying drones act stupidly or thoughtlessly, bad things happen. Professor Laird showed a blooper video of a number of drone failures, again more human error than equipment malfunction. Power lines, walls, trees, animals and people seem to come into contact with drones on a fairly regular basis.

The Ugly...

There are regulations, such as altitude limits, governing the use of drones. But there are reckless operators who refuse to abide by the rules. He showed video of a drone actually dive bombing a commercial aircraft. This led to a discussion of privacy. Interestingly, in the United States, air space is public. You do not own the air around your home and place of business. So, if a drone flies over your home or yard, it is not a violation of privacy. However there are trespassing and anti-harassment laws, so if a drone flies into your yard and hovers by your bedroom window, you can make use of such laws. Of course, I suspect that if a drone got a look at a number of us in the nude, it would never come back! Professor Laird pointed out that since a drone is considered an aircraft, it is as protected against attack as any plane in the sky. So think twice about blowing a troublesome drone away with that shotgun.

From public utilities to fire-fighting to health care to construction and on and on, the use of drones is expanding at a geometric rate. Thank you, Professor Laird, for a fascinating and entertaining program.



THE FINAL BELL



With that, **President Hall** adjourned our meeting promptly at 1:30.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

July 22, 2022 - C. Jane Taylor - Spirit Traffic

Spirit Traffic recounts how, at the age of 50, the author learned to ride a motorcycle, overcame the terror of navigating her steep dirt driveway in Vermont, and, three days after her son's college graduation, set off with him and her yoga-teacher husband (his stepdad) on a 10,000-mile two-wheel adventure that took them all into uncharted territory—both as novice riders, and as a family.

July 29, 2022 - Special Budget Meeting

On July 29 the Club will hold a club meeting for the purpose of guiding the Board of Directors in the finalizing of the budget. The principal goal of the meeting will be for all club members to decide which projects to fund, and in what rank order of priority. The Board will then finalize the budget by working out an allocation of available funds to projects consistent with the direction of the Club. A detailed explanation of this process has been distributed to all club members by email. Please contact **President Hal** if you have questions.

BOARD REPORT SUMMARY

Rotary Club of Sebastopol – Board Report Summary – July 12, 2022

President's Report for AppleKnocker for July 2022

This month's Board reports show we are making progress toward filling committee chairs, but we still have a long way to go. We need more people to step up for leadership roles. We also need more people to volunteer to serve on the committees. Initial meetings are in process, as is reflected by the reports, but they are not going to be useful until they can bring together the committees' full membership.

The reports also reflect that there is some initial planning already underway. I am delighted at the emphasis on all of us having various opportunities to get together. It is time to start renewing the connections we had before the pandemic.

Finally, the reports suggest people are interested in the budget process. It is a reminder that all of you who have ideas about the club's direction should get involved and make a proposal.

Hal Kwalwasser



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

This is an initial Directors Report Summary for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year. As committees are formed, the members will be listed below each committee report – from official committee rosters in ClubRunner. All names are initial and subject to change as directors and chairs review committee requests. Next month we will return to a summary report format similar to previous years. Some committee reports are missing from this summary if there is no news to report.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – HARRY POLLEY, DIRECTOR:

ANNUAL MAJOR FUNDRAISER (**J.T. Martin**, Event Chair; Committee Chair, TBD) -

CRAB FEED (**Cindy Carter**, Chairs) –

COMMUNITY GRANTS (**Dorothy Rodella, Cindy Carter**, Co-Chairs) –

COMMUNITY NEEDS SUMMIT (TBD, Chair) –

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS (TBD, Chair) --

HOMELESSNESS (**Jack Dunlap**, Chair) –

LEARN TO SWIM (**Greg Jacobs**, Chairs) –

MAJOR BIG PROJECT (**Aleia Coate, Jack Blasco**, Co-Chairs) –

MARK SELL ROTARY TEACHER GRANTS (**Patrick Dirden**, Chair) –

SPONSORSHIPS COMMITTEE (TBD, Chair) –

DICTIONARY PROJECT (**Mark Fink**, Chair) --

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (TBD, Chair) –

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (**Lu Frazier**, Chairs) –

VOCATIONAL / YOUTH SERVICE – MARK MCDONELL, DIRECTOR:

(**Pauline Pellini** noted the most recent committee list published in the AppleKnocker had errors. Hopefully, this will not recur when we publish the 2022-2023 committee list. [The new committee lists will be taken from the official ClubRunner lists – agreed to by chairs, directors. -Ed.]

YOUTH EXCHANGE (Multi Club Program) (**Aleia Coate, Pauline Pellini, Jackie Moreira, Katy Spyрка**, Co-Chairs) – **Aleia** and **Pauline** confirmed they'll continue their Youth Exchange service. I will follow up with **Jackie** and **Katy**.

COOL KIDS CAMP (**ROBIN MAYBURY**, CHAIR) –

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AWARD (**Tom Boag, David Schreiber**, Co-Chairs) – **Tom Boag**, Co-Founder, plans to continue co-chairmanship assuming the program has the necessary club support and agreement during the budget process, including a method of soliciting directed contributions in advance of the event date. **David Schreiber** is also a co-chair and co-founder and will continue overseeing the morning program. A third co-Chair, formerly a position held by **President Hal Kwalwasser**, is under consideration. The committee has a large loyal committee – many co-Founders – and the program is one of a few signature programs of the club. **Rick Wilson** has been the noon emcee for many years and he, **Harry Simms** and other members form the speech coaching team. **Greg Jacobs**, another co-founder, has always coordinated the student selection process.

INTERACT (**Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – **Pauline Pellini** and **Aleia Coate** will continue their service. However, additional support is needed. Specifically, a new representative needs to be assigned to Twin Hills Interact to relieve **Pauline** from having to cover multiple schools.

Brookhaven -

Twin Hills -

Analy –

INTERACT HOLIDAY ADOPT-A-FAMILY (**Pauline Pellini**, Chair) – **Pauline** will continue “chairmanship.”

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

FINANCIAL LITERACY (**David Schreiber**, Chairs) – Committee Chair, **David Schreiber**, is a fellow member of our 2022-2023 board of directors. He will give his report directly to the board.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) (Multi Club Program) (**Gail Gijzen**, Chair) – **Cindy Carter** is willing to continue her service to this program. She will contact **Gail Gijzen** to try and secure her continued service. **Cindy**, a committee member for many years, would like to transition off the committee in the future to work on other Rotary programs.

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST (**Larry Ford**, Chair) – I plan to discuss the program with **Larry Ford** when I see him at an upcoming Rotary meeting.

NORTH BAY CONSTRUCTION CORPS (**Hal Kwalwasser**, Chair) – Another Rotary program led by a 2022-2023 board member, no less our **President**. We will get our program report directly from the “horse’s mouth.”

SRJC SCHOLARSHIPS (**Les Crawford and Jim Passage**, co-Chairs) –

CAREER FAIR AT WEST COUNTY HIGH (**Tom Lambert**, Chair) – Planning to discuss the program with **Tom** when I see him at an upcoming Rotary meeting.]

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE – DAVID SCHREIBMAN, DIRECTOR:

International Service is comprised of three committees, all of which have committee chairs. They are as follows:

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION – (**Dorothy Rodella**, **Dan Rasmus**, co-Chairs) – Data entry and technical support will be provided by **Jack Blasco**.

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE – (**Keller McDonald** – Chair) -

PROGRAMMA DE BECAS (**Dorothy Rodella**, Chair) –

Budgets for International programs will be discussed in the current budgeting process and following board meetings. Once the budgets are settled, I will pass along the guidance for chairs and make and make sure they understand the process around raising additional funds. I'm also not particularly worried as both **Dan** and **Dorothy** were on last year's Board and should be well-aware. Also, **Keller** is no stranger to understanding club budgets.

CLUB SERVICE – DAVID STILL, DIRECTOR:

WEEKLY PROGRAM SPEAKERS (**Kathy Hicks**, **Tom Boag**, co-Chairs) – **Kathy Hicks** and **Tom Boag** agreed to serve as Co-chairs. **Kathy** will do programs and **Tom** provide administrative support. **Kathy** would like to get six to eight members and assign them weeks to be responsible for. She can also assign each to provide at least one “debate” as a program. This idea is a fall back in case no one comes forward as a third co-chair to secure debate programs. **Kathy** and **Tom** seem enthusiastic and up for the challenge. They await the interest survey to find membership although they have a good list of potential committee members. [A large Program committee has been recruited and an initial meeting held. **Dan Rasmus** has been providing much appreciated interim program support during July. -Ed.]

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

SCRIBES (**David Still**, Chair) – **Patrick Dirden** has dropped out as Scribe Wrangler because of job pressures. **David** has taken over. Scribes are now assigned for quarter number one.

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) –

MEMBERSHIP (**David Schreiber**, Chair) – **David Schreiber** is looking to make a list of meeting attendees who would agree to sit with and attend potential members who “walk-in.” It's a good plan

Membership Retention Subcommittee -

Mentoring --

AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM (TBD, Chair) – The A/V crew wishes to present a proposal concerning old equipment. **Ken Jacobs**, AV committee member, will make the proposal at the July 12 board meeting.

BIRTHDAY CALLER (TRB, Chair) –

SUNSHINE (TBD, Chair) –

ANNIVERSARY CARDS (TBD, Chair) –

GREETERS (TBD, Chair) --

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (TBD, Chair) –

CLUB HISTORY/ARCHIVAL (TBD, co-Chairs) –

CLUB WEBSITE (**Robin Maybury** – Chair, Webmaster) –

SECRETARY SUPPORT COMMITTEE (**Scott Briggs**, Club Secretary) – **Tom Boag** will continue as member of this committee.

TREASURER SUPPORT COMMITTEE (**Ken Jacobs**, Club Treasurer) –

CLUB ACTIVITIES – KATHY SCHWARTZ, DIRECTOR:

(Selection of un-named committee chairs is in progress.)

APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE (TBD, Co-Chairs) – Will await committee signups on this one, too. Considering asking **Aleia Coate** to seed the idea with her high school Interact Club (maybe themed: “We Are Looking for Heroes!” if we are continuing that concept.

FRIENDSHIP DINNERS (TBD, Co-Chairs) – So far, this program has met with a resounding “NO!” It appears to be a combination of COVID and hearing about some of the problems encountered in prior attempts to put this together.

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) –

DEBUNKING / END OF YEAR CELEBRATION (TBD, Chair) – **Diana Rich** cannot chair this year. Will await committee signups to find a potential chair.

CLUB GOLF TOURNEY (**Richard Petersen, Les Crawford**, co-Chairs) –

CLUB PICNIC (TBD, Co-Chairs) –

CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY (TBD, Chair) --

SUPER BOWL BOARD (**Aleia Coate**, Chair) –