



Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East



President Tom Jackson

Eastwind

November 12, 2019



Welcome to the combined Eastwind edition featuring our annual Veteran's Day Luncheon, Hands Up project and weekly meeting



First, we say a sad farewell to Tom McGinley, Ann's husband, who passed away last weekend after a valiant battle with cancer. We observed a moment of silence as we pay respects to a true gentleman. Santa Rosa East will be making a donation to a charity of Ann's choice in honor of Tom. A memorial service will be announced soon.

Godspeed, Tom



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Welcome to our lunch meeting (November 12)

President Tom Jackson selected **Don Allison** to lead us in the Flag Salute (welcome back, Don!) We welcomed visiting Rotarians **Randy Seeley** from the Sunrise club and **David McDonald** from the West club. Our good friend **David Harris** joined us, as well as the mayor of Sebastopol, **Neysa Hinton**, **Joe Germeshausen**, and our speaker, the mayor of Windsor, **Dominic Foppoli**. Welcome all!

Jeff Schutt imparted timely wisdom with our quote of the day: "No matter how much falls on us, we keep plowing ahead. That's the only way to keep the roads clear"
- Greg Kincaid.

Larry Lira led us in singing the song "Addam's Family", while snapping our fingers to the beat. **Rodgers Broomhead** weaved a tale of an internet addict who is getting married. They met on Facebook, he proposed to her on Skype, children can be purchased on Amazon, and if it doesn't work out, she can sell him on EBay!

Club Notes

SCARC will be hosted by the Sonoma Valley club on November 21. Dr Jeff Shapiro will be the featured speaker. Inquire with **Marilyn Lira** for more details.

The Christmas Party will be at Cattlemen's in Santa Rosa on December 7. Cost is \$60 per person, please bring a gift for Toys for Tots.

Kim McDonald is seeking help in sending thank you postcards to the 600+ firefighters and first responders who fought the Kincaid Fire.

The New Member Social will be held at the Epicenter on Wednesday, February 5 from 5:30 to 7:30. See **Emily Rainsford**, **Don Cliver** or **David McDonald** for more details.

Barry Cogbill announced that the next East Africa Project Fair will be held near Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania in early February, 2020. We will also be doing a safari and visiting ongoing Rotary projects in Tanzania and Uganda. See Barry for more detail.



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Paul Harris Recognitions

Joan G awarded **Paul Harris** pins to the following people to recognize their contributions to The Rotary Foundation, which funds Rotary projects locally and around the world.

Mike Robertson PH 4

Tom Jackson PH 3

Joe Germeshausen PH 1

Thank you all for your contributions to a better world!





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Club Anniversaries!

Rodgers Broomhead	17 in SRE, 49 in Rotary!
Joan Germeshausen	18
George Batchelder	25 in SRE, 29 in Rotary
Nick Stameroff	30
Mike Robertson	20

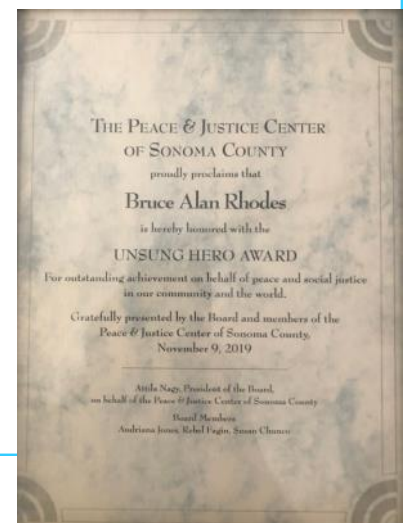
Congratulations all and thank you for your contributions to our club and Rotary

Ailing Club Members

Two of our members find themselves in the hospital and we wish them the best in speedy recuperations. **Ken Carr** is convalescing at Kaiser and **Bruce Rhodes** is recovering from serious complications from a routine surgery that put him in ICU for several days. He is at Memorial Hospital. A friend of his set up a [Gofundme](#) campaign to assist with unexpected medical costs.

Please keep Ken and Bruce in your thoughts as they journey back to health.

On a side note, Bruce was recognized last week for his heart, tireless work and dedication to people locally and around the world





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Happy Dollars and all things smiley

Jim and **Mary Ann Allen** celebrated #47 by sharing a meal at La Solette in Sonoma. **Tom** and **Andrea Croft** also celebrated (#52). Tom donated \$100 to TRF in memory of Tom McGinley. **Don Allison** and his wife **Micky** celebrated her birthday with dinner at Prelude and a visit to the Green Music Center. **Jeff Schutt** hosted a family gathering at Old Chicago Pizza for his birthday, and the one and only **Brian Reed** celebrated his bday by building prosthetic hands on Saturday, followed by an afterparty at Rincon Valley Tap Room while **President Tom** did his best to entice Brian to buy jewelry for the lovely **Allison Reed**. No sale but possibly 2 new Rotarians! The rest of the evening was apparently a blur. Brian capped off the celebration with a \$100 contribution to The Rotary Foundation. **Julie Montgomery** had the right numbers but the wrong marble and settled for a bottle of vino. Only 2 marbles remain!





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Today's Program

Dominic Foppoli

Mayor of the town of Windsor

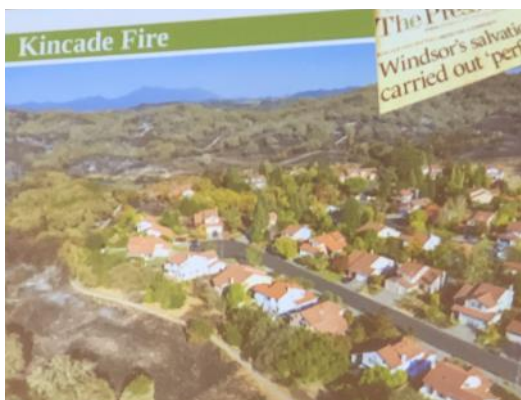


President Tom introduced Dominic as a friend of the last 13 years, a current 20/30 club member, former Interactor and Rotoractor, and future Rotarian.

Dominic was front and center for interfacing with the residents of Windsor, who were forced to evacuate as the Kincaid fire unrelentingly pushed south towards the city limits. This was the largest evacuation in Windsor history. Utilizing social media, radio, Nixle reports and 9000 knocks on front doors, the town was evacuated in under 5 hours. What Dominic was not able to share at the time was a briefing from CalFire that all models predicted that the Town of Windsor could not be saved, that the entire town would be destroyed by fire. By the grace of God and 5000 heroes we call firefighters, NO HOUSES in the city limits were burned. The remarkable efforts of these fearless individuals was hailed as the Greatest Fire Stop in California history.

In the aftermath, Dominic is grateful for how much stronger the community has become, how well fire teams mobilized, and how Federal and State agencies were "spot on" in their implementation of resources and help. He wants to

remind everyone that Windsor is open for business. The town council is mulling options for how they will commemorate the brave people who saved his town.





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Our 19th annual Veteran's Day luncheon was well attended, with over 500 people saluting United States military Veterans for their service to our country. Tom Croft was a masterful emcee, and wishes to thank all who contributed to this special event, including committee members Dan Drummond and Jim Wieschendorff.



Elsie Allen HS drum corps perform



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LN-4 Prosthetic Hand Project

For the second year in a row, our club met in Oakmont to build prosthetic hands for people in developing nations who lack a hand for any number of reasons. The hands were designed by a Rotarian who lost his daughter in a car accident, and wanted to memorialize her through projects like this that will bring some goodness to people we will never meet.

Many thanks to Happ Culp for spearheading the program, and to PDG Candy Pierce (D5160) for supervising the assembly of the hands. Happ thanks Tom Jackson, Larry Lira, Dennis Sepp, Julie Montgomery, Montgomery High School Interactors, Roseland University Prep students, and the staff from Community First Credit Union for their contributions to a successful team-building event. More details [here](#)

