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"All the News that Fits We Print"



The pledge was led by **Bill Lippert**, followed by **Karen Daniels'** rousing rendition of *America the Beautiful*, and then capped off by **Tom Dilley** quoting Thomas Edison:



"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

🍏 Visiting Rotarians and Guests 🍏



Jack Blasco introduced Dan Bornstein Santa Rosa, dentist; Ted Rose Jefferson eClub, who would later be part of the program; and Bill Fischer Santa Rosa West, public relations.



Sally Ewald, as part of the day's TEACHER OF THE YEAR program, introduced the teachers to be honored and their special guests: Lynn Stewart, joined by her sister Dale Wylie and El Molino principal Doria Trombetta, Sasha Prosser, accompanied by SunRidge Charter School director Mark Rice and school parent Tory Noster, and Mary Fitch, joined by Twin Hills Charter School principal Cathy Bosch and husband Carl Mickelson.



Future Programs

Speaker: Rick Williams
Program: Vocational Awards

May 2, 2014

Speaker: Mary Radu
Program: Live Smart after 50!

May 9, 2014

Program: DISTRICT CONFERENCE
 ROHNERT PARK

May 16, 2014

Program: Club Assembly

May 23, 2014

Speaker: Chris Ategeka
Program: CA Bikes

May 30, 2014

Speaker: Jay Bell
Program: HEALTHACTION - A 2020
 Vision for Sonoma County

June 6, 2014

Future Events

April 21
LEARN TO SWIM STARTS

June 28
Debunking – Holy Ghost Hall

Handy Links

[Pinot for Polio Form](#)
[Scribes and Photogs](#)
[Sebastopol Rotary Website](#)

Miscellany

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 20th, 5:30 p.m.
Location: President Bob's Home (Address in C/R)

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – jcblasco@comcast.net
On-line Make-Ups: www.RotaryEClubOne.org

INTERACT MAKE-UPS – HAVE YOU TRIED IT?

Analy High: 12:40 Most Wednesdays In Choir Room
 (Check with Bob Hirsch, Jack Dunlap, Ted Baggett)
Brook Haven: 12:10 First & Third Thursday, Room 18
 (Check with Pauline Pellini, Mike Carey)
Orchard View: Different meeting times
 (Check with Mike Carey)
Twin Hills: Every Other Tuesday 12:45pm - 1:20pm
 (Check with Dan Rasmus)

For all Interact Mtgs.: CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

!!! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !!!

Jill Lowry, also the foundation chairperson at SunRidge, introduced guest Hassanah Meechan who is a SunRidge School board member.

Tom Lambert introduced Analy High freshman Alexis Trinei, who will be going to France this summer as our club's short-term Youth Exchange student. After her return, Alexis and her family will host a student from France.



Yvette Williams van Aggelen introduced Analy sophomore Sylvia Luna and Sylvia's mom, Monica Luna. Sylvia will be the club's out-bound student, leaving for France in August. The Luna family also brought tasty, home-made/packageed desserts for sale after the meeting -- to help with travel expenses.



Elizabeth Fritzinger brought along the two men in her life, **Matt** and **Atticus**. She thanked the club for its mini-fundraiser for baby Atticus the previous week.



Announcements

Prez Bob noted that the Learn-to-Swim program is in full swim(g), but could still use some adult help. He pointed out that the club is closing in on providing 10,000 youngsters with valuable skills over the 30-year history. To boost volunteer confidence, he shared that each adult helper is provided a laminated instruction sheet, guaranteed not to sink (and can be used as a flotation device in an emergency).



Gene Nelson had one last opportunity to plug the Saturday "Rebuilding Together" project. He struck a note with the curious when he mentioned that there are some 'interesting things' to deal with in the backyard of this year's rebuilding site. [No gold or other treasure but the crew managed to fill a huge dumpster and another large dump truck –Ed.]

President Bob also reminded everyone about the District Conference, May 16-18, at the Doubletree in Rohnert Park. He noted that the club's water project may be one of the event's highlights. *As a result of the District Conference, there will be no Friday (May 16) meeting. Members who do not attend the conference are expected to 'make up'.*

Teacher of the Year Recognition

West Sonoma County Schools superintendent **Keller McDonald** pointed out that this year there were some new guidelines for these awards -- one additional honored teacher and consideration of teachers at all grade levels. As in the past, each of the recipients receives \$1,000.



He began by introducing

Lynn Stewart, El Molino High School

Lynn works with English language learners while creating and supporting efforts to make the school an inclusive community for all students. This includes Unity Week, Challenge Day, the Diversity Club, and the LaRaza Club. She has partnered with Santa Rosa JC and pursues scholarships and other opportunities for students while they are at El Mo and after graduation.

Keller then turned over the mic (not an easy thing to do) to the club's **Barbara Bickford**, Twin Hills Schools superintendent, for the next two presentations:



Mary Fitch, Twin Hills Charter School

Mary teaches eighth grade science and regularly makes this subject engaging and fun as well as educationally valuable. Mary is responsible for a number of school science events that....let off steam, fly through the air, make loud noises, expand boundaries and disappear! She makes science 'magical'.

Sasha Prosser, SunRidge Charter School

Her peers and administrator describe Sasha as someone who truly embodies the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self". Her lessons described as consistently creative, fun, and challenging. Another comment: "With everything her students do, they are always learning and practicing respect". One project this year was an exchange with Kashia School Native American students.



Note: **Sally Ewald** also thanked **Rick Williams** for donating the plant arrangements at each table.

🍎 Business Meeting 🍎

Hoping to squeeze in some Rotary Business, **President Bob** took a giant leap of faith (without a parachute) in calling for action on (1) the District Governor selection process, (2) a Club By-law change and (3) the use of the club's emergency reserves. Despite his efforts, somehow the matters were not resolved amidst friendly debate, and several hand raisings and countings.

The outcome may now be determined in the near future (prior to de-bunking). How? It's anybody's guess, much like our **Prez's** raffle contests. It could be:

- Jack Blasco's** hand-counting system --with Floridian chads included
- An e-mailed ballot where each member gets a vote --one vote, for each year in the club ('Vote early and often')
- The appearance of black (no decision yet) or white smoke at noon on Friday, rising from **Reverend Nelson's** kitchen.
- A coin toss, as called by today's drawing winner, **Pauline Pellini**



The Drawing



Pauline Pellini held the winning ticket, but wait: did **Pauline** actually win?

The raffle question was, WHERE IS THIS YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL ROTARY CONFERENCE:

- A. Sao Paulo; Brazil, B. Lisbon, Portugal; C. Bangkok, Thailand; or D. Sydney, Australia?

According to the **Prez's** faithful electronic source, the answer: B. Sydney (?!?!)



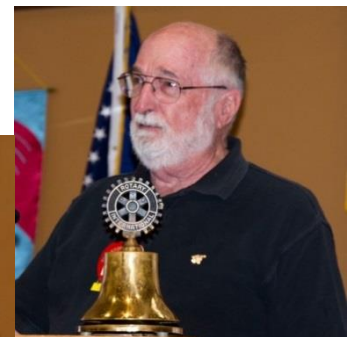
🍎 Susan Hill & Ted Rose – Project Amigo 🍎

Frank and **Kathy Mayhew** introduced a program near-and-dear to their hearts, "Project Amigo". Actually, **Kathy** was able to wrestle the mic from Frank and let Susan Hill and Ted Rose talk about this remarkable project.

Project Amigo helps poor children in the Colima region of Mexico, providing programs that motivate them to stay in school, promoting literacy, and improving their access to higher education. The Amigo site includes housing for youth coming from long distances to take advantage of a wide variety of educational programs.

Project Amigo can also be very attractive to Rotarians based on (1) the opportunities available and (2) the success rates.

Successes: Working with families living in tough conditions, Amigo is able to reach children in life-improving ways. While just 39% of U.S. students and 5% of Mexican students who start college finish with a degree, 70% of the youngsters in the Amigo program who enter college finish with a degree. One such Amigo grad, Dr. Conny Fonseca, is a pediatric surgeon in Mexico where she is one of only four in the country.



Opportunities For Rotarians and Others: Project Amigo has plenty: (1) Literacy Service Weeks -- volunteers deliver books, listen to children read, give support, (2) annual Christmas Fiesta/Celebration of the Virgin of Guadalupe -- volunteers package gifts, mostly new clothing/shoes, for children during the holiday and help with celebrations/games, (3) teaching/tutoring in English, (4) supporting homework clubs, and (5) volunteers learn Spanish, taught by Amigo graduates/tutors (this is a three-week program).



Ted Rose was asked the question, "What's the cost for someone to help Project Amigo?" He noted that it is extremely affordable and guests/volunteers are put up in first-class housing during their stay.

The Closing Bell

Prez then rang the bell, ending the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Next week **Rick Williams** will emcee the Vocational Awards.

After The Closing Bell

Dictionary Project

Last week the AK included a few thank-you letters from Parkside 3rd graders regarding Rotary's dictionary donations. Here are a few others from Willowside School (Mrs. Heil's third graders):

"Thank you so much for my awesome new dictionary! Here are my favorite pages: I like 471, 736, 606, 464, 831. I always wanted a dictionary for a long time and now I have one!" -- Zachary

"It has everything and this is what I found...snakes, roller coasters, Neptune, I even found my brother's name, Reed. This dictionary is awesome." -- Rowan

"Thank you so much for my crazily cool dictionary. I really love to look things up in it! My favorite page is a picture of a tarantula attacking a lizard! I learned things I never knew!" -- Mackenzie

Project Rebuilding Together

After a chilly morning start with frost on the grass at Ragle Park, the crew warmed up by getting busy cleaning up and filling a huge dumpster plus building two decks with wheelchair ramps. By the end of the day the crew made up of volunteers from various organizations including the Friday noon and Wednesday morning Rotary clubs, was pretty tired but had made a major impact.



No project is complete until thoroughly tested!





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ROTARY

30th Year!

LEARN TO SWIM

Like working with Kids?
Enjoy the Water?
We need you to volunteer!



APRIL 21 - MAY 15, 2014
IVES POOL, SEBASTOPOL
Help Sebastopol Area 2nd Graders
Learn To Swim!

Contact Greg Jacobs at (707) 823-7341 or [gjacob48@gmail.com](mailto:gjacobs48@gmail.com)
Rick Wilson at (707) 824-0846 or chefrickeywilson@yahoo.com



Learn to Swim Photos by Greg Jacobs, Dorothy Rodella, May, 2012)

AIRPLANE!



Rogers, Over and Out!

THE DEBUNKING OF CAPTAIN BOB
JUNE 28, 2014 HOLY GHOST HALL

How to get your personal donation information online

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Enter your email address

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Click on “My Rotary” - top right of center on opening page

Highlight your name (top left) and click profile on drop down menu

Click “Donor History Report” – find in mid page right

Under “Individual” select “Donor History Report”

On the bottom of this page:

The first page is “Overview” of all your history of giving to the Foundation. – bottom of the page

Select “Transaction Detail” at bottom of page to see detail of total history of your transactions

Voila! Your complete history of transactions with RI is before you. You can now answer all questions on who you gave a PH when and give your tax accountant details of dates and amounts contributed to RI Foundation

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Sally Ewald

THE ABC's of Rotary

**(Taken from "The ABCs of Rotary", a Rotary International publication
originally prepared by**

Dr. Cliff Dochterman who was RI President in 1992-93)

#33: Opportunities for Fellowship

Most Rotarians are successful professional and business executives because they hear opportunities knock and take advantage of them. Once a week, the opportunity for Rotary fellowship occurs at each club meeting, but not all members hear it knocking.

The weekly club meeting is a special privilege of Rotary membership. It provides the occasion to visit with fellow members, to meet visitors and new members, and to share your personal friendship with other members.

Rotary clubs that have a reputation for being "friendly clubs" usually follow a few simple steps. Members are encouraged to sit in a different seat or at a different table each week or to sit with a member they do not know as well as their longtime personal friends. Members are asked to invite new members or visitors to join their table and share the conversation around the table rather than merely eating in silence or talking privately to the person next to them. Rotarians also should make a special point of trying to get acquainted with all members of the club.

When Rotarians follow these easy steps, an entirely new opportunity for fellowship knocks each week. Soon, Rotarians realize that warm and personal friendship is the cornerstone of every great Rotary club.

And, by the way, Toowoomba meets every Monday at 1800 hours, Pondicherry on Wednesdays at 1930, and Recklinghausen on Mondays at 1900. Now, that's good to know!

Rotary Supports the Environment

[Click Here to go to Website](#)



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[From providing clean water to planting trees, Rotary supports the environment](#)

On Earth Day 22 April, leaders around the globe mobilized people to create a sustainable, healthy environment by greening communities. The [Environmental Fellowship of Rotarians](#) and the [Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group](#) are two groups committed to helping our environment. Learn more about Rotary's work, and find out how you can help.

- [Sign up for World Water Summit 6](#)
- [Watch a video of Paul Harris planting friendship trees](#)
- [Read how Rotarians in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, created an arboretum](#)
- [Browse tree planting projects on Rotary Showcase](#)

GIVE

Disease prevention

Malaria Day focuses attention on prevention

Today is World Malaria Day, which celebrates the progress being made to combat malaria. As part of our commitment to fighting disease, Rotary members are on the front lines in the effort to reduce sickness and death from the mosquito-spread illness.

- [Learn about Rotarians Eliminating Malaria a Rotarian Action Group](#)
- [Find out what Rotarians Against Malaria are doing](#)
- [Discover how Rotarians are raising awareness in India](#)
- [Read “My new life fighting Malaria” by Rotary member Steve Baker](#)

Rotary Alumni

Alumni award winners turn heads with unique accomplishments

Maya Ajmera has been selected to receive the 2013-14 Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award in recognition of her work with the Global Fund for Children, which has improved the lives of millions of children from Uganda to Cambodia. She will receive the honor at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney on 3 June.

- [Read more about the winners](#)
- [Register for the Rotary Alumni Celebration](#)
- [Sign up for the Reconnect newsletter](#)
- [Nominate candidates for the 2014-15 alumni awards](#)

TELL YOUR ROTARY STORY

Find materials to promote your club in Rotary's new Brand Center, including logos, customizable templates, and guidelines.

- [Visit the Brand Center \(sign-in required\)](#)
- [Read Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [See how others are telling Rotary's story](#)



CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE AT THE CONVENTION

Volunteer on a service project and help make a difference while in Sydney for the 2014 Rotary International Convention.

- [Register for the convention](#)

- [Get involved in a service opportunity](#)
- [Find more activities on the Host Organization Committee's website](#)

Announcements

Interact students feared dead in ferry tragedy

Fourteen Interactors are among the 350 passengers who are dead or missing and presumed dead after a ferry capsized and sank on 16 April during a routine trip off the coast of South Korea. Six fellow Interact club members were rescued. Read more, and stay informed with the other announcements below.

- [Read more about the ferry accident](#)
- [Choose the winning book title and win a trip to the convention](#)
- [Rotary, UNESCO-IHE announce graduating class](#)
- [Discuss your Earth Day ideas in the Project Lifecycle group](#)

Resources & reference

[Rotary Voices: Stories of service from around the world](#)

[Rotary Leader: Helping club and district officers achieve success](#)

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