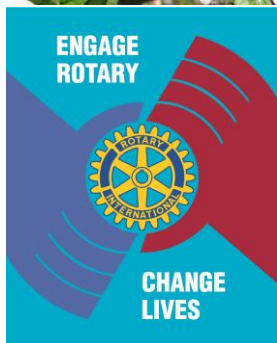




The Appleknocker

Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Larry Ford – Speech Contest



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

🍏 At the Bell 🍏



President Bob Rogers rings the bell followed by **Rollie Atkinson** leading us all in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Due to time restraints [I thought all we had was time. —Scribe] the customary song was foregone and, in lieu, **Bob** pitched the importance of Rotary Foundation giving.

President Bob followed with an example of the **Steve Prandini** led African project that morphed into a \$50,000 blood diagnostic instrument given to Chidamoyo Hospital in Zimbabwe. Our club gave \$7,100 that was matched by district and foundation monies to total \$25,000. The supplier upgraded the machine to one worth \$50,000!!



🍏 Visiting Rotarians and Guests 🍏



Jack Blasco announced the two visiting Rotarians, Dan Bornstein and Marty Webb.



Aleia announced guest Billie Erkel.



Harry Polley announced his brother, John.

Future Programs

April 11, 2014
 Emcee: Rick Wilson
 OOA Committee Chair: Tom Boag
 Program: Overcoming Obstacles Award

April 18, 2014
 Speaker: Collette Michaud
 Program: Where Curiosity and Imagination Come to Play

April 25, 2014
 Speaker: Susan Hill & Ted Rose
 Program: Project Amigo

May 2, 2014
 Speaker: Sally Ewald
 Program: Vocational Awards

May 9, 2014
 Speaker: Mary Radu
 Program: Live Smart after 50!

May 16, 2014
 Program: DISTRICT CONFERENCE
 ROHNERT PARK

May 23, 2014
 Program: Club Assembly

May 30, 2014
 Speaker: Chris Ategeka
 Program: CA Bikes

Future Events

April 12 & 13
Apple Blossom Parade Float & Booth

April 21
LEARN TO SWIM STARTS

Handy Links

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

Miscellany

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: **Tuesday, Apr. 15th, 5:30 p.m.**
 Location: **President Bob's Home** (Address in C/R)

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – icblasco@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 !!!



Bob Rogers, Richard Power and Larry Ford announced their wives,



Peggy,

Trish



and Gerry. [between Julie Cugini and President Bob -- Ed.]



Dan Rasmus introduced Interact Advisor Nicole Elwood from Brookhaven and students, Ariel, Thomas and Gabi. The students were able to raise \$127 on a "movie night" to give to the cause of eradicating POLIO.

Announcements

Henry Alker is heading up the Sebastopol Rotary \$8,000 (two \$4,000 scholarships opportunity made available through normal application procedures at the Santa Rosa Junior College. Applications must be complete by April 11. Please contact **Henry** for further information.

Happy Hour was announced for 5:00 p.m. at GTO's. Also the Rotary District 5130 Training Assembly was held this past weekend.

On April 11, the Vocational Training Team from Siberia will be welcomed at the Laguna Learning Center. Volunteers are still needed. Also needed are a few more volunteers to help man the Rotary Appleblossom Fair Bone Marrow Registry Booth on Saturday and Sunday this coming weekend. Please see **Harry Simms** for more information.

Kazoo players are very much in demand for that same Saturday, April 12 to walk along side of, or ride on, Red, White, and Blue Ford Mustangs that will be Rotary's entry into the Appleblossom Parade. No kazoo experience necessary; a short learning session of "Mustang Sally" just prior to commencement if time permits.

April 26 marks the date of Rebuilding Together. Volunteer slots are still available and can be attained by contacting **Gene Nelson**.

Volunteers are still needed from April 21 through the following four weeks to man our Learn to Swim Program at Ives Park. This has been one of our flagship programs and has taught over 9,000 area children how to swim. Please see **Rick Wilson** if you would like to give the gift of swimming and perhaps one day save a child's life.



Jim Pacatte was honored as Rotarian of the Month for his leadership in constructing the Analy High School stage. This was in conjunction with a Rotary \$3,200 grant. Thank you, **Jim**.

Sally Ewald advised us as to how to track your Rotary Giving. (see After the Closing Bell).

Dan Rasmus donated \$100 toward his son's Paul Harris due to his team winning the CYO 8th grade Basketball Championship. Congratulations!



The Drawing



Frank Mayhew held the winning ticket but left the prize to grow another week by not selecting the correct answer to the question

"The Paul Harris 711 Club is:

1. A Rotarian Fellowship of gamblers
2. A Chicago Rotary Club that meets at 7:11 a.m.
3. A group of Rotarians dedicated to preserving the birthplace of Rotary
4. A special Paul Harris Recognition level of Foundation Giving

The correct answer is #3



The Program – Speech Contest – Larry Ford Moderator



Larry Ford was the moderator for the Rotary sponsored speech contest with participants from El Molino and Analy high schools. **Pauline Pellini, Tony Given** (Timer), **Mike Ferguson** and **Mike Carey** also served on that committee.

Their topic, inspired by **Tom Farrell**, the Lottery of Life, was discussed by six volunteer teens competing for a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 3 honorable mention awards totaling \$150, \$75, \$50, and \$25.



Common threads throughout each speech were the following:

1. All share a common humanity.
2. Life is a game of chance.
3. How does passion become blessed?
4. Who is disadvantaged?
5. Life isn't always fair.
6. Small gestures can make huge differences.
7. Do right by others.
8. No one becomes poor by giving.



Pat Parks, Steve Stedman and Teresa Ramondo were guest Judges.

Maddie Hummel, Miranda Towan, Jake Chidester, Olivia Yeates, Gillian Barrio, and Ana Eve were contestants. They all had insightful information on the Lottery of Life that we can certainly use in everyday lives.

Ginger Riley is the Speech teacher at El Molino High School and Lynette Williamson is the Speech and Debate Coach at Analay High School.

[Years ago, as a kid playing basketball, I would go up the stairs and through the portal leading onto the basketball court. I've never forgotten the words inscribed over that portal that I read every time we entered that hallowed place.

"When you go before the one great scorer, it matters not your win or loss, but how you played the game." --**Scribe.**]

🍏 The Closing Bell 🍏

Prez then rang the bell, ending the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Next week **Rick Wilson** will emcee the always inspiring Overcoming Obstacles Awards.

🍏 After The Closing Bell 🍏

Happy Hour at GTOs Seafood.



How to get your personal donation information online

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

Top of next page click on “Sign in/Register” if you have not already created an account.

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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

Any troubles – Call me 829-5600

Sally Ewald

Volunteers Needed

[The first 2 weeks in April is busy, busy, busy so pasted below is the text of an email from **Prez Cap'n Bob** summarizing and adding detail. -Ed.]

To: Rotary Club of Sebastopol

Hi Folks:

As I mentioned at last Friday's meeting, this is a very busy two weeks, with volunteers needed for a number of events. If everyone signed up for at least one project, it would greatly help your fellow Rotarians who will have to shoulder the whole load if we have a weak turnout...Here's what we have on the schedule.

Monday, March 31st - Volunteer List for next year due this day. Please return to Ron Puccinelli at ronaldp@sonic.net

Wednesday, April 2nd - Rotary Foundation Informational Meeting with RI West Coast Rep Elizabeth Cruft-Anderson @ Media Room at UCC Church, 5:30 to 7:30pm. Refreshments will be served. This is a joint event with the Sebastopol Sunrise Club.

Friday, April 4th - TGIF - Happy Hour @ GTO's, 5:00 till ? . Monica and Meredith are our chairs. Come support their efforts, and maybe join the gang for dinner after.

Saturday, April 5th - District Training Assembly in Ukiah. We will be carpooling, leaving from the UCC Church Parking Lot at 6:45am. We should be back before dark that same day. You can register online by using the link that was sent to you by DGE Kevin or his Head AG Valerie Hulsey.

Friday, April 11th - Reception for Siberian Vocational Training Team at the Laguna Foundation's Heron Hall, 5:30 - 7:30pm. This is a medical team of 4 (3 Doctors and a translator) here to learn about Special Education (Medical Personnel are the social workers in Siberia). All are invited, and wine and refreshments will be served. We are looking for 3 volunteers to help with cleanup at 7:30. The parking slot has been filled by Torrey...thanks Torrey. Contact Bob Rogers to volunteer crobertrogers@comcast.net

Saturday, April 12th - Parade Float - We are looking for folks who would like to have fun walking in the Apple Blossom Parade and playing the Kazoo...actually, a Kazoobie, to the tune of "Mustang Sally"...We will be marching behind 3 Mustangs, with "Mustang Sally" dancing in the lead car (Convertible of course). This is a joint float with the Sunrise Club and should be a lot of fun. We may have one practice before the actual parade day, and probably one the morning of. Parade starts at 10, so we'll probably need you out there an hour before, at 9am. Contact Ron Puccinelli at ronaldp@sonic.net to volunteer.

Saturday and Sunday, April 12th & 13th - Apple Blossom Fair Booth. We will have a booth at the Apple Blossom Festival, promoting Bone Marrow Donor signups (technical staff will be on hand to take the samples, don't worry, you won't have to do that part), and Sebastopol Rotary. Help is especially needed for the afternoon shifts on both days (2-4pm and 4-6 on Saturday, 4-5pm on Sunday). Harry Simms they also need folks to help with setup on Friday afternoon. If interested in helping out, contact Harry at harrysimms@aol.com

Saturday, April 12th - 9am till all the plants are in the ground (about 3 to 4 hours) - Laguna Foundation Playscape project. This is a joint effort of our club, the Sebastopol Sunrise Club, and the Santa Rosa Club. We needed 4 volunteers, and fortunately, we have 4 who stepped up to the plate - Harry Polley, Jerry Warren, Greg Gill (and employee) and Tom Lambert. However, if you'd like to participate, please feel free to join them for this great cause. More hands, will mean finishing up sooner.

As always, thanks for all you do.

Bob

Charles Rogers
Rotary Club of Sebastopol



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Like working with Kids?
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APRIL 21 - MAY 15, 2014
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Help Sebastopol Area 2nd Graders
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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)

Overcoming Obstacles Award



April 11



This program is one of the most moving and popular projects Sebastopol Rotary does. The purpose is to encourage and reward graduating high school students who are not necessarily the best academic performers but who have overcome huge obstacles. These students have endured significant, often tear-jerking challenges, yet sought and received help, and have plans to further their education after high school.

We select six students – two each from Analy, El Molino, and Laguna High Schools. Each finalist receives a \$1000 scholarship along with \$200 given to them at the event.

The event begins with a morning leadership seminar. Three adult speakers describe how they have overcome significant obstacles themselves and become successful. Presenters include prominent business people and politicians. Questions are invited and leadership principles are discussed as a group. Students receive special attention from sponsors and mentors assigned to each and networking is repeatedly encouraged. Most of the students have agreed that this uniquely tailored seminar is more valuable than the money received.

Following the morning session everyone proceeds to our Rotary meeting where students are cheered as they enter. After lunch each student gives a brief talk on their challenges and how they were able to overcome them. One is chosen for an additional \$1000 scholarship by a panel of judges who observed them throughout the day and read their applications.

It is impossible to find words to adequately describe the emotion, the pride, and the inspiration that fills the room and your heart. Attending this event will leave you deeply touched for a long time.

Matching funds and sponsor opportunities are available, and we are always looking to enhance the scholarships for these deserving graduates. Checks can be made out to Sebastopol Rotary and mailed to PO Box 213, Sebastopol CA 95473. Email: TRBoag@aol.com Web: www.sebastopolrotary.org

Teacher Mini Grants

ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL

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Sebastopol, CA 95473
www.SebastopolRotary.org
Tax ID 94-6084471

Bob Rogers, President 2013-2014



March 3, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—

The ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL is now accepting applications for
THE SEBASTOPOL ROTARY TEACHER MINI-GRANT PROGRAM.

Teachers from public and tax-exempt private schools within the boundaries of the West Sonoma County Union High School District are eligible to receive one-time grants in the amount of \$50 to \$400 to purchase classroom materials or to implement programs that might otherwise go unfunded.

A grant application and guidelines can be found at www.sebastopolrotary.org (click on the **Grants>Teacher Mini-Grants** link).

To be considered in the next funding cycle applications must be postmarked by April 14, 2014.

Since its inception in the Fall of 2002, the Rotary Club of Sebastopol has distributed over \$189,000 in Mini-Grants to local teachers.

Please contact Michael Hixson at 540-0319 or mikehixson@comcast.net for more information.

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)

#30: Lessons in Rotary Geography

- Were you aware that the Rotary Club of Reno, Nevada, is farther west than the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, California?
- Would you guess that the meetings of the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine, are farther south than those of the clubs in London, England?
- Can you imagine that the Rotary Club of Pensacola, Florida, is west of the Detroit, Michigan, club?
- It's a fact that the Rotary Club of Cairo, Illinois, is south of Richmond, Virginia.
- There are 135 Rotary clubs with the word "Tokyo" in their club names.
- The Rotary Club of Nome, Alaska, lies west of the club in Honolulu, Hawaii, and the Santiago, Chile, club is located east of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Rotary geographers will know that virtually every Rotary club meeting in Australia is east of the Hong Kong Rotary club.
- What do the Rotary clubs of Quito, Ecuador; Libreville, Gabon; Singapore, and Kampala, Uganda, have in common? You guessed right if you said they all meet approximately on the equator.
- There are many interesting relationships and things to learn as you become acquainted with the 29,000 clubs in the wide world of Rotary.

Water project unites Lebanon clubs across all divides

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[Water project unites Lebanon clubs across all divides](#)

A project to provide clean water to all of Lebanon's schools is uniting leaders from many of the country's diverse religious, cultural, and political divisions. While giving school children safe water is the main objective, the effort is also helping heal the country's long history of sectarian strife. It's an example of how Rotary is bringing people together to promote peace and make the world a better place. [Read more](#)

- [Discover more about the project on Rotary Showcase](#)
- [Find out how you can help a water project in Jacobabad, Pakistan](#)

GIVE

New Generations

You are never too young to change the world

RI Director Celia Elena Cruz De Giay blogs about the Presidential New Generations Conference in Rosario, Argentina, and the inspirational speech delivered by 9-year-old Lucia Gomez Garcia. The conference was one of several hosted by RI President Ron Burton.



- [Read Giay's blog post](#)
- [Read about conferences in India and Uganda](#)
- [Presidential New Generations Celebration in Sydney](#)
- [Browse New Generations projects on Rotary Showcase](#)

The Rotarian online

A conversation with Howard Buffett

This past fall, Contributing Editor Vanessa Glavinskas met with Buffet, son of investor and philanthropist Warren Buffet, in his office in Decatur, Illinois. Learn how he ended up on the front lines in the battle to end hunger.



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



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

- [Register for the convention](#)
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- [Find more activities on the Host Organization Committee's website](#)

Iran today

Former Rotary Peace Fellow talks about his work in Iran

Iranian-born journalist Ali Reza Eshraghi, 35, is the Iran project manager at the Institute for War and Peace Reporting and a teaching fellow in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 2012, he completed his studies as a Rotary Peace Fellow at the Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center.

- [See the full story on *The Rotarian's* website](#)
- [Learn more about Rotary Peace Fellowships](#)
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