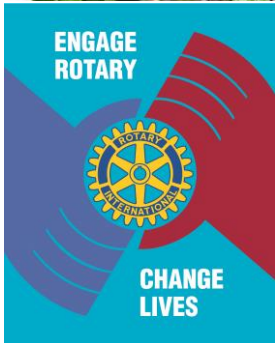




# *The Appleknocker*

## *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin*

### **Susan Swartz – Life After Newspapers**



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*"All the News that Fits We Print"*



Hovering 50 miles above Northern California in my Alternate Universe Mother Ship I am released in my explorer shuttle to find a higher consciousness in Western Sonoma County at the Sebastopol Friday Roto palace.

As I descend into the atmosphere in my burgundy and silver Roto-shuttle-explorer, I notice the beautiful blue skies of February. It is indeed a rare fine day to be a seeker & traveler.

As I make my final approach on scenic Highway 116, heading south, I check my instruments and make sure that the fun meter is turned fully to Maxima.

My sophisticated instruments tell me that I am nearing the Palace and I make my final landing & departure adjustments.

Miracle of miracles, the first ray of sunshine I see again today comes from my left another harmonic convergence of none other than **JT Martin**..... **JT** gives me some love and we head down the sacred Path to the palace.



The Roto-doors swing open to a greeting committee of none other than **Bob Cugini** and friends..... So good to see **Bob** regaining his health. **Ron Puccinelli** gives me a firm handshake & we're moving down the aisle to pay for lunch. I Notice that **Mark Fink** is gone and has been replaced by one of our financial queens, none other than **Lady Dorothy** (keeper of the shekels) I kiss her hand and pay for lunch.

Another goddess approaches its **Past President Aleia**. **Princess Aleia** informs me that she cannot stay for her appointed photo session after Rotary and needs pictures taken during the meeting. She asks if I can take photos of **Meredith Bertacco**, **Monica Kretschmer**, and herself after **Pres. Capt. Bob** releases us at 12:15 to eat our earthly meals.

Wanting to please every earthling that I encounter, this space traveler readily agrees to the 12:15 photo shoot as requested.

Your **Scribe** returns to the reception line and gives **Blackjack-Jack** a Friday handshake and buy a ticket for what I've heard was The human Slot Machine.

I stake out my observation point at a nearby table and join the food line.

## Future Programs

**February 28, 2014**

**Speaker:** Chief Jeff Weaver  
**Program:** Sebastopol Police Update

**March 7, 2014**

**Speaker:** Dr. Frank Chong  
**Program:** SRJC Update

**March 14, 2014**

**Speaker:** Christina Olds  
**Program:** Pacific Air Museum

**March 21, 2014**

**Speaker:** Paul Lundgren  
**Program:** Swimming the Sea of Cortez

**March 28, 2014**

**Speaker:** Christine Fontaine  
**Program:** Laguna Environmental Center  
Playscape Project

**April 4, 2014**

**Speaker:** Larry Ford  
**Program:** Speech Contest

**April 11, 2014**

**Speaker:** Tom Boag  
**Program:** Overcoming Obstacles Award

## Future Events

**March 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Breaking Bread Together Dinners**  
**(Formerly known as Friendship Dinners)**

## Handy Links

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR - NOMINATION FORM**

**Pinot for Polio Form**

**Scribes and Photogs**

**Sebastopol Rotary Website**

## Miscellany

**Next Board Meeting**

**Date/Time:** **Tuesday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.**

**Location:** **President Bob's Home** (Address in C/R)

**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – jclasco@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)  
**Hillcrest:** 3:30 Every First Thursday, (Chk @ Office)  
(Check with Troy McAdams, Bill Cole, Tony Given)  
**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 !!!**

Today's gastronomical fare is composed of this space traveler's favorites killer bread, Caesar salad, and mahogany roasted chicken legs augmented by my favorite fare of all, macaroni and cheese!!! I select a burnt corner piece from the casserole and move on to get my Arnold Palmer.

I am now salivating thinking about how good the macaroni and cheese and the mahogany chicken will taste together..... But wait, here comes

**Princess Aleia**, she wants to go outside with the other two **princesses** for their photo shoot..... So off we go outside the palace's double-air-lock side door. I placed **Princess Meredith** to the left **Princess Monica** to the right and **Queenie-Bee Aleia** at the top of the pyramid.



I get a **bolt of lightning**, it strikes me that, holy smokes I am supposed to be the **Scribe** today and I'm out here taking pictures..... This is a nonworking situation. The photo session finally ends and I hastily return to the meeting. [HH gets the prize for best excuse ever for messing up the scribe notes – It's understandable. –Ed.]

What to do about telling the story of the first 30 minutes of the meeting???

## At the Bell

The sacred bell was soundly struck with the Roto- Mallet somewhere around 12:15.

The flag salute was led by someone. [Thank you **Torrey Olson** – Ed.]







A song [*Take Me Out to the Ball Game* –**Ed.**] was led by someone [Visiting Rotarian Joe Gazdowicz from Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary Club –**Ed.**]



The thoughts for the day was given by **Dan Rasmus**;

Muhammad Ali  
“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth”

Sir Winston Churchill  
“We make a living by what we get....., but we make a LIFE by what we GIVE”

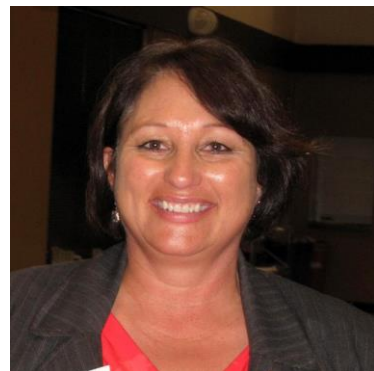
Hans Christian Anderson  
“Enjoy LIFE....., There is plenty of time to be dead!”

## 🍎 Visiting Rotarians and Guests 🍎

This was a good day to bring guests with a great speaker and the Club picking up lunch for the guests. Your attention challenged **Scribe** and **Editor** were able to match names to photographs for many but not all guests. We are certainly happy you all came because you helped to energize the meeting and increased the fun.



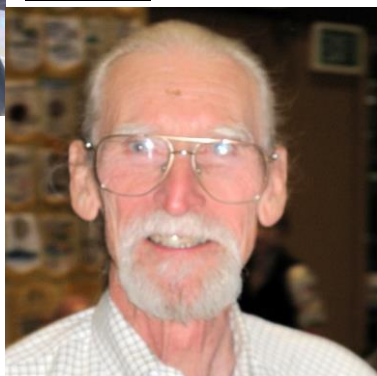
**Jack Blasco** introduced Vicki Johnston, Joe Gazdowicz, and Tera McBride from the Sebastopol Sunrise Club.



**Capt Pres Bob** introduced wife **Peggy** and guests Suze Cohan from Occidental and Laura Greenburg from Sebastopol.

**Iron Man Bob Cugini** introduced his wife **Julie**. **Mario Ramos** introduced a friend Martin Hedlund.

The mysterious **Linda Johnson** introduced her husband **Greg Reynolds** and Michael McGlothlin.



**Sweet Sal.** introduced her squeeze **Dave**.

Gordon Dow was introduced.

**Tom** introduced Lightfoot.

**Farrell** Katie





**Jack Dunlap** introduced Dave Luiz a design engineer with Agilent.

**Kathi Jacobs** had to introduce herself since she is attending for hubby **Greg** who is off chasing a fish or two.



**Aleia Coate** introduced two outgoing (starting their journey) exchange students Lexie Trinea and Sophia Luna.



**Yvette Williams van Aggelen** introduced her guest Sharon Garnica.



**Robin Maybury** introduced Rocky Harris.



## **Announcements**

There was an announcement about breaking bread together formally known as friendship dinners. We are now taking sign-ups for the March 15 and March 22 gatherings. By the way, this is the third week that I have asked **Capt Pres Bob** to explain the name change from friendship dinner to breaking bread will he ever give it up?

## Big big big announcement!!!!

**Capt. Bob** put a picture up on the hologram of **Bob Cugini once again walking!!!**

Wow that is such great news!!! **Bob** and I have the same answer when someone asks how are you doing? We answer with a resounding "Blessed to be vertical and moving!!!"

But wait there's more!!!..... The hologram started spinning seriously..... **Kathi Jacobs** took the microphone to ask for volunteers to help with Learn to Swim. Over 9,000 children have been helped to learn water safety so far. Great message composed by **Greg** and delivered by **Kathi** but \$5 for longevity. Your **Scribe** is wondering where **Greg** is and why his wife is doing his work.

But wait there's still more!!!..... The hologram started spinning seriously and fireworks appeared as a visionary incantation. Meanwhile the sounds of exploding fireworks reverberated within the palace walls..... Another huge announcement, after three years Harry Simms has moved from the Green badge to a red badge and along with him fellow **Green-Badger Robin Maybury** also got his red badge. These two are now certified "Roger ramjet cadets."

**Tom Boag** announced that our program on April 11 will be Overcoming Obstacles Award. The students have been selected and the committee is looking for Sponsors and help to improve the scholarships.

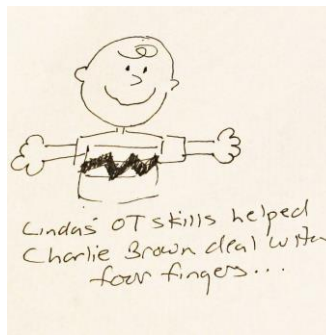
Your **Scribe** is now very frustrated and very hungry. He wants to dive into the mahogany chicken, macaroni and cheese a, killer bread and Caesar salad. Your time and space traveler turns to a trusted & talented friend **Dr. Paul** to ask him if he can help with some note taking while I eat my lunch. **Witty Dr. Paul** replies that he can help me by eating my lunch for me. I reply that he has already eaten and that was not the type of help I was asking for. He replies that's the kind of help you're going to get.

I move my plate further away from him and return to my duties.....

## 🍎 Rookie Sketch 🍎

So the mysterious new member **Linda Johnson** gives her rookie speech..... **Dr. Paul** thinks she [as an Occupational Hand Therapist at SF General Hospital –Ed.] can help Mickey's hands since he has only four fingers.

**Linda** showed us that she is not to be taken lightly, her detailed & full life story was revealed..... She now seems to be approaching breaking **Frank Mayhew's** rookie sketch record..... Full details of her life's experiences are available on-line.....



## 🍎 Special Presentation 🍎

**Kathie Mayhew** asked **Chris Dawson** to come forward. **Kathy** praised **Chris's** project management skills [backing up ace builder **Jim Pacatte –Ed.**] at running the modifications and upgrading of **Bob Cugini's** home to fit **Bob's** present needs. Kathy awarded **Chris** with a **Paul Harris** fellowship. It seems that in addition to his job management skills, **Chris** is one heck of a jackhammer guy!



## Recognitions

**Torrey Olson** was recognized for his birthday on January 28, five dollars fine. Something about playing baseball in Florida on his birthday every year & not being able to go because of appealing to the water deities or something like that.

**Torrey** was also fined \$20 for getting the right answer on the quiz, "What did Paul Harris do the 5 years before becoming a lawyer in Chicago?" A reporter, a teacher, an actor, a cowboy, a salesman, or all the above....the correct answer is....drum roll and cymbal clash.....ALL OF THE ABOVE!!!

**Meredeth Bertacco** was recognized for an October 10 anniversary. When asked what she & her hubby did she said she attended a business fair and hubby was out of town - \$5.

**Russ** and **Thelma Tighe**... Anniversary February 6. Lots of give-and-take going on between **Capt Pres Bob** and **Russ**, **Russ** when asked what you did, answered "Nothing and at this age that is a lot." your scribe could not keep up with the rest of it..... \$ 20 fine.



## The Raffle



**Pres Capt Bob** pulled the winning raffle ticket, mercifully without the human slot machine. **Bob Cugini** had the winning number but wait, it's not his ticket, it's **Harry Simms's** ticket. Seems like **Harry** bailed early and gave his ticket to **Bob**... This infraction called for a penalty of disqualification by **Capt Pres Bob** & possibly a demotion back to a Green Badge for **Harry**.

The numbers were Redrawn and this time **Karen Daniels** was the winner. The raffle question was, 2 days from now will mark the 109th anniversary of the first Rotary meeting, held on Feb 23, 1905. What day of the week was that? Wed, Fri, Tues or Thursday.....Correct answer was Thursday. **Karen's** guess was not Thursday so the jackpot grows.

## The Program

**Dave Madsen** introduced our guest speaker Susan Swartz.



*Past Pres. Dave* said that **Susan** was the one who came up with the expression "having a bad hair day."

**Susan** has had a long career as a journalist, newspaper columnist and author. She was a reporter at the Press Democrat for almost 30 years and during that time her columns were distributed nationally via the New York Times news service.



After retiring she continues to write commentaries for public radio at KRCB, the Sonoma West Times and News, and has a blog.

She has written two books about women over 50 whom she calls Juicy Tomatoes. These books have been translated into several different languages.

She lives in Sebastopol with her writer husband Bob Klose and is currently working on something completely different..... a play about women with HIV.

Susan participated in a past lobster feed live auction item at **Kathie Mayhew's** home which was an overnight for a number of Juicy Tomatoes.

**Captain-President Bob** thanked Susan for her presentation and noted that Sebastopol Rotary Club will be making a donation to Polio Plus in her name.



Our **Captain-President Bob** smartly struck the sacred bell at 1:30 and the **Rotarians** and your **Scribe** were released to return to their alternate universes.

### **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)**

#### **#24: Non-Attendance Rules**

The Standard Rotary Club Constitution specifies three conditions under which a Rotarian's membership will automatically be terminated for non-attendance. These circumstances are: failure to attend or make up four consecutive club meetings, failure to attend or make up 60 percent of club meetings each six months, and failure to attend at least 30 percent of the meetings of one's own club in each six-month period. Under any of these three cases, a member will lose Rotary membership unless the club board of directors has previously consented to excuse such failure for good and sufficient reason.

To some individuals, these rules may seem unusually rigid. However, being present at club meetings is one of the basic obligations a member accepts upon joining a Rotary club. The constitutional rules merely emphasize that Rotary is a participatory organization that highly values regular attendance. When a member is absent the entire club loses the personal association with that member. Being present at a club meeting is considered a vital part of the operation and success of every Rotary club.

For any Rotarian to miss four consecutive meetings, or disregard the other attendance requirements, should be considered tantamount to the submission of one's resignation from the club. When a club terminates a member for non-attendance, it is simply an acceptance of a resignation and not a punitive action by the club officers. All Rotarians know the consequences of non-attendance, so it clearly becomes a conscious decision by a Rotarian to withdraw from the club when he or she fails to fulfill the attendance requirements

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## Weekly Update *A roundup of Rotary news*



### [Making their own music](#)

Music has been an important part of leading an ordinary life for students at the Music School for Children With Disabilities in Honor of Paul Harris in Lublin, Poland. The project is just one example of how Rotary members take action to meet the needs of communities around the world.

- [Explore a photo gallery of the school](#)
- [Browse more stories of service](#)
- [Give to support projects like these](#)

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### In other news

#### [How are you celebrating Rotary's anniversary?](#)

From a swimming marathon organized by Rotary members in England to a balloon launch in Portugal, Rotary clubs are marking the 109th year since the first Rotary club meeting. Send us photos of your event to be included on our blog.

#### [The first four Rotarians](#)

Meet the four business associates who started it all, and explore Rotary's rich history.



### [Rotary Miles at work fighting polio in Chad](#)

When polio survivor Ann Lee Hussey received an email asking her to lead an immunization team to Chad, her reply was an enthusiastic "yes."

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## Announcements

[Start a new discussion on My Rotary](#)

[Maintenance scheduled on Rotary.org this weekend](#)

[Brand Center access issues being resolved](#)

[Journey through a National Immunization Day in Côte d'Ivoire](#)

## Resource guide



### [Rotary Leader](#)

Get fresh ideas for your next polio fundraiser in the latest issue of Rotary Leader.



### [Rotary Showcase](#)

Rotary members in Tallahassee, Florida, USA, partnered with the Rotary Club of Port-au-Prince Champs de Mars, Haiti, to deliver water filtration systems in Dumay. Read more about this project or browse others on Rotary Showcase.



### [Rotary Ideas](#)

The Rotary Club of Heliopolis, Egypt, is seeking international partners for a project to provide sanitation to 300 homes. Learn how you can help, or use Rotary's crowdsourcing platform to promote your own project.

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