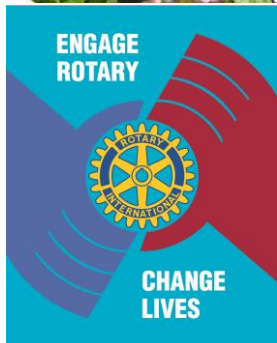


The Appleknocker *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin* Larry McLaughlin – City of Sebastopol Update



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

Before the Bell



It was noted that crack reporter David Abbott of Sonoma West was in the house. Perhaps **Rollie** sent him to follow up on the rumor that **President Bob** would levy the biggest fine in Rotary history? A scoop on the PD and the Chron. We will have to wait until the paper comes out.

At the Bell

Bill Lippert led the group in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **Karen Daniels**, microphone in hand, carried the assembled through a rendition of *God Bless America*. (Music and lyrics by Irving Berlin)



Steve Prandini sought out the wisdom of Oprah Winfrey for the Thought of the Day –

"I know for sure that what we dwell on, we become."



He then turned to the all-time bestselling book and quoted Phillippians –

"Fill your minds and meditate on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling and gracious - the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly."

And finally he quoted Mother Teresa,

"We shall never know all the good a simple smile can do."

Future Programs

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

(RSVP !)

Speaker: **Bob Rogers,**
Facilitator: **Maureen Merrill**
Program: **Club Visioning (Dinner Served)**
(Be There or Make-Up – And RSVP)

January 24, 2014

Speaker: **Andy DelMonte**
Program: **Analy Choir**

January 31, 2014

Speaker: **Connie Ayers**
Program: **John Muir Trail Journey**

February 7, 2014

Program: **Crab Feed Setup No Program**

Future Events

Saturday Feb. 8 – CRAB FEED

Handy Links

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

Miscellany

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: **Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, 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)
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 !!!

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

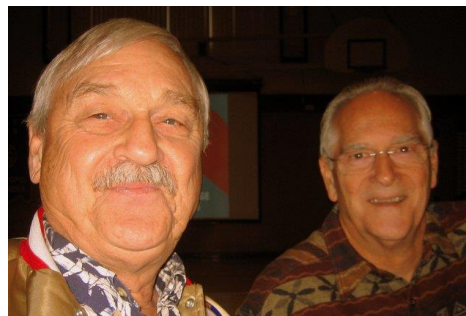
Jack Blasco introduced Jay Beckwith from Healdsburg Sunrise and Linda Johnson from Sebastopol Sunrise.



Bill Cole introduced his guest and former Rotarian Carson Case.



Jerry Warren introduced guest of the club and soon to be inducted Jill Lowry as well as David Abbott.



Harry Polley introduced his brother John.



Announcements



Harvey Henningsen is doing well after knee surgery. In fact, he may have set the record for quick release (ejection?) from the hospital having been cut on Monday and home on Wednesday. Can you say drive by surgery?

The next meeting of Sebastopol Rotary will be on Thursday January 16 at 5pm at the usual place, Memorial Hall. Please RSVP to **President Bob** for the caterer and planning purposes. We will be taking part in a visioning exercise, wear your glasses or contacts.

Rotary Guest Day will be on January 24 and feature Andy DelMonte and the Analy Choir. Do not miss it. And bring someone with you, perhaps a potential Rotarian. Guests eat free.

Dan Rasmus announced that the first Super Bowl Board is already half sold in the first half hour. Don't miss a chance to g---e on the Super Bowl and benefit the SREF at the same time.



Crab Feed February 8



President Bob showed a short video of **President Bob**. Actually he was **Captain Bob** in the video from a few years ago and, crab pot in hand, gave a stirring pitch for the Crab Feed. **Rick Wilson** asked everyone to sell, sell, sell. **Mike Ferguson** noted that he already has some great stuff for the raffle but is looking for more stuff. Restaurant and wine packages? Golf packages? He will take it all - sell it - and give all the money to Rotary to give away.



Jack Blasco, volunteer coordinator, took the floor to remind everyone not to miss this opportunity to kill the crab, crack the crab, clean the crab and - if you buy a ticket - eat the crab. He also mentioned that those who sign up for cleanup will have the unbelievable chance to pick any \$100 bills that fall out of the pockets of the diners at the Crab Feed. Hard to pass up that chance.

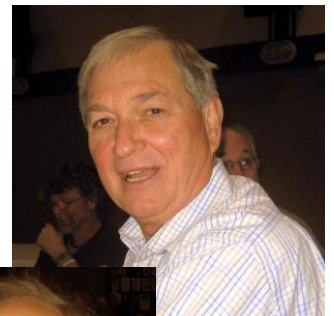


Recognitions

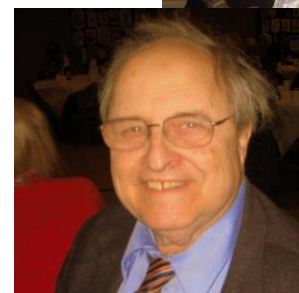


President Bob had a long list of recognitions - his first honoree being **Mike Ferguson**. Yes, it's true that taking the photos for the Appleknocker can be a demanding and sometimes thankless job. But **President Bob** has high standards. He asked **Mike** last week to take a simple shot of **Judge Bob Boyd** smiling for the record and got back what can be described as a picture of **Judge Roy Bean**. He then showed one of **Mike's** pics of **Troy McAdams** with eyes so red he looked like he had just been out all night drinking and carousing instead of writing up his board notes. **Mike** was hit for \$10. [We greatly appreciate the photogs and scribes who show up and give their all. -Eds.]

Rev Gene Nelson was fined \$10 for the loss by the Green Bay Packers to the Super Bowl bound 49ers. **Gene** said that he must have used up his prayer points in the Packer win over the Bears the week before. He was then fined \$10 for catching a fish on the summer fishing trip. He was then fined \$5 for his anniversary which is shown in Club Runner as November 9; however Gene said his anniversary is really on September 9, so \$5 more. **Gene** may or may not have exclaimed "Oh Pickles!" when he lost the first fish but it seems that the rest of the boat heard "Jesus!" **President Bob** fined **Rev Nelson** \$10 for Jesus. **Rev Nelson** then asked **President Bob** when he last gave \$10 for Jesus. The question remains hanging out there. \$40 was the total bite.



Henry Alker was fined \$5 for alleging that he did "nothing" on his October 3, birthday. He was hit for another \$5 for looking at websites on his December 1, anniversary. He took another \$20 pinch for not sending photos of a recent Florida trip. And **Henry** fined himself an extra \$5 for his general arrogance.



Tom Dilley was recognized to the tune of \$5 for his recent birthday and an extra \$15 for doing donuts on his new riding lawnmower.

Ted Baggett paid \$5 for his November 21, birthday. He also sent along some photos of a smoking volcano in Mexico. He also recently went skiing but he didn't say where (is there snow anywhere?) -- \$45 fine and now we are getting into record territory.



In the final recognition **Dan Rasmus** was recognized for his hard work on last year's debunking. Unfortunately, there is a film record of him and **Mark Stevens** "dancing" together in the celebration after the debunking. Even more unfortunately, we were all forced to watch said "dance." Right after the meeting, Miley Cyrus called to say that she was embarrassed. **Dan** was assessed a \$15 fine, which most agreed was nowhere near enough [Agreed but \$15 finishes Dan's fines for the year -Ed.]. **Mark Stevens** was assessed a well-deserved \$30 fine.



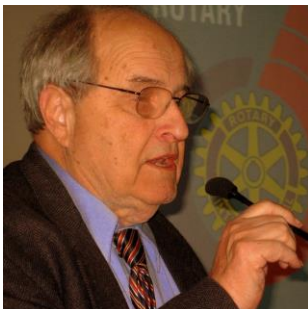
The Raffle [AKA Rotarian Powered Slot Machine]



Huge excitement as always attended the raffle. There is rumored to be big money in the pot. **Mike Hixson** was the lucky winner and got to push the lucky button. **Dave Peterson, JT Martin** and **Barbara Beedon** formed the human slot machine and, as the bells rung, held high their selected fruits. It came up lemon, lemon, onion to the disappointment of **Michael** and everyone else who is trying to figure this out. \$10 payout.

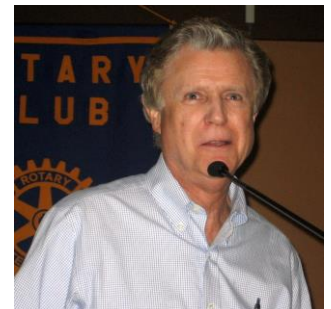


The Program – City of Sebastopol Update



Henry Alker introduced Larry McLaughlin who is the City Manager for the city of Sebastopol. Larry is a graduate of UC Berkeley and Empire School of Law. He was City Attorney for Sebastopol for some 25 years and has served as City Manager for a year and a half.

Mr. McLaughlin began by stating that he used to be a member of the K-----s club. He said that in the K-----s club they never had a fine over \$1.



Mr. McLaughlin gave an overview of the finances of the City of Sebastopol and it sounds like things are improving. The city is looking at \$5 million in revenue, about a third from property tax and 22% from sales tax. The bulk of sales tax revenues are from the food and restaurant business (not medical marijuana) and another 24% from gasoline taxes. Sebastopol had cleaned out its reserve funds by 2012 but now is in a position to replenish some of the reserve accounts.

On the expenditure side, police and fire services make up 73% of the out go. Budget troubles required cutbacks and furloughs in year's past but things are improving. City workers who had been given a furlough Friday were offered to return to full time work. Most chose to stay on the lowered hourly work schedule.

The Barlow Project is now a going concern with more store/restaurant openings anticipated. Frizelle Enos is scheduled to rebuild on the same site. A committee has been formed to explore the future of city hall and the library with a possible move being studied. Landscaping on city hall will be done by Daily Acts.

The recent lawsuit filed by CVS was discussed. After many years, CVS was given the go ahead to demolish the derelict Pellini Chevrolet building and build a new store on the site. After approval but before work commenced, a new city council board was elected and decided to declare a moratorium on drive-through access to any new building in Sebastopol. CVS filed a lawsuit in federal court alleging that the City denied it its civil rights in the matter.

The City of Sebastopol has set aside \$300,000 to litigate the issue. It most recently filed a motion to dismiss the entire matter. CVS is seeking damages. The litigation continues.

After some spirited questions and answers from the floor, President Bob thanked Larry and presented him with a donation to Polio Plus in his name.



The Closing Bell



President Bob closed the meeting promptly at 1:30 pm with the reminder to all support Rotarians' businesses.

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)**

#18: RI World Headquarters

The headquarters of Rotary International always has been in the area of Chicago, Illinois, USA. First it was in Chicago itself, but in 1954 an attractive new building opened in suburban Evanston. The Ridge Avenue building met the needs of the Rotary Secretariat until the 1980s when the addition of new programs, the growth of the Rotary Foundation, and the new Polio Plus activities made the headquarters building extremely crowded and required some staff members to be housed in supplementary space nearby.

When a modern 18-story office building became available in downtown Evanston in 1987, it appeared to meet all of rotary's space and expansion needs for years to come. The glass and steel structure, built in 1977, provides 400,000 square feet (37,160 square meters) of office and usable space. The building was purchased by Rotary International, which leases approximately two-thirds of the space to commercial tenants, until needed by future Rotary growth. The building provides a 190-seat auditorium, large parking garage and 300-seat cafeteria, as well as functional office space for the 400 employees of the World Headquarters. The executive suite on the 18th floor includes conference rooms for the RI board and committee meetings, in addition to the offices for the RI president, president-elect, chairman of the Rotary Foundation Trustees and general secretary. One Rotary Center, as it is called, enhances the efficient operations of Rotary International.



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Weekly Update *A roundup of Rotary news*



[2012-13 Annual Report available online](#)

Rotary is Aziz Memon who is helping to rid Pakistan of polio. It's Marion Bunch who started the Rotarians Fighting AIDS Action Group after her son died of the disease. It's Brigitta von Messling who prepares peace builders for work in conflict zones. The handful of stories collected here only begin to show the full depth and breadth of Rotary, The Rotary Foundation, and our 34,000 Rotary clubs.

- [See the annual report](#)
- [Give to support Rotary's work](#)

In other news

[Empowering families to end poverty in Peru](#)

In Cusco, Peru, Rotary members are helping families pull themselves out of poverty by connecting them with other families who have already done the same.

[My Rotary hat is the ultimate travel accessory](#)

When Australian Kate McKenzie travels, she always wears her Rotary hat. The former Rotary Youth Exchange student finds it helps her connect with other Rotary members and tell others about Rotary.

[Users of My Rotary form discussion group](#)

Do you have questions or feedback on the new site? Join us in the My Rotary Early Adopters group.

Announcements

[Discounted early registration extended for the 2014 Rotary International Convention](#)

[Deadline for applying for a booth in the House of Friendship is 10 January](#)

[Win a camera in The Rotarian's 2014 photo contest](#)

[Use Rotary Club Central and earn recognition for your club](#)

Resource guide



ideas.rotary.org

Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention, a Rotarian Action Group, will serve 375,000 people in Africa during a three-day health project in April. Learn how you can help, or use Rotary's crowdsourcing platform to promote your own project.



[Rotary Showcase](#)

The Rotary Club of Northwest Austin, Texas, USA, in partnership with the Rotary Club of San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize, replaced dangerous kerosene lamps with solar lights in rural homes. Read more about this project or browse more projects on Rotary Showcase.



[Rotary Leader](#)

Check out these tips on using social media for Rotary.

Sebastopol Rotary's 12th Annual

CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 8, 2014

First Seating: 5:00 p.m.

(Bar Opens & Music Starts at 4:00 p.m.)

Second Seating: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Ghost Hall, 7960 Mill Station Road, Sebastopol

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