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"All the News that Fits We Print"





Our **President and Flying Ace Capt'n Rodgers** called the meeting to order promptly at 12:15 p.m. He asked **Brian Langermann** lead us in the *Pledge to old Glory*. This was followed by our music man, **Keller McDonald**, leading us in *America the Beautiful*. **Nao Noguchi** then gave us a very brief and concise thought for the day

"Suffering is Optional."





## VISITING ROTARIANS



**Secretary Jack Blasco** introduced <u>Keith Schoenthal</u> a visiting Rotarian from Cotati and <u>Gay</u> <u>McFarren</u>, from Sebastopol Sunrise.

Gay mentioned that the Sunrise Club's main fund raising event for the year , "Men Can Cook Too", will be held this year on May  $3^{rd}$  from 4:00 til 8:30 at the Sebastopol Community Center -- ya'll come.

# Future Programs

## <u> March 21, 2014</u>

Speaker:	Paul Lundgren	
Program:	Swimming the Sea of Cortez	
	March 28, 2014	
Speaker:	Christine Fontaine	
Program:	Laguna Environmental Center	
-	Playscape Project	
	<u>April 4, 2014</u>	
Speaker:	Larry Ford	
Program:	Speech Contest	
	<u>April 11, 2014</u>	
Speaker:	Tom Boag	
Program.	Overcoming Obstacles Award	

Program: Overcoming Obstacles Award <u>April 18, 2014</u> Speaker: Collette Michaud Program: Where Curiosity and Imagination Come to Play

Future Events
<u>March 22<sup>nd</sup></u>
<u>Breaking Bread Together Dinners</u>
(Formerly known as Friendship Dinners)
Sign up with Aldean Noethig & Katy Spyrka
<u>April 4-5<sup>th</sup> - Ukiah</u>
<u>April 21</u>
LEARN TO SWIM STARTS



More Information – District 5130 Training Assembly

Pinot for Polio Form Scribes and Photogs Sebastopol Rotary Website

Miscellany <u>Next Board Meeting</u> Date/Time: <u>Tuesday, Apr. 15<sup>th</sup></u>, <u>5:30</u> p.m. Location: <u>President Bob's Home</u> (Address in C/R) <u>MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – jcblasco@comcast.net</u> <u>On-line Make-Ups: www.RotaryEClubOne.org</u>

INTERAC	A MARE-OPS - 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			
<b>!!! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !!!</b>			

## GUESTS of ROTARIANS



**Dave Madsen** introduced <u>Rich Ray</u>, a Wells Fargo manager and a guest of the club.

Aleia Coate introduced <u>Sue</u> <u>Bonzell</u>, an agent at Vanguard Properties, and **Bob Cugini** introduced Willie, his assistant.



Barbara Beedon introduced Judy Nicholls friend of the speaker <u>Christina Olds</u>.

# Announcements

**Harry Simms** is looking for volunteers to work at the <u>Apple</u> <u>Blossom Festival</u>, <u>April 13 and 14</u>. The shifts will be for 2 hours and we need 2 at each shift.

**Michael Hixson** reminded us that <u>Teacher Mini Grants</u> are available and can be applied for on line [Sebastopol Rotary web site **–Ed**.], as well as by contacting him.

**Greg Jacobs** mentioned that volunteers for the "Learn to Swim " program will receive a tee shirt as well as a sweatshirt -- in addition to helping a record 300 of Sebastopol's energetic 2nd graders learn to swim – no formal training necessary. This is <u>the 30th year of the program</u>.





**Bob Cary** ponied up the \$20 that he was fined last week for being honored with the Aged to Perfection Award. **Bob** mentioned that there will be a dinner and a ceremony on May 10. Tickets are \$60 per.



### **Overcoming Obstacles:**

**David Schriebman** had to admit that he has become addicted to serving and that includes being part of the Overcoming Obstacles Program that Sebastopol Rotary has been conducting for the past 3 years. [To see these kids who have faced challenging circumstances, sometimes including dysfunctional and abusive backgrounds, to continue to focus on technical school or college is truly heartwarming. Their ability to stand up and speak, as they do, is absolutely amazing **–Scribe**]

As we did last year, we will have 6 speakers; the winner is scheduled to receive a \$1,000 prize and the runners-up will receive \$500 each. This makes a total of \$3,500 in prize money, which the club has already provided. **David** wants to improve on that this year, and in the words of **Mark Sell** from the 2011 program, "make everybody a winner."

That will require coming up with an additional \$3,500 of which \$1,600 is already in the kitty. All we have to do is come up with an additional \$1,900 to make it happen. **David** thinks that we can do it.

Overcoming Obstacles also needs six mentors and six sponsors. A Mentor meets one of the six students at 9 a.m. the morning of the program and helps them feel comfortable. The sponsor sits with the student and their guests at lunch time, provides \$200, and buys 3 lunches @ \$20 ea. for a total of \$260.



**Barbara Bickford** forfeited \$5 for an October 19 birthday, plus \$35 for a trip to Guatemala where she met her son who is involved with a Tai Chi Temple. **Prez Bob** also slapped **Barbara** with a \$30 fine for a new car. **Barbara** mentioned that her husband, **Ross**, <u>is</u> <u>President--Elect of The Russian River Rotary Club</u>. All this for a mere \$75.

**Prez** asked **Ken Jacobs** what he did on his birthday of November 29. **Ken** responded that he spent the day preparing the video documenting the kidnap, investigation, and repatriation of the Rotary Bell. Since Ken had already paid his fine for his birthday, the tab for having so much fun was only \$40. [While not exactly 20/20 it is a fun video **–Ed**.]





### Secretary Jack then stepped in and levied a \$5 on Prez Bob

**Prez Bob** showed slides from **Steve Beck's** trip to Cabo San Lucas on February 2, to celebrate his wife's birthday and ultimately a Valentine's Day celebration on February 14. **Steve** also took a trip to Trona which just outside of Ridgecrest and is now home to Searles Valley Minerals. **Steve's** ancestors founded the 20 Mule Team Borax Company. **Steve** had to part \$35 for the excursions.









**Robin Maybury** had the winning ticket on the second drawing, and then failed to come with the correct answer to the question "How many Paul Harris Fellows were there in this club in 1975?" Was it 2, 10, or 14? **Robin** took a stab and said 14, missing it by 12. We only had two Rotarians who were Paul Harris Fellows in our club in 1975 whereas today we have over 85. As a consolation prize, **Robin** received a 3 cent voucher to the Graton Casino. Spend it wisely.

# The Program – Christina Olds – Pacific Air Museum



**Barbara Beedon** introduced our guest speaker for the day, <u>Christina Olds</u>. Christina was born in Manhattan on January 4 1952 and bounced around the world with her parents -- US Air Force fighter pilot <u>Robin Olds</u> and Hollywood actress <u>Ella Raines</u>. Raised mostly in Washington D.C, England and Canada, she graduated from Vassar College with a BA in English/Creative writing in 1974. Christina then spent 25 years living in San Francisco where she raised her daughter Jennifer Olds Newman. In 2003 she moved to Colorado to be near her ailing father who had retired from the Air Force in 1973 as a Brigadier General. Christina promised her father before he died on June 14, 2007 that she would complete his

unfinished memoirs. "FIGHTER PILOT; THE MEMOIRS OF LEGENDARY ACE ROBIN OLDS" was published on April 13, 2010 by St. Martin Press.



Christina moved from Colorado to Healdsburg in mid-2011. She is currently <u>Director of Museum Operations</u> for the <u>Pacific Coast Air Museum</u>. Today she will give us an update on the Museum and get into more details on her father's life.

Christina Olds first talked about the Pacific Air Museum -which was founded in 1989 and is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the acquisition, restoration, safe



operation and display of historic aircraft. Today they have on display 35 aircraft ranging from helicopters to bombers. Several of the airplanes will be available for guest flights and they offer special programs for high school students. They also sponsor the "Wings Over Sonoma" air show.

Christina's Father, Robin Olds, was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on July 14, 1922. He was the son of US Army Captain and his wife Eloise. He decided at an early age that he wanted to fly, having his first experience in an open cockpit plane at age 8. Robin was athletic and was offered many football scholarships when he graduated from high school. When WWII broke in Europe in 1939, Robin attempted to enroll in The Royal Canadian Air Force; however this was thwarted by his father. Later he applied to the West Point Military Academy, where he was accepted in 1940, and he became an All American football player, and ultimately in the College Football Hall of Fame. Robin rose rapidly in the ranks upon graduating from West Point. During his career he flew 65 different kinds of aircraft, 152 missions, and downed 16 enemy aircraft. Robin Olds retired in 1973 as a brigadier general but his primary joy was being a fighter pilot. [Christina emphasized several times that her father was not all fond of desk jobs **–Ed**.] He was also elected in the <u>US Air Force Pilots Hall of Fame</u>.



**Prez Capt'n Bob** thanked <u>Christina</u> for her fascinating presentation and noted that Rotary Club of Sebastopol will be making a donation to Polio Plus in her name.

He then rang the bell, ending the meeting at 1:30.



### Breaking Bread Together Dinner

David and Nan Still hosted a Breaking Bread Together dinner at their lovely home in Monte Rio, Saturday March 15. The theme was all about France with Beef Bourguignon accompanied by some old French vintage wines [a couple had seen better days but it was fun to try anyway **–Ed**.], some newer French vintages, and some good Sonoma County vintages with French sounding names.



Guests included Frank and Kathie Mayhew, Jack Dunlap, and Jean and Michael McGlothlin who filled in at the last minute when Yvette Williams van Aggelen was not able to attend. This was a great opportunity to get to know Rotarians on a more personal level. Thank you Nan and David.

### Scholarship Committee Gets a New Mandate

With approval from the Sebastopol Rotary Club Board and the Board of the Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation our new focus will be on providing \$4,000 scholarships to Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) exclusively for west Sonoma County residents or graduates. These scholarships will be in one of three areas; (1) new students in the health specialties such as pharmacy tech, nursing, dental hygiene, or radiology,(2) new students in the STEM areas (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), and (3) continuing students in the transfer track, planning to attend a 4 year college after SRJC graduation.

The deadline for application is April 11 with normal SRJC admission and scholarship procedures being followed, including notification by the student of their interest in the Sebastopol Rotary Club Scholarships. Contact Scholarship Committee Chair Henry Alker for further details.



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 tearjerking 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

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Bob Rogers, President 2013-2014



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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 <u>www.sebastopolrotary.org</u> (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

<u>(Taken from "The ABCs of Rotary", a Rotary International publication</u> <u>originally prepared by</u> Dr. Cliff Dochterman who was RI President in 1992-93)

# #27: Unusual Make-Up Meetings

Which Rotarians have to travel farthest for a make-up meeting? You are right if you guessed the 34 members of the Rotary Club of Papeete, Tahiti, which is located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean and is the club that is most remote from any other. The southernmost Rotary meeting is that of the Rotary Club of Base Marambio-AntArtida in Antarctica. To visit the northernmost club, you must travel above the Arctic Circle to the Rotary Club of Barrow, Alaska, U.S.A. If you attend the El Aguilar club in Argentina, you are meeting with the highest club in the world at 16,000 feet (4,880 meters) above sea level. The lowest club meets at 40 feet (12.2 meters) below sea level at El Centro, California, U.S.A.

It is said that there is a Rotary meeting being held someplace in the world every hour of every day. If you attended one meeting per day, it would take nearly 80 years to visit all of the more than 29,000 Rotary clubs in the world, and by that time, no doubt, there would be thousands more new clubs to attend.

Event Name: District Training Assembly



# **RI READING**

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# Weekly Update A roundup of Rotary news



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# Kidjo champions Rotary's efforts in a new song

In her new album, "Eve," Grammy award winner Angélique Kidjo honors the women in Africa, and pays tribute to Rotary's work to end polio worldwide. During a visit to Rotary's World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, Kidjo spoke about the importance of vaccinations, her experience as a UNICEF goodwill ambassador, her motivation behind "Eve," and her recently released autobiography "Spirit Rising: My Life, My Music." <u>Read more</u>

- <u>Help Rotary advocate for a polio-free world</u>
- Be a part of the World's Biggest Commercial
- <u>Give to End Polio Now</u>

## In other news

## Partners for climate change research in Tanzania

Ohio Rotary member and former Rotary Scholar Amy Kaspar has used her Rotary connections to launch a project that is teaching communities at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro how to adapt to the mountain's changing environment.

### Rotaract, Rotary go hand in hand

Members of Rotaract in India learn the power of Rotary, and form the largest human image of a hand, during President Ron Burton's New Generations Conference in Chennai.

### Rotary helps Ghana surpass clean water goals

In partnership with Rotary members across the globe, Michael Anyekase's dedication has helped eradicate Guinea worm disease and lessen the cases of dysentery, diarrhea, and other common diseases associated with dirty water.

## Announcements

Explore Sydney, New South Wales with free transit pass

Sign-in improvements make site easier to use

Update club information and 2014-15 officers by 24 March

Share your experiences with literacy projects in the Project Lifecycle discussion group

# Resource guide



#### Rotary Leader

Get the tools you need to use Rotary's updated look and voice in the Brand Center.



## Rotary Showcase

Three Rotary and two Rotaract clubs in Indonesia organized a literacy day to promote reading among junior and senior high school students. Read more about this project or browse others on Rotary Showcase.



#### Rotary Ideas

The Rotary Club of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, is seeking funds for a mobile library that would visit disabled children. Learn how you can help, or use Rotary's crowdsourcing platform to promote your own project.

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