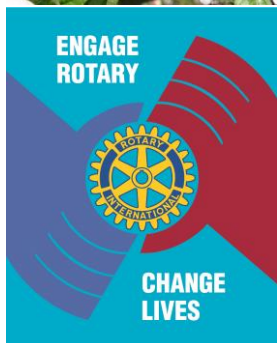


# *The Appleknocker* *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin* **Dr. Frank Chong – SRJC Update**



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*"All the News that Fits We Print"*



**Acting Prez Richard [Power –Ed.] the Powerful** announced that he was pretty sure there would be a winner to the raffle today... so be sure to get those donations into the coffee can.



In the absence of our Flying Ace (aka **Capt'n Bob**), acting **Prez Richard the Powerful** called the meeting to order at precisely 12:16 p.m. **Sally Glendening** led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance* followed by **Karen Daniels** -- with her melodic voice -- leading us in song. **Jim Paccate** then provided us with a very cogent thought for the day

"Life shrinks or expands in proportion to ones courage."



## VISITING ROTARIANS

**Secretary Jack** introduced Barbara Barney, an accountant and David Mark Raymond, realtor, both from the Sebastopol Sunrise Club.

## GUESTS of ROTARIANS

**Keller McDonald** introduced Bob Burdo from Santa Rosa Junior College; **Monica Kretschmer** introduced her friend Paula Russell from Colorado. **Mike Long** introduced Silka Knebel -- a guest of the club.

## 🍎 Future Programs 🍎

**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)**  
**Sign up with Aldean Noethig & Katy Spyрка**

**April 4-5<sup>th</sup> - Ukiah**  
**Rotary District 5130 Training**  
**April 21**  
**LEARN TO SWIM STARTS**

## 🍎 Handy Links 🍎

**More Information – District 5130 Training Assembly**

**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)

**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**

## 🍎 Announcements 🍎

**Bob Hirsch** mentioned that the Analy Interactors are conducting a Campus cleanup this weekend.



**Katy Spyрка** let us know that Breaking Bread Together, formerly known as friendship dinners, signups are going well for dinners scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> but there are still openings.

**Acting Prez Richard** mentioned The District 5130 Training Assembly will be held April 5<sup>th</sup> in Ukiah, registration is \$50, dinner is \$50, and special rates at the Travel Lodge are \$59/night.

**Acting Prez Richard** also mentioned that **Bob Cary** received the "Aged to Perfection" honor from Sebastopol's Senior Center. **Bob** was dinged \$20 in absentia. I guess that qualifies **Bob** as being an Old Fart.

**Michael Hixson** announced our club is accepting nominations for Teacher of the Year until March 10. We also started accepting applications for Teacher Mini Grants on March 3; and will continue accepting them thru April 14.

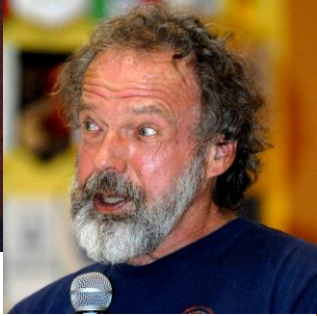


**Rick Wilson** announced the 30<sup>th</sup> year of Sebastopol Rotary's "Learn to Swim Program." As usual, it will be for Second Graders from Sebastopol's grade schools and will be held at Ives pool four days a week from Noon until 1:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. **Rick** mentioned we have taught over 9,000 kids how to swim. We need volunteers, so don't dawdle. The classes run from April 21 thru May 15.

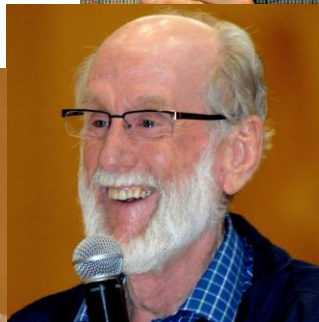


## 🍎 Recognitions 🍎

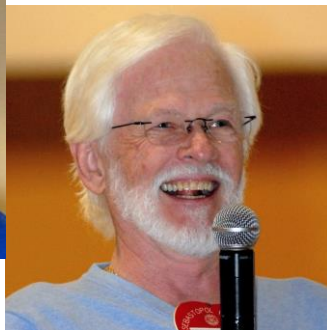
### Birthdays



**Dan Rasmus, Harvey Henningsen, Gene Nelson, Mark Sell** (It's great to see you, **Mark** hope to see more of you) **Mark Fink**, and **Dennis Judd** had to part with \$5 for gaining a few more grey hairs.



For enjoying another year of wedded bliss **Mark Sell, Mark Fink, Dennis Judd, Pierre Lagourgue, Bill Cole** and **Tony Given** were dinged \$5.



**Harvey Henningsen's** new "Zimmer Knee" cost him an additional \$20. **Mark Fink** took a trip to his old homestead along with his wife **Elaine** for a family reunion and parted with \$20. **Dennis Judd's** cruise to Italy, Greece, Croatia and Montenegro resulted in a \$20 fine, which -- since he is paid up -- he promptly passed on to **Richard Power**. **Michael Hixson's** Wife, **Darane Petsod Hixson**, was invited to a White House function during the Christmas season and, luckily for **Mike**, she took him -- probably to handle her bags. For the honor, **Mike** was hit with a \$35 fine.

**Bob Hirsch** ponied up \$ 10 for a trip to Arizona where he listened to music in the presence of two or three or ?? lovely ladies.



**Elizabeth Fritzinger** enjoyed a baby shower put on by **Jackie Moreia** for the baby due March 18. There was some discussion about inviting some EMTs as guests to the next meeting or least requiring that Elizabeth sit at Dr. Simms' table – just in case.

**Greg Jacobs** was dinged for multiple recognitions; a full voice mail box and a trip to Arizona cost \$5, his trip to the Rose Bowl and meeting and bar hopping with fellow Stanford Alums cost him \$10. Also somewhere along the line (the details too hard to follow for this



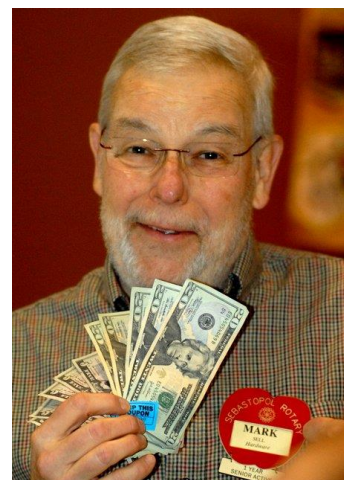
77 year old mind) **Greg** ran into a person who presented him with a trumpet that once belonged to **Greg's** father. The person was the child of an Analy grad, and his father bought the trumpet from **Greg's** father in 1946. The trumpet had a storied history of being played in many Sonoma County night clubs and establishments by **Greg's** father, so it was a gift well received by **Greg**. **Greg** was fined \$20.



**THE DRAWING**



The multiple choice question was, "Who is buried in Grants Tomb?" After cogitating for a few seconds the holder of the winning the ticket, **Mark Sell**, figured it out -- it is former President Ulysses S. Grant.





## The Program – Dr. Frank Chong – SRJC Update



**Keller McDonald** stepped forward to introduce our speaker for the day Dr. Frank Chong Superintendent/President of Santa Rosa Junior College. Prior to that position Dr. Chong served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges at the United Department of Education in Washington DC. Dr. Chong has served as President or on boards of other educational entities within California as well as assistant to Willie Brown, speaker of the California Assembly. Dr. Chong has many awards and accolades, to many to list here.



He was here to talk about Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) and here is what he had to say. SRJC will have its 100th Anniversary in 2018. SRJC is the 10<sup>th</sup> oldest JC in the country and second oldest in the state, (second- only to the Modesto JC.) SRJC is #1 in the country in endowments for JCs, having over \$47 million. Dr. Chong recognized Sebastopol Rotary Club member, **Paul Yeomans**, as incoming President of the SRJC foundation.

Dr. Chong emphasized that SRJC gives high school graduates an alternative to attending UC schools or Cal State Schools for the first two years of their higher education -- at a very reasonable cost. Eight out of ten graduates from SRJC who apply to the UC system are accepted. They can also get a two year academic degree or a technical degree as medical technician, dental technician, law enforcement, or other first responder.

UC schools accept 10% of applicants, State schools accept 20% of applicants, and the SRJC accepts 100%. The cost per course unit is \$47, a fraction of the cost to send a child to a UC School or State School. In addition the Exchange Bank Doyle Scholarships have been partially restored, providing added financial assistance to students. This gives parents and students a great opportunity -- in these tough economic times -- for a chance acquire an excellent education that they can afford.

While SRJC has a beautiful campus, many of the buildings are 60-70 years old and need to be upgraded and it is a continuing challenge to keep pace with necessary technology upgrades. It is also necessary to make sure that the teaching is relevant to jobs in the market as many folks are coming back to SRJC to start new careers.



## The Closing Bell



**Acting Pres. Richard** thanked Dr. Frank Chong for his important presentation and noted that Rotary Club of Sebastopol will be making a donation to Polio Plus in his name.

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



## After The Closing Bell – Several Important Items



### 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.

## Teacher Mini Grants

# ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL

P.O. Box 213  
Sebastopol, CA 95473  
[www.SebastopolRotary.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:mikehixson@comcast.net) for more information.



Event Name: District Training Assembly

# Have you got game?

Let's make Rotary a **SLAM DUNK**  
at the **2014** District Assembly!

**Rotary**  
District 5130



**April 5, 2014**  
Mendocino College, Ukiah

Description:

**Celebration Dinner - April 4**  
*Guaranteed Fun and entertainment  
throughout the night!*

Social and Beverages at 6PM  
Dinner at 7PM

Barra of Mendocino Winery  
7051 N State Street, Redwood Valley

**The District Assembly - April 5**  
*Guaranteed Game Changer*

Breakfast at 8AM  
Sessions begin at 9AM

Mendocino College 1000 Hensley Creek Rd. Ukiah  
Meet in the gym and be prepared for anything.



Location:

Friday, April 4  
CELEBRATION DINNER  
Barra of Mendocino Winery  
7051 North State Street  
Redwood Valley

Saturday, April 5  
DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY  
Mendocino College  
1000 Hensley Creed Road  
Ukiah

Click below to register:



[Register NOW](#) for District Training Dinner and/or Assembly - April 4-5, 2014

A list of assembly classes is attached.

Event Date: Friday Apr-04-2014 to Saturday Apr-05-2014

Event Start  
Time: 6:00 PM

## **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)**

### **#26: Tolerance of Differences**

Occasionally, there is a temptation to criticize the laws, customs, and traditions of another country that may seem strange or contrary to our own. In some instances, illegal practices or customs of one nation are completely lawful and acceptable in another.

As members of an international organization dedicated to world understanding and peace, it behooves Rotarians to exercise restraint in judging our Rotary friends and citizens from other countries when their behavior seems unusual to us. A Rotary policy has existed for more than half a century relating to this dilemma of international relationships.

The statement, adopted in 1933, says that because it is recognized that some activities and local customs may be legal and customary in some countries and not in others, Rotarians should be guided by this admonition of tolerance:

"Rotarians in all countries should recognize these facts and there should be a thoughtful avoidance of criticism of the laws and customs of one country by the Rotarians of another country." The policy also cautions against "any effort on the part of Rotarians of one country to interfere with the laws or customs of another country."

As we strive to strengthen the bonds of understanding, goodwill and friendship, these policies still provide good advice and guidance.