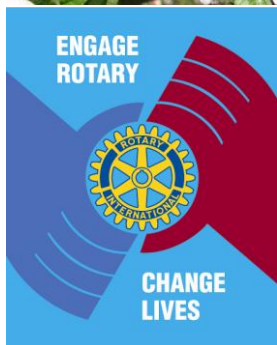


# *The Appleknocker* Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

## District 5130 Conference 2014 - Friday



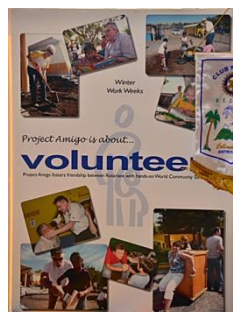
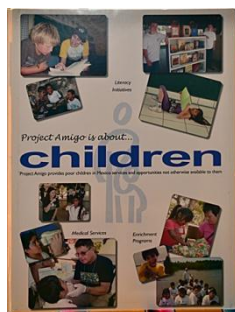
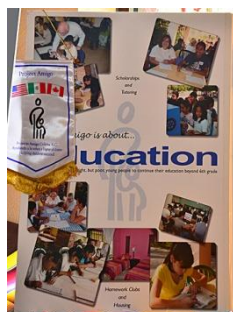
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*"All the News that Fits We Print"*



**Before The Bell**



Arriving at the Rohnert Park Doubletree Hotel Ballroom a little early, the **Photog** had a chance to look at a dozen club posters that were set up in the lobby. In the corner was a fully set up **ShelterBox** – How cool! And, it all comes in one box. **Photog** was next observed plotting how to get that neat little wood-burning stove out to his car... but, alas, the red-vested Sergeant-at-Arms was watching his every move. So **Photog** instead turned his attention to the registration desk to explain that, by special arrangement, he was “subbing” for **Jerry Warren**.



Thanks for lunch, **Jerry**.



**Dutiful Sebastopol Rotary members** – ever fearful of “Make-Up” – arrived (Some, members of our esteemed-profitable AV-Team – **Ken Jacobs**, **Edwin Wilson**, and **Ron Puccinelli** – had been there “all night” and had staked out a luncheon table for themselves. As an inactive member of that committee,





## **Future Programs**

**May 23, 2014**  
 Program: Club Assembly  
 (**Bring Your Dog to Rotary Day**)

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

**June 6, 2014**  
 Speaker: Jay Bell  
 Program: HEALTHACTION - A 2020  
 Vision for Sonoma County

## **Future Events**

**April 21 to May 15**  
**LEARN TO SWIM STARTS**

**June 28**  
**Debunking – Holy Ghost Hall**

## **Handy Links**

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

## **Miscellany**

### **Next Board Meeting**

Date/Time: **Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.**  
 Location: **President Bob's Home** (Address in C/R)

**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS** – [jcblasco@comcast.net](mailto:jcblasco@comcast.net)  
**On-line Make-Ups:** [www.RotaryEClubOne.org](http://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 !!!**



Your Photog decided to join them – soon to be joined by Henry Alker, Aleia Coate, Barbara Beedon, and our very own President Bob & Peggy Rogers.



Seated at adjacent tables were Robin Maybury, Tom Lambert, Sally Ewald, Richard Petersen, Alain Serkissian, and Richard Power. Henry started with dessert.



Terry Kelley



Jill Myers





## At The Bell (Note this edition covers only the Friday Daytime activities.)



After the official opening of the District Conference by a ring of the bell by DG Helaine Campbell, and presentation of the flag, she briefly introduced RI President's Rep PDG Claudia Mertl from Atlanta GA. Claudia gave us a quick lesson in pronunciation of such Georgia favorites as "Hi All, Y'all" and the plural form, "Y'alls" and then, of course, welcomed us all.



## Update on Polio



**Our President Bob Rogers** was then called to the podium to introduce District End Polio Chair Larry Myers... as follows:

Six years ago, I was attending my first District Assembly at Mendocino College in Ukiah and I was walking down the pathway between classes, when someone from behind me says, "How long ago did you have polio?"

Stunned, I turned around to see this kindly faced gentlemen and I responded, "How did you know I had polio?" He said, "I could see it in the way you're walking, with that certain limp." Heck, I didn't even realize I had a limp.



But that's how I met Larry Myers, fellow polio survivor. We immediately formed a bond, born of our common experience. Since then, I've been honored to serve under Larry on the District PolioPlus Committee, or as he calls it, the "End Polio Committee", which he has chaired since 2002.

Back then, PDG Terri Clark must have been clairvoyant, because when she asked Larry to head up that committee for a major fundraising push, she had no idea that he had had polio as a child. And indeed, her choice was a good one...because Larry raised over \$405,000 that year for Polio Eradication.

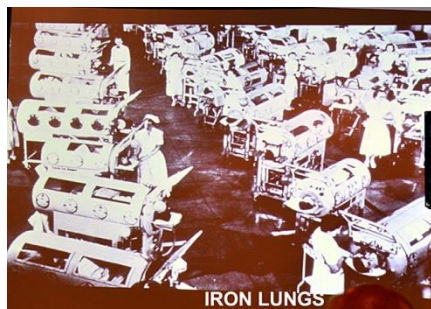
It is no wonder then, that he was named District 5130 Rotarian of the year that year, 2002-2003.

Larry has been a charter member of South Ukiah Rotary since its founding in 1973 and served as our District Governor in 1984-85.

For his work in ending polio, he also received the "Regional Service Award for a Polio Free World" from the Rotary Foundation in 2008-2009.

Not one to rest on his laurels, Larry just recently received the "Citation for Meritorious Service" from the Rotary Foundation.

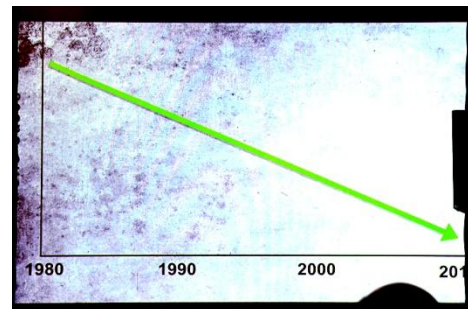
It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you, the District 5130 End Polio Chair, Past District Governor Larry Myers.



Larry gave us an update on the fight against polio.

The biggest problem is in North Pakistan, where the border is like a sieve, and even though it has been declared that any and all leaving the country should be inoculated, many are not. Cases year to date total 61 compared to last year's eight cases.

The good news is Nigeria. There have been only 2 cases to date this year (Scribe Note: a 3<sup>rd</sup> case was just reported today, occurring on April 19<sup>th</sup>.) and there is hope that we may be able to declare Nigeria polio free by the end of the year and start the clock on the 3 year confirmation period. Last year's count was 22 cases, so great progress has been made.





At the end of his talk, Larry Myers gave a little preview to something that will be announced at Foundation Dinner South sometime in November. That announcement was that our club's PolioPlus giving, currently at \$57,223 (versus our goal of \$10K) makes us #1 in the district with us contributing 40.6% of the total district's 140,727 giving for polio to date. Larry thanked **Sally Ewald** for an especially generous contribution.

Larry was given a standing ovation for his work against polio and he was later, along with our own **John Blount**, entered into the "District 5130 Rotarian Hall of Fame" by DG Helaine.



## What is Rotaract?



Bert Campton, Rotaract Chair, introduced Emily Chen and Teresa O'Grady who presented a slide show of "What is Rotaract".



## Laguna de Santa Rosa Presentation – David Bannister



**District Green Chair Richard Power** then introduced the main speaker. David Bannister is the Executive Director of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation and he gave us a great basic education on where the Laguna boundaries are, what it does for us, and how they are working to preserve this valuable resource.

He first explained that the RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands (so called because it was signed in Ramsar, Iran in 1971) is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources. There are presently 162 Contracting Parties to the Convention, with 2,040 wetland sites, covering 193 million hectares (477 million acres or 745,177 square miles), designated for inclusion in the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance.

At the RAMSAR Convention, the Laguna was ranked as 5<sup>th</sup> in importance to California, and 29<sup>th</sup> in importance to the United States. The Laguna provides a "Hundred Year Flood Plain", and holds as much water as is held in the Sonoma Reservoir.

Other interesting details he shared:

Over 200 bird species rely on the Laguna de Santa Rosa, both as home and as a waypoint for those migrating over our area.

Many mammals make their home in the Laguna as well, including mink and river otters.

Reptiles are in abundance as well – including king and gopher snakes. (Gopher snakes can be mistaken for rattlesnakes, both because of their appearance and their actions.)

Amphibians – ("Ribbit")

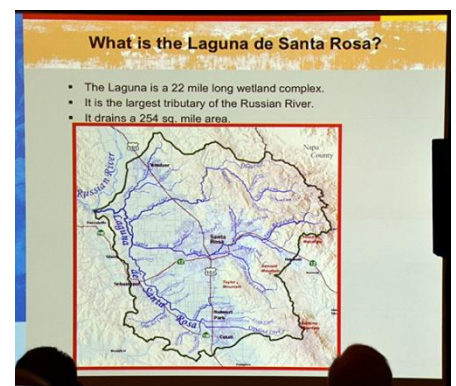
Many endangered plants, and several Vernal Pools

The Laguna has also benefitted people for over 10,000 years, by:

Flood Control

Building supplies for early Native Americans (tulles for housing and boats)

Leisure –Victorian ladies enjoyed time in rowboats on the Laguna, as do many "kayakers" today.





The Laguna attempts to correct such man made things as:

- Altered drainage system – channeling flows, etc.
- Forests cut down
- Habitat lost
- Water quality compromised
- Garbage dumped (mercury has been found in samples as well)
- Three main Invasive species – Ludwigia, Pepperwood, and the Himalayan Blackberry

The Laguna Foundation works through conservation, restoration, and education (especially elementary school children). From their Offices in the restored Stone Farm, The Laguna Foundation oversees and protects this valuable resource for all of us. As a relatively small non-profit, they are in constant need of both volunteers and financial resources. David invited everyone to come out to experience the Laguna for themselves.

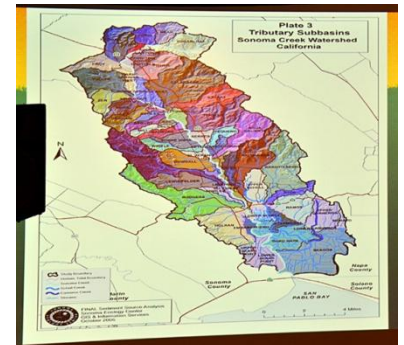
A resounding round of applause was given up for David at the conclusion of his presentation.

## 🍎 Panel Discussion – Richard Power 🍎



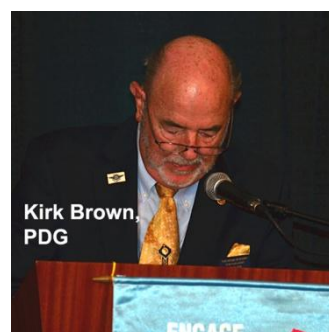
Continuing with the conservation theme, after the lunch session was over, Richard Power led a panel discussion on the District's "River Projects", which ranged from our project at the Laguna to Rio Ameca in Mexico, which flows to the sea at Puerto Vallarta. This was the project of the Rotary Club of South Ukiah, and they recruited many of the local Rotary clubs in Mexico to make it a major restoration project. All because of the idea of individual Rotarians...first DG Helaine...then Rico Salvador of South Ukiah who picked up the ball from

there. And also, many other clubs who performed "major surgery" to waterways in their area. Congratulations Helaine...little did you know how much of an impact your "Water Project" idea would have. That's what it's all about ☺

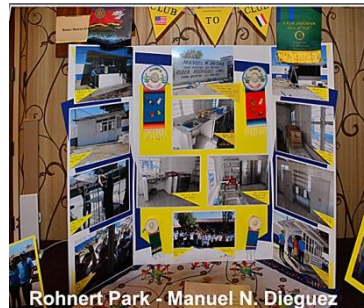
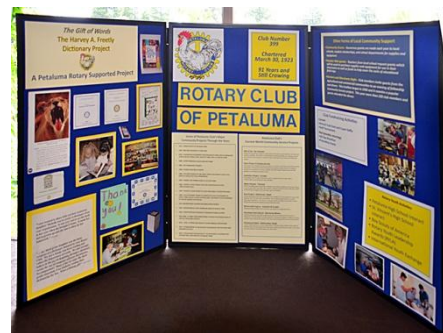
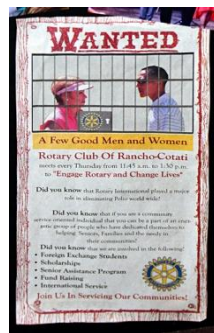
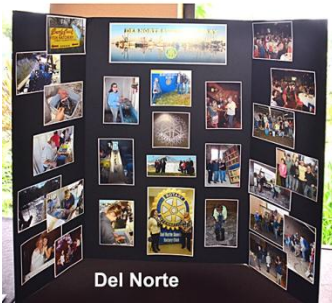


## 🍎 The Adjournment 🍎

With Friday's dinner, "at the dockside", a full Saturday and half day Sunday schedule to follow, many attendees retired to hospitality suites, meetings, or relaxation.









# AIRPLANE



**Rogers, Over and Out!**

**THE DEBUNKING OF CAPTAIN BOB**  
**JUNE 28, 2014 HOLY GHOST HALL**

# How to get your personal donation information online

Computer input – [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

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.

Enter your email address

Enter your member ID – on the address label of the Rotarian magazine,

RI will send an email to your EMAIL address with a link to activate your account.

**Now that you have a registered 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**

## **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)**

### **#36: Membership in Rotary International**

If you asked a Rotarian if he or she belonged to Rotary International, the individual probably would look puzzled and answer, “Of course I’m a member of Rotary International.” But in this instance, the confident Rotarian would be technically wrong. No Rotarian can be a member of Rotary International!

The explanation of this apparent contradiction is simple. The constitutional documents of RI state that membership in Rotary International is limited to Rotary clubs. More than 31,000 Rotary clubs belong to the organization we call Rotary International.

A Rotary club is composed of persons with the appropriate qualifications of good character and reputation and a business or professional classification and who serve in an executive or managerial capacity. The Rotarian belongs to a club — the club belongs to Rotary International. This technical distinction is not obvious or even known to most Rotarians and seldom does it create any problems or complications. It does explain, however, why the Rotary International Board of Directors places expectations upon and extends privileges to Rotary clubs, rather than to individual Rotarians.

If someone asks if you belong to Rotary International, your most accurate answer would be, “No, I belong to a Rotary club?” But it is doubtful anyone would understand the difference, or, in fact, would really care.



**RI READING: End Polio Now**

**[CLICK HERE TO GO TO WEBSITE...](#)**



May 2014 | Take action to End Polio Now



### [Southeast Asia declared polio-free](#)

The World Health Organization certified on 27 March that its Southeast Asia region has eradicated polio. The challenge now for the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) is to eliminate the disease in the countries where it has never been stopped: Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria.

**GIVE NOW**

## Pakistani Rotary member talks about his 20 years fighting polio

**'The major challenge now is getting over political and religious objections to the vaccine'**

Workers and volunteers do their best to immunize children, even in extreme conditions. Walks, rallies, and talk shows are also part of the strategy to [End Polio Now in Pakistan](#).

## Rotaract clubs in Egypt bring polio vaccine to slums of Alexandria

**Effort is part of the response to Middle East outbreak**

Rotaract members acted to [protect children in Egypt against polio](#) as surrounding countries worked to quell outbreaks of the disease.

### TELL YOUR ROTARY STORY

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

- [Visit the Brand Center \(sign-in required\)](#)
- [Read Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [See how others are telling Rotary's story](#)



### CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE AT THE CONVENTION

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

- [Register for the convention](#)
- [Get involved in a service opportunity](#)
- [Find more activities on the Host Organization Committee's website](#)



## Activities roundup

Districts [5360](#) (parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada) and [5370](#) (parts of Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, and Saskatchewan) raised CA\$350,000 as part of a joint campaign with the Alberta government, which matched that amount for a total of \$700,000.

More than 10,000 Rotary members in 30 countries raised over \$190,000 as of April by participating in the [World's Greatest Meal to Help End Polio](#).

The annual [Global Swimarathon](#), held on 23 February to mark Rotary's 109th anniversary, netted more than \$100,000.

In her new album, "Eve," Grammy Award winner [Angélique Kidjo](#) honors the women of Africa and pays tribute to Rotary's work to end polio worldwide.

More than 90,000 people from 170 countries have joined the [World's Biggest Commercial](#). We are "this close" to having 100,000 participants and you can help us surpass our goal. Upload your photo by 30 June, if you haven't already done so. Also, share the link to the commercial through social media.

[Find more at endpolio.org](#)

[Advocate for a polio-free world](#)

[Learn more about the polio endgame plan](#)

### Resources & reference

[Find out how the End Polio Now -- Make History Today funding campaign sponsored by Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation makes contributions work three times as hard.](#)

[Join the End Polio Now: Make History Today Walk at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia.](#)

[Read A Rotarian's Guide to the Race to End Polio.](#)

[Watch a forbes.com interview with RI General Secretary John Hewko about polio eradication.](#)

[Check out global media coverage of polio eradication, including Rotary's role.](#)

*End Polio Now* is a monthly source of news, information, and resources for Rotary members who support the global effort to eradicate polio.

Send questions and story ideas to [PolioPlus@rotary.org](mailto:PolioPlus@rotary.org).

**GIVE NOW**

