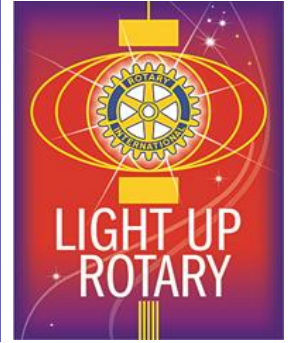


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Caryl Hart - The Future of Parks in Sonoma County



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



Before The Bell



As I arrived, my eye caught the beautiful Great Gatsby "tablescape". Kudos to **First Lady Lynda** for her creative centerpiece, a work of art. [See Great Gatsby Gala below –Ed.] I listened in as **Lynda** and **Aldean Noethig** discussed the decorations for the silent auction room. This is going to be a beautiful event.

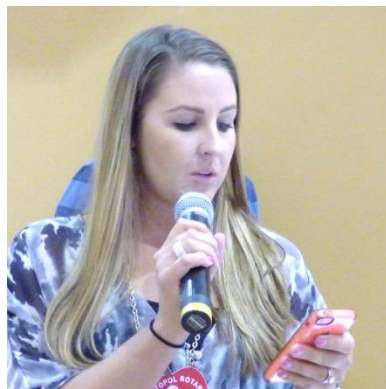


At The Bell



President Ron called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Edwin Wilson led us in the pledge. **JT Martin** led us in a beautiful rendition of *God Bless America*.



Meredeth Bertacco gave three Robin Williams quotes for the thought for the day.

"No matter what anybody tells you, words and ideas can change the world."

"You're only given one little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it."

"But oh, to be free. Such a thing would be greater than all the magic and all the treasures in all the world." From *Aladdin*

President Ron switched it up a bit, and we ate our lunch while the meeting proceeded.



Mia Del Prete introduced Amy Breeze and Scotty Sinkay who gave a spirited performance of a Boogie-woogie that they will perform at the Great Gatsby Gala. What a party that is going to be.



Future Programs

August 22, 2014

Speaker: Gail Atkins
Program: Redwood Empire Food Bank

August 29, 2014

Speaker: Cheryl Davy,
Foreperson Sonoma County Grand Jury
Program: Sonoma County Grand Jury 2013-2014

September 5, 2014

Speaker: Kevin Eisenberg
Program: District 5130 Update

Future Events

November 15

The Great Gatsby Party!!!
(See Attachment)

Crab Feed

Februrary 14, 2015

Handy Links

[Pinot for Polio Form](#)
[Great Gatsby Gala Poster](#)
[Sebastopol Rotary Website](#)
[Learn to Swim - Connecticut](#)

Miscellany

Next Board Meeting (Ron's)

Date/Time: **Thursday, Sept. 10th, 5:15 p.m.**

Location: **Pauline Pellini's Office**
(Wherever that is - Maybe at new Barlow office???)

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS - icblasco@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

!!! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !!!

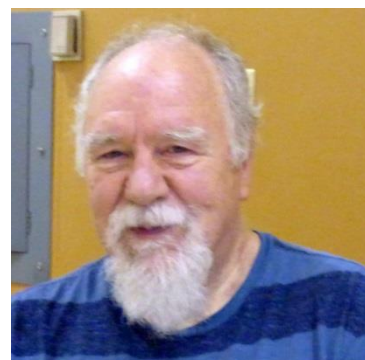
Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Bud Daveiro introduced visiting Rotarians;



David Mark-Raymond, from Sebastopol Sunrise and

Richard Ruge, also from Sebastopol Sunrise.



Guests were introduced:



Bob Rogers introduced the Past President First Lady, Peggy.

President Ron introduced First Lady, Lynda.

Bob Cugini introduced his assistant [The editing crew did catch the name -Ed.]

Yvette Williams van Aggelen introduced the students from the exchange program.

Alexis Trinei just returned from France. She introduced her visiting student Jeanne Civeyrac.



Susan Mark-Raymond and David are hosting Guillén Bernal from Spain.

Meredeth was in the back of the room with **Mia** busily reserving tables for the Great Gatsby Gala. Sponsors are being recruited. The committee will meet Monday and you might be called to help.

Send an email to: rotarygreatgatsbygala@gmail.com for more info.

We went back to eating until the meeting was again called to order.

Rotary Foundation

Every other meeting this year the Foundation Committee will provide a moment or two of information about the work of the Rotary Foundation and some commentary on how it works.

President Ron showed a short video on the work of the Rotary Foundation. The focus is:

Providing Clean Water; Promoting Peace; Saving Mothers and Children; Growing Local Economies; Supporting Education; and Fighting Disease. This is what Rotary Foundation does in the world.

Sally Ewald introduced the Foundation committee goals for this year: to bring the foundation work closer to the members...by sharing all the activities our Rotary has done around the world. We will be hearing more from members a couple of times a month.

Mike Ferguson spoke of a few minutes about the Lunch Bucks. It is very easy to meet the goal of Every-Year-Every-Rotarian participates in giving to the Foundation at the sustainable member level of \$100. A simple way to gain sustaining membership is to give \$2 at each meeting. Bring a \$20 bill, pay for lunch, and give the other \$2 to the foundation. In fifty weeks, you have met the goal. Mike encourages all of us to participate in Lunch Bucks.



Announcements

September 15 is the 90th Annual Golf Tournament at the Sebastopol Golf Course. There will be a barbecue.

Recognitions

Chris Dawson celebrated his birthday in August by staying close to home. He and family celebrated in a rented Bodega Bay house and had a good time.

For his anniversary, **Torrey Olson** flew his folks in for a month long visit.



Paul Martinovich was reminded that he had an anniversary coming up. He announced he is a grandfather of a baby boy born on June 29. So, he ended up with a fine of \$20.



Tour d'Organics



A great crew from our club staffed a rest station for the Tour d'Organics. **Rick Wilson** and **Cindy**, **Larry** and **Gerry Ford** helped out. **Gerry** helped keep things organized and **Rick** makes a great sandwich.



Bob Rogers shared that he completed the 100-mile bike ride in about 9.5 hours. He made sure that plenty of riders passed him so they could see the End Polio Now sign on his behind. He even dropped his shorts to show us his prized riding pants from behind. Then he pledged \$100 for his ride and encouraged club members to contribute a penny or a dime or a dollar a mile. Sebastopol Rotarians contributed \$1,000 to End Polio Now at the meeting.



Sally and **David Ewald** went to Venice and had a balcony which was 18 inches wide, but big enough to see the gondolas and hear the fabulous music. She and **David** also went on an exciting tour of the new and old Oakland Bay Bridge.



Dan Rasmus had quite a summer beginning with a stay at an Italian Villa with extended family south of Florence Italy and then a niece was married in North Carolina. He topped it all off with a Lake Tahoe downhill mountain biking trip with his son.



Brendon Houston and family had a "staycation". For ten days, they explored new places in the local area and had a great time.



The Raffle



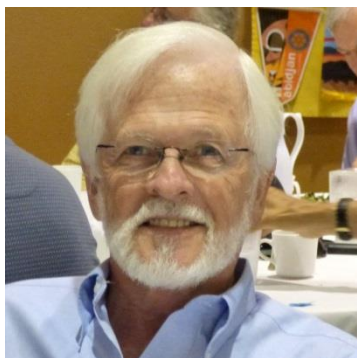
Brad Benedetti had the winning ticket and went on to win the raffle by drawing a snickers bar walking off with money and candy.

Bragging Bucks

Frank Mayhew shared that as of Sat. Aug. 16, **Kathie Mayhew** will be cancer free for four years!

There was a bit of quiet time and **President Ron** asked if anyone else had any bragging to do.

Edwin Wilson shared his son is gainfully employed as the newest teacher in the San Francisco school where he did his student teaching. **Edwin** donated \$100 to the Education Foundation.



Bill Cole shared that on Aug. 28 his great grandson will celebrate his first Birthday.



The Program



Dr. Caryl Hart, park Director, presented a great program about the Sonoma County Regional Park system. She was introduced by **Henry Alker** who shared that she is also the Chairperson of the California States Parks Commission. She has been appointed to the commission by three different state Governors.

Caryl talked about the future of parks in Sonoma County. She thanked Rotary for their important contributions to the County and the Parks system. There are over 50 parks, 11,400 acres, with 250 campsites in Sonoma County. All these details are available on the Sonoma County Parks website at <http://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/>

Caryl told us about the Award Winning Russian River Safety Patrol that provides free lifejackets at county beaches. This program has reduced drowning on the river and has been identified as the top park program in the U.S.

She encourages park membership, which is quite a deal: 1-year park access and 1 night free camping. The membership is really important to funding the upkeep of the parks. In fact in a \$20 million budget, only \$3.5 million comes from the general fund. The rest comes from membership and usage fees.

We are very lucky to have such proactive park leadership in this county. Caryl encouraged us to get out and get on a trail, enjoy the wonderful outdoor opportunities the amazing Sonoma County Regional Park system has to offer us.

There was a long question and answer period and we learned even more about the parks system. Important news for **Bob Rogers**: the Westside Boat Ramp will be completely redone.

Volunteer Opportunities are abundant and you can find out online or talk with John Ryan at 565-2041.

The Closing Bell

President Ron thanked David and Susan Mark-Raymond for attending and bringing the exchange students. Guillén spoke and thanked the Rotary for sponsoring him. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Next meeting, August 20, 2014. Gail Atkins will provide an update on the Redwood Empire Food Bank.

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)
#48: International Conventions

Each May or June, Rotary International holds a worldwide convention "to stimulate, inspire, and inform all Rotarians at an international level." The convention, which may not be held in the same country for more than two consecutive years, is the annual meeting to conduct the business of the association. The planning process usually begins about four or five years in advance. In selecting the site, the RI Board determines a general location and invites cities to make proposals.

The conventions are truly international events that 20,000 to 35,000 Rotarians and guests attend. In addition to being fun events, international conventions offer Rotarians unique opportunities for vacation travel. Upcoming conventions are scheduled for Brisbane, Australia (2003); Osaka, Japan (2004); and Chicago, Illinois, USA (2005). All members should plan to participate in a Rotary International convention to discover the real internationality of Rotary. It is an experience you'll never forget.

The Great Gatsby Gala –November 15, 2014



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[Breaking down barriers to clean water](#)

When Marty Hatala, a member of the Rotary Club of Boaz, Alabama, first traveled to Ghana in 2010 to volunteer at a local orphanage, she saw how local communities struggled to find clean water. According to United Nations worldwide statistics, up to 40 billion hours a year are spent fetching water, primarily by women and children. Providing clean water is one of Rotary's six areas of focus.

- [Read more about Hatala's experiences in Ghana](#)
- [The Rotarian explores the safety of drinking water in the U.S.](#)
- [Join a discussion about water in Bangladesh](#)

GIVE

Supporting education

Young writers get published with the help of Rotary

In July, Rotary International and the International Reading Association (IRA) selected two projects to receive \$2,500 awards from the Pearson Foundation. The awards recognize projects in which Rotary clubs and local IRA-affiliated reading councils collaborate to strengthen literacy in local and international communities. Rotary and the IRA have been project partners since 2002.

- [Read more](#)
- [Support a project to build a school in The Gambia](#)
- [Browse literacy projects on Rotary Showcase](#)

Membership Matters

Who's your Tommy?

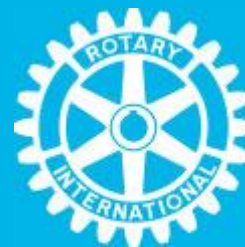
As a young banker, William Pollard Jr. had just moved back to his hometown in Virginia, USA, when a retired banker named Tommy invited him to visit a Rotary club meeting. Pollard knew nothing about Rotary, but that simple invitation launched an extensive career of service.

- [Read Pollard's blog post for Rotary Voices](#)
- [See our hashtag gallery for Membership Month](#)
- [Sign up for Part 2 of the Member Matters webinar series](#)
- [Share membership best practices](#)

SÃO PAULO CONVENTION DATES CHANGED

The 2015 Rotary Convention will run Saturday, 6 June, through Tuesday, 9 June – starting and ending one day earlier than originally scheduled.

- [Learn more about this change](#)
- [Check \[riconvention.org\]\(http://riconvention.org\) for updates, registration & housing details](#)
- [Find information about HOC events](#)



NEW DUES PROCESS EASIER FOR CLUBS

Beginning 1 January 2015, club officers can say goodbye to the semiannual report and hello to a simple one-page invoice that clearly states the amount owed.

- [Learn more about the new process](#)
- [Find answers to frequently asked questions](#)
- [Send questions & comments to clubinvoice@rotary.org](mailto:clubinvoice@rotary.org)

Alleviating hunger

Biking for hunger on Chicago's South Side

On 8 August, Rotary General Secretary John Hewko, his wife, Marga, and a contingent of Rotary staff joined Benjamin Rasmus and David Bobanick from Rotary First Harvest on a 25 mile ride from Evanston to Chicago's South Side Englewood neighborhood. They received a first-hand look at what Rotary members are doing to address hunger.

- [Read Hewko's blog post for Rotary Voices](#)
- [See more photos of the ride on Hewko's Facebook page](#)
- [Learn more about Bike Against Hunger](#)

Resources & reference

[Rotary Voices: Stories of service from around the world](#)

[Rotary Leader: Helping club and district officers achieve success](#)

[Rotary Images: Download photos to use in your club or district publications](#)

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