



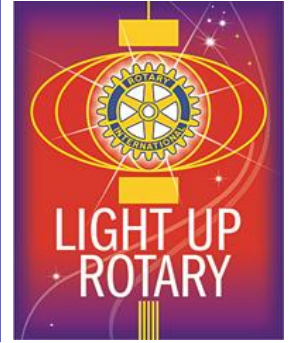
# *The Appleknocker*

## *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin*

### **Gail Atkins – Redwood Empire Food Bank**



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*"All the News that Fits We Print"*



**Before The Bell**



**At The Bell**



**President Ron Puccinelli** called the meeting to order at 12:15. **Mike Ferguson** led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. We were treated to Jim Corbett, Mr. Music, leading us in song: *It's a Grand Old Flag*.



**Brad Benedetti** gave the thought for the day:

"The ability to speak several languages is an asset,  
 but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless."





## Future Programs

August 29, 2014

Speaker: Cheryl Davey, Foreperson  
Sonoma County Grand Jury  
Program: Grand Jury Report –  
Sonoma County, 2013-2014

September 5, 2014

Speaker: DG Kevin Eisenberg  
Program: Greetings from District 5130

September 12, 2014

Speaker: Dr. Amy Rogers  
Program: Ecuador Rain Forest  
Chocolate Production

September 19, 2014

Speaker: Jeff Gaspe  
Program: Fall of Communism  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

September 26, 2014

Speaker: Barbara Barney  
Program: Common Core State  
Education Standards

## Future Events

November 15

The Great Gatsby Party!!!  
(See Attachment)

Crab Feed

February 14, 2015

## Handy Links

Pinot for Polio Form  
Great Gatsby Gala Poster  
Sebastopol Rotary Website

## Miscellany

Next Board Meeting (Ron's)

Date/Time: Thursday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:15 p.m.

Location: Pauline Pellini's Office  
Vanguard Prop. 130 S. Main @ Burnett S, Seb.

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – jcbiasco@comcast.net  
On-line Make-Ups: www.RotaryEClubOne.org

INTERACT MAKE-UPS – HAVE YOU TRIED IT?

Analay 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



### VISITING ROTARIANS

New York District Governor  
(7230) David Del Monte  
joined us.



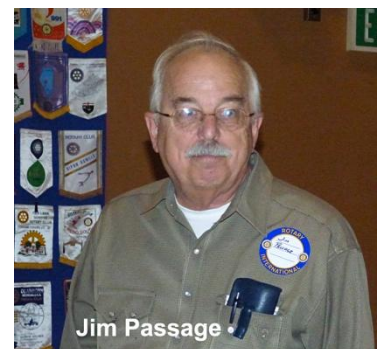
President Ron welcomed member  
Bill Daniels – who has been away in  
Southeast Asia for the last 6 months.  
His legal practice ["Country Lawyer"  
according to ClubRunner. –Ed.]  
takes him all over the world [Hardship  
case! –Ed.] Bill is a **Past President**  
of our club 1995-1996.

### GUESTS

Rick Wilson introduced Cindy  
Carter



Steve Prandini introduced  
Jim Passage



JT Martin introduced Jim Corbett, Mr. Music.



## Announcements–Or Todays News and Views

President Ron read a thank you letter from Vanessa Haspod  
who received an Overcoming Obstacles Award Scholarship last  
April 11. She is grateful for the help from Rotary.



**Diana Rich** told us about the fundraiser to support Global Student Embassy (GSE), which sends students to Nicaragua as eco-action leaders and a great cultural exchange. Join the celebration on Sat. Sept. 13 2-5pm at Kosta Browne Winery @ The Barlow (\$50)

Great Gatsby Gala – **Mia Del Prete** said there are eleven tables sold, about half so far.

Sophie Marie Luna, Rotary's outgoing exchange student is on her way to France. She thanked Rotary for support in sending her and said she feels very blessed.



Jim Corbett, Mr. Music, thanked Rotary for supporting the summer music series in the park. There is one more week with the Love Choir. **JT Martin** will play the bass (and got a spontaneous \$10 fine); Mr. Music will sing and invite all kids he ever taught to join him on stage singing Purple People Eater. He said he appreciates Rotary and all the local businesses that supported the series.



## **BOARD REPORT**



**President Ron** explained how the Friends of Rotary program works. David Peterson is a new Friend of Rotary and Troy McAdams will be invited to participate.

The Friends of Rotary share the ideals and activities of Rotary but not the benefits. The cost is \$125 and friends contribute time and talent to some events and activities. It is a good entry level or a placeholder when someone needs to take a break.

The Friends of Rotary is part of the changes coming to Rotary International. Things are moving and changing.

Youth Interact Clubs are starting up for the year.

The Holiday Party is in the planning stages.

The Community Service Committee is working on Great Gatsby.

The Club Service is planning the Friday afterhours activity for Sept. 7. More details to come.

Budget Report: there is currently a slight surplus from last year. Books are not quite closed on that.



## **Recognitions**



## **BIRTHDAYS**

**Paul Thielen** celebrated his Aug. 8 birthday with his daughters and grandson.

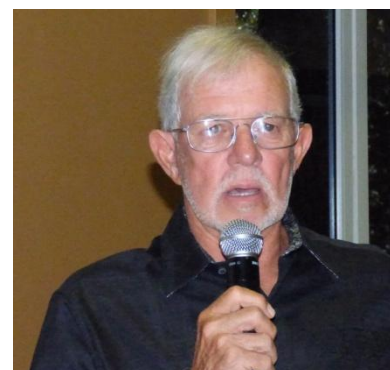






**Rick Williams' house was cleaned** on his Aug. 18 birthday, which was very nice, and he went to a matinee with his wife.

**Jerry Warren's** wife gave him a four-day fishing trip on the Klamath River where he had a great time with good guides and plentiful fish.



#### ANNIVERSARIES

**Brad Benedetti and Kathy** celebrated 48 years of marriage at John Ash.

**Mia Del Prete** was reminded about her anniversary - the next day.

Then **Richard Petersen** was an example to us all not to conduct personal business on Rotary email. He was fined \$10.



#### The Raffle

**Robin Maybury** had the winning ticket but pulled out a Baby Ruth when he needed a Milky Way. The handful of candy was a welcome consolation prize back at the table.

#### The Program



**Henry Alker** introduced Gail Atkins, the Director of Programs at Redwood Empire Food Bank. She had been with the food bank for 14 years.



Gail shared the results of a national survey on hunger. She focused on the results: Hunger in Sonoma County. They just received the results of the survey and have not analyzed all the data. What she did share really emphasizes the number of people in our county who have difficulty accessing nutritious and sufficient food.

The mission of the Redwood Empire Food Bank is to end hunger in our community. One in six of us in Sonoma County struggle with food insecurity. In the US, it is 1 in 7. The Food Bank serves 78,000 a month. That is almost double the number of seats in AT&T Park.

In Sonoma County, the cost of living is high which increases the number of people with food insecurity. We also have many access points to distribute food, so we do a good job of identifying and serving those in need. Rotary funds the Backpack program at Parkside where 24 children/families get food each week.

This hunger study is completed every four years. The information helps direct the efforts of the food bank. One current goal is to provide more healthful, fresh food and nutrition education. One-half of the food distributed is fresh produce.

The Redwood Empire Food Bank has a beautiful new building...Gail encouraged us to visit and get a tour of the facility. Of their \$7.4 million budget, 45% is individual donations.

### POVERTY is

- \$11,670 or less a year for an individual
- \$23,850 or less a year for a family of four



### The Closing Bell



**President Ron** thanked Gail Atkins for her interesting talk and presented her with a donation to The Pathway Home in her name. He then thanked both District Governor David Del Monte and **Bill Daniels** for joining us and, ringing the bell, adjourned the meeting at 1:30.

### 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)

### #49: Presidential Conferences

From time to time, Rotarians see promotional literature announcing a presidential or regional peace conference to be held some place in the world. Such a conference is quite similar to the annual Rotary International convention but smaller in attendance and serving Rotarians and guests in a region that is a considerable distance from the site of the international convention.

The purpose of an RI presidential conference is to develop and promote acquaintance, friendship, and understanding among the attendees, as well as to facilitate the development of international service projects, and provide a forum to discuss and exchange ideas about Rotary and activities to promote goodwill and understanding. A few peace conferences have actually initiated peaceful relations among nations with historic conflicts. Presidential conferences are considered special events on the Rotary calendar and are not held on any regular schedule. The conferences are arranged by a committee appointed by the RI president.

Rotarians from all parts of the world are always welcome to attend. Participating in a presidential conference in another region is an enjoyable, rewarding, and fascinating experience that provides another opportunity to enjoy the international fellowship of Rotary.



# The Great Gatsby Gala –November 15, 2014



ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL  
PRESENTS:

# THE GREAT GATSBY GALA

A GLAMOROUS EVENING WITH DINNER, DANCING AND AUCTIONS

JOIN US

SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 15, 2014 • 5:00 - 10:30 PM  
Sebastopol Community Center • 390 Morris St., Sebastopol

TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIPS:  
[rotarygreatgatsbygala@gmail.com](mailto:rotarygreatgatsbygala@gmail.com)

Attire:  
Roaring 20's

# RI READING Rotary Members a powerful force for polio eradication.

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## Rotary members a powerful force for polio eradication

Have recent headlines left you fielding questions about our ability to end polio? Steve Crane, a Seattle Rotarian and chair of his district's polio eradication advocacy committee, shares why the important headline to remember is the one proclaiming the end of polio in India. Eradication is certain, as long as Rotary's powerful force of volunteers stays committed to the cause.

- [Read Crane's post for Rotary Voices](#)
- [Read about polio's retreat in \*The Rotarian\*](#)
- [Learn how you can help](#)

GIVE

## Empowering young adults

### Awards celebrate Rotaract club projects that change lives

Residents of Kumbharwadi, India, had only one well to go to for drinking water. During summer months, the well runs dry. Nikunj Pherwani's Rotaract club teamed up with the Rotary Club of Bombay, Maharashtra, India, to raise funds to provide drinking water and sanitation for the village, one of seven projects honored at this year's Rotaract Preconvention Meeting.



- [Read about all the winners](#)
- [Learn more about what makes Rotaract unique](#)
- [Read how Rotaractors are providing drinking water in Nepal](#)

## Sustainable projects

### Making a difference in Ghana

How do you help girls in Ghana escape poverty? Minnesota Rotary members discovered the answer was to listen. Instead of projects, they are focused on building relationships.



- [Read more](#)
- [Learn how clubs are providing clean water in Ghana](#)
- [Browse other Ghana projects on Rotary Showcase](#)

## 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)

## Celebrating membership

### The richness of belonging

Renée Riley-Adams, a newer member of the Rotary Club of Ashland, Oregon, USA, talks about the richness of belonging she has found in Rotary. "I've found integrity, professionalism, an interest in life-long learning, fun, humor, and an inter-generational community."

- [Read her blog post for Rotary Voices](#)
- [Join our global celebration of membership](#)
- [Sign up for a webinar on membership](#)
- [Share membership best practices](#)

## 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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