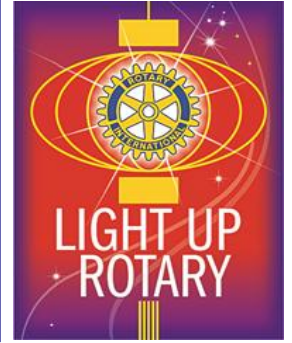


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Cheryl Davey -- Grand Jury Report, 2013-2014



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



Before The Bell



Aren't the greetings from **Rick Wilson** wonderful? I always feel so warmly welcomed!

Bob Rogers mentioned that he saw my husband, **Ross**, at the SCARC meeting Thursday night in Rohnert Park – always a nice event of comradery with Rotarians from other clubs.



On the tables was the flier for Read to Me explaining the program and how important it is. The next training is Sept. 17, 11-1 or 5-7pm.

Photog Larry Ford got busy early.



At The Bell



The meeting was called to order at **12:15** by **President Ron Puccinelli**.

Aldean Noethig led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

With none of our regular **song maestros** present, it was noted that Jim Corbett was in attendance. We had the pleasure of Mr. Music leading us in *This Land is Your Land*.



Barbara Bickford gave the thought for the day:

"If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people." ~~ Chinese proverb

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." ~~ Maya Angelou

Future Programs

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
25th Anniversary**

September 26, 2014

Speaker: **Mickey Porter, Deputy
Superintendent of Sonoma
County Office of Education**
Program: **Common Core State
Education Standards**

Future Events

September 15

**Sebastopol Rotary Golf
Tournament**

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](#)

Miscellany

Next Board Meeting (Ron's)

Date/Time: **Thursday, Sept. 10th, 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?

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

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

There were no visiting Rotarians.



Tim Moore introduced Jim Passage, retired engineer from Wright Construction.



Bob Cugini introduced Willie.

Then there was some confusion...



President Ron said "that was only two guests" – He was sure there were three. As the laughter commenced, **President Ron** realized the third guest was **First Lady, Lynda** who received a warm welcome.

Announcements–Or Todays News and Views

Mike Carey talked about the Read to Me program and encouraged us to read the flier on our tables.

Mike Carey also said there would be a short meeting of Interact club advisors after the meeting.



Linda Johnson asked Rotarians to sign up for committees for Great Gatsby. Event Sponsors is one way to fund the community service projects – If you have any contacts for sponsors let her know.





Recognitions



BIRTHDAYS



Pauline Pellini had hers on Aug. 25. Her 6-year-old granddaughter planned the party: at Train Town. Dinner followed at the coast.

Tim Moore was reminded that his wife, **Mary Ann's** birthday is tomorrow. But really, it was today. When asked why he was at Rotary on her birthday, **Tim** quickly replied that he is here because his priority is Rotary. Hmmm...



ANNIVERSARIES

Mia Del Prete had a nice dinner at Catelli's for her 33rd anniversary.

Michael Hixson celebrated 25 years on Aug. 26 with a low-key celebration. The big celebration will be the trip to Rome in October.

Steve Prandini celebrated 43 years on Aug. 28. Since he did not receive a reminder from **President Ron**, he is lucky he remembered. They are leaving after the meeting for a 3-day weekend in Monterrey and Carmel.



Tom Boag was reminded of his 46th anniversary coming up on Tuesday.



FISHING [for Fines -Ed.]

The theme for the day was Fish, Fish, and More Fish starting in the Eastern Sierras and moving further and further north.

Gene Nelson caught the Crowley Donkey, as he said illustrating the power of prayer. The rainbow trout was 5 lbs, caught in Crowley Lake in the Eastern Sierra. \$20.



On **Bob Boyd's** fishing trip, where he has gone fishing for over 30 years, he ran into **Jerry Warren** on the banks. Bob, who was fishing with family, said the fishing was better than in the last 30 years. They caught 6-7 pound steelhead. He generously gave \$100 towards his Paul Harris.



Not quite fishing, but sticking to our northern theme, **Richard Power** went on a small ship (100 people) to as far north (80 degrees north latitude) as the ship could get – on the Eastern side of Canada. They saw walrus, bears, and other wildlife.

Frank and Kathie Mayhew stayed above the Arctic Circle in Alaska and caught Sheefish. Yup, there is a fish called Sheefish. Frank said there wasn't a "He Fish" that he knew of. The guide smoked the fish for 3 days and it was amazing. They were with grandchildren and saw many fresh tracks of big animals – the kind of place you don't leave camp without a rifle.



Jim Pacatte went to Alaska and fished Killisnoo Island. One day's catch was about 24 fish in 3 hours. After reaching the limit on Coho salmon, they fished for halibut and rockfish. **Jim** donated \$100 to the Education Foundation for all the fish they caught.



NOT FISHING – BUT FUN JUST THE SAME



Not a fish story: **Aleia Coate** was noted for a new position – VP, Community Manager... but it is not a new position at all. She was simply updating her LinkedIn profile.

Tim Moore caught a fine for the new family cabin he is building in the Truckee Area. He got some ribbing about how small it really was. Tim didn't reveal the square feet, but did admit it has four bathrooms. He gave \$100 to the Rotary Foundation.

Mario Ramos was asked what's happening in his life. He replied not much. **President Ron** didn't give up, "Life must be more interesting..." And it is... **Mario** got married a year ago and has his first anniversary this September. **Past President Bob** didn't fine him because he didn't know about the marriage.



Guy Smith as been gone a lot, working with his son on the Gualala River to cut down some trees. He said they cut 2-3 trees, but when **President Ron** wanted \$10 a tree, **Guy** clarified that they only cut two. He said it was nice to be back here and he'll be around more in the winter.



Past President Bob Rogers continues to micromanage after leaving office. He interrupted **President Ron** asking if there wasn't something else he wanted to announce. **Pres. Ron** noted that announcement was coming at the end of the program.

Gene Nelson was sitting next to me and wondered, several times -- Where was the announcement for the Golf tournament? Or, maybe this year it is a mystery golf tournament and you're on your own to find out the date. [See After the Closing Bell for details –Ed.]



The Raffle

Michael Hixson had the winning ticket and the winning piece of candy: a Baby Ruth. He got a little cash for his trip to Rome.



The Program

Bob Boyd introduced Cheryl Davey, the Past Foreperson of the Sonoma County Grand Jury. She is active in community volunteer groups in addition to her service for two years on the Civil Grand Jury. Currently she is involved with the National Alliance for Mental Illness and is a tutor for Schools of Hope.



Bob noted her hard work and professional approach to her service on the Grand Jury.

California is the only state to have a Civil Grand Jury. It serves to watch local government and help it run more smoothly. Local government includes the planning department, sheriff, etc.

Any citizen can complete a Citizen Complaint Form and mail it in. It is available on www.sonomasuperiourcourt.com (look for Sonoma Grand Jury).



The Grand Jury is overseen by the Court and a Presiding Judge. It is funded by the county. Most jurors work about 20 hours a week and conduct investigations during the day. So, most jurors are retired. This is a completely voluntary service to the community and jurors are randomly selected.

The average age of jurors is about 65 and many live in Bennett Valley, Oakmont areas.

While the ethnic makeup is mostly White, the group is diverse professionally. New jurors are appointed every year, with one or two serving a second year, which provides some continuity.

Some limitations of the work are related to this required turnover. There is not an institutional memory – The group has to reorganize every year and learn the various tasks and roles. There is a lack of resources and a need for technical services.

The group maintains confidentiality. The people interviewed in investigations are protected. The jury has no criminal indictments, unlike the Criminal Grand Jury. After conducting investigations into accepted complaints, they issue a report at the end of the year and make recommendations. The final reports are available online. The reports have resulted in changes in some agencies and not so much in others. The main enforcement vehicle is the press and public opinion. The publicity from the report can effect change and there are examples in the county where significant changes were made.

Cheryl Davey said there were many personal highlights to serving on the Civil Grand Jury. After investigations, seeing reports come together and consensus build in a collegial way. It takes a super majority to make recommendations and issue a report. The process gave her a perspective of civil service. She was impressed with the professionalism and dedication of our county's civil servants.

Cheryl Davey concluded that there is great reward to volunteer in county government and there are many opportunities for civic involvement. There are county boards, committees, and task forces that need volunteer citizen participation. You can find out more at supervisors.sonomacounty.org/boardscommitteestaskforces

President Ron thanked Cheryl Davey for her interesting presentation and presented her with a donation to the Pathway Home in her name.

Gene Nelson stood up and asked if he could use the complaint form for Rotary? Cheryl shook her head; it is only for county agencies.



The Closing Bell



President Ron announced that now was the time for the announcement **Past President Bob** was so concerned about. At the next meeting, the District Governor, Kevin Eisenberg, will be here. There will be an After Hours 5-7 get together with Kevin and fellow Rotarians at "8" with Hors d'oeuvre and Drinks.

Happy Labor Day, Drive Safely. The meeting was adjourned at **1:30** pm.



After the Bell



The Annual Rotary Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday September 15th at Sebastopol Golf Course. Check In: Noon. T-Time, 1:00pm. Cost: \$80 includes BBQ Dinner with Baby Back Ribs, Brisket, Beans, Salad and Wine / Beer and Raffle! Dinner Only: \$30.

Please call **Richard Petersen** if you have any questions: 548-5250 or email **Richard**. richard@vanguardsonoma.com

Hope to hear from lots of you about playing golf! Like to get commitment for Golf by Monday September 7th.

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)

#50: Intercountry Committees

In 1931, Rotarians in France and Germany organized the *petit corn ite*, a small group with the goal of fostering better relations between the people of these two neighboring nations. Since that time, Rotarians throughout Europe have led the way in creating Intercountry Committees to encourage contacts between Rotarians and Rotary clubs across national boundaries.

Intercountry Committees have now been established in many parts of the world to promote friendship as well as to cooperate in sponsoring World Community Service projects, student exchanges, and other activities to improve understanding among nations. Frequently, the Intercountry Committees sponsor visits of Rotarians and their families across national borders and arrange intercity meetings and conferences.

In some instances, Intercountry Committees are created between countries separated by great distances in an effort to encourage goodwill and friendship with matched or partner areas of the world. The Intercountry Committees coordinate their efforts with the district governors of their countries and always serve in an advisory capacity to districts and clubs.

Intercountry Committees provide an additional means for Rotary clubs and Rotarians to fulfill the responsibilities of the fourth Avenue of Service international understanding, goodwill, and peace.

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[Miles to End Polio](#)

On 22 November, Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko and six Rotary staff members will be joining Arizona Rotary members to bike up to 104 miles in El Tour de Tucson to fundraise for polio eradication. [Learn how you can support their effort](#) and read about the team members.

- [Meet some of the last children in India who will ever know what it's like to have polio](#)
- [Join the discussion on ending polio](#)
 - [Learn how you can be an advocate](#)

[GIVE](#)

Empowering young adults

Rotary Youth Exchange exceeded my expectations

Jurag Gago, a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Slovakia, fell in love with Chicago during his time with the Rotary Club of Aurora Sunrise. In his blog post for Rotary Voices, Gago shares how he gained a new perspective and met tons of Rotary members who really care about making a difference.

- [Read his blog post](#)
- [Learn about Rotary Youth Exchange](#)
- [Connect with alumni on Facebook](#)

Disease prevention

Liberian Rotary club responds to Ebola crisis

The Rotary Club of Monrovia, Liberia, is working with the country's Ministry of Health and Social Welfare to enhance support for Ebola patients, health workers, and support personnel. The club is seeking funding and supplies on Rotary Ideas. Due to the outbreak, the Rotary Institute in Accra, Ghana, scheduled for September has been canceled, and participants will instead be asked to attend the Institute in Marrakech, Morocco, 14-15 November.

- [Find out how you can help](#)
- [Get details about the Rotary Institute in Marrakech](#)
- [Read the latest about the outbreak from the CDC](#)

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](#)



ORGANIZE A ROTARY DAY

Hold a fun, informal event in your community and introduce the public to your club and Rotary. It just might inspire someone to join!

- [Learn more about Rotary Days](#)
- [See a calendar of Rotary Days events worldwide](#)
- [Enter the Rotary Days video contest](#)

Social media

Why we can't afford to ignore social media

Sydney Rotarian Evan Burrell uses social media to paint a fun, lighter side of Rotary, with offbeat, sometime silly, ideas. Rotary member Marilyn Axler has been posting on Rotary topics on LinkedIn and Facebook for years. Both agree social media is an important tool to let others know about Rotary.

- [Learn more about Burrell's approach](#)
- [Read Axler's blog post](#)
- [Post a picture of your club using #WeAreRotary](#)

Resources & reference

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