



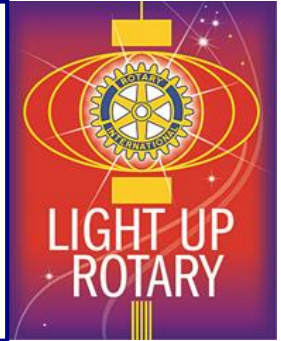
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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Rev Ann Gray Byrd – Black History in Sonoma County



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

Before The Bell



It was a dark and soggy day in the middle of a drought - but inside the Memorial Hall of the Sebastopol Community Church, the Rotary Club of Sebastopol was having a warm and sunny time.

At The Bell

JT Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

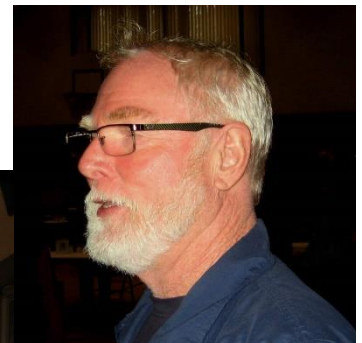
President Ron then asked **JT** to do double duty and lead the group in song. **JT** may have considered the "Buckeye Battle Cry" (more on that later) but broke into *God Bless America* instead.

Mia Del Prete brought some timely thoughts for the day from the pen of the Reverend Martin Luther King

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

And

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is; what are you doing for others?"



Visiting Rotarians & Guests

There were no visiting Rotarians however...

Jill Lowry introduced her guest Ray Hino who is the CEO of the Sonoma West Medical Center (that's Palm Drive to the uninitiated.) Ray was a Rotarian and wants to be a Rotarian so that is sort of like a visiting Rotarian.



Future Programs

January 23, 2015

Speaker: **Jesus Guzman**

Program: **Graton Day Labor Center**

January 30, 2015

Speaker: **Harry Simms, M.D.**

Program: **Metabolic diseases**

February 6, 2015

Speaker: **Brittany Heck, Director
local RCD**

Program: **Gold Ridge Resource
Conservation District**

Future Events

Crab Feed
February 14, 2015

Handy Links

[Pinot for Polio Form](#)
[Sebastopol Rotary Website](#)
[Community Grants Application](#)

Miscellany

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, Feb. 11th, 5:15 p.m.

Location: New!! Vanguard Properties Office
The Barlow in Sebastopol
6790 McKinley Street Suite 120

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS - jcblasco@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)

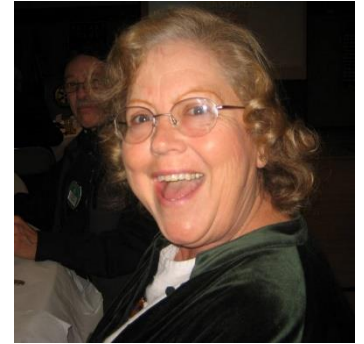
For all Interact Mtgs.: CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS

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



Tom Dilley introduced his wife **Pat**.

Vince DaLuiso introduced his singing partner and partner in life, **Hosanna**.



Announcements



Sally Ewald awarded new Paul Harris fellowships to three Rotarians; **Barbara Bickford**, already a Paul Harris Fellow through her Rotarian husband **Ross**,



Nao Noguchi a Paul Harris plus two,



and **Aldean Noethig** earned her first Paul Harris.

President Ron then quickly explained that a Paul Harris fellow is one who has reached a certain level of giving to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Mark Stevens announced that our Spanish Exchange Student Guillen is planning a fundraiser to help him gather the money to go to a meet up of all Rotary Exchange students in Hawaii. **Mark** is also looking for a family to house Guillen from April 1, through June. Guillen is a smart hard-working kid and would be a pleasure to have in any home.

Crab Feed

Excitement is building for the Crab Feed coming February 14. "Crazy **Ticket Lady**" (her words) **Dorothy Rodella** announced that the late feeding is sold out but there are tickets available for the early seating (5:30 P.M.) With six tickets, you get reserved seating. Tickets are only 55 simoleons. **Dorothy** also noted that the beautiful new advertising signs on various west county roads are courtesy of the **Bob Rogers School of Art**.

With some audience trepidation, **Jack Blasco** took the microphone to drum up volunteers for the Crab Feed. Rather than his usual tactics of inspiring fear and dread, **Jack** played the pride card [along with some amazing alliteration -**Ed**]. He noted that all volunteers would bask in the glow of appreciation from their fellow Rotarians. That is hard to pass up. Sign up now.

President Ron read a letter from Brien Farrell, son of the late Tom Farrell, thanking the club for its service and for giving Tom Farrell the great sense of fulfillment that he received being a part of the club.

Paul Yeomans is looking for a few good Rotarians to assist with the Dictionary Program. The dictionaries are arriving Wednesday at the Umpqua Bank and **Paul** needs help contacting the schools and recipients and distributing the books.



David Schreibman announced the February 10 deadline for Community Grant applications. Few have been received so far but there is usually a rush at the end. **David** asks that you spread to word in the community to deserving potential grantees.

Sally Ewald noted that the Teacher of the Year nominations will be accepted until January 23rd. Information about the award and the nomination form are on the SREF website. Click [here](#) to go to the website.

Happy Hour is still on the calendar for January 23 at Eight Restaurant. Attendees will have a chance to hear our own **Vince DaLuiso** and the Moonbeams playing your favorites.

Also on your calendar should be the April 11 work day at the Laguna Education Foundation from 9 to 12. Its good solid outdoor work getting your hands dirty for a good cause.



Recognitions



Bob Hirsch had a January 14 birthday that turned into a huge party. **Bob** got some very good health news after getting some bad health news and he celebrated with a walnut cake, a night of dancing, a party for 100 people and another upcoming party scheduled at his house. **President Ron** fined him \$10 for going overboard but **Bob** didn't care. Cel-e-brate-good times - come on.

Jim Pacatte celebrated his January 16 birthday listening to the assembled group of Rotarians sing Happy Birthday. He revealed his age to be over 50 and he said that he is excited to welcome his first great granddaughter soon.

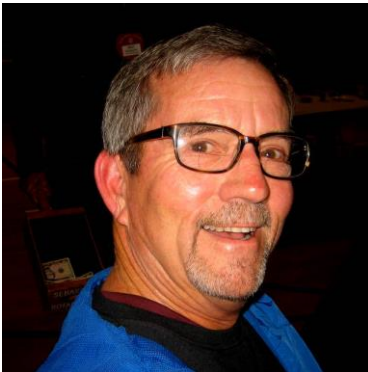
Mark Stevens was fined for his January 10 (1/10) anniversary which is, in reality, an October 1 (10/1) anniversary.

Aleia Coate celebrated her second anniversary in Lake Tahoe watching the Patriots win a football game. I guess you have to leave the state to watch the games as no one in Northern California is still following the National Football League but waiting wistfully for pitchers and catchers to report in February.



Michael Hixson was called upon to explain his enthusiasm for the Ohio State Buckeye National Champions. **Michael** is an alumnus of Columbus and came to the meeting with a focus. It seems that many years ago, in the days of leather helmets and dropkicks, **JT Martin's** favored LSU Tigers bested the Buckeyes for a national championship. Now, these seven years later, **Michael** wanted a little bit of, shall we say, revenge.

Michael insisted that he lead a chant and **JT** responded. **Michael** shouted O-H and **JT** responded I-O. Mike repeated the chant with **JT** dutifully responding I-O. Then **Michael** shouted "All of my future fines." To which **JT** shouted "I Owe."



In a related matter - **President Ron** became aware that the **Warrens, Jerry and Kay** were flying an Ohio State Buckeye flag in front of their home. Neighbors of the **Benedetti's**, in the same neighborhood as the **Warrens**, were flying an Oregon pennant. Before it became another Hatfield's and McCoy's situation in Oakmont, the Oregon pennant was struck.



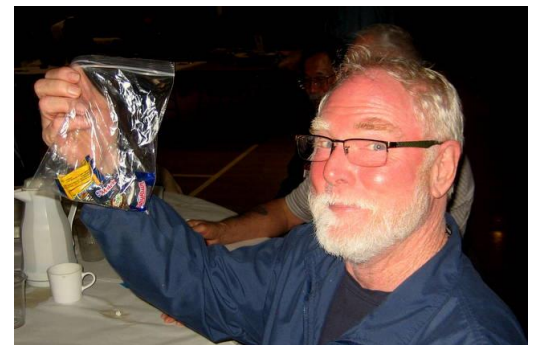
Sweet Spinner Raffle



Ohio State Alumnus **Michael Hixson** had the right number and spun the wheel. He hit the Rotary wheel jackpot and walked away with a stack of money, a handful of candy bars [that he handed off to **JT Martin –Ed.**] and a big smile singing

"Drive, Drive on down the field, you men of Scarlett and Gray."

Winners all around.





Rev Ann Gray Byrd – Black History in Sonoma County News



Rollie Atkinson introduced Guest Speaker Rev Ann Gray Byrd. Ann and her parents were founding members of the Sonoma County Chapter of the NAACP. Ann was named Woman of the Year by the California State Legislature in 2005. Among other things, she administers the Gray foundation which has awarded scholarships since 1992.



Black history in Sonoma County essentially begins in 1856 when a freed slave purchased land in South Park in Santa Rosa. At the time land covenants forbade blacks from buying or living elsewhere hence a community grew up in one place. Ann's father worked in the Sausalito shipyards and saved enough to buy land on Petaluma Hill Road at Kawana Springs.

Ann's parents raised a family the county, founding the smart man. Ann told the story and introducing himself and in raising his boys. And he got it.

of six boys and three girls. Ann's father was a pioneer in NAACP and inspiring his children. He was also a very of him making an appointment to see the Chief of Police his family and telling the chief that he would like his help

In 1956, Ann attended an NAACP convention in San Francisco and heard Rev. Martin Luther King speak. She was inspired by that speech for the rest of her life. She dedicated her life to civil rights and equality (while working in a bank and raising three children.)

After the fair housing act was passed, blacks could live anywhere in the county. Ann moved with her family to the Montgomery Village area as the only black family. Her family friend, the chief of police, personally visited homes for blocks around to inform residents of their new neighbor. To Ann, that was a great example of community oriented policing.

To wrap up her talk on black history, she said that we cannot be content to look at the past. There is a new generation who were not raised with the sting of covenants, segregation and discriminatory laws. This generation has to be encouraged to be trail blazers and write the next chapter of history.



The Final Bell



President Ron thanked our speaker and noted that Sebastopol Rotary will be making a donation to Pathway Home in Rev Ann's name. He then closed the meeting at 1:30 p.m.



After the Bell



Teacher of the Year Nominations

NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING WEST COUNTY TEACHERS DUE JANUARY 23, 2015

The Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation (SREF), a non-profit organization administered by the Rotary Club of Sebastopol and dedicated to supporting local education in West Sonoma County, is sponsoring a West Sonoma County 2014-2015 Teachers of the Year recognition program.

Students, alumni, parents, community members, and educators from across West Sonoma County are invited to submit nominations for the Teacher of the Year recognition program. Teachers from public schools (including charter schools) and private schools located in West Sonoma County may be nominated. Two teachers from grades K-8 and one teacher from grades 9-12 will be selected.

Nomination forms are available on the SREF website at <http://www.sebastopol-rotary-education-foundation.org/teacher-award.html>. Forms can be completed online.

The Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation will select three deserving nominees to each receive a \$1,000 cash award and be honored at a Sebastopol Rotary Club luncheon in March, 2015.

Community Grant Applications

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN! To date, we have given over \$1.38 Million to deserving West Sonoma County organizations. We will be accepting applications until February 10, 2015. Please pass along this information to anyone you know who is deserving and in need. They are available online at: <http://sebastopolrotary.com/SitePage/community-grants>

Press Release

Date: December 8, 2014

Sebastopol Rotary Community Grant Applications Open December 10

Once again the Rotary Club of Sebastopol has opened up the application process for their Community Grants Program. "Since 1925, Sebastopol Rotary Club has given more than \$1.38 million to hundreds of local organizations, putting Rotary's "Service Above Self" motto into action," says Rotarian David Schreibman. "Last year alone we awarded approximately \$42,000 to 27 deserving organizations." This program is made possible through fundraising efforts at this year's Great Gatsby Gala with 100% of the monies going directly to those who need it.

The current application period starts December 10, 2014 and runs through February 10, 2015. Applications are available on the Sebastopol Rotary web site <http://www.sebastopolrotary.org/>. On the main page, click on "Grants" from the top banner and choose "Community Grants" to get your application and further instructions. Award announcements will be made before April 2015.

While grant requests for any purpose will be considered, preference is generally given to grant requests that meet the following criteria: Sebastopol/West Sonoma County focus, long-term impact, community impact/number of people affected, and the lack of alternative funding sources.

For more information, contact David Schreibman at 916-715-0953 or dcassoc@cds1.net or go to www.sebastopolrotary.org.

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)

#67: Ambassadorial Scholarships

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships program is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. In 1947, 18 "Rotary Fellows" from 11 countries were selected to serve as ambassadors of goodwill while studying in another country for one academic year. Since that time, approximately US\$413 million has been expended on some 34,000 scholarships for people from some 110 countries, studying in 105 countries around the world.

The purpose of the scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. Scholars are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country through both informal and formal appearances before Rotary and non-Rotary groups. Each scholar is assigned a host Rotarian counselor to facilitate involvement in Rotary and integration into the host culture.

Since 1994-95, The Rotary Foundation has offered two new types of scholarships in addition to the Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships. The Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship is awarded for two years of specific degree-oriented study abroad. The Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship provides funding for three or six months of intensive language study and cultural immersion in another country.

In addition to being an investment in the education of tomorrow's leaders, Rotary Foundation scholarships create personal links between countries and are an important step toward greater understanding and goodwill in the world.

RI READING: Rotary Weekly

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[Man in iron lung discovers Rotary](#)

Paul Alexander contracted polio during a major U.S. outbreak of the disease in the late 1950s, and has lived in an iron lung since. It wasn't until a business meeting with a club member in Texas last year that he learned about Rotary's fight to eradicate the disease.

- [Read more of Alexander's story](#)
- [Learn how you can advocate for a polio-free world](#)
- [Join a discussion on ending polio](#)

GIVE

Rotary Voices

How does Rotary fulfill your need for service and fun?

Evan Burrell, an Australian Rotary member, has been volunteering since he was 18. He initially joined Rotary to make friends and find a girlfriend, but discovered the joy of making a difference in the world. In his post for our blog Rotary Voices, Burrell shares how he injects fun into service with his Rotary Club of Turramurra, New South Wales.



- [Read Burrell's post](#)
- [Find your Rotary style in The Rotarian](#)
- [Discover what young professionals want in Rotary](#)

Alumni

Rotary alum recognized for mental health work

Dr. Geetha Jayaram has dedicated her life to helping people in her native India and the United States overcome severe depression, bipolar and panic disorders, and other mental illnesses. The Rotary Foundation Trustees will recognize Jayaram with the 2014-15 Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award at the Rotary Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, on 8 June.



- [Read more](#)
- [Nominate candidates for 2015-16 awards](#)
- [Read about a mental health awareness project on Rotary Showcase](#)

MY ROTARY: YOUR CLUB RESOURCE HUB

Make a New Year's resolution to take advantage of Rotary's online tools! Go to [My Rotary](#) to find time-saving resources for all your club needs:



- [Rotary Club Central: Check your progress on club activities and plans and add accomplishments!](#)
- [Brand Center: Create promotional materials with our latest branding tools](#)
- [Rotary Ideas: Find donors, partners, and volunteers for your projects](#)

ROTARY PEACE SYMPOSIUM: 4-5 JUNE

Plan now to join Rotary Peace Fellows, alumni, and Rotary members in São Paulo for this special two-day event.

- [Follow us on Facebook for updates](#)
- [See our lineup of speakers](#)
- [Register today](#)

Announcements

Rotary in the news

December was a busy month for Rotary. Review Rotary news and feature stories from The Rotarian magazine on Flipboard, and get the latest announcements.

- [Check out the roundup on Flipboard](#)
- [See the 2013-14 Annual Report](#)
- [Follow coverage of Rotary's annual training event beginning 19 January](#)

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