



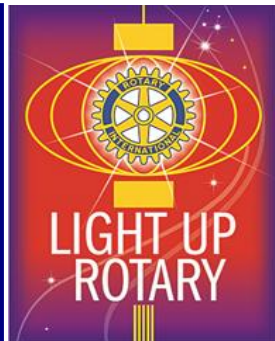
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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Alan Silow – Santa Rosa Symphony



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



At the command of our short-term (every minute ticking away) **President Ron** and without delay started thing off. **Tom Dilley** led the assemblage in the flag salute.

Hoping to shorten the **Prez's** time at the top, **Keller McDonald** thought a few (hundred) rounds of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" would be appropriate...but he limited his musical lead to just a few verses instead.

J.T. Martin offered the thought of the day, full of some simple wisdom:

"If you really want something in life, you have to work for it! Now quiet; they are about to announce the lottery winners."

-Homer Simpson

OUR GUESTS RECOGNIZED



Bud Daveiro introduced Sunrise Sebastopol Rotarians **Don Spradlin** ('Non-profit')



and **Brian Bauer** (Tech Executive.)



Future Programs

June 19, 2015

No Noon Meeting
Debunking 6:00 P.M. Community Church

June 26, 2015

Speaker: **Guy Smith**
Program: **Souvenirs of a Hollywood Era**

July 3, 2015

DARK

July 10, 2015

Speaker: **Tennis Wick**
Program: **City Planning/Permits**

Future Events

Debunking!!

Friday, June 19, 2015

Fantasmagoria

October 3, 2015

Handy Links

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

Miscellany

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: Tues, July 14th, 5:30 p.m.
Location: **Rick Wilson's Home**

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

School is out for the summer

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 !!!



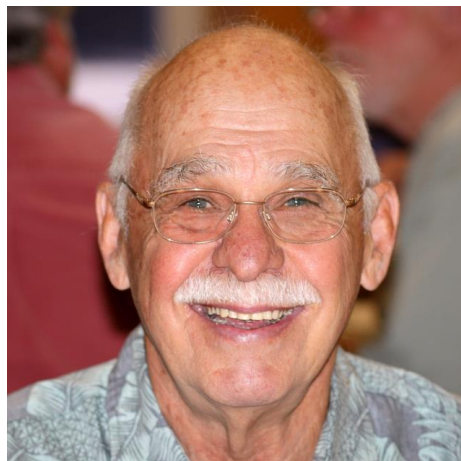
Brian Langermann introduced guest Donna Pantzer.



Jack Blasco introduced guest Ruth Loy (repeat, **Jack Blasco**, not **Jack Dunlap**). The latter -- and the later of the two -- did not show up until the end of introductions. For this, the latter **Jack** was hit with a \$5 fine.



Linda Johnson introduced guests Lynda Rubinett



and Jim Raffini.

And **Prez Ron** remembered to introduce **First Lady Lynda**.



CELEBRATIONS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE DE-BUNKING OF PRESIDENT RON (affectionately known as **"SCROOGE THE POOCH"**) takes place this Friday!!!

Yes, it's finally, finally here -- 6 pm at the Sebastopol Community Church Multi-Purpose Room.

Yes, we are 'dark' that Friday during the noon hour. But don't despair: it will be a dark, dark de-bunking. Among the refreshments will be **Mario Ramos'** Italian/Mexican margaritas.

REMINDER: the venue is NOT the venerable Sonoma County Waste Management facility.

ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT - AUGUST 28 - NORTHWOOD

The annual golf tournament will be held at the Northwood Golf Course in Guerneville. The event includes a dinner, wine/beer bar, pool, horseshoes and plenty of water hazards. \$75 covers everything; those who choose to show up solely for the dinner pay \$20 a person.

Check-in time on that date is 1:00; the shotgun start takes place at 2:00. **Bud Daveiro** noted that the tourney cut-off is in mid-August.

Tournament Director **Mike (Hit'em) Long** can be reached at 483-0191...or call **Brad Benedetti** at 322-3009.





NEW (BUT NOT SO NEW?) ROTARIAN INDUCTION



Ken Jacobs welcomed, in a unique scenario, newest Rotarian **Andrea Schmitz**. Actually, **Ken** indoctrinated **Andrea** as the first regional Interact Club advisor over 20 years ago. The inaugural group of students was featured in a photo going back to that time, including some familiar (if much younger) faces. Featured in that pic were two future attorneys -- hmmm, what's Ken's classification? So **Andrea**, in fact, has been a service provider for Rotary for many, many years. She was also an extremely popular teacher for many years. She has also been a community supporter on many levels; **Andrea** has been the driving force behind the annual "Much Ado About Sebastopol" Renaissance Faire --a fundraiser for local schools.



Andrea now is associated with Vanguard Realty. **She** was sponsored by **Jim Passage**, and joined at the podium by **Pauline Pellini** and **Mike Carey**. Also attending this event were husband **Steven** and Andrea's mother, Annelie Hagan.



President Ron presented **Pauline Pellini** (does she get to keep this?) with a Rotary International President's Award citing our Brook Haven Interact Club for outstanding accomplishments

The soon-to-be-'retired' (that won't last long) **Prez** shared his appreciation to his legions (or at least those present on this day) with a slide show commemorating a year-of-action:

- Ann Hill and her induction as the club's first 'Friend of Rotary'...
- the tremendous success of November's Great Gatsby event (not to mention the money it raised)...
- Friendship dinners....
- Christmas at **J.T. Martin's**...
- **Nao Naguchi's** now-legendary Crab Feed oversight....
- the long-standing, nationally recognized, invaluable Learn-to-Swim program, spearheaded by **Greg Jacobs** and **Rick Wilson**...
- **Sally Ewald's** Foundation work....

- **Jim Passage's** music/Alzheimer's efforts....
- and the club's many connections with local schools (some already mentioned, along with award-winning Interact clubs, the dictionaries program, teacher-of-the year, speech contest, Overcoming Obstacles scholarships, Student Trade Paths awards, etc.)



The Raffle



With one last glorious spin of the wheel, **David Schreibman** walked away prize less but with a handful of mini-candy bars, a big let-down to today's audience.

Recognitions

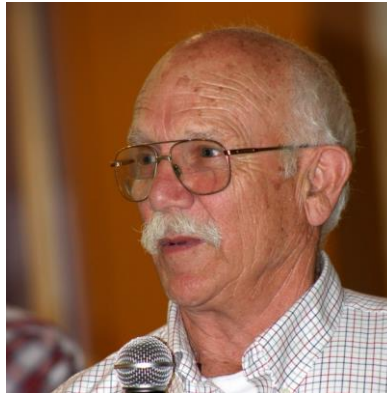
Birthdays: **Aldean Noethig**...\$5 (Aldean got off easy?)

Anniversaries/Celebrations:

Tom Lambert (Healdsburg Jazz celebration)...

Mike Long (including a motorcycle adventure and a Fandee's adventure)...**Ken Jacobs** (a fine for a Giants game with his family, a game yet to be played 'til this night?)....

Dick Zimmer (a Yosemite trip including his daughter and grand-daughters)....**Linda Johnson** ('a wonderful day')...**Sally Ewald** (including an encounter with a whale)....**Larry Ford** (not an anniversary but a whopper of a fish? Holy Rainbow!)



The Prez (soon not-to-be) categorized a new group of scofflaws, those members who have been 'UNDER THE RADAR' in fining terms. Most of the other fines were in in the \$35 'catch up' range. Those previously under **Ron's Radar** were **Mark Stevens, Ken Silveira, Dan Rasmus, Sally Ewald (?)**, and **Mike Long**...all in the \$35 category.

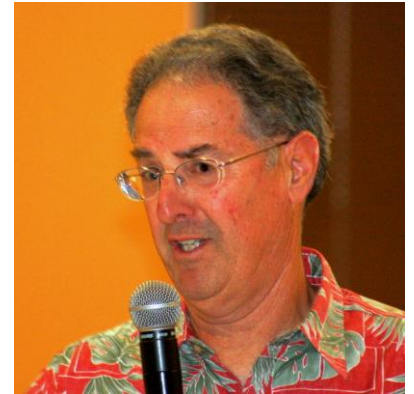
Continuing to cause wonder (at least for our **Prez**) are the fish-fotos.

P.R. (Pres Ron) noted with some suspicion that some pictures seemed fishy -- the same fish appearing more than once, only held at a slightly different angle.



However, there's no denying the final conclusion of **Tim Moore's** amazing ability to catch goats in a tree, shown once again on the big screen. What kind of insurance does he have for flying goats?

Another matter that still needs to be resolved --the ever-complex, ongoing "**Dave Madsen**" driveway, now a regular feature of this news section. The project seems to keep growing (as it should, at least in terms of Dave's fines.) Contractor **Paul Martinovich** may have a resolution to the endless concrete pourings (a custom pair of cement boots for **Dave**?).



THE PROGRAM (and the band played on....)



Jim Passage introduced the day's presenter, Alan Silow, executive director of the Santa Rosa Symphony/orchestra for the past 13 years. That just begins to describe the unique arrangement Alan has orchestrated with the symphony and the Green Music Center/Sonoma State University. As a result, Santa Rosa Symphony is now California's largest regional symphony north of Los Angeles. The Santa Rosa symphony is also the 3rd oldest in California (behind San Francisco and Los Angeles).

The Green Center has provided a world-class concert hall which, in turn, has greatly increased community donations. They now have a \$4 million budget and have been in the 'black' for the past 12 years (an unusual trend throughout the U.S.)



Alan also provided inside information on musicians: (1) he has to negotiate \$\$\$ with a New York-based union and (2) maybe one-third of the Santa Rosa Symphony members are from Sonoma County, but it's tough to be a fully-paid orchestra musician --meaning these talented artists might have to be in more than one symphony at any time.

In turn, the Symphony/Orchestra has given much back --from a \$60,000 gift to victims of Hurricane Katrina to many different youth musical opportunities. Youth programs include four youth orchestras, violin classes in schools (Sheppard School in Santa Rosa was cited as an example), even performances in public libraries. Other musical groups are easily enticed to come to Sonoma County due to its reputation and facilities; last year a mariachi group drew an audience of 5,000 at an outdoor concert. This year four different youth orchestra groups are going to China.



The Final Bell



OK, it was only a single note coming from just one instrument, but it singled the closing of a very good year for Sebastopol Rotary...and it was music to the ears of attendees hastily heading for the exits. See you all at the Debunking!

SCROOGE THE POOCH

The Debunking of Ron Puccinelli

June 19, 2015 ♦ 6:00 ♦ Community Church



6:00

Appelizers and Drinks on the patio.
Be sure to try Mario's famous Italian Margaritas!

7:00

Family style Italian Dinner just like Mama Puccinelli used to make.
Buon cibo, buon vino, buoni amici!

8:00

Scrooge the Pooch.
A whimsical comedic horror story in which The Pooch encounters
ghosts of past presidents and gets a terrifying glimpse of the future, all
while making a Really Big Decision.
But don't worry, it has a happy ending... Or does it?

Member benefits program unveiled as convention draws to a close



RI President-elect K.R. Ravindran and his wife, Vanathy, are introduced to the audience at the 2015 Rotary Convention closing plenary session on 9 June in São Paulo, Brazil. The four-day convention attracted more than 14,500 attendees from more than 150 countries.

Photo Credit: Rotary International/Monika Lozinska

RI President-elect K.R. Ravindran introduced a member benefits program at the 9 June closing session of the 2015 Rotary International Convention, saying that many more hands are needed to continue Rotary's work around the world.

The program, [Rotary Global Rewards](#), aims to boost membership and enhance member satisfaction. It will debut on 1 July.

“This innovative new program will allow Rotary members to connect with hundreds of businesses and service providers from around the world -- and that number is growing,” said Ravindran. “These establishments will offer Rotarians discounts and concessions on the everyday business that you do. And, in many cases, not only will you benefit, but our Foundation will as well, by receiving a contribution with each transaction.”

The program will include discounts on car rentals, hotels, dining, and entertainment. Discounts on more products and services from companies worldwide are expected to be added throughout the year.

“It will be another way to benefit from being a Rotarian and being part of the Rotary network,” said Ravindran, whose presidential theme for 2015-16 is *Be a Gift to the World*. “I urge all of you to become a part of that scheme.”

Huang bids farewell

RI President Gary C.K. Huang joined Ravindran on stage to exchange club banners, a convention tradition that unofficially marks the changing of the guard.

The four-day convention in São Paulo attracted more than 14,500 attendees from more than 150 countries. Huang told convention goers that it was an honor to serve them as Rotary president.

“But what I value most [as president] are the conversations with Rotarians that, taken together, tell the story of Rotary,” he said. “Some of their stories make me laugh. Others, which may sound simple and ordinary, deeply move me.”

Huang talked about the projects he visited all over the world during his term, and how much they inspired him.

“Each time I witnessed projects, I always wondered: How many lives could we change for the better by bringing more people into Rotary?” We know great things don’t happen by themselves. We have to constantly challenge ourselves and others, and push the boundaries. Sometimes, all it takes is to ask someone to join Rotary.

“Rotary has shaped and changed my life,” he added. “I want to use my story to urge Rotarians to continue to welcome promising young people in your communities and to take care of those who need a little push from us. Someday, those we have helped might become a future president of Rotary International, or a successful businessperson, a mayor, or the president of a country. Within Rotary, anything is possible.”

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By Ryan Hyland

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