



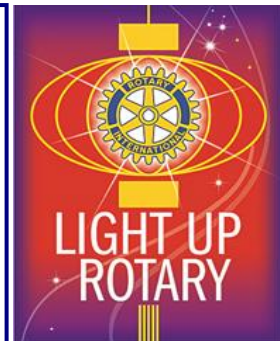
# ***The Appleknocker***

## ***Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin***

### **The Debunking of Ron Puccinelli**



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*"All the News that Fits We Print"*



### **The Kick Off**



#### **The Debunking of Ron Puccinelli - June 19, 2015**

**Gene Nelson** welcomed one and all, and then asked **Dick Zimmer** to give an impromptu 'invocation', as follows:

"We are a group of local men and women who are working together for the common good, trying to make our world a better place. We help the severely disadvantaged here in our own community. We help our young people. We help people overseas by providing better education, better health, clean water, emergency shelter, better food choices, and vocational assistance. We are grateful for our situation where we can help others by working together and have a good time doing it.

But once again we find ourselves in a dilemma searching for good leadership. We are gathered here to formally retire a president and welcome a new one. Through the years we have suffered through leadership of retired business executives and accountants who are just plain, well, TIRED. We have suffered through the leadership of a retired airplane captain who still has his head in the clouds. We have had a local pastor whose attention was mainly on catching trout. We've had enough of accountants, bankers and financial planners and we know what you think of people changing money just a few feet away from a local temple (added: Gene Nelson's legacy monument).

So, in desperation, we have chosen a radical new path, a person who worships the hard-rock bands of the 60s and 70s -- with their sex, drugs and rock-and-roll; a GROUPIE. So you see, we need your help."

[So, it's out with the bad, in with the bad? Is that Dick's cheery note? **—Scribe**]



### **Recognitions**



District Governor **Kevin Eisenberg** honored the latest Paul Harris Fellow recipients, noting that the \$1,000 contributions provided by our local Rotarians is not just about the money. These gifts change/save the lives of people around the world in many ways. The newest members honored are **David Still** and **Julie Cugini**.

DG Eisenberg also highlighted Rotarians who have compiled multiple fellowships: **Bob Boyd (3), Jack Dunlap (3), Bud Daveiro (4), Tom Lambert (5), Jim Pacatte (5), Bob Rogers (6), Patti Blount (8).**



## Future Programs



June 26, 2015

Speaker: **Guy Smith**

Program: **Souvenirs of a Hollywood Era**

July 3, 2015

**DARK**

July 10, 2015

Speaker: **Jeff Weaver**

Program: **Community Policing**

July 17, 2015

Speaker: **Gavin Chilcott, Founder and Co of BMC Racing Team**

Program: **Care and Feeding of a Professional Cycling Team: the race behind the race**

July 24, 2015

Speaker: **Mike Stornetta and Rocket**

Program: **Search and Rescue Dog**



## Future Events



### Rotary Golf Tournament

August 28, 2015

Northwood

### Fantasmagoria

October 3, 2015



## Handy Links



Pinot for Polio Form

Sebastopol Rotary Website



## Miscellany



### Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: Tues, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.

Location: **Rick Wilson's Home**

**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS** – [jbblasco@comcast.net](mailto:jbblasco@comcast.net)

**On-line Make-Ups:** [www.RotaryEClubOne.org](http://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 !!!**

**Jim Passage** was honored as this year's Rookie of the Year. It was noted that **Jim** had already introduced a new club program/activity --even before he was formally inducted into the club.



**Jack Blasco** was singled out as the club's Rotarian of the Year -the second time he has been so honored.

In-coming President **Rick Wilson** introduced his 2015-16 Board: **Kathy Mayhew, Meredith Bertacco, Mark Fink, Jack Blasco, Richard Power, Tom Lambert, David Schreiber** (President-elect), **Nao Noguchi, Jack Dunlap** and **Mark Fink**.

**President Ron** thanked his 2014-15 board for all of this year's successes: **Gunter Meiberg, Nao Noguchi, Paul Thielen, Pauline Pellini, Diana Rich, Rick Wilson, Bob Rogers, Mark Fink** and **Jack Blasco**. The Prez also had special praise for the people who organized the club's off-the-charts successful *Great Gatsby* event including, but not limited to, **Mia Del Prete, Diana Wilson, Lynda Puccinelli** and **Ann Hill**.

**Reverend Nelson**, noting that he was the club president when **Ron Puccinelli** joined Sebastopol Rotary, presented **Ron** with the presidential plaque and his Past President pin. **Gene Nelson** also quickly pointed out that --way back then --he, (**Gene**) was known as the 'boy president'.

"**Jurassic Gene**" (no longer known as the boy-president) also helped **Prez Ron** honor this year's **First Lady, Lynda**, for all her contributions.





## 🍎 SCROOGE - THE POOCH 🍎

### A Rotarian Twist on the Dickens Classic

The latter-day Scrooge, **Ron Puccinelli** (played by **Gene Nelson**), has shut himself off from the rest of the world, ready for retirement. He flashes back on what it was like to be a city 'manager' (back-drop of public meeting 'clips' of real 'Sebastopolians' and their 'community/comedy' contributions over the years.

But, what the Dickens, LIFE (well, not so alive) had different plans for our protagonist.

As much as Pooch would like to remove himself from public and Rotarian life, he would be visited by spirits with other ideas --like, maybe, he could reflect back on how badly leadership has been in Rotary.

The first spirit (**Dan Rasmus**) took the president-to-be (sorry, spoiled that moment) from his own childhood to his dreams to create a safer future (in Oakmont?) via law-and-order.

This was followed by a flash-back to the first Rotary meeting in 1905, in Chicago with Paul Harris and pals (**Aleia Coate**, **Mike Long**, **Brian Langermann**, and **Jerry Warren** --with **Aleia** disguised as a male, since no women were allowed.)



How could **The Pooch** not be stirred by such a history? But it would take more convincing. Through the 1920s to 1949 (when Sebastopol Rotary was building its legacy), **Pooch** was shown great Rotary moments --but he remained steadfast in his resistance. In his ideal future, jaywalking elderly scofflaws needed monitoring ('aren't there poor houses, aren't there traffic tickets to be written?')

But, as the night wore on (and the audience became a little restless?), one could see that the spirits' efforts were breaking down that resistance. When the **Bob** spirit visited with zucchinis galore, **Pooch** could sense how bad things really were.

But when the *ghost-of-future*-Rotary presidents appeared (**Keller McDonald** as an electric guitar playing rock star who resembled **Rick Wilson**) singing Iron Butterfly's *In a Gadda Da Vida*, the **Pooch** finally cracked. He **WOULD** serve as president. God bless us, everyone!!



## The Credits

**CAST**-Dan Rasmus, Gene Nelson, Keller McDonald, Bob Rogers, Mike Long, Brian Langermann, Aleia Coate, Jerry Warren. Guest appearances by Ron Sekkel and Claire Jacobs (as an Interact reporter.)

**SCRIPT**-Paul (The Thespian) Thielen

**VIDEO/SOUND/LIGHTING** -John Blount, Ken Jacobs, Paul Thielen, Edwin Wilson, Ron Puccinelli

**POST-THEATER MUSIC/DANCE**

**J.T. Martin, Teresa Martin, Ted Baggett, and Friends.**



**CATERING:** Kathy Matthies and Applause Celebrations

**PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Gene Nelson, Paul Thielen, John Blount, Ken Jacobs, Mia DelPrete, Aldean Noethig, Tom Dilley

**TICKET SALES:** Aldean Noethig and Dorothy Rodella



# Sebastopol Rotary Golf Tournament



Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
Northwood Golf Course  
12:00 check-in  
1:00 shotgun start



**\$75 - Includes 18 holes, dinner, wine & beer**  
**\$20 - dinner only**

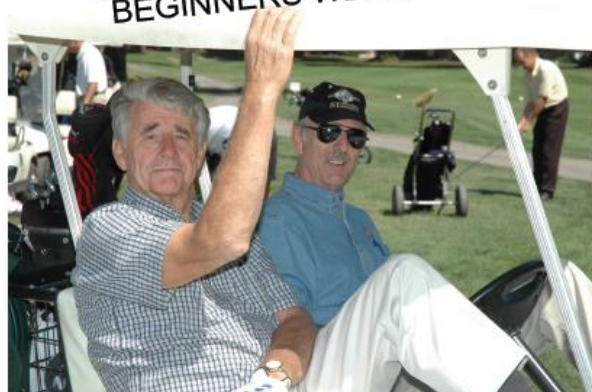
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Sebastopol, CA 95472





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### [Membership benefits program unveiled at convention](#)

RI President-elect K.R. Ravindran announced a member benefits program, Rotary Global Rewards, at the closing plenary session of the Rotary Convention in São Paulo. The program, which launches in July, includes discounts on hotels, restaurants, and entertainment.

- [Read more about the closing plenary session](#)
- [Learn about Rotary Global Rewards](#)
- [Visit the Member Center](#)

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## **Polio eradication**

### **Africa on brink of polio eradication**

Dr. Hamid Jafari, director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, reported the latest gains in the global fight to eradicate polio at the Rotary Convention in São

Paulo. Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, congratulated Rotary on its unwavering commitment to eradicating the disease in a video shown at the convention.

- [Read more about the polio update](#)
- [Review all the coverage of the 2015 Rotary Convention](#)
- [Go behind the scenes on Convention Insider](#)

## Peace Symposium

### Peace symposium speaker wants world to spend more on education, less on war

Former Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, a Nobel Peace laureate, says Rotary is without a doubt a key player in strengthening and building peace. Arias, who recently joined Rotary, encouraged peace fellows to use their tremendous potential to recalculate the mathematics of war.

- [Read more about the symposium](#)
- [Learn about Rotary Peace Fellowships](#)
- [Join a discussion on peace](#)

## GET READY FOR YOUR JULY CLUB INVOICE; CREATE A MY ROTARY ACCOUNT TODAY

Your next club invoice will be available online in late July. Make sure you're able to access it by creating a My Rotary account.



- [Find out how to create a My Rotary account](#)
- [Update your club membership by 1 July](#)
- [Learn more about the new club invoice](#)

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Support our efforts to do good year-round by making a recurring gift – a simple and secure way to make a big impact.

- [Make monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions online](#)
- [Or, if you prefer, return the completed Rotary Direct enrollment form](#)
- [Learn more about our Annual Fund](#)

## Rotary Voices

## Fighting malnutrition with peanut formula

Severe acute malnutrition kills millions of children around the world every year. Those who don't die often suffer from stunted growth and other health problems. In Sierra Leone, Rotary members are partnering with more than 20 clubs in the United States and Canada to prevent some of these deaths by supplying jars of specially developed peanut butter.

- [Read more about this and other projects on Rotary Voices](#)
- [Post a project on Rotary Showcase](#)

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## Resources & reference

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

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

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