



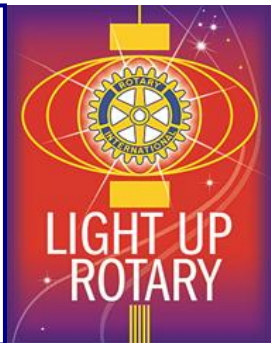
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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Keller McDonald – Teacher of the Year Awards



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



Before The Bell



Memorial Hall was abuzz with the winners of Sebastopol Rotary's Educational Foundation (SREF) Teacher Recognition Awards plus their spouses and guests. There were 19 guests in total, so lots of ruck on getting everything correct. **The Pooch**, our fearless leader, was away on Rotary business, so **PP Mike Ferguson** inherited the Gavel -- and for not being behind the podium since his reign in 1992-93 did a great job.



At The Bell



Mike, or **Lt.**, rang the meeting to order a little late at 12:16PM. **Bob Cugini** started us by honoring the flag; this was followed by the melodic duo of **Keller** and **Karen** leading us in singing *America the Beautiful*, which we did with gusto. **Michael Hixson** then provided us with our thought for the day:

"If a man is in a forest talking to himself with no woman around, is he still wrong?"

After the laughter died down we proceeded to Visiting Rotarians.



🍎 Future Programs 🍎

March 13, 2015

Speaker: **Harry Simms**
Program: **Metabolic Diseases**

March 20, 2015

Speaker: **Larry Ford**
Program: **High School Speech Contest**

March 27, 2015

Speaker: **Ron Lindenbusch, Lagunitas Brewery**
Program: **Community Involvement**

April 3, 2015

Speaker: **Dennis Wick, Planning Director Sonoma County**
Program: **Challenges Facing the County Today**

April 10, 2015

Speaker: **To Be Announced**
Program: **Wells Fargo Event Center: A Historical Perspective**

🍎 Future Events 🍎

Fireside Chats – March TBA

Friendship Dinners

March 14, 28

District Conference

April 23rd – 26th

Sebastopol Golf Tournament

April 27, 2015

🍎 Handy Links 🍎

[Pinot for Polio Form](#)

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[Teacher Mini-Grants Application](#)

🍎 Miscellany 🍎

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: **Wednesday, Mar. 12th, 5:15 p.m.**

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

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

🍎 Visiting Rotarians & Guests 🍎

Secretary Jack introduced **Richard Ruge** from Sebastopol Sunrise, Richard is in disaster relief. **Dan Bornstein**, a dentist from Santa Rosa did arrive just late enough to miss being announced.

Jim Passage introduced **Melissa Baker**, a music teacher;



Dave Still introduced his wife **Nan**. **Jack Blasco** introduced his wife **Marie**,



HH introduced his High School buddy and fellow car buff **Gus St. Marie** (both **HH** and Gus were lovers of Chevys **HH** had a 1955 and Gus had a 1956 they had another buddy, not present, who had a 1957.)



Jackie Moreira introduced **Katie Underwood**. Katie is our outward bound Exchange Student and will be leaving for Germany in the fall.

Keller McDonald introduced **Teresa Ramondo** and **Leslie Anderson** from the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce.



Jill Lowry introduced Ray Hino, CEO of the Sonoma West Medical Center.

The Teacher Recognition Award Winners and their guests were introduced later.



Announcements



Aldean Noethig mentioned that the March 14 Friendship Dinners are scheduled, but there is room in the March 28 event.



Les Crawford reminded us that the Overcoming Obstacles Awards presentations will be held on April 17, and that we are looking for people to sponsor the youth -- at \$260 each. The response was rapid and total. It happened so fast that your humble **Scribe** did not get all the names, but they were there.



Linda Johnson mentioned that High School Career Day program will be held at Analay on March 24 and she needs help.

Greg Jacobs needs volunteers for the *Learn to Swim* Program--we will be providing lessons for 380 kids from every school in the area.

Richard Ruge from the Sunrise Club mentioned there will be a show of Tibetan Art at their facility in the Barlow Center the week of March 8-15. For more information, go to: www.PreserveTibetanArt.org or email studio@tashidhargyal.com.

Richard Peterson let us know that we still have openings for the April, 27 Golf Tournament -- golf and dinner is \$100 just dinner is \$35. We need 10 foursomes.



At this time **Acting Prez Mike** took us back to last week's program we learned that 18 local Rotary Clubs had come up with \$93K out of \$100K pledged to fund the maintenance of a Leadership Training Room in the Bertolini Center at the SRJC. Of the total \$93K received so far the Sebastopol Rotary Club has contributed \$4K. Upon hearing this **Kathie** and **Frank Mayhew**, once again revealing their very generous spirit, agreed to pony \$1K if the remainder of the club would match it. As of the end of last week's meeting we had pledges of \$400, so **Mike** wanted to give us the opportunity to come up with the additional \$600-- which we did almost immediately congratulations Sebastopol Rotarians.

Lt. reminded us that District 5130 will conducting a Training Assembly on March 20 and 21 that would be good for new committee members to attend and it will be quite useful for all members.

🍎 Recognitions 🍎

Bob Reeves was levied a \$35 for the traveling he has been doing since selling his Bed and Breakfast business, The Santa Nella House



Pierre Lagourgue was slapped with a \$5 fine for his February 21, anniversary.



Brag Bucks:

Prez Mike offered all present to relate an inspiring event in their lives, and for the privilege they would be hit with a \$20 fine.

The first to accept the privilege was **Steve Beck** who was excited that his son, Peter, was recognized in the Fresno Bee for fulfilling a lifelong ambition of being able to teach disadvantaged and at risk kids in a middle school.



Robin Maybury was able to attend the 90th birthday of his mother recently, and will be doing the same for his father later this year.

Larry Ford traded in **Gerry's**, 18 year old Acura for one only 2 years old with heated seats -- if she wants to put **Larry** in the hot seat now she can do it.



Finally, **Dick Zimmer** took his entire family to Disneyland, wife, kids, grandkids -- the whole clan. [And survived to tell us about it -- Ed.]



The Raffle



Jerry Warren had the winning ticket and the opportunity to spin the wheel of fortune for a sugar high, or if lucky, win some of the green stuff. He won the \$\$, only \$25, which he donated to SREF.

The Program – Teacher of the Year Awards

Sally Ewald came forward to introduce the program, Moderator **Keller McDonald**, and talk a little bit about Sebastopol Rotary Education Foundation (SREF.) SREF is a foundation as is Rotary Foundation, however they are not related. SREF is separate and has its own assets which at this time total more than \$800,000. One of the several objectives of SREF is to recognize teacher excellence, and that's what we will be doing today. 25 teachers were nominated for this \$1,000 award and 3 were chosen. And with that **Keller McDonald** came forward to present the winners.



Keller Introduced the first winner, Sunny Galbraith. Sunny teaches at Orchard View School and works with 20 independent students and their parents to guide their overall independent study program. In addition, she teaches several grade 6-12 science classes. Sunny also organizes school outings to bring students together and engage them in a variety of community activities. Sunny was also instrumental in starting the Interact Club at Orchard View School. Colleagues say things like "Sunny is my hero", "All the students love Sunny". And with that Sunny stepped forward to accept her award thanked Rotary and introduced her husband Wyndham. Wyndham is employed at Sonoma State University.



The next award winner was Greg Corby from Brookhaven School. Greg teaches third-fourth grade. His colleagues say that Greg is the consummate professional, he comes to work early, stays late, works Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. It is known at Brook Haven "that kids love Mr. Corby, and that he is genuinely interested in their welfare today and beyond their education". Greg came forward, accepted his award and introduced his wife Ann.



Keller introduced the next winner, Mike Roan. Mike is the Athletic Director at El Molino High School, and in addition he teaches physical education and leadership. "Mike was instrumental in developing El Molino's Integrated Athletics Program that encourages student-athletes to participate in multiple sports. Colleagues say "Greg raises the bar for all", and "he does it with a smile and a great attitude." "He just doesn't just stand there and tell his students what to do, he participates". With that Mike stepped forward accepted his award and introduced his wife Amber.



At this time the Teachers Recognition portion of the program was completed, it was 1:25 P.M., and the program was not yet complete! **Keller** Invited Leslie Andersen to the podium to fill us in on the great opportunity Rotarians have to participate in the "Mike Hauser Algebra Academy." The Academy will be held this year from June 8 thru June 26 and focus on helping students, whose second language is English, learn Algebra. It turns out that learning Algebra is not only necessary to graduate from High School it leads to higher pay and more employment opportunities.

The Academy is looking for businesses that utilize science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills and who can host the algebra classes. Seeing these skills in use helps students put the learning in perspective and understand the value to daily living.

For more information about this opportunity, the benefits, and how you can participate, please contact Leslie Andersen of the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce. Email: Lesliea@santarosachamber.com. Phone: 707.636.3662. [Applause to Leslie for a quick and efficient delivery –Ed.]

The Final Bell

Acting President Mike tapped the sacred bell at precisely 1:30 [More or less –Ed.] ending a very fulfilling meeting.

After the Final Bell

Teacher Mini-Grants

Since its inception in the fall of 2002, the Sebastopol Rotary has distributed nearly \$210,000 in Mini-Grants to local teachers.

Grant Size: \$50 to \$500 maximum.

Qualifications: Any teacher working in a public or tax-exempt private school located within the boundaries of the West Sonoma County Union High School District.

Deadline: April 17, 2015.

Submit application using this [link](#) for consideration.

Questions can directed to Michael Hixson at mikehixson@comcast.net

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