



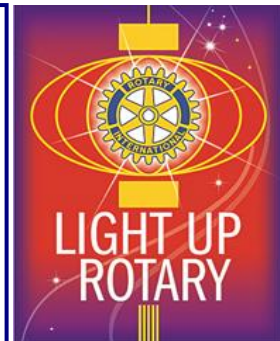
# ***The Appleknocker***

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

**Judge Gary Medvigy -- Prop 47 & Prison Overcrowding**



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*"All the News that Fits We Print"*



### **Before the Bell**



**HH**, aka **Cat Herder**, was busy using the personal touch to round up Appleknocker Scribes for the month of May after numerous swings and misses using email. He struck gold when **Linda Johnson** volunteered to finish the month of May [many thanks **Linda** and **HH**, it is fun to get new perspectives for the AK --Ed.]



### **At the Bell**



The *Pledge of Allegiance* to start the meeting was led by **PP Bob Rogers**.

**Keller McDonald** honored the ongoing *Learn to Swim* program with a Swimming Song. Despite careful coaching and masterful leadership it is clear this group needs more practice – hopefully we swim better than we sing.



The Thought for the Day was provided by **Ken Jacobs** who quoted his 15 year old daughter, **Claire**, who recently won first place in a county-wide high school Holocaust essay contest.

During WW II, many heroes and heroines hid and aided countless Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals, and many others from the Nazis despite the constant threat of death and having to live a clandestine existence completely against the rules of the society in which they lived. Claire offered that they decided to shelter the would-be victims because of personal connections, strong morals, and the desire to do what is right for humanity.



## Future Programs

May 8, 2015

Speaker: Teachers, Students and Special Guests

Program: "Outside the (Classroom) Box"  
- Student "Trade Paths"  
Awards

May 15, 2015

Speaker: Ray Johnson, Director  
Program: The Wine Business Institute  
at SSU

May 22, 2015

Speaker: Team from District 3060 in India  
Program: Rotary Friendship Exchange

May 29, 2015

Speaker: Eric Johnson from IOTA Press  
Program: The Wine Business Institute at  
SSU Antique Printing Methods

## Future Events

Debunking!!

June 19, 2015

## Handy Links

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

## Miscellany

### Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:15 p.m.  
Location: New!! Vanguard Properties Office  
The Barlow in Sebastopol  
6790 McKinley Street Suite 120

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

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

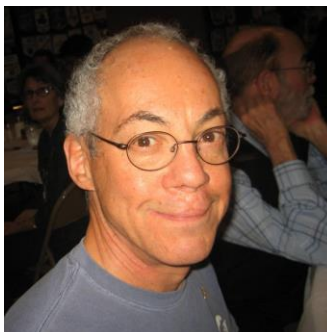
INTERACT MAKE-UPS – HAVE YOU TRIED IT?

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 !!!

Ken pondered who in similar circumstances today, would make such a choice? His answer is the very persons in the room today, Rotarians who foster strong personal connections, have strong morals, and demonstrate a desire to do what is right for humanity. That's Rotary!

## Visiting Rotarians & Guests



Jack Blasco introduced Jerry Meshalum and



Jim Bertero from the Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary club and Russ Cunningham from Rossmoor.

Jack Dunlap introduced his guest and fiancée Ruth Loy. Russ Cunningham introduced his wife Shirley. **Bob Cugini** introduced Willie. **Richard Petersen** introduced Mike and Debbie Brooks, recent new owners of the Santa Nella house.

Linda Johnson introduced Michele Kindred.

Jackie Moreia introduced Guillen Bernal Bandres our current exchange student from Spain who is winning awards in swimming. Jackie went on to give an update on current and upcoming exchange students and to recognize the Sebastopol Rotary exchange student committee.



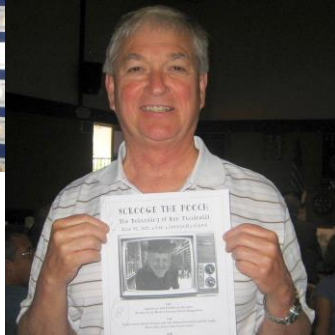




## Announcements



**Sally Ewald** provided a short video about the value of good quality drinking water that helped communicate why we contribute to the Rotary Foundation. Next week, May 8, will be the wrap up of Foundation Month with a drawing of raffle tickets earned by foundation giving. There will be many prize winners.



**Gene Nelson** announced the *Scrooge the Pooch* dinner and show to celebrate the debunking of **President Ron Puccinelli**. The dinner and show will be held June 19, at the Community Church where festivities will start with appetizers and drinks on the patio at 6:00, at 7:00 there will be a family style Italian dinner, and the show begins at 8:00. The show will be a whimsical comedic horror story in which **The Pooch** encounters ghosts of past presidents, a terrifying glimpse of the future, and a Really Big Decision!

### District Conference News

Three Sebastopol Rotary Club members were honored; **Nao Noguchi** the Individual Service to Club Award, **Jim Passage** the Humanitarian Service Award, and **Pauline Pellini**, the Brookhaven Interact advisor received the President's Award.

**Bob Rogers** noted the Youth Exchange Program at the conference was amazing and brought tears to many.



## New Member Inductions – A Triple



**Ken Jacobs** took to podium to perform the induction of three new members who promise to bring their energy and enthusiasm to the club.

**Debbie Brooks**, sponsored by **Richard Petersen**, has the classification of Hospitality: Bed and Breakfast and will be mentored by **Dorothy Rodella**.



**Michele Kimble** sponsored and mentored by **Linda Johnson** has the classification, Marketing: Social Media.



**Russ Cunningham** is a past club president, 2001-2002, and started the Friendship Dinners. Sponsors are **Jerry Warren**, **Brad Benedetti**, and **Dave Madsen**. **Russ's** mentor will be **Brad Benedetti**. **Russ** has a classification of Past Service: Human Resources.



## Recognitions



**David Still** celebrated his April 15 birthday by attending a Leon Russell concert.

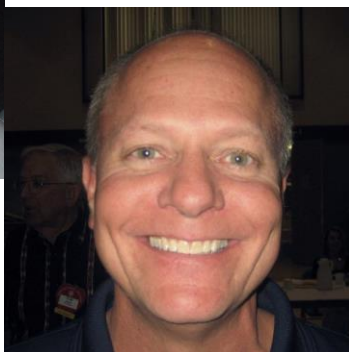


**Dave Madsen** had dinner with his kids to honor his April 25<sup>th</sup> birthday – not telling which one. He also went fishing in Fall River with a number of other Rotarians. Fines duly assessed.

**Tom Boag** worked at the Sonoma West Medical Center on his April 16 birthday, but did manage a later side trip to Napa with his partner **Ralph**.



There were four anniversary celebrations recognized; **Chris Dawson**, April 7, celebrated by going out to dinner,



**Dan Rasmus** had an April 11 anniversary,



**Harry** and **Susana Simms** celebrated 39 years by going to dinner at Corks, and **Richard Petersen** celebrated an April 22 anniversary with dinner.

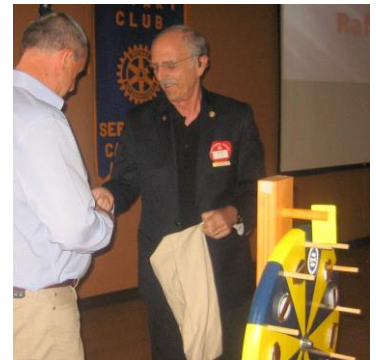
**Bob Cugini** is a grandpa for the 4<sup>th</sup> time and **Mia Del Prete** is a brand new grandmother.



**President Ron** showed a photo of **Bob Boyd** along with **Greg Gill** being towed after the motor on their boat failed. That would have cost **Bob** \$35 but since is paid up, passed the fine onto **Steve Beck** who accepted graciously.

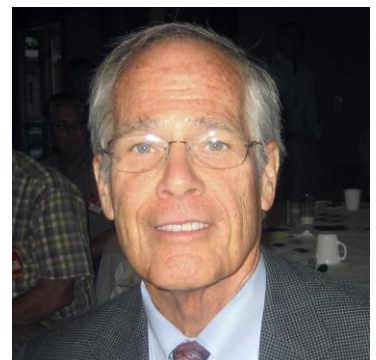
### The Raffle

**Richard Petersen** held the winning raffle ticket. The first spin of the sweet spinner treated **Richard** well as it stopped on the Rotary logo. Unfortunately there was a winner last week so the pot was on the smallish side.



### The Program

**Bob Boyd** introduced the Honorable Judge Gary Medvigy, a judge for the Superior Court of Sonoma County. He is also a Two-Star Major General, and Deputy Wartime Commanding General, Army Reserve of the 8th Army in Seoul, Korea.....and a Sebastopol resident who travels a lot! Judge Medvigy has one son who plans a career in law enforcement, one daughter who is currently attending the West Point military academy, and a second daughter who has graduated from West Point and is serving in the military.



California is undertaking a major change in how criminals are incarcerated. Many prisoners meeting specific criteria are being moved out of state prisons and into county jails. The benefits of this change are that prisoners get more attention and more community focused treatment. Another key benefit is a reduction in the prison population which addresses a serious overcrowding condition in the state prisons. This has the effect of changing the demographics of the local jail population to become more violent to staff and other prisoner's and causes local jails to become overcrowded at times. To relieve this overcrowding the Sheriff has the discretion to release less serious offenders so some offenders are released the same day they are sentenced.

The three strikes law passed in 1994 called for criminals convicted of committing a third crime to be sentenced to terms of 25 years to life, even if the third crime is nonviolent and relatively minor.

Proposition 36 addressed some of the perceived unfairness of the original three strikes law by:

- Revising the three strikes law to impose life sentence only when the new felony conviction is "serious or violent."



- Authorizing re-sentencing for offenders currently serving life sentences if their third strike conviction was not serious or violent and if the judge determines that the re-sentence does not pose unreasonable risk to public safety.
- Continuing to impose a life sentence penalty if the third strike conviction was for "certain non-serious, non-violent sex or drug offenses or involved firearm possession."

Under Proposition 36 judges had the discretion to take the history of convictions of offenders into consideration and impose longer sentences.

Proposition 47 requires misdemeanor sentencing instead of felony for the following crimes:

- Shoplifting, where the value of property stolen does not exceed \$950
- Grand theft, where the value of the stolen property does not exceed \$950
- Receiving stolen property, where the value of the property does not exceed \$950
- Forgery, where the value of forged check, bond or bill does not exceed \$950
- Fraud, where the value of the fraudulent check, draft or order does not exceed \$950
- Writing a bad check, where the value of the check does not exceed \$950
- Personal use of most illegal drugs

Since these crimes are essentially misdemeanors there is no opportunity for a judge to apply longer sentences that will result in increased treatment for criminals with a long history of serious crimes.

While Proposition 47 has resulted in reduced prison populations it is not well written so it will take a while before it is accurately interpreted and some argue that it fosters an increase in property crimes. This is because there is little point in arresting criminals when they can be released before the paperwork is completed.

Proposition 47 is still very new so there is very little statistical information that can be used to test whether the overall results are better or worse than before the Proposition was passed.

Judge Medvigy saved a little time for questions and it was filled with questions from floor.

**President Ron** thanked Judge Medgivy for this presentation and announced that Sebastopol Rotary Club will make a donation to Pathway Home in his honor.

Judge Medvigy stayed a while after the meeting to answer additional questions.

## The Final Bell

**President Ron** closed the meeting at precisely 1:30 P.M. with the ringing of the Rotary Bell.

## After the Final Bell

### Rotarians Taking Action

This year's *Rebuilding Together* day was Saturday, April 25th. Rotarians **Jim Pacatte**, **Tom Dilley**, **Chris Dawson**, **Vince Daluiso** and **Gene Nelson** worked at a home on Laguna Road. Two doors and a window were replaced, a room was painted, a tree was removed and a good deal of landscaping clean-up was accomplished.

*Rebuilding Together* is a program designed to rehab homes of low-income seniors or people with disabilities in a day. Along with Rotary volunteers, **Mark Sell** and Sebastopol Hardware have been immensely generous over the years with donations of materials.



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### [Organizing aid for earthquake survivors in Nepal](#)

Rescue missions and emergency aid continue to arrive in Nepal after a massive earthquake hit the country on 25 April, killing at least 5,200 people and injuring thousands more. The 7.8 magnitude quake, the worst in Nepal in more than 80 years, has affected 8 million people in the country's 39 districts. *(Photo courtesy ShelterBox)*

- [Learn how you can help](#)
- [Read a statement from RI President Gary C.K. Huang](#)
- [Learn what Rotary's partner ShelterBox is doing to help](#)

**GIVE**

## **Joining leaders**

### **How to increase attendance at your next training event**

Rotary leaders in District 3060 in India decided to get innovative with their district

training assembly and open the event to all members, not just incoming club officers. They also changed up the format and structure to encourage participation. The training event was attended by 27 percent of the district's members, the largest turnout ever.

- [Read about the changes they made](#)
- [Find resources for trainers](#)

## Supporting education

### Students in Fiji use tablets to explore their world

On the third-largest island in Fiji, Rotary members are working with Auckland University of Technology and Rotary clubs in New Zealand to provide computer tablets to local students to improve their career prospects. The project is supported by a grant from The Rotary Foundation.

- [Read about the Rotary Club of Taveuni Island's project](#)
- [Watch a video about the project](#)
- [Browse education projects on Rotary Showcase](#)

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## Announcements



## Vote for your favorite videos

We asked you to submit videos of your Rotary story using the hashtag #WeAreRotary, and the videos are in. Check out the entries and vote for your favorite 4-15 May. Your choice will be posted on Rotary.org, our Facebook page, Twitter, and the digital edition of The Rotarian magazine on 18 May.

- [View the entries and vote](#)
- [Get ideas for sharing Rotary's story in the Brand Center](#)

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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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