

"All the News that Fits We Print"





As I walk in I see **President Ron and Lynda** looking greatly relaxed, with smiles on their faces. I mention the glowing article that <u>Jim Corbett</u> wrote in his "Mr. Music's Musings" column in the Sonoma West Times and News about the Great Gatsby Gala. Their smiles get bigger!!!





At precisely 12:15, **President Ron** rings the bell and calls on **Sally Ewald** to lead us in the flag salute. **Sally** responds, "Even I can do this", and starts us off on the *Pledge of Allegiance.*

The Prez then calls for **Keller**, but gets no answer, so he calls **Karen** up to the front. She comments s he doesn't know any Thanksgiving songs, so it's the old faithful, *America t he Beautiful*, which she does with her usual glee and gusto!!!



Vince DaLuiso is next, with the thought for the day...actually, two thoughts. First he has to find his glasses, so he can read them. Boy, can I relate to that.

"They that endeavor to abolish vice, destroy also virtue, For contraries, though they destroy one another Are yet the life of one another" *Sir Thomas Browne*

"After winning an argument with his wife, The best thing a man can do after is Apologize." Anonymous

Interesting the author of that last quote didn't have the guts to sign his name to it!!!

Future Programs

Upcoming Programs.....'Tis the Season! IN AFTER THE BELL

November 28, 2014 Dark

Happy Thanksgiving December 5, 2014

Speaker: Mayor Robert Jacob Program: The Future for Sebastopol

December 12, 2014

Speaker: Xerxes Whitney, Teacher of the Year, Windsor HS

Program: Funny. Wise. Inspirational.

December 19, 2014

Speaker: The "Uke-Stars" Program: Holiday Music

Future Events Holiday Party Dec 06, 2014

<u>Crab Feed</u> February 14, 2015



Pinot for Polio Form

Sebastopol Rotary Website

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Next Board Meeting Date/Time: Thursday, Dec. 10th, 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?	
Analy High:	12:40 Most Wednesdays In Choir Room (Che
	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)
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<pre>!!! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !!!</pre>	

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

President Ron is NAKED!!! **No**...not that way...his boom mike is broken, so he has to resort to the podium microphone...actually, it's a lectern microphone, but nobody calls it a lectern...go figure!!!

He asks **Secretary Jack Blasco to** introduce the visiting Rotarians, which he does by starting and ending with the lone Rotarian guest,

Knoel Owen of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa.





Mia Del Prete introduces her guest, <u>Jeanine Thibeau</u>, who also worked the office at the Great Gatsby...thanks Jeanine.





Followed by **Richard Petersen** who was going to introduce one of the new owners of the Santa Nella House, <u>Debbie Brooks</u>, bu t she never made it. Rumor has it that **Richard's** directions left much to be desired. He does plan to invite her again soon, and we are looking forward to meeting her.



David Still introduces his guest, UC Berkeley grad student <u>David Tomayo</u>, who is working on his thesis concerning Rotary and the rise of the middle class in Mexico 1920-1950. Sounds interesting!

About this time, the PA system lets out a LOUD SQUEAL, sending

all the hearing aid group to their knees, writhing in pain!!! There's a mad dash to the PA board, where after what seems an eternity, things are brought back under control. Good thing we have the District's crack A/V team in the club...Whew!!!

Introductions continue with **Bill Lippert** introducing his wife **Charlie**.

Larry Ford then introduces his wife **Gerri**, who in turn introduces their guest <u>Madeline Schnapp</u>, their neighbor.

Vince DaLuiso introduces his spouse, Hosanna Bauer,

Followed by **Barbara Beedon** introducing her spouse **Greg Beedon**...and actually, **Greg** is a visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati, so there are two visiting Rotarians today, not one.

Next, Jack Dunlap introduces his guest, Ruth Loy.

geneticist, with a Ph.D. from Caltech, Gavin was also a professional cyclist and now manages the BMC Racing Team, whose member <u>Cadel Evans</u> from Australia, won the Tour d'France 3 years ago, under Gavin's tutelage.

Barbara Beedon introduces Gavin Chilcott, a friend and associat e of today's speaker, Dr. Robert Rubi n. A molecular

President Ron wraps up the introductions by introducing his wife, **Lynda**. A large round of applause welcomes our visiting Rotarians and guests.











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Larry Ford reminds us that the Holiday Party is coming up soon. Saturday, December 6, 5:30 to 9:00pm at JT & Teresa Martin's home...NOT December 5th, as was erroneously posted in the Appleknocker's Future Events section on page 2 last week. As a matter of fact, if you show up Friday the 5th, JT may put a vacuum cleaner or a duster in your hands and put you to work prepping the house for the party. Speaking of prepping the house for the party, Larry said they are looking for volunteers to help decorate the house, starting at 2:00pm on Saturday. If you would like to help out, contact Larry or JT. Larry also reminded us to bring a finger food or side dish to share. The club will be supplying Ham with potato rolls, various mustards, and of course, wine and other libations. Come one, come all...Ho, ho, ho!!!



President Ron then had an announcement of his own, asking board members to remain after the meeting is over for a short podium board meeting.



President Ron then puts up a slide on the screen of a Press Democrat article, with a picture of **Dick and Barbara Zimmer**, holding a "Flora graph" of their daughter Heidi. The Flora graph will be displayed on the "Donate Life" Rose Parade Float in Pasadena next January to commemorate Heidi's donation of her corneas to give sight to two other women in their 30's, one in Texas and one in California. Heidi, also in her 30's...39 to be exact, passed away in August 2013 after a two year battle with breast cancer, but not before agreeing to be an organ donor, giving the gift of sight to these two strangers. Dick stressed that this heartwarming story is being told to help promote organ donation. You can sign up next time you renew your driver's license, where a "donor" sticker will be put on your new license, or better yet, do it now by going https://register.donatelifecalifornia.org/register/ and registering to online. Thank you **Dick**, for bringing this to our attention, and crusading for this wonderful program.





Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dan Rasmus celebrated his November 10th birthday by going to Seattle on a work related trip. But the week before he celebrated with his family, so all was not lost. \$5 to the birthday boy.

Ted Baggett, when asked what he did on his birthday on November 21st, said, "I came to Rotary." **Prez Ron** then realizes that "Oh Yeah...that would be today, November 21st"...which means today is **Ted's** birthday. We then sang him *Happy Birthday*, and it cost him an extra fiver

for the song...\$10 in all. **Ted** shares that he's going to a fondue party in the evening, and he's not sure he's looking forward to this nostalgic passage back in time...last time he did fondue he burned the skin off the roof of his mouth...Ouch!!! Don't think I'd be too excited about doing it again either.



Just as he's about to wrap up birthdays, **Pauline Pellini** stands up and tells **President Ron** that there is a birthday has forgotten...a very important birthday...the birthday of the holder of Badge #1...That would be **Hal Pellini**, who celebrated his 95th birthday last Wednesday, the 19th. **Pauline** volunteered to pay the fine, but I didn't hear one levied. Smart move, **Mr. President!!!**

The Great Gatsby

President Ron flashes a slide of the Great Gatsby Logo on the screen, and asks, tongue-in-cheek, "Remember this?" with a BIG smile on his face. He then flashes the article that was in the <u>Press Democrat</u> the very next day, even before cleanup at the

Community Center was finished. From the sounds of it, he spent the cleanup time in a blissful state, basking in the glow of the moment.

He then asks co-chairs **Mia Del Prete**, **Merdeth Bertacco and Diana Rich** to come up and be recognized for all their hard work. They receive a standing ovation as they make their way to the front of the room.

After the applause dies down, they in turn ask **Lynda Puccinelli** to please come up and **Meredeth** hands her a bouquet of flowers and gives her a big hug. **Lynda**, wiping away the tears from the corners of

her eyes, is speechless. **Diana** says, "It was amazing!!! **Lynda** was the one who set the theme, and she deserves a BIG PRAISE, which the club does with another standing ovation...this time for the whole team!

President Ron says although the numbers are not final yet, it looks like we will net around \$80,000, a number not too far off from last year's Lobster Feed, and it was done with a guest list of 181 people versus last year's approximately 335 people. Hmmmm...definitely food for thought for next year's fundraiser team.

President Ron then starts naming off a list of those who worked the event, which was practically the whole club.

- <u>Cindy Carter</u>, "who was there the entire time."
- Chris Dawson, "who was there every day setting up the office."
- Mia Del Prete's family...how many kids do you have anyway???
- Pat Dilley
- Tom Dilley
- Ann Hill
- Robin Maybury
- Aldean Noethig
- Nao Noguchi
- Jim Pacatte
- Diana Wilson
- Danelle Wilson
- Edwin Wilson
- And the rest of the club who were there the entire time.



A rousing ovation is given to al







Travels and Holidays



Greg Jacobs took a month long trip to New Zealand with his wife **Kathi**...to a place called Huka Falls. **President Ron** then flashes a New Zealand fishing guide's webpage on the screen, and there is **Greg**, holding a big fish...and there is **Greg**, fighting a big fish...and there is **Greg**...well, you get the idea...**Greg** was plastered all over the guy's web page. **The Prez** thinks **Greg** over-tipped him to get posted in such a manner. The website goes on to explain that "Greg was blown away with his day on the river...hooking up 15 times. **The Prez** fines **Greg** \$25 to finish him off for this half year, and then **Greg** decides to over-tip again, putting \$100 towards his granddaughter's Paul Harris. Way to go **Greg**!

Another world traveler is **Les Crawford**, who recently returned from Italy. On the screen is a collage of **Les** standing in front of the Coliseum in Rome, **Les** standing in front of the amphitheatre in Syracuse, Sicily, (Italian – Siracusa and pronounced Sira-Kuza) and finally, in a restaurant with a huge glass of wine in his mitts. After a few historical comments, something about being settled by Greeks in 728 BC, **The Prez** fined **Les** \$10 to also finish him off for the half year, and **Les**, not to be outdone by **Greg**, also pledges \$100 for his <u>daughter Cathy Wisor's Paul Harris</u>. Way to go **Les!**

President Ron flashes a collage up on the screen of **David & Carolee Schreibman's** trip to a timeshare in Carlsbad, to celebrate his birthday (which he already has paid for) with another couple. Showing are pics of the two couples standing in front of San Diego Harbor?, in front of their timeshare?, and **Top Gun David** in the cockpit of a Navy F-8 Crusader...well, part of an F-8 Crusader anyway. **President Ron** finishes off **David's** half year of fines with a \$25 recognition.





Sally Ewald announces that last month's Foundation drive exceeded our goals by over 30%, and by over 127% for PolioPlus. Yeaaaaaa!!! **Sally also** says that some of our club members won raffle prizes from the drawing at the Foundation Dinner South a couple weeks ago, specifically **Tom Dilley, Richard Power, Mia Del Prete,** and a club **an onymous donor**, who won two prizes. Congratulations all. **Sally** goes on to say the <u>anonymous donor</u> has asked her to pass his two prizes on to raffle ticket holders that did not win at either our club drawing or the Foundation Dinner drawing. So she proceeds to do just that. She asks visiting Rotarian Knoel Owen to pick two numbers betw een 1 and 34, having previously assigned numbers to those who had not won.

Drum roll please...he says, "10 and 25." That turns out to be Alain Serkessian and PE Nominee David Schreibman. Alain is not present, but Sally will make sure he gets his prize. Congratulations everyone and thanks anonymous donor.

(Scribe note: Tom Dilley received his prize right after the Foundation Dinner, two magnums of wine, and rumor has it that he donated them to the Great Gatsby silent auction, and they garnered over \$100 each. Thanks Tom...but I was looking forward to helping you drink those!)







Number 855 is called, and **Lucky Jerry Warren** says, "I've got it." And I hear other people say, "Again???" But **Luck y Jerry** isn't so lucky this time, spinning a Milky Way Dark, and drawing a regular Milky Way out of the bag. This time he doesn't donate his winnings to SREF...he is keeping the candy for himself!





Barbara Beedon introduces our speaker, <u>Dr. Robert Rubin</u>, marine biologist and founder of the Mexico Pacific Manta Research Group. Dr. Rubin earned his Ph.D. in Comparative Physiology and Marine Ecology from the University of California at Irvine. He is currently a Marine Biology and Biology Professor at Santa Rosa Community College. He has lectured and given many talks throughout his career, and even recently appeared on TED Talks to wax poetic about his favorite subject, the giant Manta Ray.



Before starting his talk on the Giant Manta Ray, he thanks the club for our support, both financially and "sweat equity", of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, of which he is a member of both their Board of Directors and their Advisory Board. Being a faculty member of SRJC, he also thanks us for our support of the new "Rotary Center for Student Leadership" Room at the college. [Our club, along with 14 other clubs in Sonoma County, have donated money to create an endowment for the room –**Scribe.**]

Dr. Rubin is the leading authority on the Giant Mantas, the largest of fish in the world. He has conducted research on this marvelous animal for the last 37 years off Mexico's Revillagigedo Islands, south of the tip of Baja (Cabo San Lucas). The Giant Mantas congregate here (they live only in warm water) and Dr. Rubin is currently trying to have the islands recognized as a World Heritage Site.

He related a story of a dive in the early 70's off of Cabo near an underwater sea mount, which was a great place to find hammerhead sharks. Suddenly his eye caught a flash below him by the sea mount. Thinking he and his colleagues had spotted a hammerhead, they swam closer, only to find a giant manta tangled up in a fishing net, struggling to get loose. They swim closer and they can see her eye, about the size of a grapefruit, following them. They unsheathe their knives and began cutting the net to free her. All of a sudden she is free, and Bam...she is gone. They cannot believe what they have just been a part of, and they surface, climb on board, pop beers, high 5 each other, and praise themselves, then they look over the side, and there she is again, looking at them. They look at each other and someone says, "Think we can get in the water with her?" They get back in the water, and she waits, her eye following them. Someone says, "Think we can touch her wing tip?" and they do. They can feel her skin undulating to their touch. Her wingspan is approximately 18 feet"Think we can touch her head?" and still she does nothing but watch them. And being boys, someone says, "Think we could ride her?" He holds on to what could be described as her upper lip, and off she goes, taking him with her, gliding thru the sea like an airplane thru the air. He finds that if he pulls on the right side of her lip, she turns right, left side, she turns left. They have just invented Ray Swimming. Finally, she dives too deep and he has to let go. They all surface, elated at what has just happened, and suddenly, there she is again. This goes on for 6 more hours, until they are completely exhausted. He finally says, "Ok Sweetie, that's enough!" "Not a line I often say to women," he says, tongue-in-cheek.

So what did they just experience? A giant manta thanking them for freeing her from the net? Or something else, in addition to the gratitude. He thinks that perhaps when you look at a manta, you may be looking at the <u>convergence of consciousness</u>, perhaps some kind of <u>benevolence</u>.

Consider that their brain is about 5 ½ times larger than what you would expect for an animal typically their size (brain size to mass size). Co-incidentally, man's brain is also about 5 ½ times larger than what you would expect. Both man and mantas have been around for approximately 5 million years. Coincidences? Perhaps.

Consider that the human fetus' brain at 4 weeks, looks like a shark's brain, a close relative to the manta. Consider that a manta's cerebellum, the part of the brain that stores memory and their cerebrum, are over-developed, much like the human brain, relative to other animals. He says that fish are cold blooded, their bodies being the same temperature as the water.

Mantas. However, have developed a network of interwoven blood vessels to surround their brain, keeping it warmer than the rest of their body.

Their mating behavior is unusual in the animal world. Males compete, but not by battling each other, but by being "outlasted" by their competitors. You see, the female goes through a ritual of acrobatics, with a whole bevy of males following. As time goes by, the males start dropping out...last man standing wins. An exceptionally complicated behavior.

She gives birth to a single "puppy", with a gestation period of about a year. During the first six months, the puppy is supported, or fed by, a yolk. But after 6 months, it becomes depleted, and the female develops these appendages in the womb, much like nipples, that the puppy takes into it's mouth, to receive nourishment from it's mother. Dr. Rubin calls this a "Wanna be mammal"...acting "mammalian".

They feed on shrimp, and act co-operatively to do this. They swim in circles, creating a vortex that gathers the shrimp together. Then, in teams of three, they align themselves in perfect spacing, much like aircraft flying in formation, and swim through the cloud of shrimp. The leading manta scoops large quantities into its mouth, but that which it misses, "ricochets" off its body, into the waiting mouth of the 2nd manta, who is spaced precisely in the right spot to accomplish this feat. Likewise, the 3rd manta catches the overflow missed by the 2nd one. This is co-operative feeding that we don't see in other animals except whales.

They are "mirror savvy", meaning that they can recognize themselves in a mirror, and if a strange object is tied, or placed upon their body, they will stare at it, as if to know that it is not a part of them. The only other animals to be mirror savvy are elephants and monkeys.

Dr. Rubin says, "I love Manta Rays, more than life itself." After the experiences he has told us about, you might be able to understand this statement.

Dr. Rubin's presentation is so interesting, that **President Ron** encourages him to go over on his time to finish his talk, and excuses those members who need to leave promptly at 1:30. On asking if that is ok, the members agree and approve the decision with applause.



After his conclusion, **President Ron** thanked Dr. Rubin and told him we will be making a donation in his name to Pathway Home, a non-profit that helps returning vets from the Middle East conflicts reintegrate into civilian life. Dr. Rubin, obviously pleased with this, thanked **President Ron**.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 10 minutes late, but no one complained.



Upcoming Programs.....'Tis the Season!

December 5th

Mayor of Sebastopol, Robert Jacobs "The Future for Sebastopol"

Not necessarily "jolly", but certainly a friend of the Rotary Club of Sebastopol, Mayor Robert Jacobs will be speaking to us on December 5th. We've asked him to share his perspective on what the Future holds for Sebastopol, and his thoughts about how "Sebastopudlians" can participate in that future by lending your talent and ideas, hopes and dreams to that future-vision.

Robert has certainly brought new ideas to the position, and some have been controversial. But that is part of what makes Sebastopol such a wonderful melting pot of talent, creativity and vision. So, come with an open mind, and ideas to share, and this will be a lively meeting, to be sure!



December 12th

Xerxes Whitney, Inspirational Teacher, Windsor High School And The Asante Singers

Xerxes is popular entertainer and writer who is both friendly and thoughtful. Named Teacher of the Year at Windsor High School in 2009, he has been teaching 6th Grade Physical Education there for 14 years. An Author, Speaker, Marathon Runner and Motivational Speaker, he excels at all those things despite having a mild form of cerebral palsy....or perhaps because of it.

A speaker at TEDx Sonoma County this year, he is funny, wise, and will inspire you to look at your life from a different perspective.....a good way to go into the holidays and the New Year.

We will also be joined by the Asante Children's Choir, who will sing a couple of songs for us.

"Asante" is the Swahili word for "Thank You" and the Choir is made up of children from East Africa, a region recovering from years of civil war and genocide. The Choir is dedicated to spreading love, hope and joy while raising awareness for the desperate plight of orphans and other vulnerable children.

December 19th

Holiday Music by the "Uke-Stars"

Dedicated to bringing fun and joy wherever they go, the "Uke-Stars" are a band of Ukulele players who collaborate to bring a unique orchestral experience to their audience. They spread Joy wherever they go, so it seems most appropriate to have them play us into our

2-Week "holiday" from Rotary.... bring your best singing voice, as they welcome people to join in on these popular holiday numbers!

THE ABC's of Rotary

<u>(Taken from "The ABCs of Rotary", a Rotary International publication</u> <u>originally prepared by</u> Dr. Cliff Dochterman who was RI President in 1992-93)

#62: Selecting a President

Each year, a distinguished Rotarian is selected as the worldwide president of Rotary International. The process begins one year in advance when a 17-person nominating committee is elected from separate zones of the world. To qualify for the nominating committee, a Rotarian must have served on the RI Board of Directors. If there is no past director able to serve from the zone, a past trustee of The Rotary Foundation or a past governor who has served on an RI committee may be appointed to the nominating committee.

The nominating committee may consider all former RI directors for the presidential candidate. Members of the nominating committee and current directors are not eligible. Any Rotary club may suggest the name of a former RI director to the committee for consideration.

The committee convenes in September to select the Rotarian to be the presidential nominee, whose name is announced to all clubs. Any Rotary club may make an additional nomination before 1 December, which must then be endorsed by one percent of all the Rotary clubs of the world (about 300). If such an event occurs, an election is held by mail ballot. If no additional nomination is presented by the clubs, the person selected by the nominating committee is declared to be the president-nominee. From that point on, that special Rotarian and spouse will spend more than a year in preparation and then a year serving the Rotarians of the world as the international president.



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- <u>See what your gift supports</u>
- Learn about our areas of focus
- Find more ways to give

GIVE

Polio eradication

Miles to End Polio team on its way to Tucson

On Saturday, Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and six staff members join Rotary members in Arizona for the El Tour de Tucson, raising funds for polio eradication. All team members have met or exceeded their fundraising goals. Learn more about the ride, and how you can still support their effort.

- Support the Miles to End Polio team
- Read Team Captain Kristin Brown's blog post about the training •
- Join a discussion group on ending polio

Partnerships

Rotary Day at the United Nations highlights partnerships

To strengthen Rotary's 69-year partnership with the UN, leaders from both organizations met this month in New York City for Rotary Day at the United Nations. The collaboration began with the aim of maintaining peace after World War II. Today, the relationship has evolved to include humanitarian work in areas like gender equality, child and maternal health, and disease treatment and prevention.

- Read the story •
- Learn more about Rotary's role in the formation of the United Nations
- Visit the Rotary Day at the UN website

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Tech tools

Making the most of Rotary's online tools

Himal Pandya, a member of the Rotary Club of Bhavnagar Royal, Gujarat, India, conducted a digital workshop recently to give incoming leaders in eastern India hands-on training on Rotary's website and other tools. Pandya recommends every Rotary district include digital workshops as a part of their training for club officers.

- <u>Read more</u>
- Post a project to Rotary Showcase
- Find a project to support on Rotary Ideas

Resources & reference

Rotary Voices: Stories of service from around the world

Rotary Leader: Helping club and district officers achieve success

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