



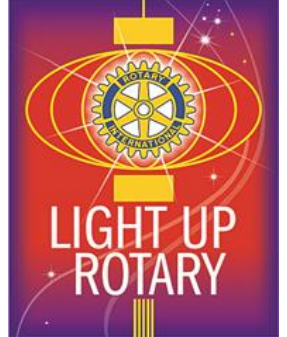
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"All the News that Fits We Print"



Before The Bell



It was an almost normal gathering before the club meeting except for the occasional Halloween witches and goblins and some sort of swamp rat dude who called himself an in-Vest-ta-Gator.



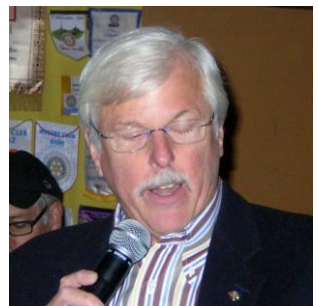
However we should have suspected that something was afoot with a large turnout and past Rotary presidents staking out strategic positions.



At The Bell



President Ron asked **Tom Dilley** to lead the *Pledge of Allegiance* and **Keller McDonald** led the assembly in an energetic rendition of *America the Beautiful*. **Past President, Past District Governor**, and **Current Rotary International Honcho John Blount** provided the thought for the day, a quote from Bruce Bochy:



"The biggest thing is to have a swagger when you take the field. When you're not doing well, you have to change something -- the biggest thing is the way you carry yourself. You have to walk like you belong with the best, go up to the plate like you know you belong with the best. That's swagger."

Future Programs

November 7, 2014

Speaker: **Chris Bingham, Veterans Service Officer**
Program: **Local Programs for Veterans**

November 14, 2014

Speaker: **Dr. Tomio Iwamoto, Academy of Science, SF**
Program: **"Climate Change, Fish, and Fishing"**

November 21, 2014

Speaker: **Robert Rubin, PhD, Pacific Manta Research Group**
Program: **"Flying Carpets of Ebony Silk"**

November 28, 2014

Dark

Happy Thanksgiving

Future Events

Saturday, November 15
The Great Gatsby Party!!!
(See Attachment)

Holiday Party
Dec 05, 2014

Crab Feed
February 14, 2015

Handy Links
[Pinot for Polio Form](#)
[Great Gatsby Gala Poster](#)
[Sebastopol Rotary Website](#)

Miscellany

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: **Thursday, Nov. 13th, 5:15 p.m.**
Location: **Pauline Pellini's Office**
Vanguard Properties
130 S. Main @ Burnett S, Seb.

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – icblasco@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 !!!

The Rotary President Contest

It was at this point the meeting deviated from the normal orderly course into barely controlled chaos. Apparently it is time to hold a contest about who is best suited to be club president for the balance of the current Rotary year. The host of the contest was **Dan Rasmus**, dressed in his finest baby blue leisure suit and sporting a new hairdo.

The first order of business was to identify an esteemed panel of judges consisting of; **Patti Blount's** husband **Mr. Rotary John Blount**, the sage **Dave Madsen**, and the most esteemed **Paul Thielen**. Next the Rotary president contestants were chosen from a cadre of past presidents **Kathie Mayhew**, **Gene Nelson**, and **Bob Rogers**, the current **President Ron Puccinelli**, and **President-to-Be Ricky Wilson**.



The first category was Announcements:

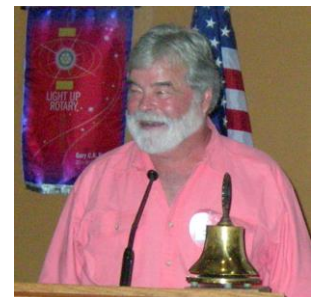


Gene Nelson "Something and then some more about tickets ..." The Judges critique was the Announcement not prepared, a violation of rule 626 in the book of Rotary.

Kathie Mayhew "Don't forget to put on clean under wear" "???" The Judges critique was that the announcement was a little too personal, and close to home.

Ron Puccinelli "Something about the Great Gatsby Gala and the food" The Judges critique was that it lacked originality.

Ricky Wilson "JT Martin has a birthday, is all dressed up and Club Runner says he is older than dirt. Also **Dr. Harry Simms** saw patients while wearing his Halloween costume" The Judges critique was there was too much dead time in the presentation and he should have known that **JT Martin** was not wearing a costume.



The next category was Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Gene Nelson “**Guy Smith**, you had a birthday on October 16, what did you do to celebrate?” **Guy** responded he spent the day on a tractor in the woods killing Redwood trees. He then noted **Richard Power’s** birthday which he spent in Monument Valley.

Kathie Mayhew fined **Ken Silveira** \$20 for an anniversary spent in Hawaii and tagged **Mel Davis** \$5 for an anniversary spent with his children and grandchildren. The Judges critiques were there was no regard for tradition and a note of desperation.



On to Recognitions.

Ricky Wilson noted that **Edwin Wilson** had grown a truly fine crop of hops, among the highest in the county, well worth \$25.



Gene Nelson noted **Michael Hixson’s** trip to Italy with his family. He also invited **Jim Pacatte** to tell us about his trip to Chicago and enjoying a meal at a famous Italian restaurant.

The Judges critique for both was “too much dead air and not enough pace – don’t you know the rule about having fun?”

The final contested category was pitching the Great Gatsby Gala.

Gene Nelson “It will be more fun than church, tickets are still available, dress in your best 1920’s style, and bring money.”

Ricky Wilson “It will be a wonderful evening with a really cool bar.”

President Ron called on **Diana Rich** who said it will be a fabulous evening but we have a new caterer who has stepped up to do the job at the last minute.

Kathie Mayhew announced that it will all be great fun and that **President Ron** and **First Lady Lynda** will be giving dancing lessons. The Judges critique was that **Kathie** gets extra credit for audience participation.

Next came the Raffle – It’s Raffle Time!

Past President Bob Rogers stepped up to finally perfect his raffle. **Jack Dunlap** held the winning ticket but had to guess which hand did not hold the Zucchini. After due deliberation, he made the correct choice and walked away with the prize. [Raffle perfection! –Ed.]

Rotary President Contest Winner!



The Judges put their heads together for final analyses and selection and, of course, comments.

Gene Nelson -- Didn’t have a prayer.

Bob Rogers – Too verbose and the prizes in the raffle were too big.

Kathie Mayhew – Good skills but too much baggage, since she comes with husband **Frank**.

Ricky Wilson – Shows promise but needs more development.

Ron Puccinelli – The best of the bunch and Winner! [Must be all that practice –Ed.]



The Program



After regaining control over his meeting, **President Ron** asked **Harvey Henningsen** to introduce our guest speaker Chris Smith, a columnist for the Santa Rosa Press Democrat.

Chris started with the Press Democrat in 1977 after journalism school, along with **Chris Dawson**. When they were eight??

Chris was selected to step into Gaye LeBaron's slot when she semi-retired in 2001. Gaye was a hard act to follow because she is the heart and memory of the Press Democrat. To help with the transition there was a significant publicity campaign that made it clear that Chris is not Gaye.

Chris has had the good fortune to report on several very big stories such as the Polly Klaas kidnapping, the story of Nicholas Green being shot in Italy and the international giving of his organs so many Italians can live, and the first interview with Carmine Salcido who was three years old when her father murdered the rest of her family.

While the big stories have their place, the meat of Chris's column are the little stories about regular people.

Examples given were;

- The school supervisor who couldn't understand why the Montgomery Village Carl's Junior was not getting her drive up order. It became clear when she learned she was giving her order to the Press Democrat paper dispenser.
- The time when the Giant Steps Equestrian Center needed to move to a larger space. Chris's article resulted in a connection with the administrator of a wealthy benefactor's estate that culminated in \$400,000 gift to help with the move.
- Vinny Hase, a popular homeless man in Santa Rosa lost his dog to a traffic accident on Valentine's Day in 2013. The story of this sad incident was seen by his niece in Antioch who had been looking for Vinny for over 20 years. Vinny's niece came to Santa Rosa to take him home.



Chris made the point that newspapers are struggling for their existence mostly because the internet provides so many options for people to receive news and information. Newspapers provide a unique reader experience and we hope it never disappears as a distinct entity, to become one of the many many stars in the constellation of the www. world.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

President Ron made sure we did not fail to acknowledge **Kent Seegmiller**, now in Santa Rosa, and **First Lady Lynda**.



Mike Ferguson introduced Brendon Culbertson, **Dan Rasmus** introduced Vicki Reno, and **Tom Dilley** introduced wife **Pat**.



The Closing Bell



President Ron thanked Chris sharing his stories and presented him with a donation in his name to The Pathway Home. He then rang the bell at approximately 1:30 p.m., ending the meeting.



After the Closing Bell



During our November 14 meeting, **Tom Farrell's** sons will give a short talk about what Rotary meant to **Tom**. (Note 11/14 is not a memorial but a statement from **Tom's** family as they have arranged a private service.)

THE ABC's of Rotary

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

#59: Rotaract

After the success of Interact clubs for high-school-age youth in the early 1960s, the RI Board created Rotaract in 1968. The new organization was designed to promote responsible citizenship and leadership potential in clubs of young men and women, aged 18 to 30. The first Rotaract club was chartered by the Rotary Club of Charlotte North in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA. In 2002, there were 170,000 members in more than 7,300 Rotaract clubs in 153 countries.

Rotaract clubs emphasize the importance of individual responsibility as the basis of personal success and community involvement. Each club is required to complete at least two major service projects each year, one to serve the community and the other to promote international understanding. Rotaract also provides opportunities leading to greater leadership and professional development. Rotaractors enjoy many social activities as well as programs to improve their community. A Rotaract club can exist only when continuously sponsored, guided, and counseled by a Rotary club.

The Great Gatsby Gala –November 15, 2014



ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL
PRESENTS:

THE GREAT GATSBY GALA

A GLAMOROUS EVENING WITH DINNER, DANCING AND AUCTIONS

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[World Polio Day event a success](#)

Thank you for making our World Polio Day Livestream event a success. More than 23,000 viewers in 24 countries tuned in to hear health officials give an update on the polio endgame and praise Rotary's polio eradication achievements. Ironman competitor Minda Dentler delivered a powerful personal account of her life with polio, and reggae star Ziggy Marley dedicated a song during a prerecorded performance. If you missed the Livestream, you can still view it.

- [Watch the Livestream](#)
- [See photos of World Polio Day events around the world](#)
- [Read about the Livestream event](#)
- [Support the Miles to End polio team](#)

GIVE

Polio eradication

Fighting polio in the midst of Syria's civil war

Of the 4 million people living in Lebanon, more than a quarter are Syrian refugees. So when Michel Jazzar heard about the reappearance of polio in Syria in October 2013, he and other Rotarians in Lebanon were quick to realize the impact it could have on their own country. Jazzar used billboards and television, radio, and newspaper advertising to coordinate recent National Immunization Days in the country.



- [Read the story and watch a short video](#)
- [Read about other National Immunization Day experiences](#)
- [Join a discussion on ending polio](#)

Fighting disease

Restoring vision to hundreds in China

U.S. and Chinese Rotary clubs used a Rotary grant to provide cataract surgery to 400 blind residents in rural areas of China. Dave Razo, a member of the Rotary Club of Warner Robins, Georgia, USA, turned to Rotary to keep the sight-restoring surgeries going when the nonprofit organization that had previously sponsored the medical missions discontinued the program.



- [Read more](#)
- [Find out how to apply for a Rotary grant](#)
- [Learn about a project that corrects cataracts in the Philippines](#)

SUPPORT MILES TO END POLIO

Join General Secretary John Hewko and six Rotary staff members as they bike in El Tour de Tucson to raise funds for the fight to end polio.

- [Support Miles to End Polio](#)
- [Advocate for polio eradication](#)
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Leadership

Want to spice up your next installation dinner?

When Cassy Venters became the governor-nominee for her Rotary district in Missouri, USA, she knew she didn't want to hold a stuffy installation ceremony at a local hotel or banquet facility. Planning months in advance, Venters worked with a local food bank to organize a service project attended by more than 140 Rotarians, Rotaractors, and family members. A DJ helped make the day fun and memorable.

- [Read more about Venters' event](#)
- [Find tips for running your club or district in the latest Rotary Leader](#)
- [Update your club goals in Rotary Club Central](#)
- [Join a discussion about improving your club's fundraising success](#)

Resources & reference

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