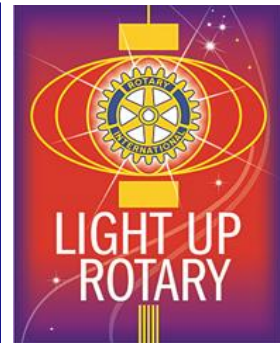


The Appleknocker *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin*

Jeff Gospe - Fall of Communism 25th Anniversary



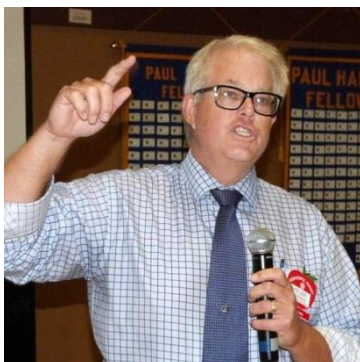
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"All the News that Fits We Print"



At The Bell



President Ron rallied the forces for the latest Friday gathering. The flag salute was led by **David Schreibman**, followed by **Keller McDonald's** singular rendition of "God Bless America".

Mike Carey had a few thoughts for the day:

"Example is a language everyone can understand....."

"I don't care what you know until I know you care....."

and from Plato;

"You can learn more about a person in one hour of play time than a year of conversations".



Visiting Rotarians and Guests

The Club welcomed a number of visiting Rotarians, as announced by **Bud Daveiro**:
Rick Mossi from the Petaluma club (*Banking*),

Future Programs

September 26, 2014

Speaker: Mickey Porter
Program: Common Core State
Education Standards

October 03, 2014

Speaker: Tashi Dhangyai
Program: "Tibetan Art and Culture"

October 10, 2014

Speaker: Buzzy Martin
Program: "Don't Shoot! I'm the Guitar
Man"

Future Events

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 (Ron's)

Date/Time: Thursday, Oct. 8th, 5:15 p.m.

Location: Pauline Pellini's Office

Vanguard Prop. 130 S. Main @ Burnett S, Seb.

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS - jcbiasco@comcast.net

On-line Make-Ups: www.RotaryEClubOne.org

INTERACT MAKE-UPS - HAVE YOU TRIED IT?

Analay 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

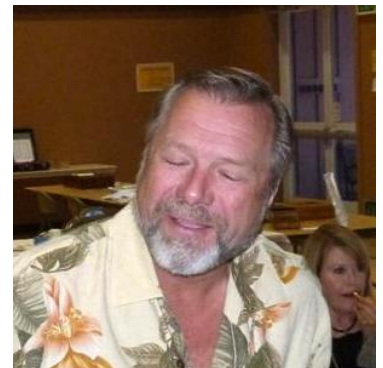
!!! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !!!

Curtis Reinhardt from Arroyo
Grande (Event Managing),



Dan Bornstein, Santa Rosa
(Dentistry),

Tom Neidecker, Petaluma Valley
(Art collector)

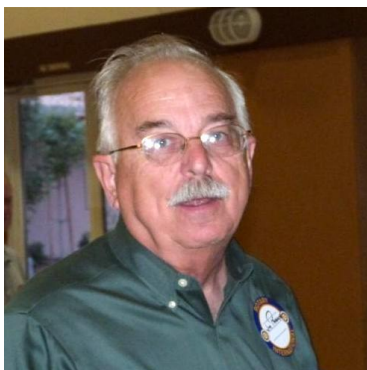


and Jeff Gospe, Santa Rosa
(Financial advisor). Jeff is also
today's program speaker.



Katy Spyrka introduced Guillen
Bernal, the club's exchange student
from Spain (good to see him attend
regularly...wait a minute,
Keller....what's the Spanish word
for 'hooky'?)





Meredeth Bertacco introduced guest Jim Passage (good to see him again).



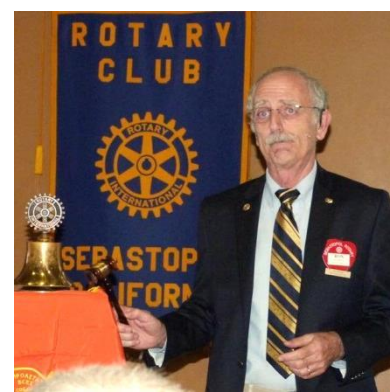
Announcements—Or Todays News and Views



Each approaching week **the Prez** rallies the troops (or at least wakes up a few of us) with a big crescendo that will culminate on November 15 --we're talking about the **Great Gatsby Gala**. Of course he has plenty of (much needed) help.

Gene Nelson led a battle cry: "Buy those tickets, everybody, or pay for them!"

OK, that may not have been that inspirational; but that did not stop him from coming back with something even more lackluster: "...and you can win a boom box with the original 8-track cassettes...or, take a trip where you can catch a fish (and listen to the cassettes)".



Fortunately, the cause was saved by the duo of Diana Wilson and Ann Hill --one silent, the other not so (wait, they were talking about silent as well as live auction items).

Diana Rich touted the Gala entertainment, the BLUE MOON BAND (yes, **Gene**, they will have 8-track cassettes available) as well as the great food. **Diana** also noted that we should 'expect to be amazed!' at the 1920's make-over forthcoming at the Sebastopol Community Center.



September 30 is the deadline for signing up for the Rotary 'Blues & Jazz' Foundation dinner. The dinner will be held on November 8, at Hilton Hotel in Santa Rosa. You will be receiving a personalized email link to register. Please call Valerie Hulsey (707) 537-8603 if you have any questions.

The regional SCARC (Sonoma County Assn of Rotary Clubs) meeting/dinner is coming up on Friday, September 25, 5:30 p.m. at the Fountain Grove Golf and Country Club ballroom. Cost is \$45.

Michael Hixson reminded everyone that the teacher mini-grant program application deadline is October 27. Since 2002 over \$200,000 has been distributed to local teachers for supplies and other materials. Many teachers have to reach into their own pockets to supplement their classrooms.

Flu shots are available at our September 26 meeting. This also raises money for a good cause. **Yvonne Thielen** volunteers her skills to make this happen (and she probably has plenty of practice with the needle, tranquilizing one of our own, **Paul**, as needed).



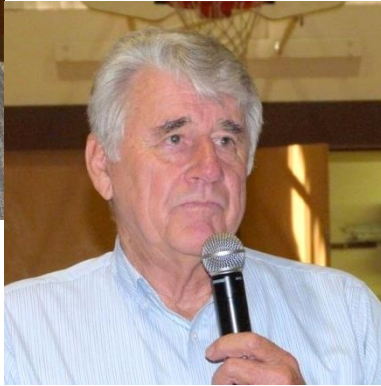
President Ron had a few other announcements. Nominations for District Governor have a deadline of November 20. **The Prez** also noted that the club would be seeking 501c3 status (regarding charitable gifts). As this was announced, in the background one could hear the Beatles' "Taxman" on **Gene's** boom box.

🍎 Recognitions 🍎



Karen Daniels celebrated a birthday and, to top it off, *PASSED HER DRIVERS' TEST*. **The Prez** took her for a \$5 fine.

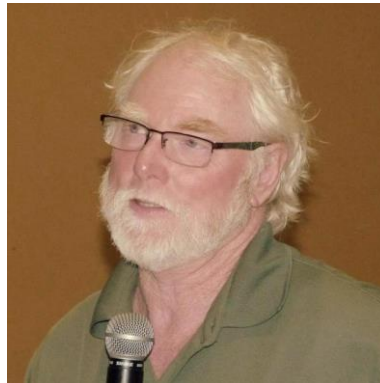
Michael Hixson couldn't match that celebration, but it still cost him \$5.



Guenter Meiburg didn't have to drive or fly anywhere for his birthday. In fact, his celebration included a visit from his son-in-law and a meal cooked by a chef from Hong Kong (she did spend about \$400 for the meal's ingredients, but at least it went on his Pacific Market tab --or **Ken Silveira's** personal account).

Mark McDonell celebrated his birthday by visiting his alma mater, Santa Clara University, and then doing some camping.

J.T. Martin celebrated his birthday by taking a kayak trip on the Rogue River in Oregon. It took him four days; it would have taken him one day less if there had been any water.

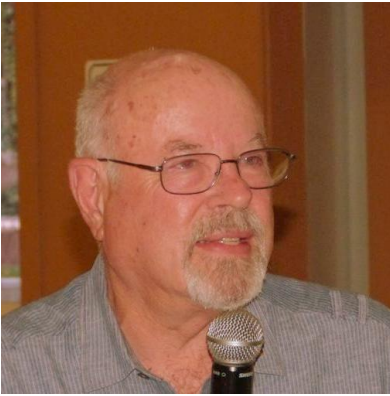


Edwin Wilson celebrated (and was appropriately fined \$10) his recent hops harvest and will 'tap the barrel' next week. OK, how does one tap a barrel? For something that exotic, maybe a larger fine was in order? Just wondering. [Perhaps a product test is in order to determine the appropriate fine --Ed.]



Tom Boag celebrated his anniversary with a trip to Sand Point, Idaho. Video evidence showed him boarding a (lumber) train --without paying? Maybe that was why **the Prez** hit him for \$20.





Tom Lambert was dealt the day's heftiest fine (\$25), but --in his mind --it was a bargain. The adventure began with his leg-powered rail car on a (supposedly out-of-use) train track. The only thing he was told to fear was hitting a cow. Keep in mind, this is in Wallowa County, Oregon --where fines for littering can be as high as \$6,250, according to a photo of an official highway sign. Another road sign proclaimed that drivers did not need to stop their vehicles at an intersection when making a right-hand turn. Just keep an eye for speeding cows on railroad tracks, making right-hand turns. **Tom**, and the **Scribe**, are not making this up! So, \$25 was a lot cheaper than a \$6,250 fine.

🍎 The Raffle 🍎



Mel Davis took a familiar trek, once again holding the winning raffle ticket. But *this time* he walked away with \$75 (OK, he donated it right back to the Rotary Ed Foundation) -- plus the coveted candy bars that come with it.

🍎 The Program 🍎

"The 25-Year Anniversary of the Fall of Communism"

Jeff Gospe was introduced by **Barbara Beedon**; **Barbara** has known Jeff since 2006, when he joined the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa. His story provided an inside-view of one of the most unusual, dramatic events in world history.



Jeff was a foreign exchange student in Krakow, Poland in 1989, arriving shortly after the summer 1988 'solidarity' movement in that country -- resulting in ongoing union strikes and general unrest (actually, peaceful resistance had been going on for several years). In April 1989 an agreement between the unions ("Solidarity") and the communist regime resulted in the scheduling of a June election --where 200 representatives from two houses would be elected.



The June 4 election was a stunning success for 'Solidarity'; 199 of the 200 seats were filled with Solidarity candidates (the only other seat was filled by an independent). A few months later, the Berlin Wall came down --as part of the momentum created in Krakow. While the fall of Communism was a combination of many events over the years, approached the impact that the Solidarity movement accomplished.

Jeff joined in a number of Solidarity events, none more telling than the photo he shared of a picture taken by the 'other side' --showing him in the front row of a large crowd facing off against those in power at the time.

With that as a background, Jeff had stories to tell about the "ZOMO" (local thug groups opposed to Solidarity), the possibility of martial law, and peaceful strategies employed by the movement. What, Gary Cooper as a cowboy on one poster, next to a Lech Walesa poster?

Jeff had interesting stories to tell that were less intense: the joy of finding toilet paper on a store shelf, a shopping 'experience' that consisted of three stages: Go through a 'look line', then return to a 'pay line', and finally go to the 'pick up' line. And prices varied wildly: on the one hand, inflation could jump to 150% in two months --at the same time college students received 15 cents a day for rations.

Jeff's experiences have landed him positions with Ernst and Young as a consultant, working with multi-national corporations and governments in the former Soviet bloc. It also doesn't hurt to have a degree from **Stanford**.

Jeff had quite a display of artifacts from his time in the Soviet bloc, and several people stayed after to look at them and hear more details from Jeff.



The Closing Bell



Feeling that the crowd might become energized in a 'Solidarity'-type overthrow movement, **President Ron** hastily adjourned the meeting at 1:30 (but did hold a board podium meeting right after....hmmmm).



After the Closing Bell



School has started so once again it is time to apply for Teacher Mini-Grants. See the announcement letter below for details.

September 13, 2014

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—

The ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL is now accepting applications for
THE SEBASTOPOL ROTARY TEACHER MINI-GRANT PROGRAM.

Teachers from public and tax-exempt private schools within the boundaries of the West Sonoma County Union High School District are eligible to receive one-time grants in the amount of \$50 to \$500 to purchase classroom materials or to implement programs that might otherwise go unfunded.

A grant application and guidelines can be found at www.sebastopolrotary.org (click on the **Grants>Teacher Mini-Grants** link).

To be considered in the next funding cycle applications must be submitted by October 27, 2014.

Since its inception in the Fall of 2002, the Rotary Club of Sebastopol has distributed nearly \$200,000 in Mini-Grants to local teachers.

Please contact Michael Hixson at 228-0302 or mikehixson@comcast.net for more information.

FESTIVAL OF BROTHERHOOD 2015

January 23 - February 1

Terms and Conditions

This year we will fly non-stop with Aeromexico for Festival flights. We will depart SFO on Friday, January 23 at 11:30 am and return from Guadalajara on Sunday, February 1 at 8:00 am. We will begin and conclude the Festival in Tlaquepaque.

Please see attached proposed itinerary for specific details. Due to the strict regulations of the airlines, we have reserved and paid deposits for 25 seats. These reservations are on a first come, first paid basis only. If we have greater demand for attendance we will work to ensure that everyone who wants to attend will be able to do so.

To reserve a place for the Festival this year, a deposit of \$250 is due by September 30, 2014. This deposit should accompany your application. This deposit is non-refundable and will hold your place on the airline. You will be billed for the balance by October 25 depending on your choice of venues and accommodations. Full payments will be due no later than November 15, 2014. Please pay by check made out to District 5130/FOB.

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)

#53: Rotary Fellowships

From stamp collecting to ballroom dancing, the interests of Rotarians are as diverse as the membership itself. Yet, among the more than 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide, an amateur-radio enthusiast or a chess player is bound to find others who share the same passions. But Rotary Fellowship members share more than just their common interest in sport diving, golf, fishing, or scouting; they share an interest in fellowship and service and in promoting world understanding. As such, it's no wonder that the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians donates the profits from ski events to The Rotary Foundation or that the Flying Rotarians help ferry medical personnel and supplies.

Rotary Fellowships also unite Rotarians who have shared professional interest in such fields as arts and communication and finance/banking. Members exchange technical information and seek opportunities to employ their expertise in service not just to their own communities and countries, but to their professions as well.

The Great Gatsby Gala –November 15, 2014



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[Building peace through storytelling](#)

Kiran Singh Sirah, a 2011-13 Rotary Peace Fellow at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, promotes storytelling as a way to build peace as executive director of the International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough, Tennessee, USA. For the International Day of Peace, observed on 21 September, Sirah shares his own story for our blog, Rotary Voices.

- [Read Sirah's story](#)
- [Watch a video about the Rotary Peace Centers](#)
- [Read about the RISE of Peace seminar in North Carolina, USA](#)
- [Join a discussion group about peace](#)

GIVE

New clubs

Former Navy code breaker forms world's first Facebook-based Rotary club

When a serious illness stripped away many of her professional ambitions, Amanda Wirtz turned to humanitarian service and Facebook to give her life new purpose. Wirtz launched the world's first Facebook-based Rotary club last year, United Services Rotary.

- [Read more](#)
- [Visit the United Services Rotary website](#)
- [Learn more about the Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship](#)

Disease prevention

Rotary's response to Ebola outbreak

Rotary is continuing to follow the developments surrounding the Ebola outbreak in West Africa and advice of the World Health Organization and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, our partners in international public health. Although Rotary has limited opportunities to respond at a corporate level, our strength as an organization is firmly rooted in the grassroots response of Rotary clubs and Rotarians.

- [Learn about projects and post your own on Rotary Ideas](#)
- [Read about a club effort in the United Kingdom](#)
- [Read the latest about the outbreak from the CDC](#)

SÃO PAULO CONVENTION DATES CHANGED

The 2015 Rotary Convention will run Saturday, 6 June, through Tuesday, 9 June – starting and ending one day earlier than originally scheduled.

- [Learn more about this change](#)
- [Check \[riconvention.org\]\(http://riconvention.org\) for updates, registration & housing details](#)
- [Find information about HOC events](#)



ORGANIZE A ROTARY DAY

Hold a fun, informal event in your community and introduce the public to your club and Rotary. It just might inspire someone to join!

- [Learn more about Rotary Days](#)
- [See a calendar of Rotary Days events worldwide](#)
- [Enter the Rotary Days video contest](#)

Connect with leaders

Plan your trip to São Paulo for the 2015 convention

Visit our convention site for everything you need to register for and plan your trip to São Paulo for the 2015 Rotary International Convention, Saturday, 6 June, to Tuesday, 9 June. Don't wait. The best price for registration is available through 15 December. Also, the Host Organization Committee has just lowered prices for host events to give more people opportunities to sample Brazilian culture.

- [Plan your convention experience](#)
- [Get the latest updates on Convention Insider](#)
- [Join a discussion on the convention](#)

Resources & reference

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

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

[Rotary Images: Download photos to use in your club or district publications](#)

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