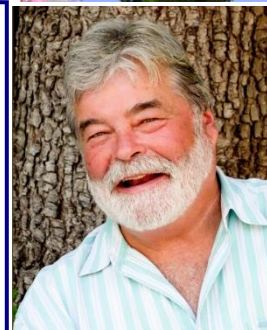




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"All the News that Fits We Print"



### At the Bell



"Welcome to the Rotary Club of Sebastopol, where the nicest, most caring folks in town meet weekly to foster fellowship, while thinking and acting both locally and globally in an attempt to make our community and our world better places to live."

- President Rick Wilson



The flag salute was led by **Brad Benedetti** and **Karen Daniels** rallied the troops with a rowdy rendition of *God Bless America*.

The thought for the day harkened back to the year 1977.

**Jerry Warren** provided the background: Nelson Mandela is serving a life sentence on Robben Island, charged with conspiracy to overthrow the government. Confined to a small cell with no bed or plumbing, he penned a letter to his wife, Winnie. Here is an excerpt from that letter --and the "thought for the day":

*"In judging our progress as individuals, we tend to concentrate on external factors such as one's social position, influence and popularity, wealth and standard of education...but internal factors may be even more crucial in assessing one's development as a human being: humility, purity, generosity, absence of vanity, readiness to serve your fellow men --qualities within the reach of every human soul."*



## Future Programs

**August 7, 2015 -- Outing**  
**Meeting at Purple Wine**

**August 14, 2015**

**Speaker: Tony Lazzarini**  
**Program: God's Own Lunatics**

**August 21, 2015**



**Speaker: Jean Irwin**  
**Program: Breaking the Glass Ceiling for the Deaf**

## Future Events

**Rotary Picnic**  
**August 16, 2015**

**Rotary Golf Tournament**  
**August 28, 2015**  
**Northwood**

**Fantasmagoria!!**  
**October 3, 2015**

 **Handy Links**   
**Pinot for Polio Form**  
**Sebastopol Rotary Website**

## Miscellany

**Next Board Meeting**

**Date/Time: Tues, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Location: Rick Wilson's Home**

**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – [jcbiasco@comcast.net](mailto:jcbiasco@comcast.net)**  
**On-line Make-Ups: [www.RotaryEClubOne.org](http://www.RotaryEClubOne.org)**

**INTERACT MAKE-UPS – HAVE YOU TRIED IT?**

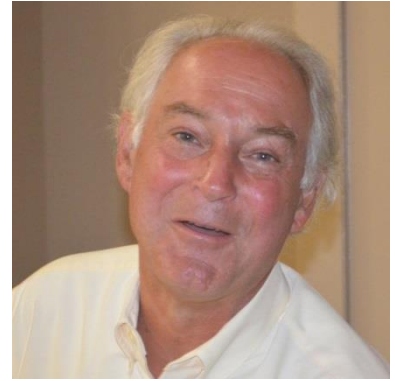
**School is out for the summer**

**Analy High: 12:40 Most Wednesdays In Choir Room (Check with Dan Rasmus, Mark Stevens, Jack Dunlap)**  
**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 !!!**

## Introductions

**Jim Pacatte** introduced  
**Scott Briggs.**



**Tom Dilley** welcomed  
**Antonio Trevino** (Purple Wine of Graton, the site for our next meeting.)



**Linda Johnson** announced the presence of **Lu Frazier,**

**Harry Polley** welcomed back **Marisol Vigil.**







**Bob Hirsch** introduced Gary Roberts, a fellow 'Tall Club' member as well as a motorcyclist.

**Bob Rogers** was chaperoned (Webster's definition: public supervision for/of behavior) by spouse **Peggy**. And guests Jim and Carol Raffini were also welcomed.



**Ted Baggett** had his son, Henry, join the group; Henry proudly wore his Sebastopol 10-II's Little League all-star shirt for the occasion.



**Dan Rasmus** also had his son Ben 'in the house', another local athlete (Analy High football and lacrosse.)

**President Rick** (notice, with great restraint that his name has yet to be mentioned since the bell) did call out our previous prez for not introducing his spouse at this point. We are talking about Lynda, an authorized "Friend of the Club". It was going to cost **Ron Puccinelli** \$10 for this supposed 'faux pas', but --showing the wisdom of Solomon -our current prez (**Rick**, but for how long?) cut the fine in half, acknowledging that Lynda might have a point....that Friends of Rotary are not necessarily guests, especially when not introduced.

## 🍏 Announcements 🍏

**The Prez** then called on **Harvey A. Henningsen (aka HH)**, who announced that Carola Harding had donated \$70 to the club (matching **Harvey's** age...with no comments about age and maturation) --in memory of her late husband and esteemed Sebastopol Rotarian, **Bruce**.

### CLUB MEETING - AUGUST 7

This is an off-site gathering....the (short) meeting will be held at **Purple Wine** in Graton. During --and after --there will be special box lunches, small wine tasting, and then a tour of the working plant.

### Tour d' Organics - August 9

Once again, **Torrey Olson's** Farm (and **Torrey**) will play a big part in this cycling event. This year, even more so --so give him a call!

### Rotary Club Picnic

August 16 \* 11a-4p \* **Mayhew Estate** \* 3160 Hicks Rd - Graton

### New Information

**MENU** BBQ chicken & corn-on-the-cob (**Mario**)  
Home-made sausages (Mike McGlothlin)  
Smoked brisket (Ron Cutler)  
BBQ ribs (**Prez. Rick**)

ENTERTAINMENT swimming \* croquet \* ring toss \* board games (H2O -BRING A TOWEL)

\$15/single \$25/pair \$35/Trio \$50/four+

Bring your favorite salad or dessert to share.  
Beer, soda, water and margaritas will be provided  
(if you would like anything else, BYOB)

Call **Bob Cugini** (829-2711) or **Dave Still** (865-5078)

Rotary Golf Tournament

August 28 Northwood Golf Course (Monte Rio)  
\$75 Entry Fee (\$20 for dinner only)

Check-in at 12 noon

Call **Brad Benedetti** (322-3009) or **Mike Long** (483-0191)

Or send \$ to Long Financial, 7724 Healdsburg Ave

"FANTASMAGORIA" - Saturday, October 3  
"The Event of the Decade!"

**-President Rick Wilson**

Yes! Another visit back to the Fillmore, tie-dye and the Age of Aquarius  
With much fan-fare and fantasy, the Rotary Club of Sebastopol is embarking on another magical mystery trip under our new, fearless leader.

For \$125 a person, prepare yourselves for a surf/turf dinner, a hosted bar, silent and live auctions, "Captain Paisley" and other musical treats, and a light show orchestrated by our own talented showmen/women.

This is the club's major 2015-16 fund-raiser!!!



**Ken Jacobs** was called on to talk about new memberships. It became clear that not only has the club made efforts to focus on this --the results are already piling up (that's a really good thing!)

**Ken** paraphrased what International President Ravi Ravindran shared recently, based on a Hindu tale of Sudama and Krishna: *"Give whatever one can, because those gifts are returned to us...what we give through Rotary becomes a gift back to each of us."*

**Ken** -in his new role as the membership committee chair --noted that the group now consists of three sub-committees:

Recruiting -**Harry Polley, Dan Rasmus**

Education/Rotary Background Information/Classifications -**Mike Long**

Retention/Assigning Mentors- **Richard Power**



Then, **Ken** noted that since May 1 six (6!) new members have been added to the club. He noted that part of the success is a result of some new stream-lined club strategies (something as simple as shortening the screening process by a few weeks can prove to be a difference-maker.) But it also takes the efforts of each and every Rotarian.

Besides the six already inducted, three new Rotarians were introduced on this day:  
**Marisol Vigil** (over 10 years of banking experience.)

**Steve Kellner** (new West Sonoma County UHSD superintendent; 29 years in education, re-locating from Chicago; wife Laurie, son Sam.)





**Jim Raffini** (he and spouse **Carol** recently celebrated 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary; a retired U. of Wisconsin educator and author of four books, Jim is an avid sailor...but what really got the **Raffinis** to move (not sail) west are the Bay Area grand-children.

They were joined by their sponsors and mentors: **Linda Johnson, Barbara Beedon, Harry Polley, Mia DelPrete, Paul Thielen** and **Meredeth Bertacco**.

OK, so 'the scribe' was a little overwhelmed with all this information --thus, the above sketches are, well, a little sketchy. Maybe it was the portrayal on screen of **Steve** as the Simpsons' 'Principal Skinner' (**Keller's** doing?) or **Marisol's** trips to Las Vegas or the **Raffini family** 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary -really?). So, get to know them and our other, newest fellow Rotarians!



## 🍎 Recognitions 🍎

**Ken Silveira** was dinged for a trip to Big Sky Country, now forever known as Big Fine Country.

**Andrea Schmitz** and husband **Steven** celebrated a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the road, starting off/on to Arcata and then a Griswold-type trip cross-country in an RV. Good thing their son can read maps.

**Torrey Olson** wasn't quite as adventuresome, so a Tahoe trip and anniversary only hit the \$5 mark.



**Sally Glendening** faced the same fate for her trip (\$5) even though she could have walked (OK, it would have been a *long* walk) to the Bluegrass Festival at Sonoma State University.



**J.T. Martin** could have been fined for multiple reasons (anniversaries, stage performances, stage name, etc.), but it still only came to \$5.



The most egregious act, however, involved **Dan Rasmus** and **Mike Ferguson** appearing at the meeting in *the same shirt!* No, they didn't share it --that would really have sent **Prez Rick** spinning. But they both sported identical blue and purple madras shirts. *Maybe* they got a two-for-one deal...to save a few dollars? But once **President Rick** comes to his senses (don't hold your breath on that one), that shirt bargain could end up costing the dandy duo a few more pennies.

**Jerry** and **Kay Warren** recently visited South Africa, more specifically Johannesburg, the Apartheid Museum and the Namibia countryside. As always, the **Warren** photography was spectacular (but not a single shot of a fish!) The sand dunes would dwarf most mountain ranges, the highest elevations of sand in the world.

The nomadic tribes are still represented in the customs and dress of the locals -as well as the dramatic scenery. All of this and it only cost **Jerry** a \$10 'fine'.

### The Raffle

**Donna Pantzer** held the winning ticket but **President Rick** kept the winning card close to the vest, but next week his odds will dwindle...from 1/7 to 1/6.



### The Program



Charley Taylor provided a captivating mix of two different eras: First, he talked about upcoming events at the Pacific Coast Air Museum in Santa Rosa --zeroing in on the annual "Wings Over Wine Country" and a special showing on September 26-27. This event will include the Canadian 'Snow Birds', nine jets that will perform much like our Blue Angels. He also spoke of other changes at the Air Museum, including the possibility of significant expansion to the grounds.

But then he put on his commander's hat --as a U.S. Navy retired commander of 25 years. While his perspective focused on his role as a naval aircraft carrier pilot --and two possible upcoming books --he also provided an interesting timeline on the Vietnam War and the various roles he had (and roles the government took on.)

The timeline shared by Commander Taylor started with the arrival of the Green Berets, circa 1961, as an advisory team. However, by 1964 approximately 23,000 troops were stationed in and off the Gulf of Tonkin. In 1965 the strategy known as 'Rolling Thunder', under LBJ's direction, picked specific targets. In 1968, just prior the presidential election that year, forces grew to 536,000.

In 1972 President Nixon authorized Operation Linebacker in Vietnam. At the same time, peace talks in Paris were underway. Commander Taylor noted that the average age of the U.S. military forces was 19 in 1972. At about that time, aircraft such as B-52's, took on another turn in strategies.

Covering so much history in so little time (meaning our meeting) left a sense of 'déjà vu' --and wanting to know more. The good news, Commander Taylor's just a phone call away (wait, isn't that what happened with Watergate --also shown in Charley Taylor's presentation?) The point is, we now know that the Commander is in our neighborhood!

### The Closing Bell

The meeting was adjourned at precisely 1:30.



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Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
Northwood Golf Course  
12:00 check-in  
1:00 shotgun start



**\$75 - Includes 18 holes, dinner, wine & beer**  
**\$20 - dinner only**

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Mike Long  
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Sebastopol, CA 95472



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- [See the list](#)
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- [Join a Twitter chat on membership with General Secretary John Hewko](#)
- [Read how Pakistani Rotary members are making a difference](#)

**WHY JOIN?**

## Club and District Administration

### **New delegation feature lets you share your access**

We've added a new feature in My Rotary to help you carry out your responsibilities

more efficiently. If you have a club, district, or regional role, you can now share your role-based access with fellow Rotary members to delegate tasks to them.

- [See an example of the Delegation page](#)
- [Download a PDF to learn how it works](#)
- [Contact the Rotary Support Center](#)

## Polio eradication

### San Diego students tackle vaccine controversy

Students at Carlsbad High School in San Diego, California, USA, had no idea vaccination was such a controversial topic when they began filming the documentary “Invisible Threat.” But despite coming under fire early, they stuck with the project. The film received an award for courage in journalism from the San Diego Press Club in October. It has been endorsed as an educational tool by 300 health organizations, including the Mayo Clinic and the Autism Science Foundation.

- [Read more about the documentary](#)
- [Watch the documentary](#)
- [See more stories from the August issue of The Rotarian](#)
- [Give to End Polio Now](#)

## ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS NOW LIVE

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Interested in contributing further to Rotary by serving on a RI committee? Several committees have openings for the 2016-17 Rotary year and are looking for qualified candidates.

- [See which committees have openings](#)



- [Learn more about the application process](#)
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## Disease prevention

### Lyme disease goes undetected

Steve Borgos, a longtime Rotary member in Glens Falls, New York, USA, was enjoying an active retirement when he began experiencing unexplained health problems, including difficulty keeping up his energy and concentration. After a visit to the doctor, he discovered he had Lyme disease, which had gone undetected in previous tests. Now Borgos is active in his club's effort to raise awareness of the disease.

- [Read Borgos' blog post](#)
- [Share your story with us on Rotary Voices](#)
- [Find disease prevention projects to support on Rotary Ideas](#)

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