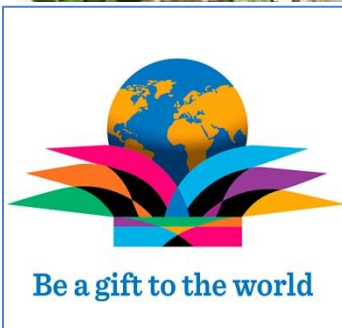




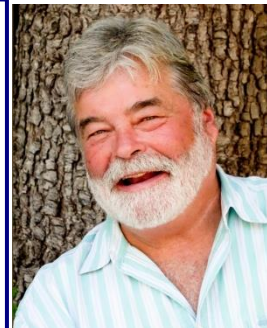
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Efren Carrillo – Supervisor's Update



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

Today's meeting started with a "welcome back" to **Les Crawford**, by asking him to lead the pledge. Having been a teacher, then principal for many years, he's pretty good at it!

For the song, **Keller** was absent, as was **Karen**...so **JT** you are it! *God Bless America* was the song he chose, and we followed him through a couple verses.

Richard Power had the Thoughts for the Day, and lamented that they might have been even better for last week, BEFORE the terrorist attacks in Paris, France. They were –

From Deena Metzger:

"There are those who are trying to set fire to the world,
we are in danger,
there is time only to work slowly,
there is no time not to love."

And from Vaddhaka Linn:

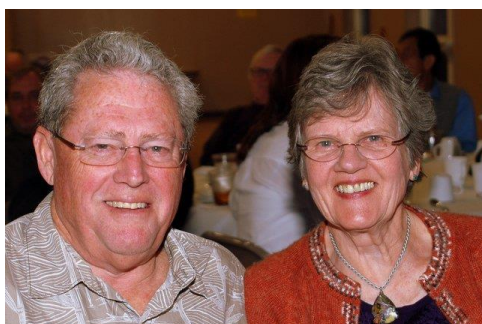
"Actions based on greed, hatred, and delusion bring a heavy burden of suffering.
On the other hand, actions based on generosity, loving and wisdom
lead to a light and happy sense of well-being.
Simple as that."



Visitors and Guests



We had one visiting Rotarian, from the Sebastopol Sunrise Club.....Don Spradlin.



Newly re-minted member **Jeff Boal** brought his wife **Jean**.

Mario Ramos was caught standing, but didn't have a guest -- \$5 for that, **Mario!**

Pauline Pellini introduced husband **Pete** along with Amelia and Taylor from Brook Haven Interact.

Jackie Moreia introduced our Exchange Student from Brazil, Bruna.

🍎 Future Programs 🍎

November 27, 2015

DARK - for Thanksgiving

December 4, 2015

Speaker: **Bob Rubin**
Program: **Elephant Seal – Consummate Diver**

December 11, 2015

Speaker: **Lawrence Jaffe**
Program: **Grange**

December 18, 2015

Speaker: **Bill Braga – Sebastopol Fire Chief**
Program: **The 2015 Fire Report**

December 25, 2015

DARK - for the Holiday

🍎 Future Events 🍎

Holiday Party
December 4, 2015

Crab Feed
February 13, 2016

🍎 Handy Links 🍎

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🍎 Miscellany 🍎

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: Tues, Dec. 8th, 5:30 p.m.
Location: **Rick Wilson's Home**

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 (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 !!!



Sally brought her sweet hubby, **David Ewald**.

Dan Davis, former Sebastopol Rotary Club member and welcome sight (behind the bar) at many fundraisers, was introduced by **Frank Mayhew**.

Jim Passage introduced our Speaker, Supervisor Efen Carrillo.

David Still brought wife **Nan**.

Rick Williams brought wife **Leah Taylor**.

Linda Johnson introduced Paula Bush with West County School District.

Henry Alker introduced our Scholarship Recipient, Kristin Schmidt but we are not sure he introduced Kristin's service dog. Kristin trains dogs to detect when blood sugar levels are off for diabetics. **Henry** invited all of us to introduce ourselves to her.



🍋 Rookie?? Sketch Rick Williams 🍋

Rick started by calling his talk a "Retrospective Perspective" on his life. He was born in Texas, and had a great map to show us why that was a "big thing". His father Dick was a fighter pilot, and his mom Jane, was a housewife. Yes, his parents are Dick and Jane; for us of a certain age this brings back memories, fond or otherwise.



As is usually the case with military "brats" they get to live in various places, and one of them was the Philippines... because his dad hung around with jets. He and the other kids liked to ride on the water buffalo, which are numerous!

Then, because his dad flew jets, they moved to Chicopee, Massachusetts, before going to a base in Florida for 4 years.

When dad got out of the Air Force, he still wanted to fly jets, so

he went to work for American Airlines. This still entailed moving around, from Albany, to Manhattan Beach, to Alamo, and then to Sebastopol. **Rick** has three brothers – Danny, Randy and Terry, as well as a cousin named Billy.

Rick went to Analy High School for a while, but graduated from Montgomery High in Santa Rosa. After High School, he and his brother Randy moved to Davis, with the intention of opening a drive-through Oil Stop, which he did for a while. But then, his parents wanted him to run a different business...and **Rick**, and brothers Randy and Terry became Managers of the popular Black Cat Café in Hopland; that being a favorite stop for anyone traveling north to Ukiah. They did that for 3 years, and from the “ahs” of recognition, they must have done a darn good job of it!

Rick wanted to go back to school, so he went to SRJC, where he ran for Student Council. Then he became part of the “Boot Hill Cowboys” stunt show. That could be an interesting talk for another day.

Then to Golden Gate University to study accounting, after which he worked for Cutler Brothers Men’s store in San Francisco. While there, he designed a computer system for them... the first detailed database of customers they had ever had.

But one of the best moves he made was to Healthy Planet Publishing in Petaluma. He was Director of Operations, and while there he met and fell in love with **Leah Taylor**, his sweetheart (and now wife). They lived in a condo in San Rafael for a while before buying the Potter School House in Bodega, (made famous in Hitchcock’s “The Birds”) which they ran as a newsworthy Bed and Breakfast for a time. While there, they had a daughter, Taylor, in 1993.

Then they bought Earth Bound Compost, which lead them to the purchase of Harmony Farm Supply in Sebastopol..... they settled down and became an important and well-loved part of the community, and the rest is history.

Oh.....and Taylor grew up.

[OMG.....he did it all in 5 minutes! Whew! –**Scribe**]

Business Tag Team



The club has a new program, and today, **Pauline Pellini** was the speaker for the new initiative – called the “Business Tag Team” It is another way for members to get to know each other better, and is like a Rookie Sketch for long-time club members, leaders in our community, to tell us about their life, and how they got to this place and time.

Pauline has a very interesting background, and had many great slides to go with it. She is very proud of having been born at Palm Drive Hospital. She told us of the ranch where she grew up, (now Sonoma Golf Club), she married **Pete** “when she was just 17 ...” (wait— isn’t that a Beatles song?), and they married when she was twenty. **Pauline** attended Analy HS and – is a TRUE Sonoma County native!

Being a grandmother is the most wonderful thing in the world, and her granddaughters ARE adorable. They are also the 7th generation of her family to live in Sonoma County. As most of you know, **Pauline** is an incredible quilter, and has supported the Sebastopol Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast every year.

Did you know there is a street in Sebastopol named after **Pauline**?
But wait! There’s MORE!

Pauline’s slides and script are available for a click. Click this [link](#) to read the whole story and see some very cool photos!

At the end of her presentation, **President Rick** thanked **Pauline** for her great service to the community, and to this club. Then he asked her to “assign” the next person for the “Business Tag Team”, and **Pauline** said that she was pleased to tell us that **Kathie Mayhew** had agreed to make the next presentation.



Announcements



President Rick had a huge announcement, and with much foo-fah (drum roll, please) read the letter from the Tax Board that said we have been granted our 501c3 status as a non-profit organization, which will make several fiscal issues easier, going forward.....YAY!! That is great news!

President Rick then buzzed through some announcements, so that we could allow our speaker a full 30 minutes.

- The Rotary International Convention runs from May 28 – June 1, 2016, and will be held in Seoul, Korea. The best prices will be available only until Dec 15, and there will be a price increase for registration after that date.
- Today I am charging **Richard Power** with his FIRST fine of the year -- \$35, for doing such a great job of Chairing the Past President Committee for the past 5 years.
- The Community Church will be holding its 15th Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner, from 1 to 5 pm, here in the room where we meet. The dinner is open to all, and there is no cost (although donations are GREATLY appreciated – and are tax deductible!) Gene reminded us that it IS open to all, and if you don't have a family to share the meal with, or you overcooked the Turkey – or worse yet, the Bumpass Hounds came and snagged it before you could get to it..... then come on down and share a meal with us!
- Don't forget, we are DARK next week, for Thanksgiving
- The annual Holiday Party will be held at **Frank and Kathie Mayhew's** home, on December 4 from 6 – 9 pm. Please RSVP and tell us what dish you will be bringing. Arrangements have been made for parking, whether the weather is good or bad. Parking will be available in the lot just north of the old Graton Fire Station, across the street from the Graton Post office. There will be a shuttle service for the two-block trip, so take advantage of the ride.

And speaking of **Frank**...there were several interesting slides of him tailgating at a recent Oakland Raiders game... some with members of the Raider Nation (from amusing to scary), and one picture of **Frank** spread-eagled on a Police car. So, **Frank**, what do you have to say for yourself? Of course he said he was innocent, and indeed the policeman let him off with a warning... but in fact, it's pretty hard to get a "rowdy" warning at a **Raiders** game!

Watch out **Frank** – you do not want to lose your Raiders privileges!



The Raffle



This week, **Donna Pantzer** held the lucky ticket, but did NOT draw the lucky card. The pot grows.



The Program



Our speaker, 5th District County Supervisor, Efren Carrillo, is known by – and knows -- many of our club members, who all greeted him warmly. He was introduced by **Jim Passage**, who gave an overview of highlights from his life and career:

- Serving his 2nd Term
- Active in Climate and Water Protection issues
- Lobbied for funding for Fisheries Restoration Projects on County and State levels
- Works closely with Climate Protection Campaign and SoCo Water Agency to bring Sonoma Clean Power
- Raised in Roseland, in SoCo first Habitat for Humanity home
- Advocate for underserved communities, innovation in education & health opportunities for those most in need



- The Board of Supervisors and Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE) launched Career Technical Education with funding from the Community Foundation



When Efren stepped to the podium, he looked at Rick, and said “let’s talk” about a public transportation system, and then he turned to Frank Mayhew and said, “Next time you go to Oakland, talk to me first!”

Efren’s talk would focus on what most agree are the top 4 issues in Sonoma County – Roads, Drought Relief, Fire Services Review, and State Water Board Regulations.

Priority #1 County Roads

As you may have read in the news recently, on November 10 the Board approved a new “one time” funding increase of \$13.5 million for roads – bringing the general fund contribution for 2015-16 to a record high of \$25 million. They also approved an ongoing source of funding by indexing 2% of the General Fund, for an annual commitment of \$8-9 million.

Funds for the one time allocation came from drawing down fund balances, such as delinquent property taxes (\$9.3M, from Teeter), aggregate mining road fees, waste hauling impact fees, and set aside funds from special districts and cannabis farming impacts.

The record levels of spending from the general fund and other sources will result in the repair of +/- 300 miles of roads, out of the 1380-mile county road network. That equals approximately all of the roads in Petaluma. Sonoma County is number one of the 19 counties (out of 58 counties total) in the state that use general funds for road paving and repair. Our road network is larger than any other county – that is a legacy issue. Many of the roads that have been identified as the “worst” in the county are on the list for improvement next summer.

Priority #2 Drought

This should really be our #1 issue. Santa Rosa rainfall is 39% short of average. Lakes and reservoirs are at record lows – Lake Sonoma is at 68% of the water supply pool, Lake Pillsbury is at 37%, and Lake Mendocino is at 42% of average.

El Nino is coming, and might deliver above average rainfall to our region. However, until we KNOW that to be for certain, please keep using water saving practices through the winter.

We need three things to alleviate the drought:

1. Above average rainfall in winter and spring months – which means 32 inches in Santa Rosa
2. Timing is critical – we need a steady stream of rainfall, not an inundation, aka Pineapple Express or Atmospheric River. The areas stricken by fires are all potential areas for mudslides and flooding. Also, the Army Corps operates the Warm Springs dam under requirements that in a large storm, a portion of the lake water must be released to allow for flood control.
3. Storing water that we do receive is also crucial. Rather than letting water flow off already saturated ground, we need to save water and restore the levels in our water table.

There is also a Drought Relief Program to help Russian River area residents to replace older toilets with more efficient models, (including installation), and turf removal replacement with drought tolerant plants.

See sonomacountywater.org/drought for more information.

Priority #3 Fire Services

In 2014, then Supervisor Mike McGuire and Efren convened a volunteer committee with volunteers from all 40+ fire service providers around the County. This includes Independent Districts, City Fire Depts., Volunteer Fire Companies, CAL FIRE, and other agencies that provide their own fire services – places like the Two Rock Coast Guard Base. There are also community volunteers on the committee, many with a background in firefighting.

Their goal was to create a more efficient, effective and sustainable fire system in the entire County.

The committee of 80 representatives has been working well. The 2015-16 Budget set aside \$990 Thousand from Prop 172 funding to go to Fire Services. Proposition 172 funds were previously committed to only the Sheriff’s Dept. and District Attorney. Current year Proposition 172 funding to those two departments is \$40 Million.

The plan is to gradually raise the amount committed to fire services to 8% of total Proposition 172 funding. (This year that would be \$3.2 Million.)

The committee met through the end of October, and there will be a Board of Supervisors presentation on Fire Services in December or January to explain the committee's recommendations.

Priority #4 "Poop" in our Water

Otherwise known as TMDL (Total Max Daily Load) – State Water Board Regulations. Coming soon....

The County, and particularly the Russian River area, are committed to protecting and improving the quality of our water. Pathogens in the water come from a number of sources, typically wastewater, untreated sewage, runoff from agricultural land or recycling projects, septic systems and recreational water uses.

In response to a report on water quality in the Russian River, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board released a draft report with an action plan to reduce pathogens in the River. The County and the Water Board are dedicated to working together to ensure that any actions are communicated to residents, and that they support and will be properly supported in any planned actions.

At the North Coast Regional Board meeting on November 19, members stated the rules would take time to implement, and homeowners will be given time (and hopefully resources) to comply with any new rules.

Priorities # 5 and #6

Efren gave a quick update on the Roseland Redevelopment efforts. City and County are dedicated to working together to annex Roseland and 50 other unincorporated "islands" within City boundaries. The City and County have been meeting on the annexation, and immediate improvements that can be made to the old grocery store location on Sebastopol Road near Dutton. The 6-acre property was purchased by the County, and is now owned by the Public under the Housing Authority. Plans are to turn that property into a Public Plaza, some housing, some communal areas, plus community uses, like the Boys and Girls Club, and a Public Library. More to come...

The Kashia /Richardson Estero property brings back coastal land to the Kashia tribe, to hold under conservation and preservation rules, and to create a continuation of the California Coastal Trail (Mexico to Canada). The intent is to prevent it from development, and for the public to gain access to it under conservation rules.

Questions From the Audience



There were questions/comments about our Roads – conditions are terrible; Frei Road has been called "The Road to Kandahar" by folks who have been to Kandahar etc. etc. Our Challenge is that the roads were not engineered for today's usage levels, or size of vehicles. They were designed as the road home for farmers and ranchers to get to and from the market.

Efren reminded us that we have the most country roads of any county in the state....and assured us that 39% of next year's road repairs will be in West County.

Sonoma Compost, and resulting water issues.... they are still working on relocation of this valuable service. Most people want the composting service, but "not in my backyard". Stay tuned!

All in all, a very interesting and informative talk.... thanks, Efren!



The Final Bell



President Rick reminded us that next week the club will be dark for Thanksgiving.

He then rang The Bell – Meeting Adjourned

🍎 After the Final Bell 🍎

Interact News

Brook Haven Interact is being recognized for their fundraising and hard work to help the people in Lake County in need of relief and supplies after the fires.



The Analy Interact group sponsored their first Middle School Dance of the year on Friday. Rotarians **Donna Pantzer**, **Mark Stevens**, **Jack Dunlap**, and **Ruth Dunlap** along with Interact Advisor Andy Del Monte provided adult supervision but the Interactors did the heavy lifting. Early accounting indicates they earned above \$500 for their efforts.

How Many Rotarians Does it Take to Start a Slide Show?

Or, some days the Slide Show wins, but the Rotarians won today. But it was not an easy fight.



"Elephant Seal - The Consummate Diver"



December 4, 2015

Bob Rubin, Ph.D.

Our very special speaker today, Dr. Robert Rubin, is returning to entertain us once again on the wonderful mysterious creatures of the deep! He has chosen to share with us research he has done with other biologists on the very strange and charismatic Elephant Seal population. Most of his research was conducted along the California coast, where a recent population of Elephant Seals have been established near Point Reyes!

As a teenage teacher at a summer camp on Catalina Island, he learned to SCUBA dive. And so began his love of the elegance and grace of giant mantas, resulting in a passionate scientific understanding of these charismatic giants, which he affectionately refers to as the "Flying Carpets of Ebony Silk!"

Dr. Rubin has taught marine biology at many colleges and universities in California and elsewhere, but today he will be sharing his love and knowledge of the Consummate Diver of the Sea - the Elephant Seal!

"Update on the Grange Movement"



December 11, 2015

Lawrence Jaffe

The Grange was historically where farmers drew together for support when 97% of the population was involved in farming. But today 100% are involved in eating food, while less than 1% are farming outside of the industrial agricultural model. Our speaker, Lawrence Jaffe, has a strong commitment to local culture, agriculture and community and he is helping to revitalize the Sebastopol Grange!

Come and see how the Grange is reshaping itself as a community organization, supporting the right to make choices and to welcome all neighbors and friends. It has a long history in California from 1873, but it is becoming more relevant with its new framework to meet today's needs!



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[Celebrating 10 years of building peace](#)

Chulalongkorn is unique among the six Rotary Peace Centers in packing intensive coursework and field studies into a three-month program aimed at professionals already working in fields related to peace. In its first decade, the center has graduated 355 peace fellows from 69 countries with certificates of professional development. Read more about [Chulalongkorn](#) and [join a discussion on peace](#).

[SUPPORT THE PEACE CENTERS](#)

Supporting young leaders

It's not too late to enter the Interact Video Awards

For the past several years, the Interact Club of Hugh Boyd Secondary has created a short video for Rotary's Interact Video Awards. Kyle J. Gomes, a member of the club and its videography crew, explains how they go about it and why your club should submit a video by the 1

December deadline.

[Read Gomes' post on our blog](#)

[Submit a video](#)

[Watch the videos by last year's finalists](#)

Rotary Voices

Expanding your horizons through Rotaract

After completing high school in his remote village in central Nepal, Hari Chandra Satyal knew he wanted to expand his circle of friends and find opportunities to serve. In Rotaract, he did both, as well as developing his leadership skills.

[Read Satyal's post on our blog](#)

[Learn more about Rotary's programs for young leaders](#)

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR SEOUL ENDS 15 DECEMBER

Explore the world-class city of Seoul and discover its rich culture at the Rotary Convention 28 May – 1 June 2016. Connect with new ideas and new friends, and come away with a renewed commitment to Be a Gift to the World. Early registration savings end 15 December. Register today!



- [Register before 15 December and save](#)
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- [View the schedule highlights](#)

CELEBRATE FOUNDATION MONTH

The Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of Rotary, provides crucial funding to empower a global network of Rotarians to invest their time, money and expertise in sustainable projects that eradicate disease, promote peace, provide clean water, and fight illiteracy and malnutrition.

- [Give the gift of Rotary and help make a difference](#)

Announcements

The Rotary Foundation moves up on list of nonprofits

The Rotary Foundation moved up one spot in The Chronicle of Philanthropy's annual ranking of the top 400 nonprofit organizations in the United States. The ranking is based

on monetary contributions from private sources and reflects the increasing generosity of those who support Rotary's mission.

[Read more about the Chronicle's ranking](#)

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