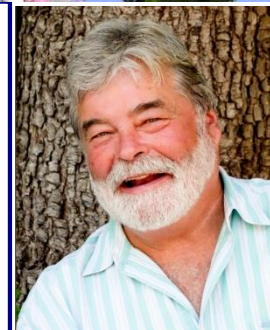




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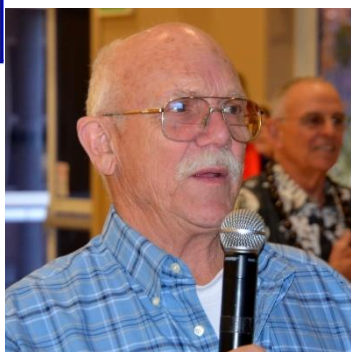
Before the Bell



Today's meeting was a special one, being our annual visit from District Governor Erin Dunn, District 5130. Erin has been able to visit our club from time to time, and knows that we are very successful and incredibly generous and effective in our area.



At the Bell



The meeting was kicked off with **Dick Zimmer** leading us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*, followed by **JT Martin**, helping us through a hearty rendition of *God Bless America*.



The Thought for the Day was presented by **Pauline Pellini** who shared two quotes from Abraham Lincoln:

“It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.”

“Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle.”





Future Programs



November 13, 2015

Speaker: **Bob Boyd, Rick Wilson**

Program: **Veteran's Day Program**

November 20, 2015

Speaker: **Efren Carrillo, Supervisor**

Program: **Supervisor's Update**

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**



Future Events



Holiday Party

December 4, 2015

Crab Feed

February 13, 2016



Handy Links



[Pinot for Polio Form](#)
[Sebastopol Rotary Website](#)



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Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: **Tues, Nov. 10th, 5:30 p.m.**

Location: **Rick Wilson's Home**

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – jbblasco@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 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 !!!**



Visitors, Guests, and Friends



We had three visiting Rotarians, Linda Sinkay, of the Sebastopol Sunrise Club,



Jeff Boal from Weaverville, and when are you going to re-join the club, Jeff?



Nick Randall from Sebastopol Sunrise also gave us the benefit of his good cheer.

PP Bob Rogers stood to introduce DG Erin and **PPS (Past President Spouse) Peggy**.



Harry Polley introduced prospective member **Brett Shijn**.

Pauline introduced two of the leaders from the Brookhaven Interact Club.....Nick Schoffer, President, and Sarah Meglen, Publicist. Nick rose to announce that the Interact Club, had raised \$4,972.65 to help Cobb Mountain Elementary School in their recovery from the recent fires. **Keller McDonald** and **Mike Carey** will be taking a check to the school next week.

The Interact members had very specific targets for this gift: -- sports equipment and school pictures for 5th Grade students and a field trip to the Alliance Redwoods for 6th Grade students. Before sitting down, President Nick suggested they would be happy to combine this with any other donations the Club might want to include..... This guy is good -- we need to sign him up for future membership!

Two more guests rounded out the introductions; soon to be member Scott Briggs and wife Sally, **Jack Dunlap** introduced wife **Ruthie**.

Rookie Sketch

Next, we enjoyed one of the more innovative – and clever! – Rookie Sketches we've ever seen. **Steve Kellner**, Supt. of West County School District – showed us a quick video of his life, set to the song, *On Top of the World*, by Imagine Dragons. Some of the events in his life were clear – he and his wife were married at Bodega, they are both “doctors” (of something other than medicine), he included events from his life, his children, being sure to wear a tie-dye shirt with Sebastopol written on it, and his adorable red-headed grandson! What he hinted at with his video gives all of us at least one aspect of his life we might want to know more about. Very clever and entertaining way to pique our interest, **Steve!**



Announcements

Foundation Moment



Dorothy Rodella and DG Erin came to the podium to honor a member who has earned a Paul Harris Fellow +8. This represents a significant lifetime of contribution to Rotary, and shows how much this member values and supports Rotary and the work it does both locally and worldwide.

Russ Cunningham came up to accept his pin, and acknowledgement of his and wife **Shirley's** generosity. DG Erin emphasized that Rotary uses the Paul Harris Fellowship as a way to thank people who donate to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation. Quoting Gene White from the Global Child Nutrition Foundation, “Peace begins when the hungry are fed and the future begins when they are educated.”

Holiday Party

Our Holiday Party will be held on Friday, December 4th, from 6 to 9, and Frank and Kathie Mayhew will generously open their house for us. **Larry Ford** has graciously consented to chair the event which essentially assures it will be fun and well organized. Watch the AppleKnocker for a flyer with more details such as suggestions on what to bring and where to park.

Recognitions

Rick flashed a couple of photos of some – what looked like – beach bums. **Edwin, Ken Jacobs, Pooch** and **Paul Thielen** (otherwise known as “The Fab Four”) were enjoying some beach time in the midst of providing AV services for the Zone meeting...too bad the Zone meeting was in Hawaii this time instead of San Francisco or San Diego.

Bob Rogers also attended since he is the District Governor Nominee for District 5130 and was expected pay attention – no mention of beach time for **Bob**.





The next photo was of a beautiful place and a happy family.....**Brendon** and family traveling in France. Behind them were the lovely ramparts of Avignon Castle. The family went to several places in France, and Barcelona, Spain.

New Member Inductions

After a standing ovation for **Russ**, the meeting moved next to the Induction of New Members. This is something the club is very proud of, and happy to announce that so far this year we have 11 new members.

Bob Rogers told us a little about the two new members, one is a returning member.

Scott Briggs, sponsored by Jim Pacatte, has previously worked with **Jack Blasco** at Harding Lawson, an engineering firm in Novato, where he was Manager of their Environmental Planning and Development Dept. One of his tasks included mapping the seabed off the coast of Alaska. Moving from that to Ogden Energy & Environmental Services in San Francisco for a couple of years, he spent the last 16 years of his career as Division Mgr. of Environmental Planning and Development (PRMD) in Sonoma County. Now retired, he plans to do some freelance consulting in his field. He has been married to well-known local artist, **Sally Briggs**, for 41 years. She is known affectionately by many as "Mrs. Art". They have 2 grown children, one of whom was our Club's outgoing Foreign Exchange student to France in 2000-01.



Chris O'Neill first joined our club in 2010 after purchasing the Russian River Vineyards and CORK's Restaurant, but had to leave the club to devote more time to the businesses. Fortunately he is now able to rejoin.

He was in the Marines for 4 years, with the title of "Grunt", as he had the job of moving and loading mortars. When he got out of the service, he moved to Baltimore and spent 17 years there as a real estate developer. He met wife **Barbara** when she was teaching a course on risk assessment of lead paint in rental properties. **Barbara** had previously been a nurse at SF General for 10 years, and she wanted to move back to California. Chris being smarter than your average "grunt", said yes, and they moved to the Bay Area. They have two daughters, one a programmer, the other a pastry chef. Their third child is a successful restaurant owner in Sonoma County.

Bob quoted RI President Ravi Ravindran, who sees an allegory to Rotary in the Hindu story of Sudama and Krishna, which speaks to the reality of how even small gifts are increased over time.....and how they return to you. So giving to Rotary not only returns treasure to you, it also helps to "Make Rotary a Gift to the World."

DG Erin helped present the "3 P's" -- pins, packets and plaques, to **Scott** and **Chris**, and members of the Club rose to welcome them into our ranks.





The Program



DGN Bob Rogers introduced DG Erin Dunn and the program section. Erin and partner Ross, are both members of the Fortuna Sunrise Rotary Club, and Erin has been CEO of the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce for the past 8 years. She received her BA in Communications from the University of Oregon in Eugene. She is an avid DUCKS fan!

Erin lived in Washington DC and New York City for many years, landing a job as Theatrical Press Agent for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts! She later moved to the North Coast of California and became a member of the Fortuna Sunrise Rotary, and in 2010 was named District Rotarian of the Year.

She and Ross live with their 2 adorable Boston Terriers, and I assume they take many walks in the North Coast beauty!



When Erin took the podium, she reminded us that she has had many opportunities to visit the Sebastopol Club when she is in the area for other club visits. She loves to visit our Club, not only because the food is exceptional, but because she is impressed by all the things our club does, and the strong fellowship that we exhibit.

She started with a compliment to the Club, saying “I love to visit Sebastopol, especially with your many Youth programs, like Learn to Swim and our strong Interact Clubs. You have so many great members and great programs, it’s a pleasure to see it all in action.”

RI President Ravi chose his theme, “Be a Gift to the World” because he wants to encourage all clubs to use their talents, knowledge, abilities, efforts and time, to be a gift to the world. We can do so much, and we do it better than many others who have been before us.

But Rotary is also a gift we give ourselves. We used to sell Rotary by asking people to join our Club. Now we do more than that – we invite people to join ROTARY. Remember the old “elevator pitch?” It was a little too passive, and emphasized a limited view of Rotary.

Now, we wear our Rotary pin to start the conversation, and share our own experience with potential Rotary members. We tell them that in Rotary, we meet and talk about “Joining with LEADERS – from all continents, cultures and occupations.....Exchanging IDEAS, and seeing that they come to fruition, and we TAKE ACTION !! You can see it in all the ways we serve our communities, teaching kids to swim, taking dictionaries to children who have possibly never had a book of their own, and helping to build and repair homes!

When you choose to expand your service worldwide, you extend your own experience to help others in need in many other countries, and in a multitude of ways. In Rotary, there is something for everyone!

Erin herself threw herself into many projects, like hosting Exchange Students, who remain close to her after many years. She went to “Adopt-a-Village” sites in Uganda, where she saw a great need for very basic thingsthings we take for granted, like school supplies and clean water. Your contributions to the Rotary Foundation help local clubs to send desks to schools, build wells and classrooms – realizing the promise of Rotary.

In the fight against Polio – a task no other organization took the lead on – Rotary members, with partners like the Gates Foundation, have freed most of the world from the disease. That’s because Rotary doesn’t give up, and we have lead this fight since the 1980’s!

But partners also realize the incredible job that Rotary has done.....never stopping the fight for lack of resources, and causing partner Bill Gates to say “We don’t let children die because it’s fatiguing to save them.”

Don’t forget, the time you spend in Rotary, and mentoring young people really DOES make an IMPACT! (You just might not know about the results for a while!)

Another thing Rotarians love to do is attend fabulous conferences, meetings and dinners. And Erin is a great promoter!

The next International Conference will be in Seoul, Korea, a very friendly and high-tech city. And, yes, Psy WILL be there, to do his famous song, “Gangnam Style”.....if you’re going, you’d better start practicing the dance now!

[Seoul is a very modern city with several incredibly beautiful and innovative buildings....check it out. – **Scribe**]

Erin's District Conference is scheduled for May 6-8, in Napa, at the Napa Valley Marriott. There will be some GREAT Speakers, author Marilyn Fitzgerald and Stephanie Drachkovitch from 44 Blue Productions, a former mentor of Erin's and producer of "Wahlburgers" and other popular shows.

More information on both events can be found on the District Rotary website.

President Rick thanked Erin with a bottle of Pinot for Polo for joining our group today, and for the very enthusiastic talk.

But Erin's duties weren't quite over..... She has been encouraging clubs to choose a "Shining Star" of their Club, and **President Rick** told Erin "I nominate **MIA DEL PRETE** as our "Shining Star."

His comments:

"I nominate **Mia Del Prete** as a "Shining Star" with a whole lot of luster. Most recently, **Mia** was the Chair of our biggest fundraiser of the year. She pulled it off with aplomb and a laser focus on the "devil in the details." **Mia** led us through a fun and successful event, smiling calmly the whole way.

This was after co-chairing last year's fundraiser. This year she was on her own and made it happen, while at the same time, she was in charge of the executive search for her own boss at the West County School District.

Mia, you are truly a shining star in our club's universe."

DG Erin and **President Rick** presented **Mia** with a "Shining Star" trophy to remind her of how much we appreciate all of her efforts for the Club!



Rick tried to close the meeting, but heard the shouts of "The Raffle, what about the Raffle!" He asked Erin to pull a ticket. No winner. She pulled another.....Nope. Third time's a charm, right? Guess again.....

So **Rick**, with an exclamation we won't publish, started to pull a ticket, then proposed instead to give the money in the pot to add to the Interact Fund for the Cobb Mountain Elementary School – proposal accepted. Nice choice, **Rick**!



The final bell rang at precisely 1:30 P.M. Quite a feat given the full agenda for this meeting.



This edition of the Appleknocker was created with the excellent contributions of photographers **Karen Daniels** and **Richard Power** plus the entertaining writing of Scribe **Barbara Beedon**.

Patti Blount provides the attractive flyers for upcoming programs.

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"Sonoma County Update!"



NOVEMBER 20, 2015

EFREN CARRILLO, 5TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

In his second term serving the geographically large and economically diverse Fifth District, Supervisor Efren Carrillo has been active in water and climate protection issues. He has worked with the Water Advisory Committee encouraging increased conservation policy, and successfully lobbied for local funding for fisheries restoration projects with both State and Federal agencies.

Raised in the Roseland area of Santa Rosa and our County's first Habitat for Humanity home, Efren has dedicated his professional life to public service. He is an enthusiastic advocate for children and families in our underserved communities.

Supervisor Carrillo spearheaded efforts to align the needs of Sonoma County employers with the workforce training provided to our students.

Join us today to hear a current update on our county and have any questions answered personally by Efren!

[ROTARY READING - CLICK HERE TO GO TO RI WEBSITE](#)



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[Watch Rotary Day at the United Nations live](#)

Rotary will recognize six Global Women of Action on 7 November during the annual Rotary Day at the United Nations in New York. You can take part in this unique opportunity to learn how we work with the United Nations, as well as learning about these extraordinary women, by [watching the event live](#). Read more about [our work with the United Nations](#). *Photo by Monika Lozinska/Rotary International*

GIVE

Supporting education

Rotary Scholar receives warm welcome in Scotland

From the moment Rotary Scholar Ally Vincent arrived in Edinburgh, Scotland, for her master's studies, local Rotary members made her feel at home. Vincent, a former member of Interact and Rotaract, says her passion for Rotary grows every day.



- [Read about Vincent's experience](#)
- [Learn more about scholarship opportunities in Rotary](#)

Membership

What can Rotary do to attract young leaders?

Rotary members in Canada have organized a special Day of Dialogue to encourage members to discuss ideas for mending broken Rotary clubs, increasing membership, expanding service, and inviting young leaders into Rotary. The unique venue, built in five concentric tiers with a microphone at every seat, is designed to enhance participation.



- [Read more about the Day of Dialogue](#)
- [Join a discussion about membership best practices](#)

SUPPORT MILES TO END POLIO

On 21 November, Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and a team of Rotary staff members will bike in El Tour de Tucson to raise funds for polio eradication. The Miles to End Polio team goal is \$3.4 million. Districts can support the team with Designated District Fund donations. The district that gives the most will get a visit from Rotary President-elect John Germ. Donate today!



- [Support Rotary staff riders with a contribution](#)
- [Learn more about Miles to End Polio and meet the team](#)

UPDATED LEAD YOUR CLUB SERIES NOW AVAILABLE

Check out the updated manuals in Rotary's Lead Your Club series, which provide vital information about the role and responsibilities of the club [president](#), [secretary](#), [treasurer](#), and recommended [committees](#).

Announcements

Create a video for a chance to earn \$500

For our seventh annual Interact Video Awards, we're asking Interact clubs to make a short video (30 seconds to three minutes) showing how you're having fun while making a difference in your school or community. You could earn \$500 for your next club project.

Learn more about [how to enter](#).

Resources & reference

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

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

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