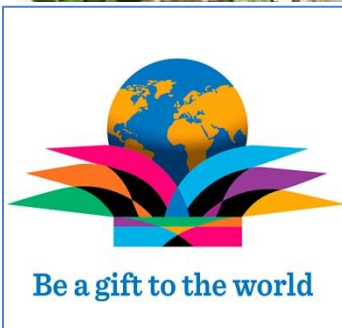




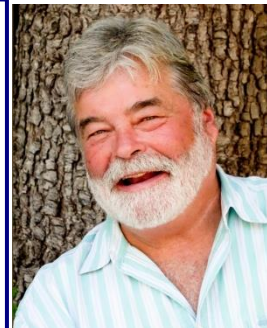
# *The Appleknocker*

## *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin*

### **Bob Rogers – Polio, the Devastating Virus**



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"All the News that Fits We Print"



"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

Our fearless leader AKA **The Rickster** brought down the hammer just a tad late: at 12:16pm. **Bob Cugini** started us off with a pledge to the *Stars and Stripes*, this was followed by **Karen Daniels**, with her melodic voice leading us in singing *America The Beautiful*.

**Jim Pacatte** then gave us two thoughts for the day. One by Abe Lincoln;

"It's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years."

The other was by Oscar Wilde;

"Experience is the name that everyone gives to their mistakes."



#### Visiting Rotarians:

With one of The **Budman's** increasingly rare appearances, **Secretary Jack** got a day off from introducing visiting Rotarians. **Bud Daveiro** introduced Doug McDonald DG Nominee from District 5190, Classification Boy Scouts. Doug is the brother of our own **Keller McDonald**. **Bud** also introduced Marilyn Martinez from Rancho Cotati.

#### Guests of Rotarians:

**Harry Polley** introduced guest of the Club Steve Zivolich, **Katy Spryka** introduced our exchange student Bruena from Argentina, and **Linda Johnson** introduced former Sebastopol Rotarian Chris O'Neil.

**Bob Cugini** introduced his lovely wife **Julie**, **Jim Pacatte** introduced, for a second time, Scott Briggs, and once again **The Rev Gene** introduced the ever hungry Sebastopol Rotary PP Jeff Boal. Jeff was a guest of the Club--so a free lunch today.



## Future Programs



### September 25, 2015 - DOG DAY

Speaker: **Melissa Dobar**

Program: **Dog Day and Sonoma Humane Society**

### October 2 – FUNDRAISER KICK OFF

Speaker: **Rick Wilson, Pres.**

Chair: **Aldean Noethig**

Location: **Tent at O'Reilly's**

### October 9, 2015

Speaker: **Tommy Lee**

Program: **Arlington, America's most Hallowed Ground**

### October 16, 2015

Speaker: **Karen Bergin**

Program: **TEDx Sonoma County 2015: Trending Now**



## Future Events



# Fantasmagoria !! October 3, 2015



## Handy Links



[Pinot for Polio Form](#)

[Sebastopol Rotary Website](#)

[Fantasmagoria - Resources](#)



## Miscellany



### Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: **Tues, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.**

Location: **Rick Wilson's Home**

**MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – [icblasco@comcast.net](mailto:icblasco@comcast.net)**

**On-line Make-Ups: [www.RotaryEClubOne.org](http://www.RotaryEClubOne.org)**

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

<b>Analy High:</b>	<b>12:40 Most Wednesdays In Choir Room (Check with Dan Rasmus, Mark Stevens, Jack Dunlap)</b>
<b>Brook Haven:</b>	<b>12:10 First &amp; Third Thursday, Room 18 (Check with Pauline Pellini, Mike Carey)</b>
<b>Orchard View:</b>	<b>Different meeting times (Check with Mike Carey)</b>
<b>Twin Hills:</b>	<b>Every Other Tuesday 12:45pm - 1:20pm (Check with Dan Rasmus)</b>

**For all Interact Mtgs.: CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS  
!!! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !!!**



## Rookie Sketch – Donna Pantzer



One of new our newest members, **Donna Pantzer** stepped forward to give us her Rookie Sketch, she assured us that it would take no more than two minutes. [I wonder if Donna has the same time warping bug as some of our Past Presidents –**Scribe**.]

**Donna** was born on June 15, 1956 in Chicago, Illinois. She was raised in Wilmette, Illinois which is next door to the Rotary World Headquarters in Evanston. When **Donna** graduated from high school she enrolled in Southern Illinois University, getting a degree in Hotel Management, but she ended up managing properties. This is where she met her future husband **Michael**, a gorgeous German.

Both being Gypsies at heart they eventually sold everything they owned, bought a fifth-wheel trailer, and like Horace Greeley headed west to San Francisco and from there they traveled the U.S. They eventually settled in Enumclaw, Washington, at the base of Mt. Rainer where their daughter Melanie was born on Valentine's Day in 1992. They stayed in Enumclaw for 12 years but became tired of the rain and decided once again to sell everything and move south ending up in Sebastopol, renting a house on Elphick Road.

The house's water was being treated by American Water Treatment Company, which they eventually ended up buying. Today they have over 3,000 customers in Sonoma and Napa Counties. **Donna** is grateful that her good friend **Brian Langermann** brought her into Rotary. She has a strong desire to give back to the community and is proud to be a member of The Sebastopol Rotary. [Welcome to Sebastopol Rotary **Donna**, we look forward to your friendship and fellowship --**Scribe**.]



## Announcements



### The Valley Fire:

Responding to The Calistoga Rotary's request for fire relief funds **Prez Rick** encouraged Rotarians from our club to donate \$'s. **Keller McDonald**, who at one time served as Principal of Cobb Mountain School told of the total devastation the fire caused in the area. The Club responded enthusiastically to a passing of the hat, donating more than \$3,000. See the After the Bell section for details on how to donate to the club's new 501(c)(3) charity.

### Fantasmagoria:

**JT Martin** mentioned that we have returned to the Big Tent concept for Fantasmagoria. This gives us the opportunity to max out on the seating, whereas last year we were limited to 180. This year we need all of us to help fill the Tent. **Prez Rick** is asking for the help of all of us for ticket sales so that we can all be proud of what we accomplish on October 3.



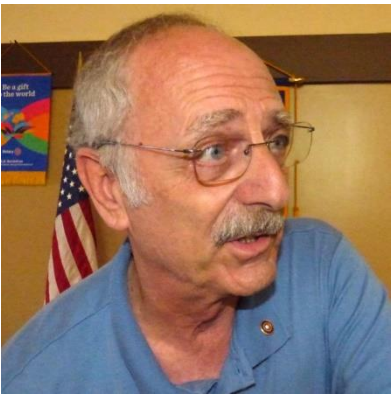
**Jack Blasco** said that we still need help with set-up clean-up; serving, etc. so do not be bashful, see **Jack** for the Volunteer List.

**Greg Jacobs** needs 16 more bottles of wine or other spirits; they can be anything from wine to bourbon, brandy, creme liquors etc. **Ken Silveira** donated two cases of a select craft beer. **Diana Wilson** mentioned that we still need more Silent Auction items.

### It's Flu Season

Rotarian **Paul Thielen's** wife, **Yvonne** will be giving flu shots next week and it will also be Dog Day so bring your pooch and pamper him/her.

## Recognitions



**Ron** and **Lynda Puccinelli** took a trip to Idaho Falls, Idaho to celebrate Ron's Sept. 10 birthday and while there they visited 3 different Rotary Clubs. Ron was dinged \$5.

Today was **Michael Hixson's** BD and we all joined in singing Happy Birthday. **Michael** mentioned that they took their daughter back to school in LA. **Mike** parted with \$5 for the BD and \$5 for the trip.



**Greg Jacobs** and his Wife **Kathi** celebrated 44 years of wedded bliss at Burney Falls, where the temp hit 95 degrees-- Greg parted with \$5.

## The Raffle

**Karen Daniels** held the winning ticket and drew the winning card! She donated the \$100 winnings to Lake County Valley Fire relief.



## The Program

**Richard Power** stepped up to introduce our guest speaker and everybody's favorite airline pilot **Captain Bob Rogers**.

**Bob** has been a Rotarian since 2007 and served in many positions, being Chairman of the Crab Feed 3 years, Editor of the Apple Knocker 2 years, Club President, Board Member 4 years, and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. **Bob** was also "Rookie Rotarian of the Year" his first year and has perfect attendance since joining the Club. He is currently District Governor Nominee for the Year 2017-2018.

**Bob** contracted Polio at age 5, so he has a special interest in Rotary's efforts to permanently eradicate the disease.

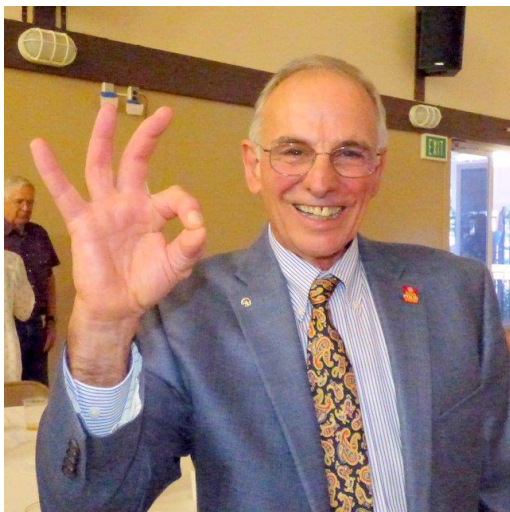
**Bob** started by talking about the Rotary Zone Meeting in Victoria, Canada, last November. One of the plenary sessions had an unexpected start. The emcee announced that the Keynote Speaker is Ramesh Ferris and the usual round of applause followed as everyone expected the speaker to appear. Instead, for a period of time nothing happened, no speaker. Eventually everyone looked toward a commotion in the center Isle and **Bob** could see the guest speaker Ramesh on the floor, dragging his body a few inches at a time, struggling to make it to the podium. He then introduced himself as Ramesh Ferris and wild applause followed.... What a dramatic entrance!

Ramesh began telling his story. He was born in India in 1979 and at the age of 6 months developed polio --25 years after the world had a prevention. After a year, of not being able to walk, being chronically ill, and knowing she did not have the resources to care for him his mother took him to an orphanage where he was accepted and later diagnosed with polio. He was eventually adopted by a well to do Canadian family, Ron and Jan Ferris.

After 28 years of surgery and physical therapy Ramesh decided to make an arm powered tricycle trek across Canada, a distance of over 4,400 miles, to promote polio awareness. Along the way stopping at churches, schools, Rotary Clubs, Corporations, etc. to tell his story and the fight against polio-- raising over \$310,000.

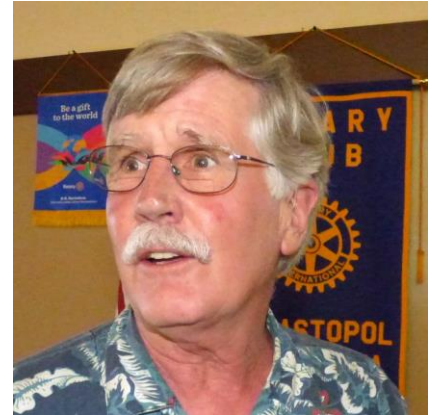
Evidence of polio dates as far back as 1580 BC. The first major epidemic in the U.S. was in 1917, the result of that one epidemic was 27,000 cases and 6,000 deaths nation-wide.

In 1954 Dr. Jonas Salk developed the first injectable Vaccine and in 1961 Dr. Albert Sabin developed the first oral vaccine, enabling a massive push in the US to eliminate polio by 1979. But not so in the rest of the world, particularly the developing world. So In 1979 Rotary President, Clem Renouf, after much research, decided to make it his and Rotary's mission to end polio in the World. The campaign was officially kicked-off in 1985 by then RI President Carlos Consecro.



After 30 years of efforts by Rotary, and the other members of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, there were only 359 cases of polio worldwide. So far this year there have only been 41 cases worldwide, all in Pakistan and Afghanistan. We are on track to eliminate Polio worldwide by 2018.

After his presentation **DGN Bob** made a sizeable donation to Polio Plus, as did many other of our club members.



## After the Bell

### Donating to Fire Relief

Please make your fire relief checks out to our club's newly formed 501(c)(3), The Rotary Club of Sebastopol Foundation, Inc. This will be a tax deductible donation for you pending final approval from the IRS. Upon approval, the date of tax deductible eligibility will be retroactive to July 1, 2015. Put in the memo line "Fire Relief Fund". Thank you again for your consideration.



Rick

## **PROGRAM FOR September 25, 2015**

### **Melissa Dobar, Director of Development for Sonoma Humane Society**



September 25, 2015

!!!DOG DAY!!!

This is a special day at our club! Bring your dog or other pet to our meeting! We have a special speaker and treats on the tables!

Melissa Dobar, Director of Development from the Humane Society has entitled her presentation, "The Sonoma Humane Society - Creating a Kinder, Safer and more Humane Community...one animal at a time." She will share success stories and pictures of these sweet little animals who have found their way to this safe and kind home!

We will also be able to enjoy wonderful "doggie" decorations on loan on our tables provided by Stacey and Toni Renati, of the Feed Store in Sebastopol.



Come to our meeting today with your animal and share this fun day with us!!!

**READING: Rotary Weekly**  
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### [Celebrating the International Day of Peace](#)

Since graduating from the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Wendy Coulson Catalán has made her home in San Miguel de Allende, a small community in central Mexico. In honor of the International Day of Peace, which is Monday, 21 September, Catalán is joining local Rotary members in hosting a celebration that includes a rap tournament to reach youths, who are often left out of the city's many cultural events. It's just one way Rotary Peace Fellows are building peace. [Read more](#) and learn how you can support the [Rotary Peace Centers](#).

**PROMOTE PEACE**

**The Rotarian**

**Heroin's comeback**

After his granddaughter Raven's overdose, Rotary member Roland von Kaler of Michigan, USA, rallied his club and community to prevent opioid abuse. With about 40 deaths attributed to drug overdose just last year -- 15 of them related to heroin -- Monroe County health officials say the area is facing a heroin epidemic.

- [Read about the Rotary Club of Tecumseh's effort](#)
- [Visit the Facebook page started in Raven's honor](#)
- [Join a discussion group of Rotarians seeking to prevent substance abuse](#)

## Rotary Voices

### Rotary moments that transformed her life

Heidi Resetarits first heard about Rotary at a party, from a friend and future mentor, who eventually encouraged her to apply for a Rotary Scholarship. That set off a chain of events that has forever transformed her life. Resetarits is now a member of the Rotary Club of Denver Mile High and president of the district's alumni association.

- [Read more of Resetarits' story](#)
- [Learn about applying for or creating a scholarship](#)
- [Connect with Rotary alumni on Facebook](#)

## ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS NOW LIVE

Rotary Global Rewards is a new member benefit program designed to make membership even more rewarding for Rotarians. This exciting program includes discounts on products and services such as travel, car rentals, hotels, dining and entertainment. It's our way of giving back to those who give so much.



- [See the discounts](#)
- [Learn more about the program](#)
- [Visit the Member Center](#)

Rotary Global Rewards: the good you do comes back to you.

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## CELEBRATE WORLD POLIO DAY

Join us on 23 October for Rotary's third annual World Polio Day



event. We'll be streaming live from New York City, so tune in at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time to watch a global status update on the fight to end polio and take part in the conversation. Guests will include Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, celebrity ambassadors, polio survivors and others.

- [Download the World Polio Day tool kit to help spread the word](#)
- [If you miss the live event, watch and share the recording](#)

## Announcements

### Foundation earns four-star rating from Charity Navigator

For the eighth straight year, The Rotary Foundation has earned a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States. The rating, which is the highest that Charity Navigator assigns, reflects The Rotary Foundation's sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. Learn more about this and other recent announcements from Rotary.

- [Read more about the four-star rating](#)
- [Learn how to showcase your project at the Seoul convention](#)
- [Find ideas for observing World Polio Day in the September Rotary Leader](#)

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## Resources & reference

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

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