



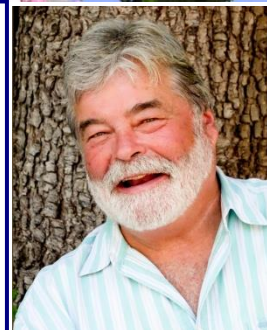
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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Melissa Dobar – Dog Day and Sonoma Humane Society



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

Before the Bell



This was Sebastopol Rotary's second annual "Dog Day" meant to honor our faithful, loving and loyal friends. Dogs are special to their owners almost like kids. Some would say that they are better than kids because they don't back talk and you don't have to send them to college. All told there were seventeen dogs present handled skillfully by seventeen proud owners and placated by an ample supply of doggie treats. Thankfully there was no apparent (and I stress Apparent) need for fire hydrants nor doggie bags. **HH** invited all doggie owners to bring their pets outside after the meeting for a group photo taken by famed pet photographer Ron Crain

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**

Prez Rick, our fearless leader, rang the meeting to order at approximately at 12:17pm. **Tom Dilley** started us off by honoring our flag.



Keller McDonald started us out with a song fit for a room full of doggie lovers, *How Much is That Doggie in the Window* and then **Pres Rick** belted out, *You Ain't Nothing But A Hound Dog*. [Elvis was seen leaving the room
-Ed.]

🍎 Future Programs 🍎

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

October 23, 2015

Speaker: Tony Linegar

Program: Sonoma County Department of
Agriculture

🍎 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. 13th, 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?

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 !!!



Keeping up with the pro-dog theme of the day **Harry Polley** followed with these two thoughts for the day;

"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself"

and then,

"The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is the dog."

Now there are four doggone good songs and thoughts.

🍎 Visitors, Guests & Friends of Rotary 🍎

There were no visiting Rotarians, so **The Budman** got the day off.

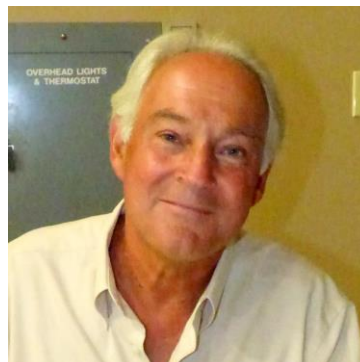


Dan Rasmus introduced Natasha Miranda, Anna Belle Lampson, Colette Royer, Shantel Shaw, all members of the Twin Hill Interact. **Dan** Also introduced Nicole Elwood, Advisor.

Jeff Boal introduced his wife Jeanie,



Bill Cole introduced Scott Briggs, and **Bud Daveiro** introduced his wife **Sharon**.





Patti Blount introduced Tony Renati and his wife Stacey, owners of the new feed store.

Larry Ford introduced his wife **Gerry**.



Harvey Henningsen introduced Ron Crain, a photographer who specializes in pet photography. See the After the Bell section for the photo of the assembled Rotarians and their dogs.



Steve Prandini introduced guests Kathy McCarty and Major Mereki -- more on them later.



Membership

Harry Polley came forward told and us about the positive effect Rotary has had on his life. It all started for him some 47 years ago, when he was a young man of 25. He was sitting in his office one day when a local physician, Dr. Ernie Vieira came into his office and invited him to lunch the following Friday. Harry accepted the offer and thus began his life of sharing the Gift of Rotary. Rotary offers the opportunity to share friendship and fellowship and the chance to serve our community and the world. "Service above Self."

Announcements

Prez Rick announced that **Mario Ramos** is heading to Paso Ancho in Mexico on behalf of our Adopt A School program and wants to know if anybody has a laptop computer to donate. Before coming to this country 19 yrs. ago **Mario** was a school administrator in Mexico.

Prez mentioned that last week Sebastopol Rotary donated \$3,000 to help our Rotary brothers and sisters in the wake of the Lake County fire devastation, and if you missed last week you can make a donation today. Please make your checks payable to Rotary Club of Sebastopol Foundation, Inc. and please note on the check; "Valley Fire Relief."

Prez also reminded us of the e-mail that was sent out on Monday informing us that **Dorothy Rodella's** son Justin and his pregnant wife lost everything in the Valley Fire. If you would like to make a family to family donation, please make your check payable to Justin Rodella. In the email, there was also a list of desperately needed items.

Steve Prandini's two guests Kathy McCarty and Major Mereki, came forward to thank the club for all the support they have given the Chidamoyo Mission Hospital project in Zimbabwe over the years. Kathy mentioned that because of Rotary's efforts with project, the hospital was mentioned in a front page article in the New York Times. Major is the hospital administrator and a native of Zimbabwe.

Fantasmagoria

Secretary Jack reminded us that we are still in need of volunteers to help at the Fantasmagoria, signup sheets are on the tables.

The Fantasmagoria will be the party of the decade if not the century, so get your tickets now. The ticket window closes Monday September, 28.

Remember, the meeting next week will be held at the tent behind O'Reilly media. Wear your working clothes.

Recognitions

HH was recognized for his son, the winning coach of the Analy High School football team.

Katy Spyrka did not do much on her BD since she had to work, but did manage to escape to the beach the following weekend where she luxuriated.

Karen Daniels had a quiet dinner with a friend for her September 14 BD.

JT Martin had a quiet evening at home, nothing too exciting [it gets that way after a certain age **JT**, you want to forget – **Scribe**.]



Larry Ford's BD is September 25, so **Larry** enjoyed the honor of having *Happy Birthday* sung to him. All of the above were dunned \$5, except for **Larry** who pitched in another \$5 for the song.



The Raffle

Ken Silveira held the winning ticket and drew the winning card! This was the second week in a row that there was a winner so the pot was on the smallish side.

The Program



Patti Blount stepped to the podium to introduce our guest speaker of the day, **Melissa Dobar**, Director of Development at Sonoma Humane Society. Melissa came to the Sonoma Humane Society after working twenty years in the non-profit sector, serving most recently as VP of Resource Development and Marketing for the United Way of the Wine Country. As Director of Development she provides leadership for fundraising and development. Her love of animals and dedication to their welfare, combined with experience in fundraising, and relationship development and marketing, helps Sonoma Humane Society continue to expand its work.

Melissa lives in Santa Rosa with her husband Jack along with four cats and three dogs. **Patti** mentioned that Dog Day has always been one of her favorite days and one of her favorite places has been The Sonoma Humane Society. **Patti** said that as **John** and she have traveled over the last three years they have boarded their dog and cat at the facility where they have been lovingly cared for.

The following excerpt from the Sonoma Humane Society web page succinctly describes the mission of the organization;

“Serving our community since 1931, the Sonoma Humane Society is a donor supported safe haven for animals. We’re dedicated to bringing people and companion animals together for a lifetime of love.

The animals in our care receive medical treatment (including spay/neuter surgery), training services, and adoption assistance. We believe that no effort is too great when a life is at stake. With your help, we give hope to every animal.

The Sonoma Humane Society has two locations in Sonoma County; our primary Center for Animals is located at 5345 Hwy 12 West in Santa Rosa. In addition, our Healdsburg Center is located off Westside Road in Healdsburg at 14242 Bacchus Landing Way.

SHS is a no kill organization. Our Landmark Agreement with Sonoma County Animal Care and Control helps ensure a positive outcome for all healthy and curable animals in our community.”

Melissa said the Valley Fire impact on animals, including dogs, cats and other domesticated pets as well as horses, cattle, sheep, goats and pigs has been devastating. Animals as well as people are being cared for at the Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga. [However that facility has now closed –Ed.]

In addition to the 500 people, there were over 300 animals including dogs, cats, pigs, goats, horses, and cows. The traditional shelter agencies such as Red Cross do not allow animals so Sonoma Humane Society is working with other agencies such as Petaluma Animal Services, Compassion Without Borders, and Wine Country Animal Lovers to handle this problem. Sonoma Humane Society is receiving donations at their facility at 5345 HWY 12 West. To date they have received over \$22K in monetary donations. To learn more about what you can do to help go to www.SonomaHumane.org.



President Rick thanked Melissa for a heartfelt and timely presentation on Sonoma Humane Society and the impact of the Valley Fire on people and their pets with a bottle of Pinot-for-Polio.

🍎 After the Bell 🍎

Photograph of assembled Rotarians and their dogs by Ron Crain.



Photographs of Rotarians and their dogs by photog for the month of September, **Robin Maybury**.



Next Meeting, Friday October 2

Meet at O'Reilly's Media at Our Tent!!!

October 2, 2015

Fantasmagoria Kick-Off!

**Come and meet at the "Fantasmagoria" Tent to join
your club members as we prepare for the 2015
Rotary Club of Sebastopol's Fundraiser!!!**

1005 Gravenstein Highway North

This is where you will want to be!

Pizza and sodas for all that attend!



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[Nigeria taken off endemic list](#)

The World Health Organization (WHO) today announced that it has officially removed Nigeria from the list of countries where polio is endemic. It's been 14 months since a case of polio caused by the wild virus was reported there. That leaves only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, where transmission of the virus has never been stopped. Read more about the [WHO's announcement](#).

END POLIO NOW

Eradicating polio

Meet the Miles to End Polio team

On 21 November, Rotary staff members will join General Secretary John Hewko and Arizona Rotary members to bike up to 104 miles in El Tour de Tucson to raise funds for polio eradication. The team is aiming to raise \$3.4 million, which will be matched by the Bill

& Melinda Gates Foundation for a total of more than \$10 million for the fight to end polio.

- [Meet the team](#)
- [Support the team or individual members on Rotary Ideas](#)
- [Register for the Indoor Ride to End Polio](#)
- [Join a discussion on ending polio](#)

Promoting peace

What peace means to me

Rotary Peace Fellows shared their personal perceptions of peace to commemorate the International Day of Peace Monday, 21 September. Rotary has been building peace through the Rotary Peace Centers program since 2002, preparing future leaders to work for peace through a two-year master's degree program or a three-month professional certificate program at Rotary's partner universities around the world.

- [Watch a video of the peace fellows](#)
- [Learn how you can support the Rotary Peace Centers](#)
- [Read a blog post from a Rotary Peace Fellow in central Mexico](#)

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.

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](#)

Exchanging ideas

Seoul searching

Attend the 2016 Rotary convention in Seoul, Korea, 28 May to 1 June for trailblazing innovation and rich cultural tradition. Register by 15 December to take advantage of the best pricing.

- [Read a profile in the October issue of The Rotarian](#)
- [Learn more on the convention website](#)
- [Register now](#)

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

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