



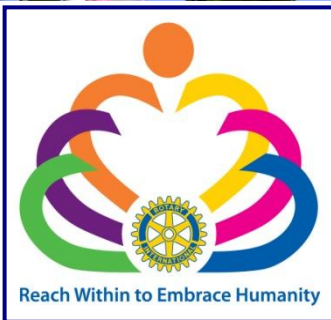
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Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

Program: **Michael Ellis – Footloose Forays**



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"All the News that Fits We Print"

 **Before the Bell** 



You have no doubt heard the phrase, "You can't fire me, I quit!" Could this have happened to our club? With the blessed debunking now so close we can taste it, has **President Aleia** decided to get out while the getting is good? Here, a mere two weeks before the end, she was gone – out of town, out of state. Driving a **Pellini** to Texas? Right! Really, has anyone ever used the words **Pellini** and Texas in the same sentence? In fact, does anyone except **Tim Moore** even ever say the word, Texas? And I thought missing a meeting because I was behind on my sermon was a bad excuse!



 **At the Bell** 



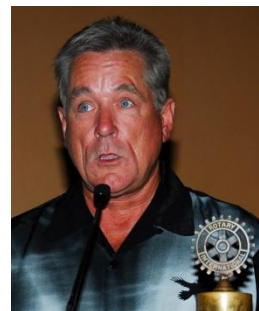
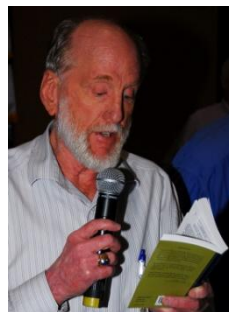
Anyway, imagine our shock, surprise, dismay, when **Past President, Mike – I Used to Have a Short Term Memory – Long** took the podium, blew that

##** air horn

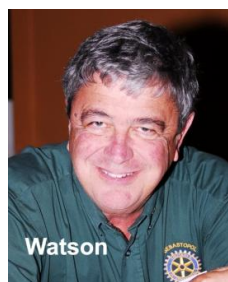


and called the meeting to order.

Mike Long back in the podium. Can the apocalypse be far behind? Jack Dunlap turned to his wife, Jenny,



and said, "Maybe we should give this a little more thought." But, under **Past President Mike's** prodding and pleading, we charged ahead. **Russ Tighe** – good to see you, **Russ** - led the pledge; the dynamic trio of **Karen Daniels, Keller McDonald, and J.T. Martin** led us in the singing of "*America the Beautiful*"; and **Mark Fink** offered a thought for the day...an anonymous reading dealing with the inside and outside of taverns. **Mark** seemed to favor the inside!



 **Visiting Rotarians and Guests** 

Bud Daveiro then introduced our visiting Rotarians: Dentist, Dan Bornstein, who last attended the Santa Rosa club in 1978; Mike Mustacchi, photographer from the San Francisco #2 club (We're number 2!!), and Dewey Watson, a writer, from the Sebastopol Sunrise Club.



Future Programs

June 15th

NOT DARK – DISTRICT CONFERENCE

SHOW UP OR MAKE-UP (*See Attached*)

June 22nd

Speaker: Dr. Alan Bernstein
Program: Stroke – Every Minute Counts
Host: **Harry Simms**

June 29th

Speaker: Sheriff Dept. Personnel
Program: So.Co. Sheriff Rescue Helicopter
Host: **Mike Ferguson**

Future Events

HAPPY HOUR AT GTO's Seafood House
(3rd Friday of the Month), 234 South Main, Seb.
NEXT HAPPY HOUR @ GTO's – NOPE !

District 5130 Conference, June 15th–17th
See Attached Page

Saturday, June 23rd 6:00 p.m. **The Debunking of President Aleia**

Location: Holy Ghost Hall
Subject: Who Else?...**President Aleia**
Contact: **Pauline Pellini** See Attached Page
Tickets: Only \$10 per person

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa **Giro Bello Rides**
July 7, 2012

Miscellany

"JOINT" Board Meeting (Incoming & Outgoing Boards)

Location: Mexico Lindo Restaurant,
9030 Graton road, Graton, 94555
Date/Time: **Wednesday June 13th, 5:30 p.m.**
! Note it's the 13th, not the 20th!
* "No, not that kind..."

Web Site for Make-Up Locations
www.rotary5130.org/meeting_locations.shtml

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – Send to JOHN BLASCO at
jcblasco@comcast.net

On-line Make-Ups: www.RotaryEClubOne.org

Interact Make-Ups

Analy High: 12:35 Wed. In the Choir Room
Brook Haven: 12:40, 1st & 3rd Thurs., Rm. 4
(Check-in @ Front Office first)
Hillcrest: 12:20, Every 3rd Tues., Rm. 6
CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS



Guests of Rotarians: This proved to be a lot easier than keeping track of last week's four-legged guests:

Edwin Wilson introduced **Gale Bergman**;

Ken McHugh introduced his wife, **Marilyn**, and Guest of the Club, **Jack Dunlap**, and his wife, **Jenny**. **David Still**

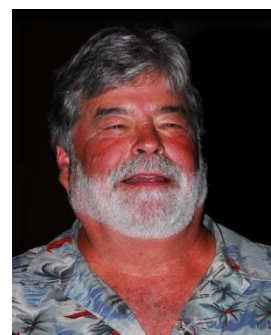
introduced his father-in-law, **Chuck Davis**; **Kent Seegmiller** introduced **Maurine Doerkin**; and **Rick Wilson** introduced Sea Serpents' coach and learn-to-swim volunteer, **Lehla Irwin**.



Announcements

Remember that next week, June 15th, quarterly taxes are due. Whoops, wrong notes. Next week, June 15th, there will be no Friday meeting, but we are not dark!!! This means that if you do not attend the District Conference in Ferndale – motto: what's so bad about webbed feet? – You must make up. (No, I don't really understand it either.)

Debunking: **Dorothy Rodella** then sang us a Debunking Invitation, for which she paid \$5.00 and we paid with broken glassware. She labeled herself the "Ticket Nag", and promised to haunt our dreams until we sign up to attend **President Aleia's** debunking on June 23rd. Imagine being haunted by a banker. You all had better sign up soon. Remember, just \$10.00!



Learn-To-Swim: **Rick Wilson** then came forward with a Learn-To-Swim summary. He thanked his co-chair, **Greg Jacobs**, even though **Jacobs** has been away fishing for the past five years! Amazingly, this Rotary sponsored program has now been in operation for 28 years and has reached out to 8000 kids - 278 kids this year.

Rick continues to insist that volunteering for this program is "the most fun you can have with a swimsuit on". He had a number of thank-you's to:

Lehla Irwin, Sea Serpents coach and Analy swim team coach for all her help and support. The program would greatly suffer without her.

Ricardo Freitas from Ives Pool

Keith Miller of Gone Tropo for the T-shirts for 70 volunteers and 278 kids.

Judy Robinson of Apache Pools for a cash donation and for providing safety work books for each child.

Tim Murphy, the "packing heat" lifeguard who provided a safety talk for each school group



Iris Lovelace, who handled volunteer recruitment and coordinated 278 permission slips....no small task!! [Wonder if she could do make-up's? -Ed.]

Emily Buller for the data base and e-mail blasts, our "Red Cross Angel"

Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary for providing volunteers

Rotary Club of Sebastopol Volunteers, many of whom worked three shifts twice a week. There is no Learn-to-Swim program without you.

Great job, **Rick**. And he is already looking forward to next year! This is a project we can all be proud of.

🍏 **New Member Induction – Jack Dunlap** 🍏



Harry Polley, who has done such a fantastic job on the membership committee, introduced our newest member – **Jack Dunlap**, badge #116 – with the classification of Utilities: Mechanical Engineering. **Jack**, whose wife, **Jenny**, joined him, has been a mechanical engineer supervisor for P.G. & E. for many years. His sponsor was **Ken McHugh**, and his mentor will be **Henry Alker**. **Jack** has said that over the years, **Ken** has been a model for him of the ideals of Rotary. Just goes to show, wherever we go, there goes Rotary. Welcome Jack!



At this moment, an awkward silence occurred as **Acting President Mike** struggled to find his agenda. (Of course, in my day we *didn't need no stinking agenda!*) Surprise! **Harry** had taken it with him back to his seat. Just keeping you on your toes, **Mike**.



💰 **Recognitions and Fines** 💰

Birthdays: Our well-prepared **Acting President** inquired if anyone had had a birthday recently. About ten minutes later, no doubt after checking his ID, **Tom Farrell** announced that he will be having a birthday on Sunday, June 10th – "the 47th anniversary of my 39th birthday". We sang a well-earned Happy Birthday.



Anniversaries: **Jack and Marie Blasco** – May 31st, 42 years. They celebrated with the always popular power plant tour of Sweden and Denmark. They no longer need to turn on lights at home since they



NOW GLOW IN THE DARK. Fining was a bit erratic on this Friday, but I believe the fine was \$6.00 plus \$1.00.

Mike and Vicki Long – June 5th, 30 years. They celebrated at the Benbow Inn and **Mike** decided not to fine himself. **Vicki**, however, was fined \$50. Not really!



Dick and Barbara Zimmer – June 6th, 43 years. \$5.00.

Congratulations All!

Recognitions: As has been pointed out before, this is a dangerous time of year for Rotarians whose lives have been so dull and boring that they have managed to fly under the President's fining radar.

But now...THE TIME OF RECKONING HAS COME!!!

Bud Daverino (Daveiro): Fined a whopping \$2.50 for a faltering golf game. Who says whining and groveling do not pay off?



Gene Nelson: Fined \$10.00, then \$100 for insulting the **Acting President's** pseudo-dog. Then the fine was waived, because of pending marital business later this summer.

Barbara Beedon: Fined \$35 for essentially participating in Rotary business, with Adopt-A-Village in the Philippines and the Rotary Convention in Bangkok. Perhaps it was that side trip to Cambodia. But once again, in Rotary, no good deed goes unpunished.

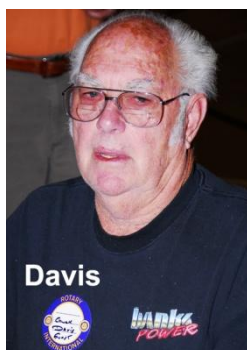
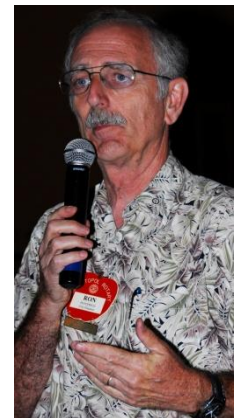


Katy Spyрка: She was here when the meeting began, but was then gone when her name was called. Of course, we all secretly wished we could have joined her. But, **Katy**, watch out for next week, and the scribe wishes you would add at least one more vowel to your name!



Emily Buller: Sad news, Emily will soon be moving to southern California. She has been accepted into the Pepperdine Law School. (Someone immediately pointed out that **Jack Dunlap** has already moved up to badge #115!) Fiancé, **Dan**, will be joining her. Good news for her – congratulations - but she will be greatly missed. And what are we going to do with all those EpiPens® we have saved for Lobster feed? She plans to leave

Ron Puccinelli: Something about helping the local police and keeping stolen cars in his garage - \$20.

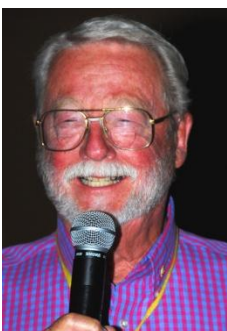


David Still: A lengthy visit from his father-in-law, Chuck Davis, had to be worth \$25. Yes, David, you are a good son-in-law.

Rick Wilson: \$30 for a tour of the Midwest – Minnesota, Wisconsin – what no Lambeau Field? – and a tour of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

Henry Alker: His \$30 fine was an opportunity to update the club on the Rotary Peace Fellow application he has been working on. Good work, **Henry**.

Steve Beck: For \$25 he was able to talk about his grandson's graduation and an early anniversary celebration to the central coast of California.



Linda Collins: Pleading poverty was a good but ineffective strategy as **Nao** provided her with a pen for her IOU. But she did comment on her two new puppies. \$35.

Michael Hixson: In challenging economic times, he found himself fined \$45 for the growth of his company, KidSafe. He has added a warehouse. Thanks for giving Rotary a piece of the action.





Vikki Patiño: For \$50, she was able to announce her daughter's pregnancy and an upcoming trip.



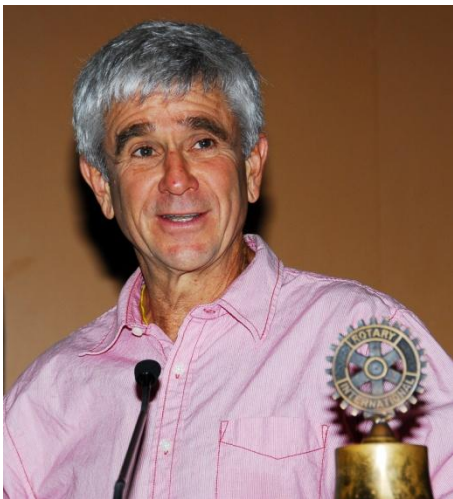
Tom Boag: A \$1.00 fine essentially for being boring. [Tom - suddenly at a loss for words, tho his computer *runneth over* - should have talked about his new Blue Light face treatment. "Smooth as a baby's bottom" – after "Baste and Bake" Oh well, next time.... -Ed.]



 **The Raffle** 

Acting President Long came with Rotary stickers to make sure that our raffle board was 100% winners. Then he pulled the winning ticket! It's good to be king. As a chorus of boos echoed through the hall and threat of a non-violent – or perhaps violent – coup began to take shape, he donated the \$120 to the Rotary Educational Foundation, thus avoiding an ugly situation.

 **PROGRAM – Michael Ellis – Footloose Forays** 



Sally Glendening introduced **Michael Ellis**, in "itinerant naturalist" whose company, "Footloose Forays" leads adventure trips around the world. Today, he focused on Tanzania and the vast Serengeti grassland. This could very well be the last place on earth to witness great concentrations and migrations of wildlife. The Serengeti is the size of Switzerland and encompasses two countries – Tanzania and southern Kenya. The borders, however, are essentially determined by the paths of migrating animals, millions of animals, especially the Wildebeest. He presented a fascinating program on the wide variety of animals in the Serengeti, efforts to preserve it, and threats to it. It is amazing how volcanic ash reacts with soil to produce the grasslands that support this vast array of animals. I have never seen it but, after listening to **Michael**, I know we cannot afford to lose it. He did a wonderful job of showing and explaining what is truly an international treasure.



 **The Closing Bell** 



Acting President Mike thanked our speaker and presented him with a gift. With a reminder that next week's meeting must be made up, he blew his air horn one more time and adjourned the meeting.



The ABC's of Rotary

(Taken from "The ABCs of Rotary", a Rotary International publication originally prepared by Dr. Cliff Dochterman who was RI President in 1992-93)

#20: Room 711—Rotary's Birthplace

The number 711 has a very special significance for Rotary. Room 711 of the old Unity Building, formerly located at 127 North Dearborn Street in downtown Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., was the birthplace of Rotary International. That historic room, which was the office of engineer Gus Loehr, was the location of that first meeting when Paul Harris met with several friends to discuss his new idea of a club for professionals and businessmen.

It took extensive research and dedication by a few Chicago Rotarians to preserve the room and restore it to its 1905 authenticity. For years, Room 711 was preserved as a miniature Rotary museum by Rotarians around the world who voluntarily belonged to and contributed to the "Paul Harris 711 Club", which provided funds for leasing, maintenance, and preservation. In 1989, the Unity Building was about to be torn down. Members of the 711 Club carefully dismantled the landmark room and placed its contents in storage. There it stayed until 1994, when the recreated Room 711 found a permanent home, and this piece of the Rotary heritage is preserved at the RI World Headquarters in Evanston.

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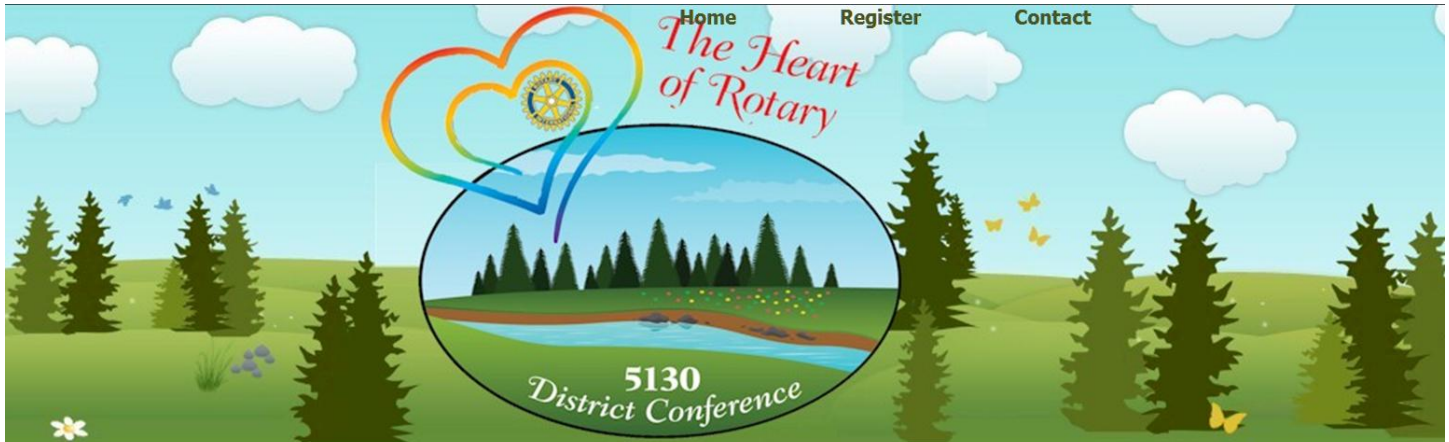
Contact: Pauline Pellini

Tickets: Only \$10 per person



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