

## Rotary Club of Auburn

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# THE ROTARY CLUB OF AUBURN BULLETIN

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MARCH IS ROTARY LITERACY MONTH



*District Gov. Woody, Pres. Bart, & R.I. Director 2013-2014 Steve*



*Dist. Gov. Woody with the Presidents of Auburn Rotary Clubs.*



*Steve & Sharron travel a lot for Rotary. Wait 'til his year begins in July!*



*President Bart with his grandson Phillip Crane Martin born 3/15/2013!*



*Our newest Paul Harris Fellow Art Rangel with wife Penny*



**C**ALSTAR 3 is located in Auburn, based with CAL FIRE at Station 10. Operations started in 1995 as a resource to Sutter Roseville Medical Center and as regional EMS air support. CALSTAR 3 has a 10-county service area and has responded to calls as far away as the Pine Nut Mountains in Nevada.

The terrain in which Calstar operates is diverse. They utilize a BO 105LS/C-30 converted to navigate flights as high as 20,000 feet above sea level. Small and capable, the 105 is like the jeep of the air. It can transport two patients at a time and needs only a small footprint to land. This is especially important when operating in the mountains. It also uses night vision goggles

(NVG). This technology enhances CALSTAR'S ability to operate safely at night where there is limited or no light available.

CALSTAR 3 is unique in that it is also the training center for new hires. In cooperation with CAL FIRE, CALSTAR maintains a large conference room that is used by both CALSTAR and CAL FIRE. New hires receive classroom instruction as well as aircraft orientation and procedure from on duty flight crews. The crew consists of an EMS pilot and two critical care RNs.

CALSTAR 3 is very active in the community and works closely with EMS and the public. CALSTAR trains with fire departments, ambulance companies, search and rescue, and law enforcement agencies.

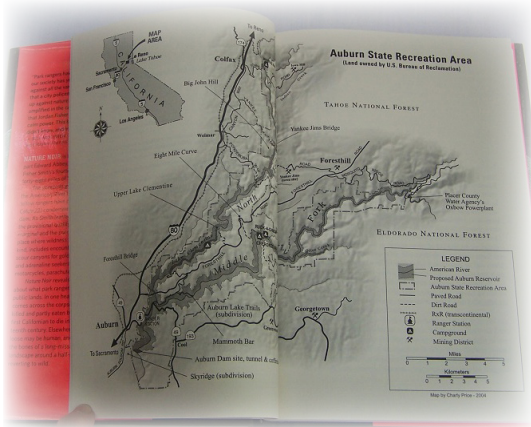
CALSTAR also participates in prevention. They work closely with CHP and the "Every 15 Minutes" program that works to educate teenagers on the consequences of drinking alcohol and using drugs.

CALSTAR offers a membership program. For an annual fee of \$45 per individual or \$50 per family, a CALSTAR membership guarantees that you'll be covered for the cost of air medical services provided by CALSTAR or their reciprocal partner programs. CALSTAR says for peace of mind, it is a cost-effective investment—especially for residents and frequent travelers of remote areas far from leading medical facilities. CALSTAR memberships are available to anyone, even if you are uninsured.

Speaker today is Sonja Vargas of CALSTAR.



**NATURE NOIR  
BY JORDAN FISHER SMITH**



*“Although large-scale gold extraction was essentially a dead industry in California, unemployed men, men running from child support or the law, and those who were simply square pegs in round holes of society had never stopped coming to Northern California to prospect. By the 1970s the availability of portable suction dredges and scuba-diving gear made it easier for small operators to recover gold from rivers, and with no one around to tell them to leave, miners equipped with this kind of gear settled in the site of the Auburn Reservoir as squatters. Semi-permanent camps and shacks appeared all over the place. Untended campfires ignited wildfires. Piles of garbage and old cars were dumped down the canyon walls. Guns were pulled in mining-claim disputes. Murder victims began turning up in shallow graves. The Bureau of Reclamation didn’t have its own rangers, so as the North and Middle Forks descended into anarchy, the agency tried bringing in federal marshals for occasional sweeps, but that didn’t even put a dent in the problem. What was needed was a constant law enforcement presence. . . What ensued was undoubtedly one of the strangest stories in the history of the century-old park movement. The laws and authorities given to state park rangers in California had been crafted to preserve cherished landscapes in perpetuity, but they now applied to a pair of river canyons the government intended to put underwater.”*

*—From Nature Noir by Jordan Fisher Smith*

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS  
ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY**

March 7, 14, 21, 2013  
Discussion Class of “Nature Noir”  
led by Bart O’Brien and Steve Grundmeier  
4 - 5 PM at Placer School for Adults

Thursday - April 18, 2013  
Janet Kovacich Murder Cold Case Panel  
Moderated by Radio & TV Personality  
Beth Ruyak 7 - 9 PM  
Placer High School Auditorium

Saturday - April 20, 2013  
Auburn, CA, Auburn Dam Tour with State Parks  
Ranger Mike Lynch & Author Jordan Fisher  
Smith.\* 10 AM.  
*\*Please register by emailing  
placereonebookonecommunity@gmail.com*

Tuesday - April 23, 2013  
Auburn, CA, 7 - 9 PM  
Placer High School Auditorium  
Author Book Signing

Thursday - April 25, 2013  
Lyme Disease Film “Under Our Skin” with  
Jordan Fisher Smith.  
6:30 - 8:30 PM Placer County Office of  
Education Annex Building, Nobili Room

**Our goal is for every member of Auburn  
Rotary Club to attend at least one of the five  
One Book, One Community events listed  
above.**

**HAVE YOU READ THE BOOK?**

**LES DELASANDRO AKA  
PAUL KOVACICH**

*“In Chapter 5 of NATURE NOIR, a Sheriff’s deputy by the name of Les Delasandro murders his wife. At the time we published the book, this man, whose real name was Sheriff’s Sgt. Paul Kovacich, had gotten away with murder for 22 years. After the book came out he was arrested, a portion of his wife’s skull was located, and he went to prison for life.”*

*“We changed Paul Kovacich’s name in the book to “Les Delasandro” because by that time he had so successfully evaded prosecution for the murder of his wife, Janet Kovacich, that he might have sued me and the publisher for libel. In fact, Paul continued to work as a police officer for the rest of his career.”*

*—From the Nature Noir Facebook page*

**HONORING VERY SPECIAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE HAD A POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN**

KidsFirst (formerly the Child Abuse Prevention Council Placer) is honoring “Extraordinary People” who have made extraordinary contributions to enrich the lives of children in the Sierra-Sacramento Region.

The mission of KidsFirst is to end child abuse and neglect. Their vision is that all children live in a safe, healthy and nurturing home. Established in 1989, KidsFirst has three sites: Roseville, Auburn, and Citrus Heights.

In their call for nominations, KidsFirst asked for individuals who impacts children and families through change and leads by example. An individual who has spent a significant amount of time and is devoted to activities or services that enrich the lives of children. An individual who develops new programs and activities to help children and families live a safe and healthy life.

Barbara Besana announced that **Dave Horsey** has been nominated for the honor. Tickets for the awards luncheon on Thursday, April 4, 2013, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Rocklin Event Center in Rocklin are \$100 each. Barbara said, after March 15 the tickets are \$125 but Rotary members will be charged \$100. Contact Barbara for more information.

**NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL**

The following individual has been approved for membership by the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Auburn. If no objections are received by the Board, within 10 days of this publication, she is, upon the payment of the proper fees, considered to be a member of the Rotary Club of Auburn:

Suzi DeCamp  
Classification - Airlines

**ROCK CREEK SCHOOL BUNCO NIGHT**

Rock Creek School kindergarten teacher Becky King announced a fund-raiser for her school which sounds like a lot of fun, plus it will raise some money to send 45 fifth graders to an Outdoor Education Camp for 2 days and 1 night. Most other schools in the area, she said, participate in such programs for a much longer stay, but the student population at Rock Creek is 91% free and reduced lunch and most families cannot afford \$230 a child to send them to camp for two days in May.



The camp called Camp Augusta, an outdoor wilderness camp nestled outside of Nevada City creates a magical world where kids can focus on being kids. They learn to people of character, be self-confident, live a healthy life through good eating and healthy exercise, be good stewards of the environment, understand safe risk taking, appreciate community living, and take away recreational skills that they may enjoy for life.

The inaugural Bunco Night will be held on Friday, April 26, 2013, at the First Congregational Church at 710 Auburn Ravine Road in Auburn. Tickets are \$25 per person and includes an authentic Mexican dinner, 5 raffle tickets, 2 drink tickets and Bunco with prizes.

Becky King is wife of Gold Country Rotarian Jim King, and was responsible for the school garden at Rock Creek, the first school garden in the area

**OPENING SONG  
HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN**



With talented Preston Marx in the club, we now get songs like House of the Rising Sun for our weekly opener! And if you are old enough, you join in and sing it like in the good old days, unlike those who confess to have been too young to know the song (Devon Bell). But then, some say the song was about life in a house of ill repute or in a jail, so that gets Devon off the hook (even if he really knew the song and sang it while he was alone on patrol). More on Devon later.

*There is a house in New Orleans  
They call the Rising Sun  
And it's been the ruin of many a poor boy  
And God I know I'm one.*

*My mother was a tailor  
She sewed my new blue jeans,  
My father was a gamblin' man  
Down in New Orleans*

## DEVON BELL SELECTED FOR NAVAL POST GRADUATE SCHOOL

Congratulations to Devon Bell on his selection to attend the Naval Post Graduate School! Here is the scoop in his own words: The Naval Post Graduate School is located in Monterey. There is a competitive selection process that includes an application, writing assessment, professional and reference evaluation.



There were approximately 500 applicants from across the US for 30 positions. The school is funded by the US Department of Homeland Security and is focused on Homeland Security and disaster management. Participants come from the fire service, police service, medical profession, emergency management and military. The program is 18 months long. I will go for 2 weeks each quarter with my first session beginning May 1. Upon successful completion of the program, participants are awarded a Masters Degree in Homeland Security. My graduation date is Sept 26, 2014.

By the way, Devon is a member of the Board of Directors of KidsFirst (see article above) and so is Barbara Besana—and Gayle Garbolino Mojica is the board chair.

## TWO PAIGES ARE OUTBOUND ON ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGES



Paige Staton and Julie Paige are studying abroad next year. Paige Staton is bound for Switzerland while Julie Paige will be in Italy!

## OUR NEWEST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW



But, can he assure PCWA or municipalities that he consults for, that the molecules of their water will be beautiful and happy?



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- March 26: Linda Maeding - Calstar: Sonja Vargas
- April 2: Steve Leighty: Papua New Guinea and Ensenada Dental Clinics
- April 9: Jarrod Anderson/Virgil Traynor Student-Teacher Appreciation (PUHSD)

## COMING EVENTS

- Rotary At Work Day  
Saturday, April 27, 2013
- Auburn Rotary Poker for Polio Casino Night at Ceronix  
May 11, 2013
- District Assembly at Atlantis Casino Reno  
April 20 (see Jeff Patton if interested)
- Fireside Chat for New Members  
May 9, 2013 at Ambrosias 6 p.m.
- Rotary District Conference at John Ascuaga's Nugget: May 16-19, 2013
- Auburn Rotary Barbecue  
Friday, September 20, 2013

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## CASINO NIGHT LOSERS RAFFLE?

Art Rangel has a deal for you! Buy a Losers Raffle ticket and you have a one-in-nine chance of winning your money back. And, the top prize winner could win \$4,000! 22 tickets could win \$50 each; 3 tickets could win \$200 each and 1 ticket could win \$500. Not bad odds, don't you think? Plus the club could get \$6,300 for Polio Plus, HEART of Africa, and Rotary Scholarships. SELL your tickets! Become a table sponsor! Donate a prize for the Silent Auction! Can you help? See Mitch Hanna or Nick Abrahamsen.

*"Climb if you will, but remember that courage and strength are nought without prudence, and that a momentary negligence may destroy the happiness of a lifetime. Do nothing in haste; look well to each step; and from the beginning think what may be the end."*

*Edward Whymper - British mountaineer, explorer, and illustrator best known for making the first ascent of the Matterhorn in 1865.*