

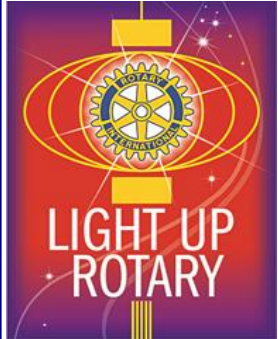
# The Appleknocker

## Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

**Mike Carey, Rick Williams – Trade Paths Awards**



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*"All the News that Fits We Print"*



We saw our newest members, **Michelle Kimble**, **Debbie Brooks** and **Russ Cunningham** in action greeting 70 Rotarians and welcoming over 25 guests. First impressions are important to all who enter and our greeters were fabulous! Our newest members were assisted with additional hands and hugs by **Ricky Wilson** and **Linda J. Johnson**. If you would like to be a Greeter, let **Linda** know as she is responsible for our welcoming line.

Help our newest members meet with one of their requirements by signing their Sebastopol Rotary Roster booklet.

 **At the Bell** 

Our **President Ron** started the afternoon by asking **Membership Guru Mr. Harry Polley** to lead the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Our song maestro extraordinaire was **Karen Daniels**. Her sparkling voice led us in one of the best renditions of *God Bless America* with a room packed with Rotarians, guests, students and their families. All of those voices filled the room and the sound was stunning.

Thought for the Day was provided by **Linda J. Johnson** who quoted Winston Churchill on this 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in Europe day:

"If you're going through hell, keep going"

Another quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"The only person you are destined to be is the person you decide to become."

 **Visiting Rotarians & Guests** 

**Jack Blasco** introduced visiting Rotarians, Gus Ament - Sebastopol Sunrise and Dan Bornstein – Santa Rosa

**President Puccinelli** noted that today Rotary has over 25 guests including; vocational students and their families, Analy teachers, Casey Shae, Ann Humphrey, Amy Nelson, Tomi Smith, and El Molino teachers, Chris Correa, John Novak, and Seth Friesen.

**Tom Dilley** introduced his wife **Pat**. **Tom** also introduced guests Debbie and Samantha Gonzales.

## Future Programs

May 15, 2015

Speaker: **Ray Johnson, Director**  
Program: **The Wine Business Institute at SSU**

May 22, 2015

Speaker: **Team from District 3060 in India**  
Program: **Rotary Friendship Exchange**

May 29, 2015

Speaker: **Eric Johnson from IOTA Press**  
Program: **The Wine Business Institute at SSU Antique Printing Methods**

June 5, 2015

Speaker: **Keith Woods, North Bay Builders Exchange**  
Program: **30 Years of The Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame**

## Future Events

Debunking!!

June 19, 2015

## Handy Links

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

## Miscellany

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:15 p.m.  
Location: New!! Vanguard Properties Office  
The Barlow in Sebastopol  
6790 McKinley Street Suite 120

**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?

Analy High: 12:40 Most Wednesdays In Choir Room (Check with Bob Hirsch, Jack Dunlap, Ted Baggett)  
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 !!!**

President Ron introduced his **First Lady Lynda Puccinelli**.

**Bob Cugini** introduced Willie and his wife **Julie**.

**Jim Passage** introduced guests Andrea Hagan Schmitz, Vanguard Properties and Judy Serkissian, Mirabel Lodge.

**Harry Polley** introduced Marisol Vigil.

## Announcements

Debunking June 19 : **Gene Nelson** announced the debunking of **President Ron Puccinelli**. The dinner and show will be held at the Community Church in Sebastopol where festivities will start with appetizers and drinks on the patio at 6:00 pm. Tickets are on sale now for \$45. The show will be a whimsical comedic horror story in which **The Pooch** encounters ghosts of past presidents [Whimsical?? –Ed.]

Ricky's Big Announcement: On October 3, we are having a party "til the cows come home!!" under the tents at O'Reilly Media. SAVE THE DATE and tell your friends that the "60's are back."

Learn to Swim

**Rick Wilson** gave an update that the *Learn to Swim* program is 3/4 done for the year. Volunteers have been great and have encountered all kinds of weather conditions. Rick noted that he could not decide whether it was the kids who were having more fun or the swim instructors. Rotary Club volunteers include **Greg Jacobs, Jack Dunlap, Jim Passage, Richard Peterson, Vince Da Luiso, Monica Kretschmer, Alain Serkissian, Mario Ramos,** and Michael McGlothlin, Linda Sinkay. *Special kudos to **Mario** who has been there every single day!!*

In addition, we could not have done it without the support of Rotary families. **Rick** recognized **Diana** and **Danelle Wilson, Cindy Carter, Olivia Jacobs, Tim Langermann** and, **Ann Hill**.

Rotary Foundation

**Sally Ewald** excitedly told our club that our goals were met and that Sebastopol Rotary went "Over the Top in Foundation Giving"

**Sally** celebrated the wrap up of Foundation Month with a drawing of raffle tickets earned by foundation giving. Today, the Foundation Table was beautifully decorated and held many, many donated items from club members. Everyone was a winner but the raffle prizes added to the fun.



## Jim Passage and Music and Memory



**Ron Puccinelli** proudly informed the club that **Jim Passage** was nominated and selected for the District 5130 Individual Service to Club award. This award was given to **Jim** for his efforts on behalf of people with Alzheimer's disease.

**Jim and Judy Serkissian** from Mirabel Mirabel Lodge Senior Living Community were given the podium to present this local Alzheimer project. There are at least 5 million dementia patients in the United States and there are roughly 9,000 dementia patients in Sonoma County. Music and Memory, a non-profit in New York State, has developed and perfected a program that has demonstrated real help. With this iPod music program residents are more social, more talkative and exhibit more engaged speech.

Mirabel Lodge has prepared for this program by identifying the fifteen Mirabel residents most in need of socialization, by contacting their families, purchasing the needed equipment, and preparing play lists and handling music acquisition. Now we need 5 - 7 Rotarians or Friends who can volunteer for 1 – 1.5 hours one afternoon a week, for three months.



## Recognitions



**Brendan Houston** celebrated his February 21, birthday by attending a concert.

**Barbara Bickford** celebrated her April 11, anniversary at the local Village Inn.



## The Raffle



**Frank Mayhew** had the winning raffle ticket but won no money but lots of candy. Did he share?



## Trade Paths Awards



Rotary started as a group of businessmen who shared their Vocations with each other and the community. This week we honor that history through our annual program "Trade Paths Awards" highlighting student vocational activities and excellence. This year nine students were singled out for a variety of skills and paths -- media, culinary, entrepreneurial, shop.... plus imagination!

Many thanks to committee Chair **Mike Carey**. His committee members were **Torrey Olson, Nao Noguchi, Tony Given, Rick Williams, Rollie Atkinson** and **Tom Boag**. Many hours went into the planning and selection of students. We applaud their dedication to this wonderful educational program. Give them a good hand for a job well done!

Mike introduced guests -- students and their invitees, then turned the mike over to emcee, Jimmy Fallon, aka **Rick Williams**.



Austin Crane El Molino Sr. Culinary/Woodwork

Teacher John Novak nominated Austin for representing the 3 R's (Reliable, Responsive, Resourceful) in all he does. He is a talented cook. Austin and would like to own his own bakery and make a name for himself in Sonoma County's culinary industry.



Henry Feige EI Molino Sr. Broadcasting/Video

Teacher Seth Friesen nominated Henry for all of the video productions he has done for the school including graduations. Henry has a bright digital media future in front of him and he also likes anything with an engine. Henry is happiest working on videos and lawn mowers. Down the road, he would like to work in a television studio or a small engines shop.



Denise Torres EI Molino Sr. Culinary Arts

Teacher Chris Correa nominated Denise for her great talent and skills in the classroom and the restaurant business while working full-time at the Walter Hansel Wine Bistro as a line cook. When Mr. Correa fell and was unable to be at a Russian River Rotary fundraiser, Denise took control and ran the event from the EI Molino kitchen. She guided five other students for a three-course meal for 30 guests. A hard worker and a problem solver with a passion for culinary arts and floral design, Denise sees a future as a successful R.N. in a hospital.



Mason Hoffman Analy HS Jr. Project MAKE

Teacher Casey Shea nominated Mason for his entrepreneurial methods and his winning ways. Mason produces and sells a variety of his custom and personalized Analy school key chains in a way that makes his products hard to resist.

Cameron Silzle Analy Sr. Video Production

Teacher Ann Humphrey nominated Cameron as a class leader who helps others with their projects and to improve their skills. His video, "Safe Schools Dropoff" have had an impact on local middle schools as did his "Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year." Cameron was The Press Democrat community service award finalist in journalism/media. He would like to be a camera man for 'Vice News', aka 'raw journalism.'



Quiana Stoddard Analy Jr. Project MAKE

Teacher Casey Shea nominated her for great entrepreneurial spirit. One of her projects has resulted in the production of bamboo surfboard magnets which can be found at Night Lights Surf Shop. Her partner in this venture is fellow junior Cole Spillman. Quiana has a five-year plan that includes a Stanford MA in mechanical engineering - then going on to design and develop revolutionary green technology.

Taylor White Analy Sr. Communications/Production

Teacher Amy Nelson nominated her for work as yearbook editor and her superior skills in design. Her favorite moments are opening that box containing the year's reflections in print and design that impacts the entire student body and community in a positive way. Her business manager Nikki Josephs has the 'eagle eye' and both are heavily involved in transforming blank pages to artful, creative details and ideas.



Kiara Doughty Analy Soph. Advanced Culinary

Teacher Tomi Smith nominated Kiara for her work done in two years of culinary classes, most recently advanced culinary. Kiara works at Rosa's Restaurant, as a French pastry chef. While she sees a future as an attorney in 10 years, however she is not ruling out the restaurant business or opening a bakery. If happiness is a skill (which it is!), Kiara is most happy in her kitchen, baking anything.



Miles Horobin, Henry Moore Analy Sophs. Project MAKE

Teacher Casey Shea nominated Miles and Henry. While the need is not critical at this very moment, Miles' creations -- custom mud flaps for mountain bikes, might be just a few storms away. Miles and partner Henry Moore have already attracted interests from Breakaway Bikes (Cotati) and other bike specialty shops in California and beyond. Both students are active mountain bike racers and were featured in the April 15 Press Democrat sports section.

Who would have thought we had a Johnny Carson in our Club but now we know it is **Rotarian Rick Williams** (Harmony Farm Supply). What wonderful questions and interactions with all of our student winners to wrap up the meeting.

**Rick** is an avid supporter of this program and has been quoted "While the monetary awards are modest, the students are making /carving / baking / and producing a name for themselves and their future ventures." This program is a great way to show the range of Rotary's reach into community, and is an ideal way to show guests and prospective members the diversity of Rotary programs.

 **The Final Bell** 

**President Ron** thanked all the students, teachers and families for making this a memorable meeting for all. He closed the meeting at 1:35 P.M. with the ringing of the Rotary Bell, five minutes late. The meeting was so vibrant he couldn't help himself. In fact, one of our vocational students didn't get time to present his video and is returning next week so we can honor his achievements at Analy High School.

 **After the Final Bell** 

Rotarians Having Fun

Happy Hour was at Mexico Lindo in Graton starting at 5:00 pm with great food and live music. Early birds had some treats awaiting them.

Sale Sale Sale

Get you Rotary Shirts NOW– All items ½ off or \$10 maximum. Get one before they are all gone! (and hopefully soon.)

# SCROOGE THE POOCH

The Debunking of Ron Puccinelli

June 19, 2015 ♦ 6:00 ♦ Community Church



6:00

Appelizers and Drinks on the patio.  
Be sure to try Marie's famous Italian Margaritas!

7:00

Family style Italian Dinner just like Mama Puccinelli used to make.  
Buon cibo, buon vino, buoni amici!

8:00

Scrooge the Pooch.  
A whimsical comedic horror story in which The Pooch encounters  
ghosts of past presidents and gets a terrifying glimpse of the future, all  
while making a Really Big Decision.  
But don't worry, it has a happy ending... Or does it?



### [How a global grant helped even more people in Ecuador](#)

Rotary members in California, USA, began helping poor communities in Ecuador through microcredit loans several years ago. When the Rotary Club of Marin Evening decided to take on a global grant project, it partnered with a microcredit organization in the province of Esmeraldas to extend its impact. They got other clubs involved to offer many more poor women small loans and training that will help them expand their businesses.

- [Read more about the global grant project](#)
- [Find out how your club or district can put together a global grant project](#)
- [Browse other economic development projects on Rotary Showcase](#)

**GIVE**

## Vocational training teams

**Making a difference in Uganda**

Sixteen mothers die in childbirth in Uganda every day. That fact prompted Ryan Smith, a medical student at Drexel University College of Medicine in Pennsylvania, USA, to ask his Rotarian father how they could make a difference. The answer was a global grant project that has connected Drexel staff with counterparts at Makerere University School of Health Sciences in Kampala, Uganda, in an exchange of ideas aimed at reducing childbirth-related mortality and morbidity.

- [Read Lisa Miller's blog post about the project](#)
- [Learn about global grant-supported vocational training teams](#)
- [Support a hospital project in Mukono, Uganda](#)

## Rotary Peace Symposium

### How do you measure peace?

After successfully building two international software companies, Australian entrepreneur and philanthropist Steve Killelea decided to dedicate most of his time and fortune to sustainable development and peace. His efforts include the Global Peace Index, a measure he created to quantify peace. Killelea will be a keynote speaker at the Rotary Peace Symposium and the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo.

- [Read an interview with Killelea](#)
- [Register for the convention](#)
- [Visit the Convention Insider blog for news and tips about the convention](#)
- [Join a discussion on peace](#)

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- [Find out how to create a My Rotary account](#)
- [Update your club membership by 1 July](#)
- [Learn more about the new club invoice](#)



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- [Or, if you prefer, return the completed Rotary Direct enrollment form](#)
- [Learn more about our Annual Fund](#)



## Announcements

### Increase in the additional dues for Council on Legislation

Your July club invoice will reflect an increase in the additional dues collected for Council on Legislation expenses. The amount has increased from \$1 to \$1.50 per member. This is the first time the additional dues have increased since 2002, and the money will help Rotary meet Council expenses in 2016 and future years.

- [See an FAQ about the dues increase](#)
- [Contact us with your questions about the increase](#)
- [Learn more about the Council on Legislation](#)

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### Resources & reference

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

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

[Rotary Images: Download photos to use in your club or district publications](#)

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