

**HEALDSBURG ROTARY SUNRISE CLUB
KRUG EVENT CENTER
MEETING SUMMARY**

DATE: Wednesday, 16 December 2015

ATTENDANCE: 35/47 74.47%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Bert Terreri led the group and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag .

ROTARY MOMENT/ INSPIRATION:

Ann Marie Montecucollo quoted Ebenezer Scrooge from *A Christmas Carol*:
I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the past, the present and the future. The spirits of all three will strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach.

And it was always said of him that you know how to keep Christmas well. If any man alive has the knowledge may that be truly said of us all. And so, as Tiny Tim observed, "God bless us all!"

SINGING:

The group concluded our pre-Christmas festival of song by singing *Deck the Halls* and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*. **This was followed by the singing of *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*, led by Patrick Llrena, who will be our choirmaster when we perform at the Healdsburg Senior living center Thursday of this week. (Thursday, Healdsburg Senior Living Center, Grove Street, 5:00 PM – sheet music will be provided).**

GUESTS:

1. Patrick Llrena, Choirmaster
2. Frank Scalercio, Special Assistant to the Vice President, Sonoma State University
3. Pat Fuscaldo, head basketball coach, Sonoma State University

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Herb Liberman recently visited Portland, Oregon. He brought back a refrigerator magnet for President Lee Morton depicting umbrellas as "The Rose City" is known for its persistent inclement weather.

RECOGNITIONS: / HAPPY DOLLARS:

1. **Lance Cottrell** is happy to announce that he will be getting a personal tour of the **Tesla** factory in the East Bay later today. Incidentally he will be picking up his new vehicle at the same time. He would like to commemorate this was an appreciable donation to eradicate polio.

2. **Nancy Palombo** recently visited The North Pole and because she is so grateful for having done that, she too will make a donation.
3. **Pam Moulton** delivered the gifts provided by our Club and other numerous volunteers to the charter school in Middletown, which is now open. All of the recipients were most appreciative of the gifts that they received.

RAFFLE:

Herb Liberman, much deserving member, held the lucky ticket. Unfortunately he blew it when he failed to pick one of the two numbers that reside between 46 and 49. Not bad, he was only off by one number. Better luck next time around. Enjoy breakfast next year.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COMPETITION:

By prior arrangement and notification, many members presented themselves in festive and ridiculous attire commemorative of the holiday season. A panel of wise and judgmental men, including one jurist, presided over the competition. They are all impeccable men of high moral fiber and sound judgment. Prizes were awarded (sold?) to many members in categories that have rarely been heard of before, and will not be long remembered. That being said, a good time was had by all. Please take a look at the photo gallery on the Club runner webpage for our Club to see if you could pick the overall winner.

PROGRAM:

Pat Fuscaldo, head basketball coach at Sonoma State University for the past 21 years, gave a very entertaining history of his early development with many stories of fun, intriguing and interesting encounters in his Italian-American community. These stories displayed a very warm and human side of a highly successful basketball coach at Sonoma State. He has been named coach of the year for the California State Athletic Association and has a highly successful basketball program with a virtual 100% graduation rate from all of his players. The average GPA of players on his basketball team is 3.3.

Athletics at Sonoma State University is not on a scholarship program, each sport receives most of its income and support from outside sources. Despite working with a very limited budget, he is able to recruit and retain outstanding players. Through the years of working with him as their coach, they learn to become excellent students, caring and compassionate members of society, and play exciting basketball.

Throughout his presentation, he could not say enough about the good qualities of the students at Sonoma State. Their primary reason for being there is an education, sports are secondary. This is reflected in Pat's philosophy about life in which he places responsibilities first with God, second with family, third with education and fourth with sports. They all work together to create a rich and full life for his students. Priority must be maintained in order for that to be successful.

Pat is also quick to point out the successes of many of the other programs at Sonoma State University, including women's soccer, women's softball and baseball (one of the winningest coaches in NCAA history).

He was accompanied by Frank Scalercio, Assistant to the Vice President of Administration and Finance. Both Pat and Frank encouraged Club members to come to some games and capture the excitement and enthusiasm of the players and the students. The quality of the play is outstanding the sportsmanship is always great, it's close to home, and relatively inexpensive.

All of the members appreciated his openness and warm conversational nature of presenting the value of sports as part of an overall education.

Members who would like to receive complimentary admission to sporting events may contact Frank Scalercio at frank.scalercio@sonoma.edu.

REMINDER:

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - HEALDSBURG SENIOR LIVING CENTER

THURSDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2015

5:00 PM.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR JESTER HATS

***THE RESIDENTS OF THE FACILITY ARE ALWAYS EAGER TO HEAR SPIRITED
YOUNG PEOPLE SING SONGS THAT ARE RECOGNIZED BY EVERYONE***

NEXT MEETING:

**Tayman Park, at the Healdsburg Municipal Golf Course, at our usual time on
Wednesday, 6 January 2015**

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pile, Club Secretary

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Members are encouraged **to reserve the date of Thursday, 28 January** when our club will be hosting the **SCARC program at the Krug event center**. This will be a full dinner meeting. We are hopeful that at least 20 or 30 club members will be present as we discuss Wonder League and how that has promoted the image of Rotary in the community as well as provided a vital and worthwhile experience for all of the people involved with the program.