

**ROTARY CLUB of HEALDSBURG SUNRISE
TAYMAN PARK
MEETING SUMMARY**

DATE: Wednesday, 6 January 2016

ATTENDANCE: 36/47 75%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Past Pres. Pam Moulton led the group and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Nancy Palombo shared with the group her reflections on reading the Rotarian magazine for the past two or three months. She has been impressed with the extraordinary contributions of Rotarians to activities in their community as well as throughout the world. These articles prompted her to think of the outstanding group of people that are members of the Rotary Club of Healdsburg Sunrise and what they have to offer in terms of service, as well as the unique set of experiences and skills that are used to deliver these services. She is thankful to be a member of our Club and inspires each of us to continue giving to the best of our abilities.

SINGING:

Don't Fence Me In was sung with some enthusiasm.

GUESTS:

1. **Chris Cook**, Special Guest of Will Seppi
2. **Jack Mallinson**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Carla Howell** has been appointed as coordinator for the anniversary dinner to be held on 1 April 2016. More details will be forthcoming. She is interested in having committee members to help work on this annual project.
2. **January is Vocational Month** throughout District 5130. At each meeting, an attempt will be made to highlight the vocation of one or more members in our Club, as well as focusing on service within the vocational area.
3. **President Lee Morton** reports that storage space is being developed in the basement of Tayman Park for our Club accoutrements. (Excuse my French!).

RECOGNITIONS / HAPPY \$:

Jerry Anderson is a grandfather.

George Dutton acknowledged the victory of the California Golden Bears over the Air Force Academy in the recent Armed Forces Bowl.

George Lawson acknowledged the victory of the Stanford Tree over Iowa in the Rose Bowl. (George Dutton was also pleased to see Iowa tromped by a PAC-12 team, much as Iowa tromped California in the 1959 Rose Bowl – bitter memories).

Dan Erickson reported his forthcoming retirement later this year.

Colleen Householder thanked the **Interact Club** for the packets of clothing and other essentials that they provided to the homeless population of Sonoma County.

Pam Everson reports that the **Presents Project** went off without a hitch. 99 families were served.

Pam Moulton had the members of the Club who participated in the Christmas caroling at the Healdsburg Senior Living Center stand and be acknowledged by singing a chorus of *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*

Sean Shields reported that over \$400 was raised through Change for a Change program through the first six months of this Rotary year. He encouraged members to continue being generous with their weekly donations.

Andy Esquivel reported that the **Interact Club** has been very active. They conducted a successful sock drive, Presents Project, assisted at the crab feed, and that a busy slate is ahead of them for the coming year. They have received an allocation from the Noon Club for their service at the crab feast and are trying to decide where they would like to provide that money for service.

A special presentation was made to **Archie Julian** for his contributions to the "fun" that is had at Club meetings. He received a red light globe presumably worn by Rudolph. Pres. Morton asked members to imagine that it was Brown, and that it would be worn by Archie, much as it has been worn by Rudolph.

RAFFLE:

John Holt was the doubly lucky participant in the raffle today. Not only was his number chosen, but he successfully, in blazing speed, chose a number between 48 and 50 (49) that was the key to the winning pot. He was so excited with his victory, that he forgot to ask how much was present. It was probably not enough.

CRAFT TALK:

New member, **Tim Preston**, gave a craft talk as part of his transition from "red badge" to "blue badge". Tim is from a family that has been in agriculture in Sonoma County for several generations. His family had a dairy ranch in Windsor in the early 1950s. They currently have vineyards and a winery in Dry Creek Valley.

Tim has always had an interest in becoming an archaeologist and in his early 30s wanted to test the waters in this academic pursuit by volunteering at an archaeological site in Belize. He worked eight weeks as a volunteer, and enjoyed it so much that he returned and continued going back for the next 11 or 12 years. The third year he was on the staff of the organization and when he left the program, he was its assistant director.

He met his wife, Sarah, who was also participating in the archaeology program and they were married shortly thereafter.

He is currently working, with his wife, in real estate. He teaches at a community college in Berkeley, bringing the world of archaeology to life for his students.

PROGRAM:

The remainder of the meeting was spent in a Club Assembly format.

FUNDRAISING:

Diane Bucher presented an update on the status of the **Wine and Dine fundraiser**. Tickets have been printed and will be presented in the next one or two weeks. **Each ticket sells for \$100, each member will be responsible for selling or buying two tickets**, the drawing will be held in late February. If all tickets are sold (100) the Club will realize a net profit of approximately \$9000.

Brad Benson gave an update on the **Duck Dash**. Ticket prices will be increased to \$10 per ticket. Attempts are being made to obtain sponsors for each of the "heats" of the race. Shawn McCaffrey is working with the city to allow us to locate the race course on one of the diagonal pathways through the center of the plaza to make it a more central part of our event. Members are still encouraged to participate at the same level they participated in the past, or possibly more.

Jim Brenton presented an overview of our **forthcoming SCARC meeting. This will be held on Thursday, 28 January**. It will feature details of how we have set up and run our Wonder League program and the benefits this has had for our Club as well as the community. Members are encouraged to attend, (free drinks!) hoping that we will have at least 15-20 members present to showcase our Club to the remaining Rotary Clubs in Sonoma County. Members are also encouraged to wear their jester hat, or any apparel that is affiliated with the Wonder League program.

Jim also reminded members of the **anniversary dinner** on 1 April 2016. This will be held at the **Mugnaini pizza oven outlet on Grove Street**.

George Dutton presented a list of **potential speakers** for the coming months. He encouraged members to contact him with the names of additional people or topics that they would like to have discussed. There are two "outing" meetings tentatively scheduled, at Shone Farms as part of the Santa Rosa Junior College culinary program as well as at Cousteau bakery at their new production facility. (Dan Erickson has scheduled the May 5, 2016 Club social at Cousteau production facility.)

Lee Morton reported on the **treasurers report** from our last Board of Directors meeting. We are at a "**break-even**" point, meaning that **ticket sales and revenue from our fundraising events are of critical importance to the Club in order that we not go into our reserves for this year**.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 13 January 2016 at Tayman Park, 7:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pile, Club Secretary