

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

DATE: Wednesday, 2 March 2016

ATTENDANCE: 30/47 63.8%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Bonnie Headley led the iPledge and the group followed.

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Jay Beckwith on homeless children:

Most homeless kids are on the streets because they have been forced by circumstances that caused them to think that they are safer there than in any home in which they have lived.

SINGING:

Three Blind Mice was sung by the group. It took one time through to get the words and melody (yes, distant recall does still work). After that the song was sung as a round which left everybody totally bewildered by the cacophonous sounds of too many people speaking at once. The fabric, or melody, could still be ascertained and it was what held the whole process together. Does this bear any semblance to our current political primary process?.

GUESTS:

1. Richard Cafferato, Homeless Services Coordinator for Northern Sonoma Services
2. Erica Jimenez, Rotaract VP, student from Santa Rosa Junior College, program speaker
3. Zachary Vallery, Healdsburg High School, food insecurity spokesman,
4. Harry Hubbell, Healdsburg High School Interact member, food insecurity spokesperson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Richard Cafferato made a presentation as Director of Homeless Services coordinator for Northern Sonoma County Services. He is working one-on-one with the homeless in northern Sonoma County. He is presenting a program on art in an effort to educate the community about the homeless, as well as to involve homeless people in creating art that will also support their cause. Part of the outreach program is to provide food vouchers or cards for eating establishments that participants obtain when they come to the program. His art program, Art Zone For The Homeless, will be presented at the Healdsburg regional Library on March 3, 10, 24 and April 7 from 1:30

PM to 3 PM. Free instruction and materials will be provided to the homeless participants along with gift cards for meals at McDonald's, etc. \$255 was raised in donations to support this program.

2. Zachary Valery and Harry Hubbell presented an overview of the program relating to food insecurity experienced by homeless people. They are raising funds for the Food Bank by going on a 24 hour fast from 3/11-3/12. Money raised from this project will go to the Redwood Empire Food Bank to help procure supplies for the various food pantries around the county that supply food to the homeless. A pledge sheet was passed around for collections.

3. Diane Bucher and Bonnie Headley give a listing of other members on the Fundraising Committee: George Dutton, Brad Benson, Lee Morton, Tim Preston, Sarah Preston. The committee will meet following next week's regular meeting and other interested Club members are invited to attend. Wine and Dine tickets have not been picked up by several members. All are to be sold by the drawing which will be held on 3/16. Sponsorships are starting to be solicited for the Duck Dash. Perks for sponsors would include their logo on our banners and flyers and possibly T-shirts. Lee Morton is our first sponsor. All members felt that it was important that we have value stubs on the ticket for redemption of local merchants at discounted prices for their services.

4. Carla Howell reminded members of the Anniversary Dinner to be held on the evening of 1 April 2016 at 5:30 PM at the Hudson Street tasting room. The Fools Cup will be presented at that time. Tickets are \$35 per person, and this is a mandatory event for all Club members.

5. Larry Orr requests that a brief meeting of the Scholarship Committee be held after the meeting today.

RAFFLE:

Guest Harry Hubbell held the winning ticket but was unable to guess the number that Lee Morton had stored in his head, but which he also happens to write down on a piece of paper. In lieu of a free breakfast, the Club will make an additional \$10 donation to the food insecurity program that Harry presented today.

RECOGNITIONS:

Vince Dougherty had another birthday and made a generous contribution to the Wonder League program.

Philippe Hobson made some reference to counting doors that seemed to go nowhere.

Will Seppi tore pages out of the recent Rotarian magazine describing projects that are similar to those that we are doing in our Club and District. This point I think was that we are all capable of doing world-class Rotary functions in our Club.

New member certificates were presented to Chris Call after his formal induction into the Club as our newest member last week.

PROGRAM:

Erika Jimenez, Vice President of the Rotaract Club at the Santa Rosa Junior College presented a program on telemedicine in developing countries. Global Offsite Care.

Erika has been involved with Rotary since she spent a year in Germany as a long-term exchange student when she was 15 years old. She was sponsored by the Windsor Rotary Club at that time and has remained active in their International Program since her return.

Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise has been involved with telemedicine since they were approached by Dr. James Gude, an internist in the community, who has an interest in bringing specialty consultation to remote sites that lack such expertise. He has developed a telemedicine consultation program and implemented it for Northern California hospitals. It was only a natural extension of this program to the international community.

Sebastopol Sunrise has been involved with the program since its onset. Their stated goal is to spread the benefits of telemedicine worldwide in providing high quality care to the underserved using affordable technology.

The concept behind telemedicine is quite simple. It requires a computer (laptop, tablet), a web camera and an Internet connection. This technology can easily be connected with the central hub at Sonoma West Medical Center where Dr. Gude is located.

Cases are discussed once a week, on Wednesday mornings, usually highlighting a case from one of the outlying countries. Dr. Gude presents an overview of diagnosis, and then speaks in practical terms about management. The learning is a two-way process, with the doctors from the outlying underserved areas giving clinical insight as to how they manage diagnosis and treatment without all of the expensive, highly technical equipment that is available to Western medicine. Dr. Gude, and other specialists involved with conducting the grand rounds, in turn relate what clinical parameters correlate with the information gleaned from our technological approach to medicine.

Ultimately, those residing in the underserved countries have access to a much richer spectrum of medical diagnostic considerations and treatment options.

Currently the program exists through hubs in the Philippines, Nigeria, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, the Bahamas and Nepal.

The program is funded through grants from Rotary Clubs within District 5130, District 5130, and Rotary International. Nine Clubs from District 5130 have contributed over \$13,000. The district contributes a matching amount, and Rotary International matches the district contribution plus 50% of that contributed by the Clubs. Rotary Club of Healdsburg Sunrise is not one of them.

A new hub is being developed in Nahan, India and donations and volunteers are needed to help establish this hub. India already has infrastructure ,including Internet, which would make establishment of a hub much more easily accomplished. Each hub needs to have a sponsoring Rotary Club that is reliable in terms of assuring that funds sent to them are used for the project. Currently this project is approximately \$5,000 shy of its objective.

Members wishing to contact Erika or to speak with the Rotarians from Sebastopol Sunrise who are involved with the project may use the following contact information:

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The project website is found at:
<http://www.globaloffsitecare.org/theproject.shtml>

NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, 9 March 2016
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Maasai village, Tanzania-Global Partners Development Board

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pile, Club Secretary