

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

DATE: Wednesday, 9 March 2016

ATTENDANCE: 33/46 73.3%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Richard Hillman recited the Pledge of Allegiance and was followed by the rest of the group.

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Jim Brenton offered the following quotes:

George Clooney: *You never really learn much from hearing yourself talk.*

Helen Keller: *The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.*

SINGING:

It's A Long Way To Tipperary was sung with much gusto by the group. This was a common song in the Irish Army during WWI. A more well-known Irish song will be introduced at next week's meeting, in commemoration of St. Patrick's Day.

GUESTS:

1. Nita Parker, Noon Club of Healdsburg
2. Dave Stare, Board Chairman for Global Partnership For Development
3. Lee Stare, wife of Dave Stare
4. Alais Morindat, Arkaria, Tanzania, Program Speaker
5. Amy Holter, GPFD

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Shawn McCaffrey informed members that our Club is sponsoring a **St. Patrick's Day concert in the Plaza on Wednesday, 16 March from 12-1:00 PM**. A poster outlining all of the events of that day is attached to this report.
2. Nita Parker, Noon Club, invited members to participate in having **their hair painted green on Wednesday, 16 March at Cousteau bakery at 6:30 AM**. Members can obtain pledges from friends to have this done. The money raised will go towards projects of the Noon Club. She also informed members of the **World's Greatest Meal to be served at Mary's pizza in Cloverdale on Tuesday evening, 15 March**. 20% of the proceeds will be given to polio plus provided patrons provide a **flyer indicating that they are affiliated with Rotary. This will be sent to members by President Lee**.
3. Shaun Shields reports that a famous person participated in the End Polio program in Mexico by administering vaccine (the Pope)! We should all

- continue to support our polio eradication program by contributing to Change for Change.
4. Larry Orr reports that fundraising is underway for the **scholarship program**. He asked members to participate in purchasing ads in our program to help defray some of the costs as well as to raise additional money for the program.
 5. Will Seppi announced that there will be a **Community Social** with various service clubs to be held on **April 26 at the Robert Young winery**. This is free. Wine will be provided. Members who attend are encouraged to bring an appetizer to share.
 6. Diane Bucher reminded members that the drawing for our **Wine and Dine** event will be held next Wednesday evening. Members are encouraged to turn in all of their ticket stubs and money by next Wednesday morning.
 7. Herb Liberman reports that through our club, individual club members, and other interested community members, **45 scholarships have been awarded to students at the Kuriani School in Kenya**. Each scholarship represents a full year's tuition, room and board for a student.
 8. Dan Erickson asks members to hold the date, **Wednesday, 31 August 2016, for our annual Giants versus Diamondbacks baseball game at AT&T Park**. This will be an all-day affair with a noon game. We will be Dark that Wednesday.
 9. Brad Benson reports on his attendance at the **PET training** in San Jose, along with 430 other president-elect's,

RECOGNITIONS:

Manuel Ramos was recognized for having received cash donations from the club at an earlier meeting for his new child. He reports that this money has been invested in an educational fund, and because of his diligence, he will not be fined at this time.

RAFFLE:

Lance Cottrell once again held the winning ticket, but even with his fast previous experience, was unable to read the mind of Pres. Lee and couldn't even conjure a number between 1 and 10 correctly. Just another free breakfast!

PROGRAM:

Alias Morindat, from Tanzania, gave an overview of the development of this country since 1961 when Tanzania became independent up until the present time. His talk focused primarily on the Masai, a group of indigenous people, who have been systematically neglected by the government. He recounted the efforts that were necessary to establish a vibrant and thriving community amongst the Masai through collective action.

Tanzania was one of the first countries in Africa to obtain their independence from Britain without any form of violent revolution. Since gaining their independence, Tanzania has become more developed and enjoys some degree of economic stability.

One group of people within the country, the Masai, living in the Serengeti desert, were left out of the advances and improvements in living conditions that came with independence. Despite infrastructure improvements throughout the rest of the country, people living in the Maasai territories received no schools, no roads, no other facilities, no other infrastructure such as water or electricity. In fact, they were treated as a nuisance population and their children were sent to boarding schools, depriving them of their cultural heritage. Alais was taken to a boarding school at age 6. He ultimately met friends from the United States and Ireland who convinced him that a better education could be obtained abroad. They helped him achieve entrance to undergraduate school in Dublin where he completed the degree and went on to get a Masters degree in economic development.

After school he returned to Tanzania to help his people, the Masai. The Masai have three pillars to their society. This includes the natural resources including grass, water, trees and mountains. It also includes the livestock that the people raise, namely cattle, goats, sheep and other farm animals. The third pillar supporting their culture is the people themselves and their traditions. These were all in danger of being taken away from them as economic progress developed.

With the help of the Global Partners For Development he has helped them to regain these resources that have been lost. The Masai are no longer so marginalized as they have been in the past, are beginning to regain their voice and are not subjected to the extreme degree of manipulation that came their way in the past.

He gave a telling story of his father telling him what it takes to survive. His father said that there is always pain, frustration, anxiety, worry and fear in life. You can accept that or you can die. In order to survive you must turn all of those feelings into love and through that develop a sense of happiness. Whereas in the past each of those feelings suggested loss of power, by turning them into love and happiness new opportunities are presented. One must open one's eyes and move ahead.

Having the entire population share in this collaborative outlook that has allowed the Maasai people to regain some of their stature and place in society and to have some security that their way of life will be maintained. Much of this has come about with the help of the Global Partnership For Development funding and assistance.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 16 March 2016. Mike Mullen, former District Atty. of Sonoma County, currently Dean of Empire College of Law

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pile, Club Secretary