

HEALDSBURG ROTARY SUNRISE CLUB

MEETING SUMMARY Krug Event Center

DATE: Wednesday, 27 May 2015

ATTENDANCE: 33/48 68.75%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jack Malinson lead the group in the Salute to the Flag

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION: Diane Bucher provided the Light Up
Rotary inspiration:

***Risk** more than others think is safe, **Care** more than others think is wise, **Dream** more than others think is practical, **Expect** more than others think is possible*

SINGING: The group sang "In The Good Old Summertime", and had a good time doing it.

GUESTS:

1. Dale Knight, visiting Rotarian from Rohnert Park, Chairperson of District International Services
2. Greg Freitas, visiting Rotarian from Petaluma Sunrise Club, coordinator for Rotary Friendship Exchange
3. John Hackenberg, visiting Rotarian from Windsor
4. Henk Peters, visiting Rotarian from Healdsburg Noon Club
5. Maureen Merrill, visiting Rotarian from Windsor Club, past District Gov.
6. Ken Moulton, visiting Rotarian from Windsor Club, past District Gov.
7. Ciro Morales, special guest of Healdsburg Sunrise Rotary Club

Visiting Rotarians from India, as part of the Rotary Friendship Exchange, will be introduced later in the program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **President Pam** offered special recognitions and thank yous to all members who participated in the **scholarship program** that was held last week.
2. **Henk Peters** comes to offer participation in a tour of **Oliver Ranch** sponsored by the Noon Club. This will be held on Saturday, 19 September 2015 from 10 AM until noon. Cost is \$100 per person. Sign-up sheets will be circulated. Oliver Ranch is a special combination of the scenic beauty of Sonoma County coupled with sculptures from around the world. It is a unique experience, to be had nowhere else. The tour will be led by John Oliver.
3. **George Lawson** reported that the final **Wonder League** game will be played this coming Saturday at 10:30 at the Recreation Park in Healdsburg. This will be followed by a barbecue lunch presented by the Active 20/30 Club and an awards ceremony for all of the participants in the program.

4. **Shawn Shields** reminded members to contribute to “**Change for Change**” in hopes of reaching our goal of \$1,000 by the end of this month. He also reports that John Holt has returned from his surgery and can receive visitors at his home.
5. **Dan Erickson** reported that the **Club social, scheduled for 4 June 2015 will be postponed** because of scheduling conflicts. Club members will be notified when the next Club social will be held, possibly this month or definitely next month.
6. **Ed Smith**, Youth Services and Interact, reports that the Yohme Jones has been accepted for the Short-Term Exchange Program. She will attend our meeting on 17 June 2015 where she will receive a check for \$1,000 from the Club to help defray transportation expenses.
7. **Lee Morton**, incoming president, again asked members to **procure prizes for the Duck Dash** to be held in 5 weeks. Tickets are available and are distributed today to be sold by members, or to be returned by 1 July for sale on the day of the event.
8. **Jay Beckwith** reported on the success of our entry in the **FFA parade** and thank those members who either wrote in the car, pushed it (apparently had very little gasoline when it was picked up) or who walked in the parade and handed out information about our for July event.
9. Pres. Pam reminded members that **the parade picnic was a jester hat occasion** and that there will be some price to be paid for those members present (documented by photographs!) who were not wearing their jesters hat.
10. On **22 June 2015 the Noon Club is hosting a luncheon for former members of the Noon Club** who are in our Club to talk about the relationship and how things are going between the Clubs. This will be held at Damon Park at noon.

RECOGNITIONS:

1. **Shaun McCaffrey** will have a birthday on Saturday, 30 May 2015. He plans on attending a Little League game that day and going to a ballet recital.
2. **Eric Wagner** has finally come to the date of his birthday, having celebrated it on at least 2 separate occasions over the past 2 months by Pres. Pam's recognition.

RAFFLE:

Tim Preston held the winning ticket, unfortunately he could not extract the Joker from the ever diminishing number of cards left. There is no free lunch, but he is entitled to a free breakfast at the next meeting. Currently the pot stands at over \$350.

PROGRAM:

Pres. Pam introduced Rotarian Bipin Chhaged, who is the leader of the contingent from Rotary District 3060 from Gujarati province in India. He introduced each of the members from his team along with their spouses. Each person gave a brief description of himself, his or her relationship to Rotary, and their interests in participating in the Rotary Friendship Exchange.

District 3060 produced the President of Rotary International in the year 2010-11. The presence of the Friendship Exchange team here emphasizes the view of “one

world-one family” that exemplifies Rotary. It is their bond with Rotary that brought them to Sonoma County for this exchange.

Rotarian Bipin presented a slide show highlighting aspects of Rotary in his country and his district as well as focusing on the cultural and industrial aspects of his community. India has 34 Rotary International Districts, 3052 Rotary Clubs and 111,000 members. His district (3060) has 82 Clubs, 3600 Rotarians, 80 Rotaract Clubs, 70 Interact Club's and 68 Rotary Community Core programs. India has a population of 1.27 billion people, 4 times that of the United States. These people are concentrated in area approximately 1/3 the size of the United States. India is a world leader in farm output, ranking behind the United States. India is the hub of many textile industries, and the world's 4th largest denim cloth producer is based in Gujarati. Over 90% of the world's raw diamonds are finished and then exported all over the world from Gujarat province. They are also leaders in milk production in India. Mohandas Gandhi was born in Gujarat Tea is also one of their main crops.

India is a very diverse country that remains united despite having at least 6 major religions and numerous other ethnic groups. India is home of the Taj Mahal, one of the 7 Wonders of the World. It has lush forests and arid deserts. Numerous resorts are present that are world-class destinations. Multiple cooking traditions are present in India, and indeed food is one of their major interests. Throughout the year there are many festivals.

There are numerous photographs from his slideshow in the photo albums on our website on Club Runner. Members are encouraged to view these for reminder of what was discussed at the meeting.

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

An ounce of practice is worth more than a ton of preaching.

Mohandas Gandhi

The next meeting will be held on 3 June 2015 at the Krug Event Center.

*Members are reminded of the **VISIONING ACTIVITY** that will take place on the evening of Tuesday, 9 June 2015 in the library at Healdsburg Junior High School. The program begins at 445, dinner will be served, and the program will end by 9 o'clock. This is an opportunity to reorient our focus for the coming 5-10 years.*

Respectfully submitted,

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