

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

DATE: Wednesday, 30 September 2015, 7:15 AM

ATTENDANCE: 31/49 63.72%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Colleen Householder led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Lee Morton offered this reflection :

*Have you ever looked back and thought of some people that you dated or wanted to date and saw their picture later on Facebook and thought "**My God, did I dodge that bullet!**"*

SINGING:

America (My Country 'Tis Of Thee) was sung with a great deal of confidence by the entire group. (or so it seemed).

GUESTS:

1. Chris Vanden Heuvel, Special Guest of Andy Esquivel
2. Brian Ling, Windsor Sunrise Rotary Club
3. Bruce O’Krepkie, Mayor of the Town of Windsor, featured speaker, Sunrise Rotary Windsor

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Pres. Lee Morton reviewed the activities of the recent JBOD meetings with the members. At the regular Board meeting, held on 16 September 2015, the Board received updates on the winter fundraising event, **Wine and Dine**, reminded members of our commitment to the **Foss Creek cleanup** project, got an update on the status of the Foundation and learned from the **Youth Services Committee** that we have been approved for a **long-term exchange program student**. The Board was also informed of our obligation to provide the **SCARC dinner** on the last Thursday in January (28 January 2016). The Board was also reminded that we have **donated \$1600 to the Valley Fire** through the Redwood credit union.

The second Board meeting was brief and consisted of presentations from the **Membership Committee, International Committee, and Club Services Committee**. Their plans for the coming year were reviewed. Of note was the fact that the international services committee had applied for a district grant of \$1000 for the Guinea-Bissau water project which was approved. Our Club will match this grant so we will be donating \$2000 to this fine project this year.

2. Pam Moulton has been working with people in Lake County regarding **donations for victims of the Valley Fire**. She is starting a project where families will receive shoeboxes filled with sundry items including toothpaste, toothbrushes,

makeup, combs, and other expendables that they may not be able to afford at this time. She is also working with the same group on a **Christmas Giving Tree** with the names of children and families being obtained with a list of items yet to be needed at that time of year. Members are encouraged to contribute wrapping paper and time as well as items for this gift.

3. Richard Hillman gave a brief presentation on the **Veterans Breakfast**. John Reyes is no longer in charge of the event as he has left the Club. We are in need of a speaker, preferably a veteran from the WWII, the Korean War or the Vietnam War to speak to the group. Volunteers were sought to seek out such a person.

4. George Dutton reported on the **Alexander Valley film Society's upcoming festival** which will be held on October 22-25, 2015. Details are available at www.avfilmsociety.org.

5. Sean Shields reminded members of the **Change for Change** program. Although actual boxes are not yet in his possession, he encourage members to leave real money in virtual boxes on each table.

6. Manuel Ramos reported that there will be a **new member orientation** meeting at the home of Will Seppi on 15 October 2015 starting at 5:30 PM. Will's address is 626 Coughlin Rd. in Healdsburg.

7. Ann Marie Montecucollo has scheduled a meeting of the **Communications Committee** to follow this meeting.

8. Diane Bucher reports that the drawing for the winner of the **Wine and Dine** raffle will take place in mid-February. Today she circulated a list of restaurants, in hopes that people will add more restaurants and will be willing to contact one of the restaurants to solicit donations. We need to have the restaurants lined up so that tickets may be printed and be ready for sale well before the holiday season as they would make excellent Christmas gifts.

HAPPY DOLLARS:/ RECOGNITIONS:

George Dutton attended the 55th anniversary of Montgomery high school last weekend. It was a smashing success.

Brad Benson is happy that his son, after earning his masters degree five years ago, has completely paid back the \$95,000 in educational loans that he had to take out.

Diane Bucher and their family winery received more plaudits in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat. They will also be featured on C-SPAN television this coming weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

Lee Morton reports that his 23-year-old granddaughter had the sudden onset of paralysis and was admitted to the hospital on Thursday of last week. She made a complete recovery. The cause of her disability was unknown. She is fully functional at the present time.

Fred Walter recently had an anniversary as well as his 50th high school reunion.

Will Seppi, Terry Tremblay and Fred Walter all reported on their RFC challenge results. Will Seppi made his challenge and paid his \$100. Terry Tremblay and Fred Walter were not so lucky and paid a *heavier* fine.

Terry Tremblay also celebrated his 47th wedding anniversary

Archie Julian queried members about who had offered meals to Pres. Lee while his wife was out of town. Jack Vallerger had Lee out to dinner one night.

RAFFLE:

Ciro Morales was the lucky holder of the winning ticket. Once again, clever Lee cleverly concealed his conscripted number, which **Ciro** was unable to cipher. Better luck next time, **Ciro**. Enjoy your free breakfast!

PROGRAM:

Bruce O’Krepie, Mayor of the Town of Windsor, presented an overview of the activities that are going on in that community.

Windsor enjoys a relatively stable financial picture. Since the time of their incorporation they have leased police services from the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Department, leaving the Town of Windsor with no long-term liabilities for pensions. They are also part of a joint powers agreement (JPA) with the Rincon Valley Fire District and payment for that service comes from property taxes that are paid to Sonoma County.

Environmentally, Windsor is leading the way in energy and water conservation. They are a member of the PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) program under which citizens who make improvements that increase the efficiency of water usage can have the costs of those services put on their water bill to be paid over an extended period of time through funding from an outside source, that may include low interest investment funds. The slight increase in their water bill, paying for this set of improvements over time, is more than offset by the reduction in water bills for reduced use of water.

Windsor is also part of the Sonoma Clean Power Initiative and is virtually entirely supplied by that entity. In the past year the city of Windsor has saved over \$100,000 from what it would cost to have the same service provided by PG&E. One of the next subdivisions that is currently approved and will be starting soon, includes a dual piping system wherein recycled water will be used for outdoor irrigation and for toilet functions within the home. Clean water will be used for cooking, bathing and other uses of potable water.

Windsor is currently in the process of building an Oliver’s Market along with retail shops, senior housing and business offices on the east side of Old Redwood Highway west of the freeway. This will be completed in the next 6-12 months. They are also planning on 2 developments of apartment housing. One of these will be north of the Oliver’s shopping center and will have approximately 470 units; the other will be on Windsor Mill Road off Windsor River Road and will have approximately 400

apartments. There is a subdivision of 70 single-family detached homes that will be all solar powered and irrigated with drip systems is planned for the area just north of the Walmart shopping center off of Shiloh Road.

Perhaps the largest factor influencing Windsor at the present time is the Lytton Rancheria, a project which will incorporate approximately 1,000 acres on the west side of Windsor near Eastside Road. The Lytton tribe, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs wants to develop this as a residential area for their community. The city of Windsor, working with the Lytton tribe, has developed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the tribe that hopefully will be acceptable to the voters. This memorandum of agreement would include the building of approximately 260 homes that would follow the building codes set forth by the county. The tribe will be responsible for all property taxes which will be paid to the county and they will be making proposals in the next several years for possibly developing a winery and/or a resort in the area, for which they would pay all of the appropriate occupancy taxes to the county. Part of the mitigation plan would include the development receiving its water and sewer service from the Town of Windsor,. There would be a permanent restriction on gaming within a 4 mile radius of Windsor

The town of Windsor is hoping to get this memorandum of agreement enacted in a piece of legislation that would supersede the Bureau of Indian Affairs changing its content in the future. The current administrative structure in Windsor thinks that this is a good idea and is moving forward cautiously in hopes that a reasonable deal can be put together.

Additional highlights of the Windsor scene include Concerts on Thursday Nights that are attended by between 3,000-5,000 people, farmers markets on the weekends and the development of an arts committee to help decorate the two new roundabouts with appropriate sculpture and landscaping materials.

.NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 7 October 2015.

This meeting will feature a detailed discussion of the major fundraiser for the fall season, Wine and Dine, to be presented jointly by Bonnie Headley, Diane Bucher and Lee Morton.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pile, Club Secretary