

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

DATE: Wednesday, April 26, 2017

ATTENDANCE: 26/45 58%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Our newest member, Steve Rued, led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Pam Everson offered several quotes: (unfortunately I was not able to record the first one)

Respond to every call that excites your spirits.

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.

To succeed in life you need three things... A wishbone, a backbone and a funnybone. – Reba McIntyre

SINGING: The group got it right while singing "God Bless America. The tenors in the group appreciated the chance to shine, the rest of us had to hitch our britches up a little tighter to cut off blood flow to help our voices rise.

GUESTS:

1. Shara Graves, special guest, co-owner of Budget Blinds, Healdsburg
2. Mary Graves, Rotarian, Rancho Cotati – club secretary
3. Ricco Vasquez, special guest of Diane Bucher
4. Ariel Kelly, Board chair, Corazon, Healdsburg
5. Leticia Romano, Executive Director, Corazon, Healdsburg
6. Bridget Mansell, member of Healdsburg City Council

RECOGNITIONS:

1. George Lawson celebrated a birthday in early April. He spent the day in Seattle with his family. He made a \$50 donation to his Paul Harris fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Healdsburg Century Bike Tour will be held this Saturday. This is our club's first year in working this event, which we hope to parlay into our major fundraiser. All members need to participate in a physical way on Saturday. Sign-ups have been circulated. Let's make this a huge success.

2. Interviews for the Drew Esquivel Memorial Scholarship Fund recipients will be held at 9 o'clock this morning at the high school. One additional person is needed for the interview team.
3. Interviews for the Rotary club scholarships will be held at the high school at 10 AM on Thursday of this week. There are 16 people interested in these scholarships.
4. Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is next Wednesday, May 3. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday evening starting at approximately 4:30-5:00 PM to help set up. An additional set of volunteers will be needed to remain after the meeting on Wednesday, to take down all the decorations, etc.
5. Shaun Sheilds reminded members to contribute to Change for Change to help eradicate polio.

RAFFLE:

Matt Machi held the winning ticket. His question was from the recent Rotarian magazine: *What beneficial effects from sitting in the sauna were discovered in a study performed in Finland? Answer: reduce dementia.*

Being cool has benefits; sitting in the sauna helps you remember what they are!

SPECIAL SESSION AT MEETING:

Will Seppi, director of the Duck Dash for this year laid out the plans for every member's participation in this year's event.

The club was divided into four groups each containing 8-10 members. Each of the groups (teams) will focus on four specific areas:

Ticket sales

Prizes

Volunteer participation

Sponsorship solicitation

Teams will compete in each of these areas and the winning team will receive a dinner put on by the losing team. The second-place team will receive a special event of lesser magnitude presented by the third-place team. All of this must be done by 10/15/2017. The individual winner in each of the categories for the whole club will receive paid breakfasts for one year courtesy of the club.

PROGRAM:

Leticia Romano and Ariel Kelly presented a program on Corazon Healdsburg and immigrant legal services for our community.

Leticia has been with Corazon Healdsburg since its inception on October 30, 2016. She is currently the Executive Director. She has worked as a community organizer for many years, starting in Santa Rosa. She worked with Mi Casa in Ukiah before coming to Healdsburg to help form Corazon in our community. The mission statement of Corazon Healdsburg is to "bridge the racial and economic divisions in our community and to support multiculturalism by taking collective action surrounding the social determinants of health." They are closely affiliated with Health Action, a countywide program whose

goal is to make Sonoma County the healthiest county in California by the year 2020. This part of the project is being spearheaded through the Allianza Medical Center in Healdsburg.

Corazon is organized as a "bottom up" organization taking community needs as determined by meetings with community members and consolidating them into concepts which are then presented to higher levels of governmental organizations to help bring about change in policy and action. Their organization prides itself on being multicultural, community oriented with community events, working to achieve collective action, and providing a resource center for members of the community.

In the past two or three months, most of their activity has been focusing **Know Your Rights** regarding Immigration Custom Enforcement (ICE). They have affiliations with Immigration Legal Clinic that makes quarterly visits from their headquarters in San Francisco. They also work with Central Legal de la Raza from Oakland. Volunteer lawyers provide pro bono work for all issues regarding immigration issues.

There is an organizational committee of approximately 28 people that meets monthly.. Corazon plans to participate in the FFA parade as well as take one or two van loads of people over to Immigrants Day in Sacramento on May 15.

Ariel Kelly gave a detailed presentation on *Know Your Rights* which is probably one of the most important areas affecting our immigrant population. The current heightened executive orders to enforce regulations placed in effect by Congress are resulting in increased numbers of arrests of immigrant people. Immigration is managed through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) which includes Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Control (CBC) and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Pres. Obama deported 3 million immigrants over his eight-year term in office. Pres. Trump plans to deport 2 million per year, up to 11 million who he claims are in this country illegally.

Ariel spoke greatly about "due process". Everyone in America has rights under the Fourth Amendment against unreasonable searches and seizures and rights under the Fifth Amendment to remain silent when faced with the prospect of arrest.

She made a point of distinguishing between public and private places. Administrative warrants, typically given by a commanding officer to deputies, do not require a judge's review and can only be enforced in public places. Judicial warrants require the signature of a judge after reviewing the details of the case and primarily apply to most people in their homes and private places at business. Without a search warrant officers are not allowed to enter a private area. The search warrant must have the proper name, the address of the place being served, and the purpose for serving the warrant specified.

Information regarding how to respond when approached by officers from DHS/ICE is presented on a "**RED CARD**" that can be handed to ICE agents if you are approached. People are encouraged never to open their door to an ICE agent, demand to see the warrant, either displayed through a window or slid under the door without opening it. In most cases the officers will not have a valid warrant. The red card also reminds the immigrant to remain silent and to not sign any documents as well as to ask for a lawyer.

Ariel also stressed the importance of a **family preparedness plan** dealing with what to do with children and other dependents, who may access bank accounts, phone numbers of other people to contact, as well as telephone numbers for legal-assistive services.

Copies of the red cards and the family preparedness worksheet were given to all members at the meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast Wednesday, May 3, 2017– mandatory meeting.

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