

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

DATE: Wednesday, August 10, 2016

ATTENDANCE: 28/43 65%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The group said the Pledge of Allegiance with its usual enthusiasm.

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Pam Everson provided three inspirations:

Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please. Mark Twain

When you are courting a nice girl, an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder, a second seems like an hour. That's relativity Albert Einstein

The privilege of a lifetime is being who you are.

SINGING:

The group sang a recognizable version of *Home on the Range* in 28-part harmony. The song ended at the same time in all parts. This was followed by a very recognizable version of *Happy Birthday to You* in recognition of Manuel Ramos' birthday.

GUESTS:

1. Bill Conklin, DDS, visiting Rotarian Windsor Sunrise
2. Leslie Palmieri, special guest, one week away from induction
3. Matthew Machi, special guest, one week away from induction
4. Ted Calvert, visiting Rotarian Healdsburg Noon Club
5. Dean Kladder, Pastor of Healdsburg Community Church, hands-on participant in Guinea-Bissau water project
6. Rich Kagel, Guinea-Bissau water project, featured speaker

RECOGNITIONS:

Manny Ramos had a birthday and made a contribution to his Paul Harris.

Sonja Erickson had a repeat of one of her previous birthdays. Dan made a contribution to another Paul Harris award.

Diane Bucher's family winery had a wine listed as the *Wine of the Week* in the Press Democrat. She made a generous donation to the Foundation, equal to the cost of a bottle of the wine that was named.

A special **presentation of jester hats** was made for Chris Call and Jake McKee. They both also got blue badges.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Jerry Anderson was happy to not be fined for not going to New York and made a donation to the Foundation.

Ciro Morales celebrated getting his blue badge. In addition last Monday was the 46th anniversary of his family coming to the United States from Columbia.

FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Foundation chairperson, Shaun Shields, detailed contributions of \$2776 made by our Club last year to the Rotary International Foundation. The district contributed \$223,151. He is encouraging all members to support the Foundation this year with a monthly contribution of \$26.50 if this is beyond a member's means, \$10 a month could be negotiated. He would also like to see some form of community activity that brings awareness to the public of all the service that Rotary does.

He ended his talk with the presentation of memorabilia from a recent trip to Chicago, including a Cubs hat, various maps, including a brochure and map of the History Of Chicago Museum.:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Pres. Brad announced that Rotary International is having a **polio vaccination trip to Nigeria** in October. He will email the details to all members of the Club. If any members are interested in participating the cost is approximately \$2500 not including airfare.
2. Brad also announced that **Andy Esquivel is running in the Santa Rosa half Marathon** on Sunday, 8/28. He is seeking sponsors to help raise additional funds for the Drew Esquivel scholarship fund in the Healdsburg Rotary Sunrise Foundation. Will Seppi will also be participating and is seeking pledges it went well. All members are encouraged to try to solicit pledges from their friends and acquaintances.
3. There will be a **Club social at the home of Lance and Barbara Cottrell tomorrow evening, August 11, starting at 5:30 PM**. Lance will send an email to all Club members with directions and the passcode to open the gates going to his property. This is a potluck and members are encouraged to bring edibles and/or beverages.
4. A sign-up sheet continues to circulate for the **Giants/Diamondbacks baseball game On Wednesday, August 31**. This will be in lieu of a regular Club meeting. So far we have 28 of 42 spaces taken up. Participation will be open to other Clubs as well as to friends of Rotarians.
5. Bill Conklin presented information on **the Pacific Coast Air Museum Gala Fundraiser** to be held on September 23, immediately preceding the air show that will be held on September 24 and 25. Many intriguing auction items will be available at the Gala Festival. You can get more information regarding this event at www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org.
6. Jake McKee and Colleen Carmichael are selling tickets for the **Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society Wine Cellar Raffle** that will be held on 9/24. A

cellar worth over \$10,000 is being offered as first prize. Contact Jake, Colleen or the Healdsburg Museum for purchasing tickets.

7. **George Dutton** has also returned from a trip to the East Coast where he went to a ball game at Yankee Stadium. He presented Pres. Brad with baseball cards and other memorabilia, including a floor plan of the Harvard Art Museum and a T-shirt commemorating the Green Monster at Fenway Park. Brad answered questions regarding Fenway appropriately and as a result, George made a significant contribution to the Foundation for each right answer. The Green monster is 37 feet tall. The left-field line is 310 feet.

RAFFLE:

Ciro Morales once again held the winning ticket. This time he was unable to answer the question... What is the origin of the bell in Healdsburg Plaza?. The answer... the first Healdsburg Elementary school located on the corner of Tucker and First Streets.

PROGRAM:

Rich Kagel, founder and director of the Guinea-Bissau water project made a presentation to the Club of the current status of the project.

Guinea-Bissau remains one of the poorest countries in the world with some of the lowest wages. He describes it as the worst country in which to be a mother due to the high infant mortality. Most babies are not given a name until they have reached their 10th week, because so many of them pass away before that time. People in the country are always sick, mainly from waterborne diseases, and through the clean water project Richard hopes to help to improve their lives. The country is poorly educated, with the average level of academic studies being fourth-grade. Life expectancy is 48 years. There is no stable central government, no public utilities, no clean water or adequate sewage systems are in existence.

Over the past several years the project has gotten going and a production facility was actually completed a little over a year ago. Unfortunately, the quality of the steel in the kiln was inadequate to support it while being fired and the entire thing collapsed. After reengineering it and obtaining higher-quality iron, a functioning kiln is now available.

The process of manufacturing pots required a great deal of hand mixing of the clay and sawdust. Over several firings, it has become apparent that the source of the sawdust (species of tree) has a significant impact on pore size and quality of the filtration system. The engineering of a proper mix is now pretty much fixed. Whereas earlier hand mixing led to inconsistencies in the clay/sawdust mixture, a recently acquired gasoline powered mixer has created a much more stable source of clay for pressing into the molds.

After his chronology of getting the project up working, he reflected on what has been successful and meaningful to him, as well as to the people of Guinea-Bissau

from undertaking this project. Throughout, he has worked to gain their trust and respect in proving that this project is not just a project in which rich people from developed countries give something to people of poor and underdeveloped countries and then leave. Rather, he has been working on and *asset-based partnership* based on what the people of Guinea-Bissau feel their needs are and how they think they can solve them as well as how they can utilize the services and materials that are provided by the partners from the developed countries.

Inherent in this type of arrangement is the concept that it will take time to have a meaningful change occur. He likes to quote from Philippians in the New Testament about the mutual respect needed for people to work together in a positive way... *In humility regard others as better than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3 (NRSV)*. The project is well underway. Local people are buying in to its purpose and longevity. They are hoping to achieve a production rate of approximately 200 filters per week and ultimately to have the entire project taken over by the partners in Guinea-Bissau.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Bill Sauber, Hiking the Appalachian Trail

Joint Board of Directors meeting to follow regular meeting

Closing thought from Pres. Brad:

Thomas Edison... *Opportunity is missed by most people because it's dressed in overalls and looks like work.*

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pile, Club Secretary