

## HEALDSBURG ROTARY SUNRISE CLUB

### MEETING SUMMARY – KRUG EVENT CENTER

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2015**

**ATTENDANCE:** ?/47

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Sara led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROTARY MOMENT / INSPIRATION:** Richard Hillman changed light up rotary to light up relationships with the following: People will forget what was said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how it made them feel.

**SINGING:** In Doug's absence the singing was led by our very own talented song writer Larry Mills. Larry chose Da Doo Ron Ron originally written by Jeff Barry, Ellie Greenwich and Phil Spector made the top five hit single by "The Crystals" in 1963 and Shaun Cassidy covered it in 1977 making number one on the billboard hot 100 chart. Larry altered the lyrics with an original comedic Healdsburg Sunrise Rotary twist.

#### **Guests:**

Our guests were introduced by Herb Lieberman, Sgt. At arms

1. Hank Peters, currently a member of the noon club.
2. Bill Conklin, currently a member of the Windsor club.
3. Christine Webster, guest of Jay Beckwith.
4. Nathalie Abramo, Guest of Ann Marie Montecuallo
5. Marianne McBride, Council on Aging, President and CEO

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Hank Peters from the noon club announced the upcoming tour of the Oliver Ranch outside of Geyserville. The cost is 100 per person with 100% of the fee coming back to the club for any members interested in going. It is September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM with the meeting place to be announced. Only 15 spots left so if you are interested contact Hank.

Manuel Ramos announced that there are still tickets available for the Giants baseball game cost is 76.00 which includes the cost of the ferry and the bus. Bus leaves at 9:00 on Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> you should be there 15 minutes early at the park and ride.

President Lee announced the Foss Creek Community Cleanup which is scheduled for 8:30AM check in behind the Bear Republic Brewery on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. President Lee also reminded us that we are dark next week August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Dan announced the September 10<sup>th</sup> social "Italia in Healdsburg" which will be held at Jesse and Gails home from 5:30PM to 8:30PM. Bring an Italian dish and a Vino de Italia to what should be a wonderfully fun event for the club!

#### **HAPPY DOLLARS:**

Colleen Householder wanted to update us on the family's that were displaced, two are being placed in their facilities and two are being placed in cots probably 11 more family's to be placed. They are still doing the backpack drive to help provide school supplies for the children of the working poor. If you have donations you can drop them off at Colleen's office or you can drop them off at the bins in the American River bank. They still need actual backpacks as well!

Jay announced that he has another article on housing being published this week on the front page of the Gazette.

George Dutton announced the Gravenstein apple fair which will be held at the Ragle Ranch Park, Sebastopol, CA on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 6PM. It is a great opportunity to get out there and see some of our agricultural history. There are still roughly 2000 acres of Gravenstein's planted in the Sebastopol area. Let's help support the industry.

#### **RAFFLE:**

Phillipe was the lucky winner however he was unable to ascertain what was wrong with the Foss Creek and Community Cleanup Flyer!

#### **PROGRAM:**

Marriane McBride has been the President and CEO of the Council on Aging since 2009. Marriane is a 2012 recipient of the Northbay Business Journal's nonprofit leadership award and Council on aging was chosen by the North Bay Biz magazine as the "Best Nonprofit" for 2013. Marriane heads up the organization with a budget of just under 5 million and 75 employees.

Prior to Council on Aging she was with the United Way of Sonoma-Mendocino-lake and served as the Vice President of Resource Development. From 1992 to 2001 Marriane also served as the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Cloverdale.

Marriane talked about aging in general in Sonoma County and about the Council on Aging and the role that they play in Sonoma County and also about the aging together movement in Sonoma county.

There are about 111,000 seniors over the age of 60 in Sonoma County, with a total population of just under 500,000 the senior population is the fastest growing segment of the population. It is expected that the population will peak out at around 140,000. Around 41% of our seniors living in Sonoma County are living in poverty. Many are living with chronic medical issues and nearly 35% are living alone.

The Council on Aging mission is to enhance the quality of life of our aging population by providing services and programs that promote well-being and maintain independence. They have been serving Sonoma County since 1966 and were founded in direct response to the Older Americans act. The Older Americans act passed in 1965 and said that as communities we have a basic responsibility to support our seniors. That is to provide legal services, case management, provide meals and many other things to

protect them. Funding was included in the Act and starts at the federal level and then is passed down to the county level. Funding from the Older Americans Act is around 1 million with the remainder being raised by the Council on Aging.

Meals on wheels is one of the largest programs that the Council on Aging provides and is probably the most recognizable. Meals on wheels provides around 1200 meals per day to Sonoma County Seniors. They are also the vendor for all of the meals served in Marin County. They have many dining facilities throughout the County and meals cost them about 7.00 per meal. Funding from the Older Americans act is about 3.00 per meal leaving the balance to fund raising.

If you know anyone who is struggling with the effects of aging The Council on Aging is the one call that you make. They have 17 programs that have little to no cost to the seniors. They will connect the senior with the services that they need.

Thank you, Marianne for the informative presentation.