

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

DATE: Wednesday, 3 February 2016

ATTENDANCE: 35/47 74%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Sarah Preston led the group as they recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of America

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Lee Morton offered the following reflection:

Whether you think you can or think you can't, you are right!

SINGING:

The More We Get Together was sung with childish abandonment and the room was subsequently lit up by the smiling faces of all of the children residing within our elderly bodies.

GUESTS:

1. Chris Call, Special guest of Will Seppi
2. Caitlin Childs, Dir. of Social Advocates for Youth (SAY)
3. Chris Pack, director of Tomorrow's Leaders Today (TLT)
4. Diego Garcia, Interact member at Healdsburg High School, participant in TLT program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Lee Morton thanked all of the members who participated in making the recent **SCARC dinner** the success that it was.
2. Lee Morton is looking for a person or persons to take over management of the **scholarship program** for the coming year. Diane Bucher is simply overwhelmed with work at this time and is unable to participate fully as she has done in the past. She has expressed a willingness to share her knowledge and experiences with whoever takes over the program.
3. The drawing for the **Wine and Dine** event will be held on **16 March 2016 at 5:30 PM at Cousteau's bakery in Healdsburg**. This will also be the evening of our Club Social. Members are encouraged to sell their two tickets and anymore that they may be able to.
4. Jay Beckwith announced that a new fitness unit has been installed at the Junior High School.
5. Lee Morton showed a cryptic photograph purportedly showing Fred Walter (who is not here today) at some reunion. Fred, beware when you arrive at the next meeting!

6. Pam Moulton asked for volunteers to help with setup and takedown for the **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** that will be held on **Wednesday, 4 May 2016** at Tayman Park. The other committee work is pretty much taken care of at this time.
7. The **debunking** of outgoing President Lee will be held on July 1 at Dutton Lake.
8. **Manuel Ramos and his wife** are the proud parents of an 8 pound-15 ounce son, **Jordan** who was born on 1/25. A donation was made to the Sunrise Foundation by Manny. A hat was passed amongst the members for a scholarship fund with \$188 collected for Jordan.
9. Ann Marie Montecucollo would like to have a meeting of the **communications committee** following this meeting today.
10. Ed Smith reports that our **foreign exchange student** will be featured on the program at our Club meeting next week. She has been assigned to a family in Sweden.

RAFFLE:

The drawing was held. When the number was announced, it took the eventual winner, *financial advisor Philippe Hobson, sometime to recognize the numbers* on his ticket. When he was asked to conjure a number between 2 and 15, which could include fractional numbers, he was "close" guessing 6-1/2 when the actual number was 12-1/2. Enjoy your whole breakfast next week.

PROGRAM:

Program co-chair Larry Mills introduced Caitlin Childs, Chris Pack and Diego Garcia for a program on social services for youth in Sonoma County.

Ms. Childs spoke first. She is the director of **Social Advocates for Youth**, an organization that began in Santa Rosa in 1971 primarily as a program for runaway girls who did not feel safe at home or who were leaving for other reasons. They would typically end up in jail or living on the street. The organization was formed to help protect them and provide needed social services. In 1974, with the passage of the Runaway Homeless Youth Act, more funds were available and the program was able to expand and focus on a mission of creating housing, counseling, and job placement stability for troubled youth in Sonoma County.

There are now over 678 homeless youth documented in Sonoma County, up from approximately 268 four or five years ago. These homeless youth require safe living conditions, counseling services, life skills training, and education about workforce and employment issues. These services are delivered throughout the county, as well as at a newly developed facility, The Dream Center, situated in the buildings of the former Warwick Hospital in Santa Rosa which was recently acquired by SAY.

Mr. Pack spoke next about **Tomorrow's Leaders Today** (TLT), the program of which he is the director. This program focuses primarily on development of leadership skills, career exploration and helping students to develop community connections and a sense of working collaboratively. He reviewed the qualifications of an ideal worker as a person who has independent thinking, is good at problem solving, and who can work collaboratively. This worker is also curious, interested in his job and community and willing to learn new skills and develop new relationships.

The TLT program started as Leadership Santa Rosa and gradually expanded over a ten-year period of time into an independent agency. Initially it was affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce in Santa Rosa and as such, its scope of services was limited to that geographic area. They currently have in their program 185 students from 18 schools throughout the county. In 2015, they merged with SAY.

The year-long program consists of a retreat which provides a space and time for students to get to know each other and explore central themes for the learning year. This is followed by a series of "days" which are actual days out of school where the students come together and explore issues related to the following: human services, agricultural, criminal justice, financial literacy, community service, healthcare, government, environment and natural resources and business and media days. Programs typically start with an overview of the topic followed by discussion of current challenges. This segues into discussions about individual and collective responsibility, exploring how individual actions can impact the field that is being studied and developing a plan to move forward with action on one or several aspects of that program day's central theme.

Several members of our Rotary Club have participated in these program days including Shawn McCaffrey (government), Will Seppi, (business and media) and Carla Howell, (community service, business and media).

Club members were divided by seating tables to explore concepts similar to those explored on project days and to present a brief summary of their deliberations.

Further information about Tomorrow's Leaders Today can be found at www.tomorrowsleaderstoday.org. Information about social advocates for youth may be found at www.saysc.org.

Members are invited to attend the grand opening of the Dream Center on the campus of the former Warwick hospital on Hoen Avenue near Summerfield Road in Santa Rosa on 12 March 2016.

Our special thanks to our presenters and the organizations which they represent for all of the fine work that they have done and continue to do in our communities. We are proud to have supported them in the past, and look forward to opportunities for further participation in the future.

NEXT MEETING:

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pile, Club Secretary