

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

DATE: Wednesday, 10 February 2016 – 7:15 AM

ATTENDANCE: 30/47 64%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Herb Liberman was able to engage the entire membership in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, which was done without error.

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

President Lee Morton provided the following:

If you are more fortunate than others, it is better to build a longer table than a taller fence.

SINGING:

The group performed "When You Wish Upon A Star" in a stellar fashion. This song is number seven of the Film Music Institute Top 100. It is the highest ranked Disney song on the list. We hope to have not jeopardized its position.

GUESTS:

1. **Chris Call**, recently approved for membership, but not yet inducted.
- 2., **Mel Schatz**, Rotary club of Healdsburg Noon, make up meeting
3. **Talia Morones**, outbound Rotary International Exchange Student – year-long-program
4. **Shawn Marones** , mother of Talia

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Our **scholarship committee** has a new co-chairperson, Larry Orr, who agreed to this position this week. Barney Brady has come forward as a volunteer to help with co-chairmanship of this committee. A full working committee will be formed from club volunteers in the near future.
2. Tickets are still available for sale for the **wine and dine** event. The drawing will be held on Wednesday,, 16 March 2006 at Cousteau bakery starting at 5:30 PM. Members are encouraged to invite people who have purchased their tickets to come to this free event.
3. Pres. Lee reported on a **potential activity for our club to be held on 26 April 2015 at the winery owned by Loretta Strong's father**. More details will be available in the near future.
4. Sean Shields once again reminded members of the opportunities available to participate in **Polio Plus** by contributing in our **change for a change** boxes present on the tables.
5. Andy Esquivel reported on the activities of the **Interact Club**. They will be visiting with residents of the Healdsburg Senior Living Community

this coming Sunday at 3-4 PM. Club members are urged to attend if they have free time.

6. **Bonnie Headley**, chairperson for the **Healdsburg School Gala** event reports that this will be held on the evenings of **29 and 30 April** of this year. On the 29th, at Lambert Bridge winery, Frankie Ambrosio, an operatic tenor, will be performing. On the 30th, the gala event will be held at Coppola winery with a Godfather theme.

RECOGNITIONS

President Lee recognized Bob Durler, Archie Julian, Colleen Householder and many other members of the club for preparing an extra special Valentine's Day treat for breakfast including chocolates and mimosas. Much appreciation was given.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Barney Brady has recently returned from trips to Joshua tree and Mexico and is happy to contribute money to our sunrise foundation.

Will Seppi's bakery is once again providing all of the bread for the San Francisco Chronicle grand tasting competition to be held this weekend at Fort Mason in San Francisco. He auctioned off four tickets to this event at \$75 each to members of the club.

INTERNAL CLUB AFFAIRS:

Ciro Morales presented a brief overview of **our club's website and social media presence**. He offered up a half-size sheet of paper with addresses and other links to access this information. A full program devoted to user interface issues and bringing members up to speed in using these capabilities is forthcoming in the next 1-2 months. Of particular significance is a QR code that can be scanned by a cell phone that will bring the user directly to our website. He urged that the club incorporate this into all publications as well as banners and other things that are viewed by the public.

Ann Marie Montecucollo brought to the attention of club members that **Jake McKee is now our publications coordinator**. Committee Chairman and other people who have items that might be of general interest to the public are urged to contact Jake. Photographs can be sent to him. We will also make available to club members the opportunity to post and view pictures on our Flickr account if they so desire. This will be discussed at the time of our general meeting on Internet presence.

RAFFLE:

Ciro Morales held the winning ticket. He was asked to choose a number between 20 and 30, and immediately chose 25. This is in keeping with his engineering background. Given a glass that is half full, an optimist will say that it is half full, a pessimist will say that it is half empty, and an engineer

will say that is twice the size that it needs to be. He landed right in the middle, in true engineering tradition!

PROGRAM:

Talia Morones, a student at Valley School in Sebastopol has been chosen as a Rotary International Long-Term Exchange Student, sponsored jointly by the Petaluma and Healdsburg Sunrise Rotary clubs. Rotary has a long tradition of international student exchange, and this year District 5130 is sending 26 students as ambassadors from our country with the Rotary spirit. Our club has previously sponsored a short-term exchange program student, Yohme Jones, who spent a month in Holland and then shared her home with an exchange student from that country for a similar period of time last summer.

Pam Moulton reviewed the process of application, interviews, training, bonding with fellow "outbound" students and ultimately learning the name of the country where she will spend the year. During that year, outbound students are expected to cover their own expenses. They will live with three different families during that period of time, creating a much broader exposure to the culture of their host country than a simple one family/one-year program.

Talia gave us a very concise picture of her preparations and background for this adventure. She is in an independent study program, and although she is but 16 years old, she is a junior with "senior qualifications" in her school. She will lose an academic year while abroad, but does not feel that she will be behind in her studies as she completes her last year of school back in this country. She has been very active with 4H and FFA. She has taken leadership roles in each of those organizations. She resides with her parents in Freestone, a short distance from Dillon Beach, the Redwoods, and the Russian River.

Talia has had a lifelong interest in languages along with cultural awareness and history of the world and nations. She also has an interest in science, the fine arts, and in general enjoys any form of academic learning. She is inquisitive and forward thinking. She enjoys working in groups collaboratively, as well as for the sense of value that it instills within her. She is planning on enrolling at the Santa Rosa Junior College when she returns, with the ultimate goal of entering the University system in California.

Goals that she hopes to achieve through the exchange program are:

1. Develop language skills in learning Swedish, her host family language. (She is already somewhat fluent in German as well as English)
2. Develop oral as well as written communication skills that will assist with conveying knowledge and understanding to other people

3. Increase the perspective that she has of culture and its diversity throughout the world
4. Increase her knowledge of comparative education systems
5. Develop an increased sense of self-confidence as she pursues all of these goals, particularly learning to think and speak in a new language.

Sweden was her first choice of countries. She has a great deal of knowledge already about the Swedish nation, its history and its current culture. She is particularly impressed with the openness of the society and the tolerance that they exhibit towards minorities and people who are different or from foreign countries.

At the conclusion of her talk she was given several flags representing the Rotary Club of Healdsburg Sunrise to distribute to Rotary clubs in Sweden that she will visit during the course of her studies abroad. We look forward to her having a wonderful experience and to learning about it when she returns.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 17 February 2016
Sonja McIntosh
VP of Operations, SoFi, a new company in Healdsburg

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pile, Club Secretary