

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

**DATE:           Wednesday, 15 February 2017**

**ATTENDANCE:     30/47           68.2%**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Eric Wagner led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, pledging *liberty and justice for all*.

**ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:**

Brad Benson quoted Mario Andretti... *If everything seems under control, you're not going fast enough.*

Pam Moulton had a rather lengthy inspiration commemorating Valentine's Day *Stevie Wonder just called to say he loved you.*

*Huey Lewis believes in the power of love.*

*Maria Carey is still looking for her dream lover.*

*Diana Ross suffered from a love hangover.*

*Foreigner wants to know what love is.*

*Tina Turner still asks what's love got to do with it?*

*The Captain and Tenille said love will keep us together.*

*Beyoncé is crazy in love.*

Thomas Merton said *Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone – we find it with another.*

From Pam... *Fellow Rotarians, please raise your cop to those we love and those we hold in our hearts. Let us share that love with our family and friends, the members of our community and those who we have the honor of touching through service and Rotary.*

**SINGING:**

*I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy* was sung sprightly and with animation.

**GUESTS:**

1. Steve Rued, special guest of Andy Esquivel (membership application pending)
2. Dani Wilcox, Food to Pantry – program speaker

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. There will be a special gathering honoring **Herb and Beverly Lieberman** at Cousteau bakery at 6 o'clock this evening. They are moving to Delmar, California on Friday. If you can't make it, keep them in your thoughts and wish them well. Herb will be back for 4 July children's parade.

2. The **Love Run** was a success. There was an excellent turnout, a great deal of funds were raised for the Drew Esquivel Memorial Scholarship Fund and there was an excellent write up in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat.
3. George Lawson provided club members with brochures and flyers for the **Wonder League** program. Members are asked to distribute them at their place of business or have them placed in other businesses around town. We are losing 3 players who have "aged out" of the program. Please encourage friends and people you know that may have children that would benefit from this program to get our numbers back up.
4. Pam Moulton has asked that there be a brief meeting of **The Teacher Appreciation Breakfast Committee** following the meeting this morning.
5. **District Training** takes place in Cloverdale on February 25. The cost for this training is picked up by the club. This is an excellent way for new members to learn about all of the facets of Rotary.
6. The **SCARC dinner** will be in Cloverdale next Thursday. So far only Dan Erickson and Jack Vallerga are planning to attend. This is usually an excellent program.
7. The **July 4 - Duck Dash committee** meets this Friday at 3 PM in the back room of John and Zeke's.
8. **Shaun Sheilds** reports that there is now more information available on the Club Runner website for all members wanting additional insight as to the **Rotary International Foundation**. Members are encouraged to visit the site and become enlightened. Of course, members were encouraged to fill the Change For Change boxes.

#### **RECOGNITIONS:**

1. **Jake McKee** finally arrived to celebrate his 45th birthday. The event cannot be put off indefinitely. In commemoration of this glorious day, he contributed \$45 to his Paul Harris foundation.
2. **Diane Bucher** celebrated purchasing a new Audi automobile, Q5. She donated her remaining \$5 to the club in recognition of this event. She also made another pitch for selling Wine and Dine tickets and for attending the drawing on Friday, 24 February at Cousteau bakery.
3. **Jerry Anderson** contributed \$5 happy dollars commemorating the full recovery of his granddaughter from her recent illness. She is now back in school and running at full speed.

#### **RAFFLE:**

Soon to be departed (not deported) Richard Hillman held the winning ticket, number 7329 (one of his favorite numbers, and he has lots of them). He rightly answered the question as to the first Rotary project in Chicago after the founding of the club. Installation of an outdoor toilet in downtown Chicago, ostensibly to allow people to stay downtown and do more shopping once they took care of their other business.

## PROGRAM:

Dani Wilcox, CEO of the Farm to Pantry program in Healdsburg presented a program outlining the scope of their activities and encouraging involvement by Rotarians as individuals as well as a club, in their programs.

Farm to Pantry was founded in 2008 for the purpose of gleaning food from orchards, fields, gardens, and private residences for redistribution into the community and places of need. It arose out of the understanding that food insecurity is significant in Sonoma County, if not throughout the world, and that there was a tremendous amount of surplus food being grown and allowed to go to waste, for lack of gathering the food and distributing it.

Fully 50% of Healdsburg students qualify for subsidized or free breakfast or lunch at school. 40% of purchased food frequently goes to waste.

Each week, Farm to Pantry harvests roughly 2000 pounds of food for distribution. Between the years 2008-2000 16, 135 tons of food have been gleaned and distributed. In 2016 alone, 28 tons of produce were gathered. Most of the food is delivered locally to food pantries. What is not needed locally is given to the Redwood Empire Food Bank, with whom the farm to pantry organization has a close affiliation. They are also affiliated with Becoming Independent, a county sponsored program to help people with functional disabilities gain a meaningful employment experience and the opportunity to earn some income.

Gleaning takes place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings every week between the hours of 9 AM and 11:30 AM. The group meets at the Healdsburg Food Pantry on Healdsburg Avenue just across the street from the Chevron station. People who participate in the program get a green shirt as part of their "uniform" and frequently socialize before and after their gleaning. In October they have a community tomato canning/preservation day that is held at the Healdsburg High School in the culinary department, making over 30 cases of tomato sauce that is distributed through the local food pantries. At times they will work with the Redwood Empire Food Bank, in their kitchen facility for producing other items.

Farm to Pantry is funded primarily by grants coming from multiple sources. The Noon club has provided money to them in the past. They have an annual fundraiser in the summer. Tickets for the dinner and evening of entertainment are \$150. Last year over \$80,000 was raised for their program.

In addition to working with Becoming Independent, they have programs in every school in Healdsburg with involvement of the students in field trips and also to help with gleaning.

Members can sign up to receive email notification of events at [gleaning@farmtopantry.org](mailto:gleaning@farmtopantry.org).

Thank you Dani for a wonderful presentation and a wonderful service to the community.

NEXT MEETING:

[Larry Myers, District 5130 Polio Plus Chairman](#)

Feb 22, 2017

Polio Eradication Update

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pile, Club Secretary