

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

**DATE:           Wednesday, 11 January 2017**

**ATTENDANCE:**     24/46           52%

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ann Marie Montecuolo with full participation of all the membership.

**ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:**

Brad Benson offered the following from Bill Walton:

*It's the little details that are vital... Little things make big things happen.*

**SINGING:**

The group raised its voice to a somewhat less than fullbore rendition of "You're A Grand Old Flag".

**GUESTS:**

1.     Natalia Seppi, future Rotarian

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1.     **Brad Benson** mentioned that further negotiations have been conducted with the Chamber of Commerce regarding the **bicycle tour that will take place on 29 April 2017**. Members are needed to man many of the stations and are asked to volunteer at this time.
2.     **Will Seppi** announced that there will be a **Duck Dash meeting at John and Zeke's on January 20**, the usual time. There are only four scheduled meetings between now and the event on 4 July.
3.     **Archie Julian** brought attention to the role that **Colleen Carmichael** is playing in **keeping the shelter at St. Paul's open during the current spate of flooding**. She has virtually been living at the facility. Members are encouraged to stop by and offer support or any other help that they might have.
4.     **Andy Esquivel** encouraged members to initiate interaction with Emma Nissen, our exchange student. He also indicated that Colleen Carmichael had visited the **Interact Club** this week to thank them for their donations of socks and toiletries. She also challenged them to produce 40 care packages of toothpaste, soap, tissues and other sundries by the end of the month.

Andy also reported on the **Turkey Trot** that was held in conjunction with the Healdsburg Running Company which raised over \$10,000 for the Drew Esquivel Memorial Scholarship Fund. A larger program is planned for next year. There will also be a "**Love Run**" cosponsored with the firefighters brunch to be held on

February 11. The run will precede the brunch, and will also be a fundraiser for the Drew Esquivel Memorial Scholarship Fund.

5. **Shaun Sheilds** again reminded members to participate in the **change for change** boxes to help raise money for Rotary International Foundation.

6. **Nancy Palombo** encouraged members to think of our **exchange student**, Emma Nissen, when they are **planning family outings**.

#### **RECOGNITIONS:**

It being a lightly-attended meeting, there was only one recognition of significance.

1. **Leslie Palmieri** and her husband, Ron, celebrated their anniversary in the last week. A generous donation was made to the Foundation.

2. **Lee Morton** has returned from a trip to Southern California and has made a \$20 donation for the peace and quiet that he is enjoying being away from his grandchildren.

3. **Herb Liberman** read excerpts from letters from two students at the club is sponsoring for university attendance in Kenya. Gilbert and Eric are both planning to go into education and are hoping their financial success in this endeavor will help to raise the living standards of their family, as well as the community.

4. **Jerry Anderson's granddaughter, Avery**, underwent back surgery in Oakland today. Members are encouraged to think positive thoughts and offer prayers for her recovery. At the time of this writing (Thursday afternoon) she is reportedly doing well after 9-10 hours of surgery.

#### **RAFFLE:**

Andy Esquivel held the winning ticket but was unable to come up with the year that Rotary International was founded (1920... Actually 1905). Sorry Andy, just another free breakfast.

#### **PROGRAM:**

Steve Martin, Artistic Director for the Raven Players gave a presentation on the role of community theater and the status of programming for the coming year.

The role of "artistic director" is to create a supportive vision for the theater in the community, as well as within the theater company itself. Live theater brings the community together in ways that are not possible through other media. Most of the performers in the local production company are truly local with some roles being filled by people outside the community. As the stature and reputation of the Raven Players has increased, there is an increasing interest by outside talent to audition for roles in productions.

As artistic director, Steve hopes to choose shows that appeal to our diverse community. Each season the players present five shows at the Raven theater, and provide performances at three off-site locations.

The current production, *The Clean House* will be presented the last weekend of January and the first two weekends of February. Information about this show, and other performances can be found at [www.raventheater.org](http://www.raventheater.org).

The costs of running a production company and putting on a show can be substantial. Steve is hoping to find in the community several businesses or other organizations that are willing to "present" a show at a cost of approximately \$2,500-\$3,000 per show.

Thank you, Steve, for your enlightening presentation.

NEXT MEETING:     Wednesday, 18 January 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pile, Club Secretary