

HEALDSBURG ROTARY SUNRISE CLUB

MEETING SUMMARY

Krug Event Center

DATE: Wednesday, 24 June 2015

ATTENDANCE: 34/49 69.39%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Lee Morton led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Bob Durler offered 3 quotations regarding life and baseball:

Do what you love and give it your very best, whether it's in business or baseball or the theater or any field. If you don't love what you're doing and you can't give it your best, get out of it. Life is too short. You'll be an old man before you know it. Andy Lopez, LA Dodgers

Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday's success or put its failures behind and start over again. That's the way life is, with a new game every day, and that's the way baseball is. Bob Feller, Cleveland Indians

Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good, too.
Anon.

SINGING: Pres. Pam was serenaded by members of the group singing a slightly modified version of *I Left My Heart In San Francisco*. Neither the melody nor the words would be recognized outside of the room... but it was fun!

GUESTS:

1. Ken Moulton, Past District Gov., District 5130
2. Jake McKee, special guest of James Gore
3. Nathalie Abramo, special guest of Ann Marie Montecuello

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. President Pam reported on the recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the combined Club and Foundation bodies.
2. Lee Morton solicited members to participate in the Fourth of July event. Currently we need **several members can work with the parade**, early in the day registering children as well as monitoring the parade route and keeping things moving. Lance Cottrell reminded members to **turn in their tickets early so they may be entered into the database** for selecting winners based on the sequence of ducks coming down the chute. Jay Beckwith reminded members to **sign up for coveted selling opportunities** that Big John's, Garrett's, and Vineyard Plaza over

the next one or 2 weekends. Anne-Marie offered **posters and flyers** to any members who want to distribute them over the coming week. All members were urged to **sell their tickets as soon as possible and to turn them in.**

3. The **debunking of President Pam** will take place on **Saturday, 18 July 2015** at the Trowbridge House on South Fitch Mountain Road. Festivities will start at 5:30 PM

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Nancy Palumbo has a new granddaughter who was born on 18 June. She made a contribution to Polio Plus. Colleen Householder was pleased that members participated in the North Sonoma County Services tenant cleanup project and made a donation to Sunrise Foundation.. Richard Hillman was just happy to be back following back problems. Jim Preston has yet to assemble the barbecue purchased while selling tickets at Garrett's hardware. Andy Esquivel has returned from Kauai and made an appreciable gift of recognition.

RECOGNITIONS:

Jim Brenton's wife, Cynthia, will be having a birthday this week. Bob and Trish Durler will be celebrating 30 years of marriage. Jack Vallerga will be celebrating his 85th birthday later this week.

Special recognition was given to Jack Vallerga. Members from the swim teams that he coached at Montgomery High School are having a celebration in his honor this coming weekend. There was an extensive article about Jack in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat on 18 June 2015. The article was written by Kerry Benefield and can be found in the sports section of that date.

PROGRAM:

Pres. Pam reviewed what she viewed as successes with each area of service associated with Rotary. This was done in conjunction with a slideshow presentation in which she showed photographs of the activities and events that each area of service supported.

Special commendations in **Community Service** were given to Jim Brenton, Dan Erickson, Brad Benson, Anne-Marie, Diane and Bonnie, Philippe,.

Community Service received a **District Award** for their **Wonder League** program. They also did many other tasks. Specifically recognized were George Lawson and Jay Beckwith.

International Services provided grants for the **Little Suns** project and Costa Rica and Kenya, **clean water project** in Guinea-Bissau.

Youth Services were commended for supporting an active Interact Club, initiating the STEP program (Short-Term Exchange Program) and for encouraging students to participate in the RYLA leadership development program. Interact students did

many hours of community service at the senior center and the senior living center in Healdsburg.

Scholarships were awarded to 22 students with combined values greater than \$16,000 this year. Special thanks to Jeff, Diane, Eric and Dan.

Vocational Services received **A District Award** for **Teacher Appreciation** and **Choices** programs. In addition they sponsored an active mentoring program, participated in internship programs and made class presentations at the Marce Becerra Academy. Richard Hillman was singled out for his unflagging efforts at developing the projects in this area of service.

Jesse Shaw and Sean Shields were recognized for their efforts at procuring funds for Polio Plus in the **Rotary international Foundation**. *Our Club exceeded the goal for polio plus.*

The **Sunrise Rotary Club of Healdsburg Foundation Advisory Committee** is recognized for developing operational protocols for the Foundation as well as procuring over \$10,000 in funding. Fred Walter was chairperson of that committee

Lance Cottrell received recognition for all the service he provided in technological support. **Archie Julian** received recognition for his participation and leadership of the Past Presidents Committee.

Special District Awards to Herb Liberman for Humanitarian Services, and to Will Seppi for Membership development.

Members of the **outgoing Board of Directors** recognized for their support and patience.

Pres. Pam then reviewed her accomplishments for the past year in areas of education, membership retention, developing a strategic plan, honoring those members who have served well, and improving the public image of our Rotary Club and its activities in the community.

Quiet Rotarian of the Month was awarded to Dan Erickson. He has been in Rotary for 21 years and has perfect attendance. He has orchestrated Club socials for the past year and has been our Club services chairperson. Enjoys beer, but is known to partake in red wine as well. He collects LPs.

Jester of the Year award was presented to Douglas Pile

Quiet Rotarian of the Year award was presented to Diane Bucher, who was not actually in attendance so the award was not actually given, but she was recognized!

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR:

Ann Marie Montecuolo was awarded the Rotarian of the Year award for her unending service to the Club. Through the Bulletin she has kept members informed in an interesting way. She has established relationships with all of the local reporters, as well as representative of the Press Democrat to feature our Club's activities in their print editions. She is always there when you need her, especially with her talents as an artist with an eye for presentation.

RAFFLE:

Jay Beckwith held the winning ticket. He also selected the Joker from the remaining 2 cards, he also donated the entire winnings to Duck Dash sales. (He jokingly said that he has now sold all of ghis Duck Dash tickets).

The meeting was adjourned on time. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 1 July 2015 at the usual time and place. There will also be a pre-Duck Dash meeting with members of the city in the plaza on the same day at 3 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas D. Pile, M.D., Club Secretary