

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

DATE: Wednesday, June 28, 2017

ATTENDANCE: 24/40 60%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Shaun Sheilds was given the privilege of leading the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Brad Benson offered the following:

"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

There is only one way to avoid criticism... Do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.

Aristotle

Colleen Carmichael added to the list:

I can't get to courage without walking through vulnerability.

Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their life is about.

SINGING:

God Bless America was sung like the group meant it. This, less than one week before we celebrate our Independence Day, July 4, 1776.

GUESTS:

1. Nita Parker, visiting Rotarian from Noon Club, ASSISTANT DISTRICT GOV.
2. Kip Miller, Uncle Sam, passing his top hat for funds to help fund the American Legion fireworks display.

RECOGNITIONS:

1. **Jack Vallerga** had a low-key birthday party for his 87th. He made a generous donation to the Drew Esquivel Memorial Scholarship Fund
2. **Brad Benson** singled out those people who were responsible for public recognition of our club in the Healdsburg Tribune, the Rotarian, and the Press Democrat for our July 4 celebration and Duck Dash. (Ciro Morales, Ann Marie Montecullo, Jake McKee and Manuel Ramos)

HAPPY DOLLARS:

1. **Brad Benson** gave \$5 to celebrate his last meeting as president.

2. **Lee Morton** gave \$5 to be glad that this is Brad's last meeting as president.
3. **Barney Brady** gave \$22, to celebrate having attended two meetings in a row!
4. **Jay Beckwith** was going to give \$50, but instead is buying a new post for our slide-up poster that got damaged with moving it about (\$75 cost) which will be donated to the club. He also is going to donate several copies of a book he wrote in the 1970s about replacing your television with your backyard.
5. **Brad Benson** gave another \$5 because he finally found his lost badge which was in the projection bag. It was presented to him at the night of his debunking.
6. **Will Seppi** gave two separate donations of \$1 each for each of the past two meetings that Barney Brady has attended.
7. **Andy Esquivel** presented the club with \$25 as his personal contribution to the Drew Esquivel Memorial Scholarship Fund following a highly successful wrestling camp that was facilitated with members of the MIT wrestling club who came to California to work on the camp. Their presence meant the world to Andy.
8. **Archie Juliann** and **Shaun Sheilds** matched the \$25 donation.
9. **Nita Parker** presented a Rotary emblem that is suitable for placement on the wrestling mat that our clubs have jointly sponsored for the wrestling team. This was purchased by the Noon Club. She also encouraged the sunrise club to get a Rotary logo and name of the clubs to fix to the same area of the mat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Terry Tremblay** admonished members to **sell, Sell, SELL!** your tickets to the Duck Dash. Identification information and money must be turned into Terry by this weekend. Tickets will also be sold at the event, but the labor required to input all of the names and ticket numbers into the database cannot all be done on the day of the event.
2. **Jay Beckwith** is continuing to look for people to work at major business outlets this coming weekend to complete our ticket sales. Please sign up to work a shift.
3. **Leslie Palmieri**, coordinator for our inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student, Betty Otteson, reports that she will be arriving in August 15 and that her first host family will be the Esquivels. Leslie is looking for two additional host families, each for a three month period of time. Members who are able to do this, or who have friends who would be interested in doing this should contact Leslie. There is a moderate amount of time for proper vetting of the host family.
4. **Ann Marie Montecullo** has announced that she is going to take a leave of absence for a one year period of time from the club to focus on her business.
5. **Carla Howell**, currently on a leave of absence has decided to drop her membership in the club for personal reasons.
6. **Giants game, July 26, Wednesday.** The Giants will be playing the Pittsburg Pirates. We still have 26 spaces available. If you have not already purchased your tickets, as well as a ticket for a friend, please do so soon. Tickets will be made available to the Noon Club. If you have other friends who would like to come along, whether or not they have an interest in Rotary, it would be nice to fill the bus and fill the purse that will be paying for this event. The cost is \$90 per person

7. **Our first meeting in August, August 2, 2017, will be held at the Single Tree restaurant on Healdsburg Avenue** in a show of support for their downturn in business associated with the protracted construction of the roundabout.
8. **President Brad** took time to thank, by name, all of the club members who participated in the club activities, leadership, and community relations over the past year. Our club thrives because everybody participates. He credits his successful year as president to the combined efforts of all of the members of the club.
9. The club has obtained a **new storage unit**, quite a bit larger than our older one. All members who have rotary "stuff" cluttering their garages or closets are encouraged to bring it to the new storage shed. Then you should all go out and buy new cars or new clothing!
10. The **first meetings during Dan's presidency will feature** Chris Smith on July 12, a recap of the past Rotary year, and plans for the coming year on July 19. July 26 is our Giants game. And on August 2nd we will be meeting at the Single Tree.
11. Pres. Brad reports that our net income from the bicycle tour was slightly over \$4,700, one third of what was taken in as profits by the Chamber of Commerce. Next year, they are wanting to turn the entire event over to us. With the same registration we would realize an income of approximately \$15,000. It would require three times the amount of work that we did this year and all members of the club would need to participate throughout the year to make this event a roaring success.
12. **Kip Miller** walked around the room to collect change or other money for the fireworks display put on by the American Legion.

RAFFLE:

Philippe Hobson held the winning ticket for the first time in over a year. He was asked a question about our Rotary club: *in less than 30 seconds, name at least five of the past presidents of the Healdsburg rotary sunrise club.* He was able to name 4 of the following eight names. (Will Seppi, Dennis O'Neel, Susan Jones, George Dutton, Larry Orr, Pam Moulton, Lee Morton, Brad Benson)

PROGRAM:

The remainder of the meeting focused on the Duck Dash and all of the activities that will be taking place. Two good additions for this year are the Pacific Coast Air Museum, which will be bringing a cockpit from a fighter jet for children to sit in. Also, we will have a jump house for children. The Girl Scout troop will lead the parade. An ice cream truck, sponsored by Umpqua Bank will also be present.

Prizes all need to be handed into Chris Call's place of business (North Bay credit union) by this weekend. Teams need to get going on finding some meaningful prizes.

New to this year's event is a silent auction for four birthday parties, put on by each of the teams. Also there will be a party for 50 at the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

The group broke down into their teams for further discussion of strategies for the remaining week before the event.

NEXT MEETING:

**JULY 4 COMMUNITY
CELEBRATION**

Set-up at Plaza starting at 8:00 a.m.

DUCK DASH

WE ARE DARK ON JULY 5!

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