

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

DATE: **Wednesday, 1 March 2017**

ATTENDANCE: **28/45** **62.2%**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Shaun Sheilds led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of America.:

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Diane Bucher quoted from advice written in her high school yearbook:

The secret to happiness is to never want what you know you can't have."

Omar Sharif

SINGING:

Song master, Doug Pile, led the group in an amazing rendition of *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* – executed with perfection!

GUESTS:

1. Ted Calvert, Noon Club
2. Steve Rued, special guest of Andy Esquivel
3. Jessica Heaney, guest of Diane Bucher
4. Chris Vanden Heuvel, Superintendent, Healdsburg Union School District

RECOGNITIONS

1. **Lance Cottrell** celebrated a birthday last week. He multiplied his age by two and donated \$96.
2. **Vince Dougherty** is celebrating his birthday TODAY! Instead of donating \$50, he pledged \$100 if George Dutton, Dennis O'Neel, Lee Morton and Jerry Anderson would sing happy birthday to him in front of the group. They did so with great gusto. Thank you Vince for your generous donation.
3. **Will Seppi** asked members to consider voting for the "Sweetest Bakery in America" competition. You can vote once a day on each of your Internet-connected devices. He urged all members to vote early and often!
4. **Philippe Hobson** whose son goes to Rankin Valley Christian school has challenged **Brad Benson**, representing Rio Lindo Academy regarding the outcome of the Division VI high school boys tournament game to be played tonight. The loser will pay the winner \$50 which will go to the Club.:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Pam Moulton** reports that our **outbound exchange student, Mary Ritchie**, won \$2000 in a Texas hold 'em tournament that was a fundraiser for her trip expenses. She will be returning to our Club in several weeks with more baked goods for a silent auction in an effort to raise all of the funds necessary for her to travel to Paraguay.
2. **Dennis O'Neel** recounted his experience with a former Rotarian in the Noon Club who suffered from polio as a child. He was staying with Dennis for the last several days during which period of time Dennis was able to observe firsthand the effects of post-polio syndrome that was so clearly outlined by our speaker last week. We all need to be actively involved in the campaign to end polio now and support our Rotary International Foundation in any way that we can to eradicate this disease completely.
3. **Brad** reported that **Eric Walker**, a former member of the Noon Club, passed away on February 19. Brad has contact information for his widow for those members who wish to send condolences.
4. **Shaun Sheilds** reminded members to contribute to **Change for Change** and to sign up also for sponsorship of him walking in the St. Patrick's Day parade to raise funds to end polio.
5. **Ted Calvert**, member of the Noon Club, presented information about Healdsburg Literary Guild's program on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at SHED starting at 7 PM. Sylvia Simons will be reading from her award-winning book on Leonard Cohen: and also doing some singing. The cost is \$15, payable at the door.
6. **Andy Esquivel** reminded members of the fundraising dinner for our Rotary youth exchange student, Emma Nissen, that will be held at the home of Nancy Palombo on Saturday starting at 6 PM.
7. **Brad Benson** encouraged members to keep their ears open for a Rio Lindo Academy fun run fundraiser to be held sometime in the near future. Monies raised will help support the athletic department at the school. Date and time will be announced later.
8. **Dan Erickson** reports that Saturday, **April Fools' Day, (the day of our Fool's Night Out celebration)** is being coordinated by George Dutton. Details of the evening will be forthcoming. This is a mandatory event for members so mark your calendar for Saturday, 1 April 2017 for a night of merriment.
9. **Dan** also reported that we have secured a date for our **Giants game. It will be on July 26, a Wednesday** game versus the Pittsburgh Pirates. Mark your calendars and keep the date open. We hope to have a full bus going down to the game.
10. **Diane Bucher** report said a record number of tickets were sold for the Wine and Dine event. The social on Friday of last week at Cousteau bakery was well attended. The winner was Andy Esquivel.
11. Our first year's participation in the **Healdsburg Century Bike Tour** will require member participation on both April 28 and April 29. Members are encouraged to keep their calendars open for a sizable amount of time to help with this fundraiser, which we hope to turn into a major fundraiser in the next 2-3 years as we assume more responsibility.

RAFFLE:

The birthday boy, **Vince Dougherty**, held the winning ticket. The question was somewhat difficult and had to do with Rotary history. *Rotary's anniversary occurred last week, on what day of the week was it celebrated?* His response – Tuesday, correct answer Thursday, enjoy your breakfast!

PROGRAM:

Chris Vanden Heuvel, Superintendent of the Healdsburg Unified School District gave a presentation on the state of the schools in the District. Chris formerly was a member of our sunrise Club. He has been the Principal at Cali Calmecech in Windsor, Vice Principal at Windsor High School, Principal at Healdsburg High School, and most recently Superintendent of the district.

He wanted to call members attention to two events that are occurring in the next month:

March 8, 2017 will be the Academic Internship Exhibition Night at the high school. Juniors will present a summary of their 35 hour internship to a panel of three community members for review. The district has up to 28 positions available for people to serve as reviewers to learn about the interesting things that our junior class is doing.

On Saturday, April 29, 2017, the high school will be hosting its annual Street fair, carnival and car show at the high school.

The Healdsburg unified school district is in good shape. Chris gave a quick review of the construction projects that have been ongoing at the schools over the past several years. Each of the campuses has had significant modernization projects completed, underway, or in the wings for starting soon.

He spoke first about the elementary schools where we have both a charter school which has been very successful as well as a standard school. In the standard school he spoke a great deal about the blending learning program currently in three classrooms. Classrooms are divided into four stations with a teacher in charge of one, a highly trained aid in charge of another with the remaining two tables as learning centers for the students using adaptive technology allowing them to proceed at their own pace, with some assistance, using chrome books and other technologic materials. In this program, each student has a chrome book for lesson plans, learning exercises, and exploration. In addition, there is also an Accelerated English Program at the school, aimed at increasing English proficiency for primarily Spanish-speaking students. Currently over 25% of those who start the program have been reclassified out of the program. On statewide assessment testing (CAASSP) third grade students who have completed this program are scoring slightly higher than their English speaking classmates. A very successful program.

The Charter School is based on project-based learning, a hands-on instructional technique involving critical thinking, learning to define problems, learning how to search for answers to questions, and putting things together in a meaningful way. Their most successful project was a mock election held in a third grade class where Froggy and Anna (Frozen) ran competing campaigns. Students had rallies, debates, and research positions on the multitude of issues that the students thought would be important to understand prior to voting for either of the candidates. Froggy won. This was all documented in an eight minute video that was entertaining and illuminating. It was so successful, that the author of the Froggy books will be coming to Healdsburg Elementary School in May to read from his new, book inspired by this project, *Froggy Wins The Election*.

At the Junior High School, construction has been completed and they have gone to a seven period class day. This allows more opportunity for enrichment classes as well as for more opportunities for intervention with those students who need extra help. Some of the enrichment courses include plant science, recycled art, robotic engineering, a mouse squad (students learn computer technology and help with connectivity and other issues around the school) and participation in an enrichment wheel that allow students to partake in different enrichment courses on a six week cycle.

The High School is undergoing extensive remodeling and is now much more presentable with a clearly identified entrance. A new agricultural arts center is being developed, there are improvements in the girls gymnasium and other athletic facilities. Outdoor seating and classroom areas have been created. They have a thriving culinary arts program, automotive and construction skills training and computer science technology classes. Regarding the academic cycle, one additional year of math, one year of science and one year of foreign language have been added to graduation requirements which were already quite extensive. Additionally, there is a freshman seminar program, required of all freshmen, that helps them formulate questions and make decisions about college or education beyond high school. There is also a junior seminar, again required of all students, part of that program is taking the pre-SAT test. Each senior has a senior project that must be presented.

The school district is very thankful to the measure D implementation funds that are available that help with all of the construction projects and also some of the classroom enhancements with equipment and instructional assistive technologies. They are also very thankful to the HEF for the funding and support that they have given.

NEXT MEETING:

[Karissa Kruse](#)

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