

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

DATE: Wednesday, 22 March 2017 7:15 AM

ATTENDANCE: 22/45 49% !!!

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Will Seppi led the flag salute this morning.

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Ciro Morales offered some reflections on this being National Poetry Week:

If you cannot be a poet, be the poem.

David Carradine

Happiness held is the seed; happiness shared is the flower.

John Harrigan

Why be a Volunteer?

It is not for money, it is not for fame.

It is not for any personal gain.

It is just for love of fellow man.

It's just to send a helping hand.

It's just to give the tithe of self.

There's nothing you can't buy with wealth.

It's not metals won with pride.

It's for that feeling deep inside.

It's that reward down in your heart.

It's that feeling that you've been a part.

Of helping others far and near,

That makes you be a volunteer.

Author unknown

SINGING:

I've Been Working on the Railroad was sung by all of the young people in the room. So enthusiastic was the crowd, they sang beyond the words that were printed on the crib sheet. Hats off to all our engineers.

GUESTS:

1. Dave Warrender, speaker, Citizens' Climate Lobby
2. Joy Lonnes, Citizens' Climate Lobby
3. Lynda Guthrie, President of Noon Club

RECOGNITIONS:

1. Archie Julian celebrated his birthday last week and made a generous donation to the Club Foundation.
2. Dennis O'Neel continues to add years to his life and in gratitude gave a donation to the Club's Foundation.

3. Manuel Ramos celebrated an anniversary and contributed to his Paul Harris Fund.
4. Bert Terreri has a birthday forthcoming and anticipated its arrival by going skiing and snowboarding with his family. He donated generously to the Club Foundation

HAPPY DOLLARS:

1. Dennis O'Neel had two things about which to be happy. One of his grandsons, age 17, was recently selected to join other players on a rugby team in Ireland for a one-week period soon. Another grandson has been accepted with scholarships to St. Ignatius high school, Stewart Hall high school in Marin Catholic high school, all very prestigious institutions with high standards for acceptance.
2. Diane Bucher has once again had her wine listed in Sonoma magazine as one of the wines listed "as what to drink for Easter dinner". She also went to Washington DC where her nephew in the Marine Corps got married and Diane and the rest of the family got a personal tour of the Pentagon from a three-star general. A very enlightening experience. She made a happy dollar contribution to her Paul Harris fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Shaun Sheilds reminded members of their pledges to him for walking with green hair on St. Patrick's Day. He thanked all members who paid for his heroic physical efforts to get up early and walk six blocks.
2. Linda Guthrie, president of the Healdsburg Noon Club offered her thank yours to the Rotarians who participated in the paint your hair green aspect of the St. Patrick's Day parade. She reports at their Club has raised significant amounts of money with this event, including one donor who has given enough to have her own Paul Harris fund, albeit she is not a Rotarian.
3. Pam Moulton informed the membership that the photo coalition that took photographs for last year's artistic display at the Paul Mutter gallery is embarking on a project to let the homeless take pictures of a "day in their lives". They are soliciting used digital cameras that may be used for this purpose, as the cost of analog photography and processing is prohibitively expensive.
4. George Dutton reminded members of the "Fools Night Out" party to be held on Saturday, April 1, at the Villa annex starting at 6 PM. This is a mandatory and very enjoyable event. Please sign up from the email that you received as an invitation to the event.
5. Incoming president Dan Erickson reminded members of the district assembly to be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 in Ukiah at the Junior College. The \$50 registration fee will be reimbursed by the Club.
6. Brad Benson reminded members of our obligations to provide manpower for the bicycle tour on April 28/29. Sign-up sheets were circulated again. Members utilizing Facebook are encouraged to "Like" the event which already has its own page. It is not too late to solicit sponsors if you can. Those donating over \$600 will have their company logo put on the T-shirt that goes with the event.

7. Doug Pile reminded members of the SCARC dinner to be held on Thursday, 30 March 2017 at the Fountain Grove Inn in Santa Rosa. The topic of discussion will be Rotary Foundation. The cost is \$50.
8. A short meeting of the Joint Board of Directors will be held after today's meeting.
9. There will be an auction at our Club meeting on 4/12, giving members an opportunity to lay in provisions for Easter feasting.

RAFFLE:

Linda Guthrie, Noon Club President, woke up early enough to buy the winning ticket (#7697). She was unable to answer how many measles deaths occurred worldwide in 2016. The answer, from the Rotarian magazine, was 134,000. Most of the deaths are occurring in countries that still have some degree of polio activity. If anybody can remember, she is to receive a free meal the next time she attends one of our Club meetings.

PROGRAM:

David Warrender, local spokesperson for the Citizens' Climate Lobby presented a program aimed at promoting behavior changes to reduce the consequences of climate change.

Citizens Climate Lobby is a nonpartisan, private organization with over 300 local chapters throughout the United States and an additional 85-90 elsewhere in the world. Members work at the local level to educate their representatives and other community members about the consequences of global warming and to promote a meaningful way to minimize future warming and its consequences.

Locally, California has endured one of the costliest wildfire seasons in history, has suffered a three-year drought followed by a year of 200+% precipitation with flooding and destruction of infrastructure – dams, levees, roads and homes. Nationally, there has also been flooding in Louisiana leaving 140,000 families badly damaged homes, and North Carolina with \$3 billion worth of damage from flooding following an unprecedented 17 inches of rain in 24 hours, and in Miami, where the city is having to employ massive pumps just to keep water from intruding into the commercial area during "King" tides which are aggravated by rising sea levels. The costs of global warming are truly of great significance.

This "climate chaos" is as a direct result of the increased energy in the system from the presence of rising temperature. All indicators point to this becoming more of a problem, rather than less, over the next decades. 97% of the scientists that have studied global warming agree that it is occurring and that the increased production of carbon dioxide is one of the major causes of this effect.

CCL proposes a carbon fee and dividend program that it is promoting to legislators on both sides of the aisle. A charge \$100 per ton of carbon extracted from the earth would be levied. The funds raised would go to a dividend pool for redistribution to each household in America. Border adjustments for goods produced outside of our country that had a significant carbon footprint, would also be levied to make up for their lesser cost. This proposal would probably increase the price of gasoline by approximately \$1.00/gal. Dividend checks, from a fully implemented program, would be approximately \$268 per month for each American household. These dividend checks could help pay for the increased cost of goods, especially gasoline or could be used to support other industries that do not require burning of fossil fuels (solar, wind-based power generation, and more efficient use of carbon-containing products when they were absolutely required).

Air pollution will be diminished. The environment would be helped in innumerable other ways with less toxins in the water supply. Individual's health would improve with a cleaner environment and less air pollution and the economy would be boosted with newly created jobs or expanded job opportunities in the non-fossil fuel dependent economy.

To achieve their goals the CCL follows three principles:

1. Politicians don't create political will, they respond to it
2. CCL will always show respect and genuine appreciation to all people and points of view relating to carbon and its impact on the environment.
3. All proposals should be effective, simple, fair and transparent. (At the beginning of his presentation he showed a slide of the Four-Way Test of Rotary International).

We simply cannot continue to live with the consequences of neglect of meaningful action to slow global warming. A non-political and not-for-profit organization seems the best way to influence all our political leaders to act on our will.

www/CitizensClimateLobby.org

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, March 29,

DARK

Wednesday, April 5

Elaine Watkins

McCord College Career Center

Healdsburg High School

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