

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

DATE: Wednesday, May 24, 2017

ATTENDANCE: 27/43 63%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

new member, Steve Rued, led the group in reciting the pledge to the flag.

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Jay Beckwith offered the following quotations from Paul Harris:

The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship. On no less firm a foundation could it have stood the test of time.

Rotarians are much more favorably disposed to action than they are to words.

SINGING:

The group maintained their enthusiasm after last week's successful performance of *In the Good Old Summertime*. They kept the enthusiasm alive with a good rendition of *When You're Smiling*.

GUESTS:

1. Emma Nissen, exchange student from Denmark
2. Bailey Bushnell, returning Rotary scholarship recipient
3. Jonathan Ramirez, Drew Esquivel Memorial Scholarship Fund recipient
4. Emily Nuñez, returning Rotary scholarship recipient
5. Isabel Nuñez, Rotary scholarship recipient
6. Juan Aguilar, Drew Esquivel Memorial Scholarship Fund recipient
7. Emma Airey, Rotary scholarship recipient
8. Anna Chapman, Rotary scholarship recipient
9. Andrew Nunñez, Drew Esquivel Memorial Scholarship Fund recipient

RECOGNITIONS:

It was another uneventful week for the members of the Rotary club of Healdsburg Sunrise and their partners. No events were celebrated.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Larry Orr, chairman of the scholarship committee, brought the scholarship recipients before the group and had them introduce themselves and give a summary of where they will be attending school and in what field of academics they will be studying. The club congratulated each of them with a rousing round of applause. It is noteworthy that

this is the first year that we have given a continuation scholarship to students who have graduated in the past with the Rotary scholarship to help fund their second year of education.

There were 147 graduating seniors, 87 of whom received scholarships totaling \$530,000. Our club donated \$,8000 of this amount. An additional \$3,000 was given in returning scholarships.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Pam Moulton** announced to the club that she will be transferring to the Windsor club. She will remain active in Rotary. She joined the Healdsburg club when they were living in Healdsburg as a charter member. They have subsequently moved to Windsor where her husband is a member of the Windsor Rotary club. They will serve in that club together. We will be seeing more of Pam as she is Vance's up the district governor latter.

2. **Colleen Carmichael** remind members that there were two more **Wonder League games. This Saturday at 10:30 AM at the Fox Creek baseball field. The second game will be at 12:00 PM on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at Recreation Park** at which time members of the Prune Packer baseball team will buddy with our special needs athletes. There will also be a banquet (BBQ) sponsored by the Active 20/30 club.

3. **Jay Beckwith** announced that there will be signage at each of the tables at our Fourth of July event to encourage people to become quote ***Friends of Rotary*** meaning that they could participate in club activities and service projects without being dues-paying members of our club with the obligations that that entails. There are many people that wants to be involved, and this is a good way to start them on the path to becoming good Rotarians.

4. **Debunking of Pres. Brad** will be on Friday **June 23** at Tayman Park. **Lee Morton** needs help with planning the program, setup and takedown. Catering is being arranged. The event will run from six-9 PM, spouses or significant others are invited to attend as well.

5. **Andy Esquivel** reports that the Interact Club will be doing the **river cleanup this coming Saturday**, guided by Don McEnhill. Helpers will be needed to help transport the students and kayaks back to Memorial Beach from Wohler bridge. There has been a sign-up sheet circulated. Please be sure to keep your commitment.

The Interact Club elected officers for the coming year.

6. The **Drew Esquivel Memorial Scholarship Fund golf tournament will be held on September 9, 2017.** This year it will feature a nine-hole format. This will give more time for other activities related to fundraising. Members are encouraged to mark the date on the calendar and be aware that requests for help with planning and putting on the event will be forthcoming.

7. Dennis O'Neel request that somebody come forward **to join the membership committee** which needs one more member.

8. **Shaun Shields** once again pitched his **Change for Change** program... Keep up the good work!

9. **Will Seppi** reminded members to sell tickets for the Duck Dash, obtain prizes, and work on gaining sponsorships. It is less than seven weeks until 4 July.

RAFFLE:

Evan's one of our scholarship recipients, **Isabel Nuñez**, held the winning ticket. The question: *How many times since their move to San Francisco have the Giants appeared in the World Series?* The correct answer was 6. Philippe Hobson gave assistance in answering the question with permission of the club. Congratulations Isabel, you went home \$25 richer!

PROGRAM:

Emma Nissen, our club-sponsored exchange student for the 2016-2017 academic year gave a presentation on her country and reflections upon her year of experiences in the United States and in Healdsburg.

She gave us some demographics of Denmark. Denmark has 5 million inhabitants. As a nation, it is over 1,000 years old. It is governed by a monarchy which is mainly titular and a parliament that is usually divided into two factions, although there are nine recognized political parties in Denmark. Denmark is also the home of Hans Christian Anderson, author of world-renowned fairytales for children.

Denmark leads the world in wind power industry. They are also the home to LEGOS. One of the largest manufacturers of diabetic drugs and other products, Novo Nordisk is headquartered in Denmark. Recent years have seen a burgeoning of Danish gastronomy and architecture. The minimum wage for workers in Denmark is set by industry and the type of work one does. For the most part, Danish people enjoy their existence.

Denmark is a country with many social programs. There is a relatively high tax rate. The spread between the rich and poor is not as wide as it is in America and there is a strong safety net allowing everybody access to good education and excellent healthcare. Students typically go to school for nine years of elementary school, finishing at approximately age 15 or 16. They can go on to two years of "high school" which is basically college preparatory work and then go on to higher education beyond that.

At school she was on the tennis and swim teams and enjoyed the camaraderie of athletics. She traveled rather extensively in the western United States spending time in the mountain skiing, going to Orcas Island in Washington state, and spending time in Hawaii with other Rotary youth exchange programs from District 5130.

Emma give a special thanks to the host families with whom she has stayed for the past year, as well as to the club for allowing her to have this experience.

NEXT MEETING:

May 31, 2017
Dan Needham, Executive Director
Earle Baum Center for the Blind

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