

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

DATE: Wednesday, 25 May 2016

ATTENDANCE: 34/45 75%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Erik Wagner led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Pres. Lee, always good with working with blank paper, held up a blank piece of paper with the following heading:

This is a comprehensive list of everything you're entitled to and that the world owes you.

SINGING:

My Country 'Tis Of Thee was sung correctly by all of the members of the club who were in attendance. Thank goodness!

GUESTS:

1. Jack Mallinson
2. Harry Morse, First Sergeant, US Army, retired – program speaker

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Jake McKee reviewed the timeline for **the remaining Wonder League games**. This coming Saturday the game will be held at 10:30 AM at Fox Creek Community Ball Park. Club members are urged to attend to be "buddies" as high school graduation ceremonies are interfering with the ability of high school seniors from the Windsor baseball team to be there. **The following week, 4 June, the game will be held at Recreation Park** and the buddies will be the Healdsburg Prune Packers. This will also include the awards ceremony where participants will receive trading cards, a picture of the entire team, and a special baseball hat provided by the San Francisco Giants organization. There will also be a **club social** at that time and members are encouraged to attend the Prune Packers game, which will follow the Wonder League game.
2. Pam Everson reminded members that may have taken home floral arrangements from the **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** to return the vases in which they were contained. They will be used again next year.
3. Pam Moulton thanked members who attended the **exhibit *With No Place To Call Home at the Paul Mahder*** gallery last Thursday evening. As a result of that social gathering with members of the Rotary clubs from Healdsburg, Windsor and the Soroptimist club of Healdsburg plans are underway to help support a new shower facility at St. Paul's homeless shelter.

4. Richard Hillman reported for Larry Orr about the **scholarship presentation** at Healdsburg High School on Monday evening. Our club awarded six scholarships totaling \$8,000. Recipients have been asked to attend our next club meeting to learn more about the ideals of Rotary and its commitment to service.
5. Ed Smith reported on the **Rotary Youth Exchange**. We have 2 of 3 incoming host families set up. A third family is needed to help share the load. Our inbound student has been selected, but we are not allowed to disclose her name. She is from Denmark. Our outbound student, Talia, will be going to Sweden in late July. Ed would like to institute a weekly Rotary Youth Moment at club meetings highlighting some of the aspects of our club's relationship and support of youth.
6. **Transcendence Theater, Broadway Under The Stars**, has been sold out. All 22 tickets have been claimed. If additional members want to attend this event, to be held on 21 August they should contact Lance Cottrell.
7. Andy Esquivel reports that the Interact Club has elected new officers for the coming year and they will meet over the summer to make plans for the year.
8. Sean Shields reminds members to participate in the **Change for a Change** program to help eradicate polio. He is appreciative of all funds that are being contributed on a weekly basis.
9. Doug Pile recounted to members the sentiments contained in thank you letters from recipients of our Teacher Of The Year Awards. They are most appreciative of the public recognition that they have received for their hard work, are thankful to the Rotary club for allowing this recognition to take place, and for the monetary stipend. Teachers have little opportunity for public recognition of this scope, and this is a definite program that should be continued.
10. Brad Benson has recently returned from a short trip to Florida. He had hoped to see manatees and possibly bring one back to Lee. He was unsuccessful. Instead he brought a scale model of the **space shuttle for Lee** to contemplate as part of his building experience. He also noted **that Will Seppi** has a larger than life photograph on the wall at Oliver's Market in Windsor. He has made a donation of \$20 to the club in recognition of Will's notoriety. Other members were encouraged to contribute as well.

CRAFT TALK:

Chris Call, a new member, presented his craft talk today. he was born in Utah, one of six children. he attended the University of Utah and moved almost immediately to Sonoma county. he worked originally for a CPA firm in San Francisco, ultimately moving to American Ag Credit where he worked for 10 or 15 years until he became the CEO of the Grange Credit Union.

Notable features in his life include becoming an Eagle Scout at age 13. He spent six weeks in Scotland on a Rotary Business Exchange . He lived in Germany for two years. He speaks German fluently. In his spare time he

enjoys riding his motorcycle, walking and training his dogs, and playing tennis.

RAFFLE:

Dan Erickson held the lucky ticket, number 1050. He was presented with choosing a **number between 100 and 150** to claim his prize. He chose **122**. When he was informed that this was the incorrect number, President Lee held up the piece of paper on which he had written the number, **which was... 32**. We all hope that his calculations and his construction business are somewhat more accurate than this! Needless to say, Dan was not a winner, Lee was a loser; somewhere sometime someone will have to pay the consequences of this..

PROGRAM:

First Sgt. Harry Morse, United States Army, Retired presented a program in dialogue with member Vince Dougherty about his experiences in the service. He recounted several stories from his time in the service (27 years, 10 days, 12 hours and 12 minutes) and in three conflicts.

He was born in Michigan in 1922. He enlisted in the Army on 18 July 1940 following a silly rear-end accident that occurred as he was watching the pretty girls coming from a movie house while he was driving in Flint, Michigan. He enlisted and was sent to Fort Ord. From there he went to Presidio, Fort Lewis and served in various stateside installations. Ultimately he was sent to Europe where he spent seven years including some years during the war. He was a member of the Third Infantry. He recounted several landings in North Africa and Italy. He remembered meeting Gen. Patton who he characterized with the epithet *your blood and his guts*.

Following the Second World War he remained in the active reserve and was recalled to Korea. Following Korea he returned to the states and worked 15 years as a correctional officer at San Quentin before being recalled for service in Vietnam.

Harry is very outgoing and speaks easily with anybody that shows an interest in the military particularly regarding the period of World War II. While sitting in the San Francisco airport, he was befriended by a youngster from Tennessee who was out with his father to see the Warriors games. The child had a tremendous interest in the Second World War and he and Harry have become fast friends, corresponding on a regular basis. This weekend, Vince and Harry will be traveling to the WW II museum in New Orleans, where they will be met by this boy and his father. Harry plans to present him one of his two bronze stars with oak leaf clusters.

It was a most enjoyable and informative meeting. Vince pointed out the following facts: over 16 million Americans served in World War II, 696,000

remain, they are dying at the rate of approximately 490 a day. Their history is important, and they all deserve honor and recognition on a continual basis for the service they provided. We look forward to having Harry attend our veterans breakfast again this year, as he did last year.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 1 June 2016 Year In Review - Fundraising

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pile, Club Secretary