

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

DATE: Wednesday, 21 September 2016

ATTENDANCE: 33/47 70.2%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Manuel Ramos.

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Colleen Carmichael offered the following:

*People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best
anyway.
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It is never between you and
them anyway.*

Mother Teresa

SINGING:

Although they may not have been smiling before singing this week's song, by its conclusion, everybody was smiling at how horrible it sounded. Despite that, they all offered their best in a version of *Keep On Smilin'*, sung in at least 12 different keys. There is always next week for improvement...keep on smilin'.

GUESTS:

1. Che Casul, Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County

RECOGNITIONS:

1. **Karen Dutton**, wife of **George**, celebrated her birthday last weekend. In a reversal of the question for the raffle, George challenged Pres. Brad regarding the age of Healdsburg High School. He was off by 21 years. Healdsburg High School was founded in 1888. Karen Dutton's father taught there for 34 years. George made a generous donation to the Rotary Foundation.
2. **Vince Doherty** celebrated his anniversary as well as the birthday of his wife, **Paula**, in the past week. Their son also graduated from Coast Guard school and is stationed in McKinley Ville, California. The donation was made to the scholarship fund.
3. **Terry Tremblay** and his wife **Kathy** celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary. A donation was made to the Club's scholarship fund.

4. **Fred Walter** almost escaped recognition. He and his wife, **Jenny**, have celebrated 37 years of marriage. A donation was made to the Rotary Foundation

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The **Foss Creek Cleanup will take place this Saturday** starting at 8 o'clock outside the Bear Republic. Our Club is responsible for providing lunch at the conclusion of the morning's activities. Please plan to come and help anytime after 10 o'clock.

2. The **District training sessions for the Rotary Foundation and Membership functions will be held this Saturday at Sally Tomatoes in Rohnert Park**. Shaun Shields and Manuel Ramos will be attending and will bring the membership up to date on recent changes in these areas.

3. **District grants** have been approved for two projects sponsored by the Club. The first, scholarships for Kenya in the amount of \$1000 was prepared by Pam Everson who is thanked for her efforts on promoting this grant. Second, a joint project to provide updated shower facilities at St. Paul's church was approved. Ken Moulton, from the Windsor Club, spearheaded this project.

4. The **Healdsburg Police Department will be providing a free public shredding** service at the **Foss Creek community Center this Saturday from 9 AM-1 PM**. Two members from our Club should be present throughout the event. **Ciro Morales**, who spearheaded our joint effort, will be there and other members are encouraged to attend for one or more hours during that timeframe.

5. **Shaun Shields** once again reminded members to contribute to the Foundation with our **Change for Change** boxes.

6. Our annual **Choices** program will be presented Thursday and Friday of next week. **Lance Cottrell**, coordinator, will hold a brief meeting following this morning's meeting to go over protocol and recommendations for presentation..

7. **George Dutton** states that he heard a rumor that the new membership drive for the noon Club is being spearheaded by a change in their catering organization to Meals on Wheels. Hopefully it will increase their membership.

8. **Will Seppi** reports that the **Duck Dash planning** is proceeding on schedule. Future reports will be given to the Club as they are available.

9. **Nancy Palombo** reported that our exchange student, **Emma Nissen**, attended the Cal-Texas football game last Saturday evening, the longest game in Cal football history. She encourages members to consider including Emma in their activity plans. Emma will bring a poster to a future meeting outlining things that she would like to do in the coming year.

10. **Will Seppi acknowledge that his parents have been awarded the Healdsburg Museum Pioneer award** for their contributions to the history of Healdsburg in both a literal and figurative way. They will be celebrated at a dinner and fundraiser to be held at the Villa this coming Saturday evening.

11. **Colleen Carmichael**, outstanding Giant's fan, wants to bring the following to your attention.

SF Giants Special Needs Family Appreciation Night

Join **Everybody is a Star** as we salute the families who love and care for members with Special Needs. Stars from the organization will lead the crowd in singing Take

Me Out to the Ball Game at the 7th Inning Stretch. Come out for a fun night of baseball.

San Francisco Giants Host the Colorado Rockies at AT&T Park

September 28th, 2016 7:15 p.m.

View reserve seats are a \$25 donation to Everybody is a Star

Get your tickets now at www.everybodystar.org or call 707-321-1405.

Happy \$:

1. **Jerry Anderson** happily parted was \$1 because of the outstanding dental work provided his wife by Pam Everson.
2. **Brad Benson's grandson** is one month old and is starting to cry more, making life "different" for his daughter.
3. **Colleen Carmichael is happy that her parents are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.** She plans an outing with them this coming weekend, along with her daughter.
4. **Ciro Morales recently returned from New York City** and brought back an item for Pres. Brad.
5. **Manuel Ramos recently visited Disneyland** with his family and brought back some used maps and a new

RAFFLE:

Jay Beckwith held the winning ticket but not the winning answer. The question was... "What is the name of the oldest golf course in Sonoma County and when was it established?" The answer... Tayman Park, 1923. Again, Healdsburg is the leader.

PROGRAM:

Che Casul, Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County presented an overview of the scope of services provided by Habitat For Humanity in Sonoma County. He outlined their activities, as well as numerous ways that Club members and other members of the community may become involved with their programs. He is a seventh generation Sonoma County resident and holds a Masters degree from Sonoma State University in public administration.

Habitat for Humanity has been building homes in Sonoma County for over 30 years. Although widely recognized for the construction of new homes, that are affordable, their impact on the community far outstrips simply providing another lodging facility. Habitat for humanity builds opportunity, dreams, community and hope. Through their programs they create stability in families regarding housing. This security in housing provides safe environments for participants in the program and provide a great deal of continuity for the family including work, school and community involvement.

Currently there are 10,000 homes in Sonoma County that are severely overcrowded and there is a 0.03% vacancy rate for housing units in the county. It is the hope of habitat for humanity that by the year 202, 20 new homes a year will be built in

Sonoma County. This is a small percentage of what anticipated needs will be at that time (144 per year).

Qualifications for a habitat for humanity home are stringent. One must be earning between 40 and 80% of the median income for the area and there is an intensive qualification process looking at employment, family size, ability to provide 500 hours of sweat equity and numerous other qualifications.

Once selected as a recipient, participants are obligated to put in up to 500 hours of sweat equity including helping neighbors build new homes, and providing other functions within the scope of Habitat for Humanity services. These hours count towards the down payment for a home. Mortgages for these homes will never exceed 30% of the family income. Once built, they can only be sold as low income housing at low income prices. Houses are generally built for less than half of the median price of a similar home in Sonoma County. Many supplies are provided at cost or below cost (donated) and virtually all of the labor is provided by volunteers.

A new area of development is helping elderly couples to "age-in-place." Typically these are families on a limited income who have owned and resided in their properties for decades but the properties have fallen into a state of disrepair. Working with the Exchange Bank, a limited reverse mortgage is obtained to help with some of the expenses of remodeling the homes to allow the families to remain in them through the end of their lives. Materials are purchased or obtained through the same sources as regular Habitat for Humanity homes, and all labor is volunteered. This program is helping numerous elderly families to remain in place as they grow older.

Community members may become involved with Habitat as construction workers. Training will be provided for those who want to work this aspect of the volunteer service. Other opportunities include working in the ReStore, a warehouse of donated items, supplies and tools that are sold to the public with the proceeds going to purchase building materials for new homes. Donated cabinets, and other usable materials can often be used in the new construction as well. Administrative office functions are also available that do not require a knowledge of construction or materials and frequently involve grant writing, maintaining databases and work schedules.

Members can find out more information about habitat for humanity by visiting www.habitatSoCo.org.

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange these apples then you and I each have one apple. But if I have an idea and you have an idea and we exchange these ideas now we each have two ideas

George Bernard Shaw

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 28 September 2016

Herb and Beverly Liberman

The Scholarship Program at the Kiurani High School in Chogoria, Kenya

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pile, Club Secretary