

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

DATE: **Wednesday, 28 September 2016**

ATTENDANCE: 34/46 74%

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered by the group, led by Dennis O'Neel

ROTARY MOMENT/INSPIRATION:

Brad Benson offered the following:

Keep your eyes open to your mercies. The man who forgets to be thankful has fallen asleep in life. - Robert Louis Stevenson
Let's all keep our eyes open for the good things in life. Brad Benson
addendum

SINGING:

This week the song was *You're A Grand Old Flag*. This was a strong recovery from last week's song as was demonstrated by the group staying together, and for the most part being in key, or in close harmony.

GUESTS:

1. Beverly Liberman, co-presenter of the program on the Kiurani High School in Chogoria, Kenya
2. Rabbi Mendel, guest of Herb and Beverly Liberman
3. Emma Nissen, Youth Exchange Program student

NEW MEMBERSHIP INDUCTION:

membership chairman Manuel Ramos presented Will Walton for induction into Club membership. His sponsor is Will Seppi. Will has an extensive background in green energy and environmental issues in Latin America. He has been involved in numerous service organizations in the past. He was reminded by Manuel of the projects that are part of the Rotary Club of Healdsburg Sunrise as well as the worldwide fellowship afforded to him by his membership in the world's largest and best service Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. President Brad received a request from Rotary International regarding a **Club interest in hosting 6-7 Rotarians from the East Asia region during 2017**. Members who think our Club should have an interest can seek further information from Pres. Brad.
2. The **Rotary Club of Rohnert Park/Cotati is having a golf tournament on October 14**. Information is available from Brad for those who are interested.

3. **Calistoga Rotary is having a Harvest Hoedown on 10/10** starting at 530 in the afternoon. Information is available from Pres. Brad.
4. **Dennis O'Neel** had something to say about the Los Angeles Dodgers by wearing a **Dodgers** hat to our meeting. It has been stolen.
5. **Nancy Palombo and Emma Nissen** reviewed the events that she has participated in since arriving in this country. They also presented the calendar of things that she would like to do and enlisted members to review this and to think of her when they are doing any activities that may include these destinations or activities. The calendar will be brought to each meeting.
6. Terry Tremblay reminded members of **the Drew Esquivel Golf Tournament to be held on October 15, Saturday at Tayman Park**. The event will include a round of golf as well as a dinner. Club members are needed to help with the event even if they are not golfing. It is possible to sign up for the dinner only without playing golf.
7. Shaun Sheilds, Foundation chair, had members who are **Paul Harris Fellows** stand for recognition and as inspirations for other members to become Paul Harris Fellows.
8. Lance Cottrell offered an opportunity for members who are participating in the **Choices program** tomorrow and Friday to receive any last-minute clarification of their responsibilities following this morning's meeting.

RECOGNITIONS:

There was one recognition today. Jay Beckwith celebrated his 75th birthday and although the occasion of his graduation into this stage of life prompted him to think of joining the Noon Club, he had second thoughts and instead contributed \$75 to his home Club – Healdsburg Sunrise! Thank you Jay!

RAFFLE:

Doug Pile held the winning raffle ticket and was able to successfully answer the question *What was the main industry in Healdsburg in 1967?...* PRUNES! Doug offered his share of the winnings to start his Paul Harris Fellowship pledge.

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT:

Will Seppi encouraged members to read the new issue of the Rotarian Magazine that arrived this week. There will be a quiz on some obscure item from the issue at our next meeting... Be Prepared!

PROGRAM:

Herb Liberman and his wife Beverly have recently returned from a trip to Kenya

The purpose of the visit was threefold:

1. Visit with headmaster Timothy of the Kiurani High School in Chogoria, Kenya
2. Visit with students and families from the Kiurani High School
3. Review Herb's business with macadamia and cashew producers in Kenya.

Beverly presented most of the information from their visit. Our Club and local friends have funded scholarships for 44 students (\$250 covers fees, room and board for one year). There are about 70 students in financial need and hopefully a wider range of participation will be stimulated by this presentation. Seven of the students who have been sponsored by the Club are now attending university. This is a staggering development for a small, rural high school. In fact, student outcomes at the Kiurani High School rival those of the largest private and public schools in Kenya.

Letters from students were passed to members of the Club by Beverly and read aloud. These letters express the deep gratitude for the opportunities our scholarships have opened to these young people. George. Dutton reported on his experience of having sponsored a student through high school and about his plans to continue supporting that student through university education.

Herb and Bev presented a photo essay on the school, living conditions and the challenge that the students and their families face in pursuing this educational pathway. This will ultimately lead to a richer life not only for the students, but also for their families and the community in general.

Members are encouraged to talk with Herbert Bev about becoming sponsors for the coming year. We are hopeful that all of the 70 students requiring financial aid might be helped by our generosity.

Thank you, Bev and Herb, for a wonderful job, well done!

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, 5 October 2016

David Goodman, Redwood Empire Food Bank

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Pile, Club Secretary