

# The Voice of the Vineyards

The Weekly Electronic Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Healdsburg

“The mission of a bulletin is inform the membership,  
comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable”

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**WELCOME: President Doug Garrett**



**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by John Avakian**

**VISITING ROTARIANS: None**

**GUESTS of ROTARIANS**

- ✓ Lance MacDonald, Guest of the Club. Speaker of the day

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** “The vote is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have”  
Congressman and Civil Rights activist John Lewis.

**TRIVIA QUESTION:** How much did the Rotary Foundation raise in the 2021-22 Rotary year?

- ✓ **Alex Rollins** was closest with a guess of \$150M



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ Board Meeting Summary (October): Approved \$3,500 for Rotary Memorial Bench and Bricks at remodeled Foss Creek Parkway. Healdsburg High Senior Seminar coming back this year. Next Board meeting: Monday, November 28.
- ✚ Landpaths work party scheduled for November 3 9:00 AM at Riddell Preserve (off West Dry Creek); contact **Norm Fujita**.
- ✚ Russian Riverkeeper Arundo Donax removal work party scheduled for November 5, 8:00 AM at Badger Park; contact **Norm Fujita**.
- ✚ Thanksgiving Senior Lunch: Monday, Nov. 21 in lieu of regular Club meeting; Need servers, everyone bring pies; cute +/- or funny raffle prizes needed. **Mike McGuire** doing the raffle this year!
- ✚ Crab Feast update: Sign up for one of the work groups, next week **Jim Westfall** will have sign-up sheets next week. Looking for more auction items - go to our website and viz drop tab. Go to FB twitter etc. to share and to help promote by sharing with friends! Even if we sell out tickets, folks will be able to bid on silent auction items. Please when putting a new donation in the conference room label 'new' and include value amount! For crab as necessary, can source from further north.



**NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: Rosemary Jordan, CEO of Enso Village.**

**Rosemary** expresses that she is grateful for the warm and welcoming nature of the club; and she is excited to be part of the group!



### **MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES**



❖ None recorded in the current club documents for this week but we do have one from last week:

**Richard Norgrove:** 55th wedding anniversary! Kids gathered at the coast - only one grandson was away (in Indianapolis receiving an FFA award. **Richard** donates \$55 to general fund.

### **HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION:**

- **Jim Westfall:** contributing \$104 to Polio plus for many happy memories in remembrance.
  
- **Norm Fujita:** Northwest trip; including Happy Salmon! \$50 to Polio Plus
  
- **Dick Bertapelle:** celebrating Bertapelle Winery Cellars as outstanding award recipient in 2022 (award committee likes their last vintage a lot!) \$50 to club



### **TODAY'S PROGRAM:**

**Lance McDonald, Healdsburg Fire Marshall and Division Chief**

Lance Mc Donald introduced by **Andrew Sturfels.**

New Fire Marshal in Healdsburg since May.

Most recently with Novato.

Great communicator and problem solver - who you want on any team!

Grew up Mendocino Co ; father fire chief Comche CVFD

30 years ago Rotary Scholarship recipient! 1992 Camp RYLA

Talk of Tubbs and Kincade wildfires 2017 and 2019

36,000+ Acres vs 77k

5600 structures vs 374

Emergency (last minute vs 190,000 Healdsburg..

22 deaths vs 0 deaths.

Changed life; gave hope and purpose.

Reactive; vs early notification

Message: what's on fire and what's not on fire? We call it a wildfire. But what burned are the structures with links to things around the house.

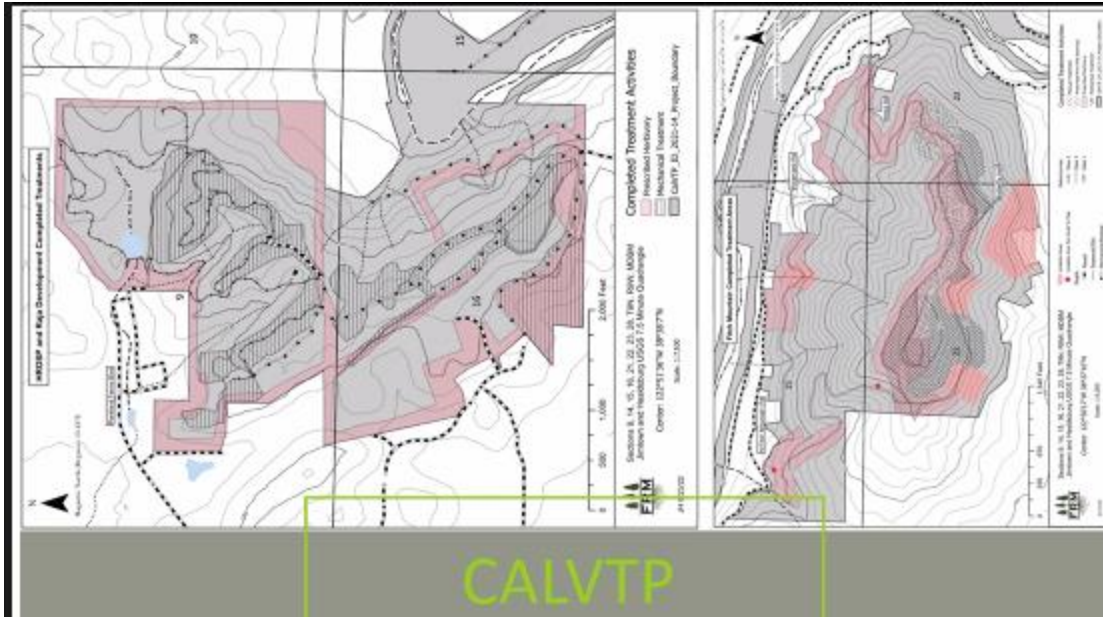
What can you do? Home hardening: Homie out approach. Start at the house. Vegetation management. Evacuation has a plan.

Fire resiliency: vents gutters windows fence / decks. Single pane vs dual pane.

Decks of wood; how those connect to your house.

Vegetation management. Zone zero close to the house. Call that the ember resistant zone. First 5 feet be gravel rock soil hardscape first 5 feet. Zone 1 5 to 30 feet. Lean and clean green zone. Spaces in between. Islands of the right type of vegetation. Zone 2 30 to 100+. Tree canopies up a bit and healthy. Reduce ladder fuels. Low growing grass might be connected to higher bush connected to a low branch. Reach canopy fires! Hard to fight up there.

Know your zone. Know routes and alt rouets. Stay on pavement best. Head towards 101. North or South.



If you feel unsafe before an order. Just go.

Lost cell phone: designated place to meet?

County has chipping program: available to Healdsburgers.

Open space ridge introduction of sheep tomorrow and goats will follow. (on ridge) Bringing them back. Veg management plan.

CPP: our community Wildfire prevention plan. Grant funds. Future. Like Cal

Average \$1.60/sf for sprinklers!

Typically stay in your home after an activation. 90% are 1 or 2 sprinkler heads

Thank you

Working on CPP: procure funds

Weed abatement program predecessor. Will continue. But will be doing wildfire assessments in every parcel in Healdsburg: bringing

**Jerry Ogden:** Gratitude to HFD for help of non-emergency call to the fire department on high fire alarm.

**Norm Fujita:** recent mitigation preserve work had to be cancelled. Update? Lance broom pulling and burns; more to come on top of Fitch Mtn. Look for commitment to continue; looking to get more resources and time. Also wants to say: this is one of the reasons he is in this outreach ; getting community partnership can amplify the current resources available within the HFD.

**Doug Garrett:** Can work commitment from **McGuire** et al: can that help with fire fighter access? Lance: the fitch mtn side access is well / easily available.

**President Doug:** gratitude for sharing here and for sharing your story of your experience with Rotary in youth.

**RAFFLE WINNER: None today!**

**CLOSING**

➤ **President Doug thanked members and guests and signed off**

**UPCOMING PROGRAM: Bob Rogers, District 5130 Polio**