



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: Joe DiSalvo led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

VISITING ROTARIANS

Bob Rodgers, Rotary Club of Sebastopol

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

Wayne Goodrich, Guest of **Eric & Devin Drew**.



Eric explained that Wayne is the grandson of Wayne Goodrich, one of the founding members of our Club, back in 1948. Wayne had perfect attendance for many years with the club. While Wayne was raised elsewhere, he is now living in the same home his grandfather lived in back in those times.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“If you don’t learn to laugh at troubles, you won’t have anything to laugh at when you get old.”

Will Rogers

(Courtesy of **Jerry Ogden**)

TRIVIA WINNER

There was no winner of today's question: “What is Tribology?” It is the **science** and **engineering** of interacting surfaces in relative motion; the study and application of **technology** using the principles of **friction**, **lubrication** and **wear**.



BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Leonardo DaVinci by Walter Isaacson. It was Leonardo, back in 1493 who first drew sketches and equations calculating the amount of effort to overcome friction in objects of a certain size and weight!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



✚ Paul Harris Fellows: Bob Pedroncelli (+4) presented by **Dick Cochran**.

✚ Next Board meeting: Monday, November 28.



✚ Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF) education week is November 7-14. Mel Schatz talked about the program to raise funds to support many expenses that schools cannot cover. Participating restaurants and merchants donate proceeds from a percentage of certain goods and dishes. **Mel and Mike Potmesil** urged members to go out and patronize participating merchants.

✚ **Norm Fujita** talked about our two successful work parties last week: the first with LandPaths up and Riddell Preserve, where several members worked to help clear French Broom (a fire hazard) and Douglas Fir saplings (also a fire hazard). On Saturday, more Rotarians from our Club and the Sunrise Club along with a few Interact Club members worked clearing the invasive Arundo Donax from the Russian River near Badger Park. The Arundo crowds out beneficial species, drains water from the river and is a fire hazard as well. The project is using new electric trimmers and saws donated by our Club with help from a District Grant.



✚ **Thanksgiving Senior Lunch:** Monday, Nov. 21 in lieu of regular Club meeting; **Graham Freeman** circulating signup sheets for servers, pies; cute +/- or funny raffle prizes. We want a small prize (value approximately \$10-100 for all 80 seniors. No alcohol, please. **Mike McGuire** is doing the raffle this year! Rotarians participating will join the seniors for lunch catered by Patti and Friends.

✚ **Jim Westfall** talked about the state of Crab Feast planning: please bring great wine for “The Collection”; finalize donations; sign up to volunteer, especially if you are not attending the event as a guest. We need more kitchen and service volunteers!



✚ Veteran’s Day Breakfast this Friday, November 11, Villa Annex, 8:00 AM and it is free!

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES: None this week

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION:



➤ **Fred Roberts** donated \$30 to the Club as his Baylor Bears beat Oklahoma.

- **Dave Anderson** donated \$112 to PolioPlus in honor of his favorite aunt, who lived to be 112!



- **Eric Drew visited** Scottsdale, Arizona for a Sotheby's real estate conference, and while he barely got out of the hotel, he brought a live cactus back for **President Doug**.



- **John Hazlett** donated \$50 to the Club (**did not get the reason**)

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Bob Rogers, District 5130 Polio+ Champion, Rotary District 27 "End Polio Now" Coordinator

gave the Club an update on the state of both wild and vaccine-related polio in several critical areas of the world, including Pakistan, Afghanistan, Malawi and Mozambique. All of the wild cases have been genetically mapped to the same source in Pakistan. The work continues to eradicate the last cases despite the great personal danger experienced by the vaccine workers, who are almost entirely women.



Bob also described the development (funded by the Gates Foundation) of a new Novel Oral Polio Vaccine, that reduces the risk of a vaccine dose returning to full strength by an order of

magnitude over the Sabin vaccine. In Nigeria, the new vaccine reduced the number of vaccination-derived polio from 415 to 39 in one year!

Bob also discussed the discovery of vaccine-derived polio in New York and the efforts to both track it and to increase the vaccination rates, especially among children under age five.

Bob presented several Club members with pins, certificates and wrist bands in commemoration of their joining the PolioPlus Society. Members of the Society pledge to donate at least \$100 per year until wild polio is eradicated from the planet. Honorees today were **Mike Potmesil, Don Mitchell, Norm Fujita** and **Ric Helthal**. **Grady Wann** also joined the Society, but he was not present today.

RAFFLE WINNER

Dick Cochran won \$52 and promptly donated it to PolioPlus! He received a nice bottle of Bonterra Merlot.



CLOSING

President Doug thanked our speaker, our guests and members, then gaveled the meeting closed

UPCOMING PROGRAM: Celebrating our Club Veterans and their experiences