

The Voice of the Vineyards

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comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable"

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WELCOME

President Lynda Guthrie called the meeting to order and asked **Artie Stein** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



QUOTE OF THE DAY: Prez Lynda... "...Only 1% of the Earth's fresh water supply is accessible for use, which is why it is important to conserve it."

VISITING ROTARIANS

- ✓ **Debbie Mason**, Key West Club



GUESTS of ROTARIANS

- ✓ Don McEnhill, guest of **Barbara Rosen**

~~~ *Oui Cater* served luncheon of tossed salad, vegetables, chicken with curry sauce, rice with vegetables, and coconut macaroons for dessert. ~~~ 2 Yums (Yum scale is from 0 to 5, with 5 being excellent.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **Prez Lynda** announced the upcoming SCARC Dinner, hosted by the Santa Rosa West Club on March 30, Fountaingrove Inn. at 6 PM.
- ✚ **Dinners for Eight** groups have been finalized and a list was distributed. They are to be held on Thursday, April 6, or Saturday, April 8.
- ✚ **The District Training Assembly** is Saturday, April 1, 8 - 4, at Mendocino College, 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah. The Club will cover the \$50 registration fee. Who should sign-up? **YOU**, and all new and current Board Members!



✚ **President-Elect Kate Buchanan** presented her proposed Board for her year beginning in July.

- ✚ **Patti Mannatt** announced a Blood Drive, sponsored by Exchange Bank, to be held there Friday, March 31, from 10 until 2.



## RECOGNITION



➤ **Prez Lynda** recognized **Artie Stein**, who gave us a brief (yes, it was!) presentation on Gift of Life, Inc, an organization he helped found in 1975 with a group of Rotarians in Manhasset, Long Island. Their work is truly inspiring, providing heart surgery to children all over the world. Over 18,000 children have been treated. Not only is **Artie** a major contributor, but he contributed **\$100 per minute** for every minute he spoke, for a total of \$700!!! (I told you he was brief!!) **President Lynda** said the Board had approved a \$1000 donation to this worthy organization. **Artie** received a standing ovation! **Artie**, you will be missed!!!!



➤ **Dick Bertapelle** was recognized for his recent trip to Kauai. He donated \$50.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

❖ **Kate Buchanan** donated \$5 Happy Dollars because her letter to the editor was published.



❖ **Artie Stein** donated \$1 Sad Dollar because Jimmy Breslin died.



❖ **Sally Hubbell** donated \$5 Happy Dollars for her fun Spring Break vacation with her family.

❖ **Patti Mannatt** donated \$1 Sad Dollar because big-hearted Artie is moving to Key West.



❖ **Mary Kelley** donated 2 X \$25 Happy Dollars because she is writing a book on John Wesley Powell, and **Mel Schatz and Jack Anthony** each bought a book in advance.

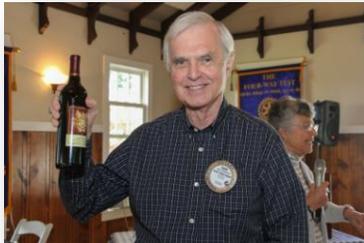


## PROGRAM

**Barbara Rosen** introduced today's speaker, Don McEnhill, the Executive Director of Russian Riverkeeper an organization that has been protecting the Russian River since 1993. His topic was "Building a Resilient Russian River, and the Russian River Confluence." The Russian River is the North Bay's most important asset. Past land uses have significantly reduced the ecosystem services provided by the river today, and make out community far more vulnerable. They received a conservation grant of \$8 million, which they have more than matched, to fight drought and climate change. Cows "going" in the river causes toxic algae. He ended with a quote from John Steinbeck, from East of Eden, "During the dry years, the people forgot about the rich years, and when the wet years returned, they lost all memory of the dry years. It was always that way."



## RAFFLE



**Dr Dave** won today's raffle but did not draw the winning marble. He did receive a lovely bottle of Bertapelle wine.

**CLOSING:** Prez Lynda thanked visitors and guests for coming and rang the bell.

**NEXT WEEK:** Debbie Mason, CEO Healthcare Foundation, Northern Sonoma County.