



Rotary Club of Healdsburg



## The Voice of the Vineyards

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comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable"

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### WELCOME

**President Rich** welcomed all and invited **Jerry Eddinger** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the reciting of the Four Way Test.



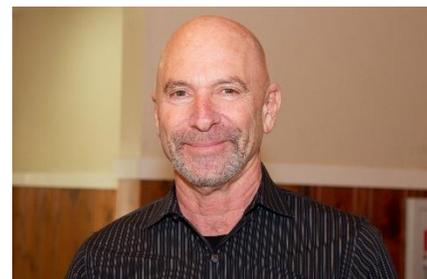
### VISITING ROTARIANS

- ✓ Dick Cochran a member of the Visalia Rotary Club visited us for the second time.



### GUESTS OF MEMBERS

- ✓ Dan Mason and...



- ✓ Liz Loebel were introduced by **Al Loebel**



- ✓ **Jerry Campbell** brought his wife, Mary Jane



- ✓ Carol Hazlett introduced her husband, **John**



- ✓ **Paul Frechette** introduced famed fishing guide, Hunt Conrad

- ✓ **Nita Parker** introduced her husband, Dennis

- ✓ Doug Garrett was the guest of **Jerry Ogden**



- ✓ **Jim Westfall** introduced Alexandra Rollins who attended her second meeting



### QUOTE OF THE DAY BY NEALE MILLER

“There is a certain enthusiasm in liberty that makes human nature rise above itself, in acts of bravery and heroism.” Alexander Hamilton.



### PRESENTATIONS

- ✚ **Prez Rich** presented President Elect **Paul Frechette** with a Wedding Vase from Scottsdale, Arizona.



- ✚ **King Crab John** announced that the Crab Feast is sold out and that all preparations are moving along well.

✚ **Jim Westfall** passed along the volunteer sign- up sheet for the Crab Feast. He still has quite a few openings to fill and asked all members to step up to the plate.



✚ **John Hazlett** is assembling the wine collection for the Auction. He has about 70 bottles, those who have not donated two bottles of fine way should do so next week.



✚ **Pat Williams** reminded all that next week we have our Thanksgiving Lunch at the Senior Center. Those who have volunteered to bring a pie or pies, please do so. Volunteers for set up and decoration should be at the senior center around 10.30 am. Also, please bring a funny gift or two for the raffle



✚ **Pat** also announced folks that our Christmas Party will be held at the Tayman Club House on Wednesday, 12/12. And yes, there will be a Martini Bar.



✚ **Mark Decker** announced that that the Healdsburg Chorus will perform on 10/2 and 10/8 and 9. Please come, great singing.

## ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

- ❖ **Barbara Rosen** was listed as a Five year member which is not correct. She has many more years under her Rotary belt. She donated \$5.



- ❖ **Tom Cleland** is listed as a 17 year member but in fact has been a Rotarian for 48 years. He donated \$5 as well.

## RECOGNITIONS



- **Kate Buchanan** was recognized because Notre Dame won but didn't beat the spread...

- ...and **Dr. Dave** announced that his alma mater Michigan won by a considerable margin.



- **Mike Potmesil** was recognized for his trip to Patagonia which was quite an adventure.



## RAFFLE



Our Speaker **Mike McGuire** selected the winning raffle tickets but **Tom Cleland** could not convert this to money but walked away with a bottle of Bertapelle wine.

## SPEAKER



Our Honorary Member State Senator **Mike McGuire** spoke for about 30 minutes and bombarded us with more statistics and information about important matters in California and Sonoma than most of us have heard in a long time. Very informative but it

was hard to keep up with his machine gun delivery. Here are some bites of information:

- The US has 2 million veterans of which California has 27,000

- We are now in the 11<sup>th</sup> year of economic expansion. California is #1 in job growth and manufacturing in the nation and contributes 25% to the US GDP.
- Per student spending in California has increased 66% from \$4400 to \$5900.
- We now have \$15.9 billion in our rainy day fund which sounds big but will still not be sufficient to handle a moderate recession for which \$20 billion would be needed.
- Pensions continue to be a big headache and are hugely underfunded. So far political will is not in great supply in Sacramento.
- Only 34% of the homes and businesses destroyed by the devastating fires in Lake County have been rebuilt. The fact that qualified contractors are hard to find appears to be the main culprit. There is currently talk about hiring a prime contractor to manage a long term rebuilding program.
- We still do not have a Universal Emergency Alert System. Only 1/3 of the residents were notified about the Tubbs fire by our current system. A bill authorizing this Universal System has just been passed and hopefully these things will be falling into place by 2020.
- Our firefighting fleet of helicopters is aging, they date from the Vietnam War. By 2022 they will have been replaced by Blackhawk helicopters that will be able to deliver fire retardants at night as well.
- Discussions are also going on about prepositioning firefighting equipment in high danger areas. Currently the response time for equipment coming from other parts of California and other states is just too slow.

**NEXT MEETING** will be the Senior Center Thanksgiving Lunch. Everybody bring a pie.

Visiting Honorary Member **Mike McGuire** rang the bell to close the meeting.

