

# 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 Rich Bottarini** called the meeting to order.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- **Dieter Thurow** led recitation of the pledge of allegiance and reading of the Rotary 4-Way Test.



## GUEST INTRODUCTIONS



- **Joe DiSalvo** introduced **Emily Klein**, Business Program Manager for Sonoma Land Trust, and the meeting’s program speaker.

- **Dick Bertapelle** introduced his guest, **Harvest Nieto**, who was attending a Club meeting for the second time.



- **Jerry Ogden** introduced his guest, **Doug Garrett**, who was attending for the fourth time.



- **Henk Peeters** introduced **Mary Kelley Crnich**. She is entering her third year of college, financed in part each year by Club scholarships. She is a sustained hospitality management major and was pleased to share news of her 4.0 GPA. **Mary Kelley** expressed a desire to study in Spain this coming year.



- **Ted Calvert** from the Sunrise Club introduced himself.

- **Kevin Burke** introduced his guest, **Joe Irvin**, a relatively new Healdsburg Assistant City Manager. **Joe** is a designated guest on **Kevin's** Corporate Membership account.



## UPDATES

- ❖ In response to **President Rich's** inquiry, **Dick Bertapelle** indicated the **Kent Mitchell** memorial bench the Club is acquiring should be installed on Fitch Mountain this summer.



- ❖ **Dave Anderson** shared a sad prognosis regarding **Bill Hawn's** condition. **Dave**, together with several other Club members, visited **Bill** in the ICU and reported his condition was rapidly deteriorating. **Dave** indicated both of **Bill's** sons were in route and expected to arrive later in the day. There was broad consensus that the Club should offer the family its assistance. **Dave** concluded his remarks recognizing **Bill** as a good friend and fine Rotarian.



- ❖ **Kate Buchanan** thanked members who have already volunteered to be scribe for upcoming meetings, but noted several meetings are still unsubscribed. She appealed for more volunteers.



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**John Merget** shared a Will Roger's quip, "Don't let yesterday use up too much of today."



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ On behalf of the sponsoring Windsor Club, **President Rich** announced 6:30 and 8:30 January 31 showings of *Stopping Traffic*, a film on human trafficking, at the Raven Theater.
- ✚ **President Rich** passed the hat to raise funds for the homeless laundry project. Members pitched in generously.
- ✚ **President Rich** as for four to five volunteers to help pack boxes destined for Members of the armed services posted overseas. This function will take place at St. John's Church on January 24.
- ✚ **President Rich** announced that a Four-Club Social will be held at KC's on the square in Windsor at 5:00 on January 31.
- ✚ **President Rich** asked for Special Needs Activity Program (SNAP) event volunteers at the Healdsburg Community Center on both February 2 and March 23. Rotarians are needed to

set up activities and check kids in. The Interact Club will also be providing volunteer support. Please let **Rich** know if you can help.

- ✚ **Ted Calvert** encouraged Club members to attend the PDI Surgery Center's Make Kids Smile Award fund raising dinner at 5:00, February 8. It will be held at the Vintners Inn in Santa Rosa.

## BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

- ✓ **Eric Drew** admitted to a January 11 birthday. He took the opportunity to extol the convenience of flights from Sonoma Airport having just traveled to SoCal and back from that airport. Eric celebrated both by donating \$100 to the Education Fund.



- ✓ **Don Mitchell** reached his first Rotary membership anniversary. He donated \$50 to the Education Fund.

- ✓ **Brent Stanley** reached his 13<sup>th</sup> Rotary anniversary. **Brent** also donated \$50 to the Education Fund.



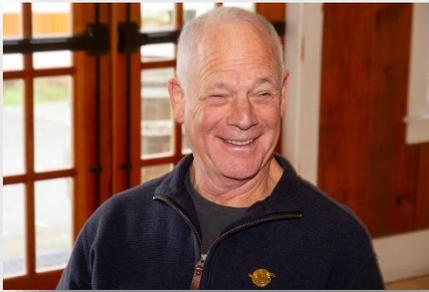
- ✓ **Jerry Ogden** was recognized for reaching his 24<sup>th</sup> Rotary membership anniversary. Jerry also acknowledged celebrating his 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this month. He donated \$100 to the Education Fund.



- ✓ **Dick Cochran** was recognized for reaching his 43<sup>rd</sup> Rotary anniversary.



## TRIVIA CONTEST



1. Where was California's first state capital? **Joe DiSalvo** correctly answered, San Jose.



2. How many cities have been California's capital? **Joe DiSalvo** correctly answered four, but exercising his executive discretion, **President Rich** ruled **Joe** ineligible given he had already correctly answered question 1. **Mark Decker** correctly answered the question as well.

3. When did Sacramento become the state capital? The correct answer was 1854. Amid the cacophony of guesses being called out, this scribe was unable to ascertain who proffered the correct answer (sorry).

Winners each received a free raffle ticket.

## RAFFLE

**Paul Frechette** held the lucky number. However, he drew a white marble. He was nevertheless pleased to receive a fine bottle of Medlock Ames Secret Dunes wine as consolation.



## PROGRAM

**Emily Klein** explained that the Sonoma Land Trust (SLT) is a local, non-governmental, nonprofit organization funded largely by membership contributions. It conserves scenic, natural, agricultural, and open land for the future of Sonoma County. Since 1976, SLT has protected nearly 50,000 acres of beautiful, productive and environmentally significant land in and around Sonoma County.



**Emily** described several newer additions to SLT's portfolio of managed properties, highlighting Jenner & Pole Mountains, San Pablo Bay, and McCormick Ranch. She encouraged members to visit these locations and enjoy their natural beauty.

**Emily** asked for Club members to support SLT by taking outings on their properties, volunteering, becoming SLT members, engaging in SLT's business partner's program, and finally, establishing a legacy contribution in one's will.

**President Rich** thanked **Emily** for her presentation and ask that she sign a children's book to be donated to the Healdsburg Elementary School.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.