



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 Elect Paul Frechette called the meeting to order. He advised that in **President Rich's** absence he would be chairing the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- **John Torres** led recitation of the pledge of allegiance.



WELCOMING REMARKS

- **President Elect Paul** mentioned last Saturday's Special Needs Activity Program (SNAP) the Club had helped run. Roughly 12 kids had attended accompanied by 20+ other for moral support.
- Today's scheduled speaker called in sick. **President Elect Paul** said he would provide a craft talk in the scheduled speaker's absence.



GUEST INTRODUCTIONS



- ✓ **John Avakian** introduced **Julie Lundberg**, a long-time family friend, Healdsburg resident, and Rotary supporter.

- ✓ **Dick Bertapelle** introduced his guest **Harvest Echols**, who was attending a club meeting for the fourth time.



- ✓ **Henk Peeters** introduced his guests, **Dennis Agnos** and **Kira Hermann**, both from the Healdsburg Education Foundation, and **Shelly Anderson**, the Internship Program Manager at Healdsburg High School.

QUOTE OF THE DAY



Richard Norgrove shared two sayings used at the Bear Republic.

1. It's okay to fail. Just don't quit. Find another way.
2. Don't let what you can't do interfere with what you can do.

DEDICATION

- ✓ **President Elect Paul** reminded us that **President Rich** dedicated the remainder of his term in memory of **Bill Hawn**. Bill's Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 this coming Sunday at Villa Chanticleer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **Henk Peeters** presented a \$10,000 check to **Dennis Agnos** in support of the Healdsburg High School Internship Program. **Shelly Anderson** explained that the program runs for three weeks with all juniors participating. Shelly encouraged club members to act as panelists on March 13 when interns will make presentations describing their internship experiences. Club financial support will help pay for program transportation, advertising and administration costs.



- ✚ The Steelhead Festival at Lake Sonoma will be on Saturday, February 9. **John Merget**, and **Barbara Rosen** volunteered to join **Don Mitchell** helping set up and run the event. Volunteers should meet at 1:00 at Lake Sonoma Visitor's Center.
- ✚ Next week's meeting will be replaced by a Valentine lunch at Tayman Park. A sign-up sheet was circulated for those planning to attend. There is no meeting the following week due to the President's Day holiday. The next club meeting will be February 25.



- ✚ **Dave Anderson** said it is likely a Porchetta Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 26. The cost would be about \$50 per person. He asked for an indication of interest, of which there was plenty!

- ✚ **President Elect Paul** advised that the Cloverdale Club will be hosting a SCARC dinner / crab feast on February 28. Members are encouraged to attend.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- **Paul & Cher Frechette, Al & Liz Loebel, Henk Peeters, Dick Bertapelle, and President Rich** all attend the four-club social last week.
- **Dick Bertapelle, Neale Miller, Jim Westfall, and Paul Frechette** plus our guest, **Harvest Echols** assisted with the SNAP program last Saturday. **President Elect Paul** spoke about how rewarding it was to be there in support of these kids. The club will also be sponsoring SNAP again on March 2. Volunteers are encouraged to participate.

HUMOR

- **President Elect Paul** recognized **President Rich's** "thong" alleged typo included in his club-wide e-mail this past week. **President Rich** blamed spellcheck. A tip of the hat to **Al Loebel** for the thong slide graphics.

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

- No club members have February birthdays.



- **Past President Kate Buchanan** acknowledged 12 years of Rotary membership. She donated \$50 to her Paul Harris account.

- **Jeff Civian** was recognized for three years of club membership. He donated \$50 to his Paul Harris account.



- **PP John Avakian** was recognized for 35 years of Rotary membership. John donated \$35 to the club's general fund in response.



- **Grady Wann** has been a Rotary member for 17 years. Grady donated \$50 to the Education Fund.



- **George Heath** has been a Rotary member for 11 years. He donated \$50 to his Paul Harris account.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS



1. According to the custom, what happens if it's sunny on Ground Hog Day and the ground hog sees its shadow? **Guest Shelly Anderson** correctly answered that it means six more weeks of winter.

2. Ground hog proponents state that the rodents' forecasts are accurate 75% to 90% of the time. However, scientific data shows that the ground hog is accurate only about what percent of the time? **Joe DiSalvo** correctly answered 40% of the time.



3. In what state is February 2 observed as Marmot Day rather than Ground Hog Day because few ground hogs live there. **Neale Miller** correctly answered Alaska.

Winners received free raffle tickets.



RECOGNITIONS



Gary Anderson has a new granddaughter. He donated \$100 to the Education Fund.

- ✓ **Dave Anderson** is celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary, which included a Warriors' game. Dave donated \$50 to the Education Fund.



Mel Schatz contributed \$50 to his Paul Harris account.

RAFFLE

- ✓ **Julia Lundberg** held the lucky raffle ticket. However, she drew a white marble. Julia was nevertheless pleased to receive a fine bottle of Bertapelle 2014 pinot noir.



PROGRAM

President Elect Paul began his craft talk describing his upbringing on Johnson Pond in Coventry, Rhode Island. Both of **Paul's** parents worked, his mother as a senior state public health official and his father as an industrial engineer at Quonset Point Naval Air Station. **Paul** has four siblings, all accomplished in their own fields.

Paul was an enthusiastic hockey player, playing left wing for his two-time state champion team. In Rhode



Island hockey is a big deal! He continued playing hockey until he was 35.

Paul attended the University of Rhode Island where he was a business administration major. A particularly significant college event was meeting his future wife, Cher, in a campus pub. She was a math major, had her own car, and was an excellent cook – covering then-relative shortcomings in **Paul's** repertoire.

Paul and Cher have a 37-year-old son who lives in Half Moon Bay and works at Cisco. Despite parental prodding, no grandchildren are yet on the horizon.

After college **Paul** worked in a succession of positions in the financial services industry. He started in credit at Fleet Bank, moved into sales, ran a lease finance business for Key Bank in Boulder, Colorado, and later doing customer finance at Sun Microsystems. Today **Paul** works part-time in lease finance consulting, a practice he plans to conclude prior to beginning his club presidency on July 1.

Earlier in life **Paul** and Cher lived in Mill Valley for twenty years. They remembered Healdsburg and in 2010 when his full-time work obligations ended, they moved to the Parkland Farms neighborhood in Healdsburg. Cher tends an award winning rose garden there, and **Paul**, together with **John Hazlett**, tried their hands at wine-making for several years before yielding to Safeway's offerings.

Paul mentioned his passion for youth sports and having once coached 24 soccer, baseball, and roller hockey teams over the course of six years.

Today **Paul** and Cher share their home with two antagonistic dogs that keep them busy outdoors with their own individual dogs walks and indoors with room separation logistics.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:22.