



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** welcomed everyone to our lunch meeting - Leafy Green Salad, Country Mushroom Chicken, steamed / buttered Broccoli and Cauliflower, tri-color Baked Potatoes, dinner Rolls, Chocolate Chip Cookies – and asked Red-badger **Fred Roberts** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance & Four Way Test.

Prez Rich passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to 1) select Quotes or 2) Scribe for the next few months, into the beginning of next Rotary term.

INTRODUCTIONS



➤ **Dick Bertapelle** introduced Connie Newland and David Opperman (Farm to Pantry).



- **Brent Stanley** welcomed his friend Dave Howard, who was asked to introduce himself. His wife, Kelly, is the Art Director at the Center for the Arts and he is a “hi tech guy” who escaped the Valley. They have lived in Healdsburg for 20 years and having 2 sons leave the proverbial nest, they starting Howling Wine Tours.



- Welcome back, **Kyle Geitner**, corporate member (**Tom Billeter**'s firm).

QUOTE OF THE DAY

(in lieu of Patti, **Fred Roberts** spontaneously stepped in with this quote.)

“I have prepared a long speech because I didn't have time to create a short one.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In honor of **Bill Hawn**, Tuesday's PORCHETTA DINNER at the Villa Annex was a huge success for the 30 guests, in large part for **Dave Anderson's** heroic efforts in transporting the food; and for **Pat Williams, Patti Mannatt, and John & Carol Hazlett** providing the hors d'oeuvres. Thank you **Jerry and Alison Ogden** for sheltering the Andersons from the floods. (Rain halted the Planning Commission Meeting that evening.)



- **Dick Bertapelle** presented a \$2,000 check for the transportation truck to CEO Connie Newland and Program Director David Opperman (Farm to Pantry). Connie provided its background of gleaning from 100 local farms, beginning in 2008, and delivering produce to non-profits, food pantries, school food programs, and other organizations to feed needy, youth and local citizens. Connie credited David for expanding to 120 farms and increasing the amount of food gleaned from 6,500 lbs to 12,000 lbs. Gleaners are welcome from 9am to 11am.

- No induction of Alexandra Rollins today because her Mother passed away and she will come to a future Rotary meeting.

- Green Hair Day is on St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17th.

Richard Norgrove encouraged us to gather pledges to End Polio Now and has a donation form to help you approach employees (he has 248! and has raised over \$850 already), friends and family. Remember: OPM and your donations are credited to your Paul Harris Fellowship!!! When our club raises \$8,500, our Noon Rotary Club will have donated \$100,000 over 10 years since Green Hair Day began. Come to Costeaux at 6:30am to get your hair sprayed green! The Parade starts at 7am from John n Zeke's.



- **Prez Rich** related from his attending the Toronto RI Convention that our District 5130 was 3rd in the World for donations to Polio Plus. And **Mike Potmesil** added that Sebastopol and Healdsburg Noon raised 90% of our District's total. Checks payable to "Polio Plus."

- Freedom Day is March 15th at Villa Chanticleer.

Henk Peeters described the day of taking Seniors out of school to attend sessions detailing what happens after high school. Speakers and presenters are local leaders. BBQ is headed up by **John Avakian** and **Joe DiSalvo**. Volunteers reporting at 7:30 are: **Tom Cleland, John Merget, John Hazlett, Paul Frechette, Mike Potmesil, Don Mitchell, and Rich Bottarini.**



- SNAP (Special Needs Activity Program) on Saturday at Foss Creek Community Center was well attended by Rotarians from Cloverdale, Healdsburg and Windsor but only four children benefitted from the 4-5 remarkable projects that they created from molding clay, instructed by Kelly from the Healdsburg Center for the Arts. One child celebrated his birthday and Rotarians along with the City of Healdsburg presented him with VERY artistic cupcakes!

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES and FINE TIME

Richard Norgrove first acknowledged his auction dinner at Mary Jane and **Jerry Campbell's** before posting \$72 to the club's general fund.

Dick Cochran was at SNAP on Saturday, and **Prez Rich** asked him what happened later at lunch...apparently a glass of red wine was spilled on **Dick**, his cat, Ralph, walked away, and his wife called him “a sloppy drunk.” **Dick** lamented not having taken even a sip! Our President is paying \$20 toward Dick’s Paul Harris.

Al Loebel said that his wife Liz inherited and is proud of her Father Raymond Stott’s military uniforms in WWII and she had them displayed in a ship being commissioned. He gave \$100 to the General Fund.



Neale Miller has been in our club for 3 years, and served consistently on most community service projects, and every. Prez Rich is giving \$3 to the general fund.

QUIZ



1. Where will the upcoming RI Convention be held? **Nita Parker** answered Hamburg, Germany, and received a raffle ticket.



2. Who is the 2019-20 RI President? “Mark Maloney” said PE **Paul Frechette** and was handed a ticket.



3. Where is he from? After several blank guesses by the masses, the correct answer was shouted by **Mike Potmesil** as the U-S-A and received a ticket. *For the record, Mr. Maloney is from Decatur, AL, and his wife is a Rotarian too. (see pg. 45 The Rotarian.)*

RAFFLE

Fred Roberts selected a ticket; **Dick Cochran** tried to pick the black marble to win \$40 but instead went home with a bottle of Simi Merlot.



PROGRAM – Craft Talk by Fred Roberts

Complemented with a power point, **Fred** thanked **Paul Frechette** for bringing him to Rotary, and began his Craft Talk with his family, starting with his wife of 32 years, Pat, who told him, “Try not to build yourself up too high. You’re no that interesting.” His parents would have been married 73 years, had his Mother not passed recently; they had 5 children. Fred was born and raised in Texas. He attended high school in San Antonio, TX, graduated from Baylor University with BBA in 1974 and earned his MBA in 2000. He was CFO for EDS in Amsterdam from 2005 – 12, where his youngest daughter lives today.



When the family moved to San Francisco in 2012, Fred thought he would retire. Instead, he became the Staff Accountant in the Houston Oil & Gas Industry from 2013-18. Fred educated us about the three aspects oil and gas industry: Upstream – exploration & production; Midstream – transportation, processing and storing; Downstream – refining, processing & purifying.

While doing his research for his presentation today, he learned important facts about the industry in which he had worked for so many years, and was personally surprised at some statistics, such as: There are 2.4 million miles of pipelines in the United States. There are 400 million gallons of gas delivered each day to refineries for distribution.

The number of oil rigs, by state:

TX 531

OK 141

NM 107

LA 65

ND 52

But the top 5 producers/ suppliers of oil are TX, ND, AK, CA, and NM.

The top five World producers of oil are: USA (TX), Saudi Arabia, Russia, Canada, China.

And because **Eric Drew** has asked **Fred** to work with him in commercial real estate, he is still not retiring!

Fred then told us about his interests and passions. He and Pat have traveled the world to 22-25 countries, he has played golf in 20 countries, and apparently is earning his PhD in Grilling with hardwood and pecan in particular. He revealed his meat source as Golden Gate Meat Co in Santa Rosa (and Ferry Bldg). In fact, when cooking his way through a Dean Fearings cookbook, one recipe was “off” so he contacted the Mansion on Turtle Creek chef and discovered the misprint for adding “more maple syrup!”

He ended his craft talk with this quote: “One secret to a long and happy life is to adopt an attitude of gratitude.”

CLOSING

President Rich thanked the members and guests for coming and rang the bell to end the meeting.