



# 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** called the meeting to order.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Patti Manatt** led recitation of the pledge of allegiance and the Four-Way Test.



## GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

- **Patti Manatt** introduced Harvest Echols. Harvest’s membership application was just approved. Her induction ceremony date has not yet been set.



- **Tom Billeter** introduced his guest, **Andrew Willis**.



- **President Rich** introduced a familiar guest, **George Lawson**. **George** advised that SNAP (Special Needs Activity Program) is running for two more Saturday mornings (10:00-Noon) at the Healdsburg Community Center. He encouraged members to join in the fun and as an inducement, mention monkeys would be present at the last session, March 23. **George** also commented that the Matrix Organization would be in Healdsburg once a month starting on March 28.



- **Henk Peeters** introduced his guest and neighbor, **Jeb Wiesberg**. **Jeb** is a retired Kaiser executive.



- **Jim Westfall** introduced **Alex Rollins**, making her last guest appearance (see below).



## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**Patti Manatt** read a Will Rogers saying, “Don’t let yesterday use up too much of today.”

## NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

**Alex Rollins** was inducted as the club’s newest member. She received her red badge, pin, and member handbook. **Alex** provided a brief description of her personal and professional background. Club members welcomed her with applause and handshakes.



## DEDICATION

**President Rich** reminded the remainder of his term is dedicated to **Bill Hawn**. **President Rich** paused to say how much he misses Bill.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



✚ **Richard Norgrove** reminded members that this Sunday is **Green Hair Day**. Festivities will begin at 6:00 am at Cousteau Bakery. Two chairs will be set up for coloring hair (beards & moustaches included). The parade will begin at 7:00. Those follicle-challenged or nervous about coloring their hair are encouraged to attend anyway and don a green wig or hat. Richard spoke about the underlying purpose of **Green Hair Day** as fund-raising for Rotary's Polio Plus campaign. He offered ideas and encouragement for signing up supporters. **Mel Schatz**

added that the Healdsburg Tribune will print a letter to the editor about the club's participation and effort to use the event to raise money for Polio Plus.



✚ **Henk Peters** reminded members that Freedom Day is this Friday at the Villa. He explained that the day is devoted to educating Healdsburg High seniors on their growing responsibilities as adults. While a good number of club members have signed up as volunteers, additional support is welcome. Volunteers should arrive at the Villa at 8:00 am.

✚ **President Rich** announced that the Sunrise Rotary Club is hosting a Fools' Night Out on April 1 at the Coyote Center. This will be a celebration of their club's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Members in the community will be honored for their service contributions.

✚ **President Rich** reminded members that a District Training event will be held in Santa Rosa at the Finley Center on April 6. Incoming board members are especially encouraged to attend.

✚ **President Rich** announced that a committee (**Kate Buchanan, Joe DiSalvo, Gloria Egger, and Pau Frechette**) is in the process of interviewing caterers to succeed our current caterer who is leaving the business. The new caterer should be announced shortly and will begin service in July. Members were alerted that the meal charge may need to reset above the current \$18 level.

- President Rich announced co-chairs for the 2019 Crab Feast will be **John Avakian** and **John Hazlett**. **John** and **John** received a hearty round of applause.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

President Rich recognized **Nita Parker, Don Mitchell, Dick Cochran, Mel Schatz, John Merget,** and **himself** for attending the most recent SNAP event.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



**John Hazlett** was recognized for his upcoming March 25 birthday. John donated \$80 to the general fund, but hedging his bets, split the contribution in two with the latter \$40 payment contingent on his making it the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Tom Cleland** gave \$100 to the Green Hair fundraiser in recognition of his recent, March 7 birthday.



## TRIVIA QUIZ

1. In what year was Lake Sonoma Warm Springs Dam completed? The correct answer, 1982, was volunteered by **Henk Peeters**.



2. The fish hatchery is named after what former Congressman? **Bob Pedroncelli** answered correctly, **Don Clausen**.

3. What species of fish are raised at the fish hatchery?  
**Alex Rollins** knew the answer, coho salmon and steelhead trout.

## RAFFLE



**Jerry Campbell** had the winning ticket and won both a fine bottle of **Bertapelle** wine and the \$69 kitty.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

- ❖ **Jim Westfall** related having been in Cancun during Healdsburg's recent rainy weather. He donated \$50 to his Paul Harris account. He also presented **President Rich** with a gift purchased in Mexico, a squawking rubber chicken.



- ❖ **Jerry Ogden** was in Arizona where he saw two Giants' games. He also had dinner at Don and Charlie's in Scottsdale which he sadly announced is closing. Jerry presented **President Rich** with a Giants spring training roster and donated \$25 to his Paul Harris account.

- ❖ **Henk Peeters** was also in Arizona and saw two Giants games – one exciting and one painfully boring. Henk encouraged members visiting Scottsdale to see the musical instrument museum. Henk donated \$25 to the club's general account.



- ❖ **Nita Parker** was in Maui in January and February. She completed eight condo painting projects while there. She is off shortly to Steamboat to join some girl friends for their 15<sup>th</sup> annual reunion. Nita donated \$100 to the Green Hair fundraiser.



- ❖ **John Avakian** recently returned from a 3-week trip to Sicily and Venice. He mentioned encountering lots of good weather and good food. John presented **President Rich** with Italian olive oil and donated \$25 to the club's general account.



- ❖ **Dick Bertapelle** talked about trips to both Hawaii and Portland, playing several rounds of golf in the former and witnessing numerous youth soccer games in the latter. Dick announced that Michigan State won the Big Ten basketball championship, crucially beating archrival Michigan. Dick donated \$49.



❖ **Eric Drew** contributed \$100 to the Green Hair Day fundraiser. He regrets not being able to attend this year as it conflicts with his wife’s birthday. Eric did recant a story about showing an Alexander Valley property on a previous Green Hair Day while sporting green hair.

❖ **John Torres** shared that he was recently in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina playing golf. John donated \$25 to the Green Hair Day fundraiser



## PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (PETS)

### President-elect Paul

**Frechette** shared perspectives on his time at PETS. There were 500 attendees from nine districts. Paul had opportunity to talk personally with **Mark Maloney**, Rotary International’s president-elect. The theme for the 2019-2020 year will be “Rotary Connects the World.” Paul presented **President Rich** with a past-president’s pin, not to be worn until July.



Paul shared how Michigan districts had banded together to fund a relief program in Indonesia with a “get off the charity train and get on the opportunity train” orientation.

The Noon Club’s **Rick Tang** attended PETS as the official photographer. Rick mentioned Rotary has 1.2 million members worldwide. He also observed that next year will be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. The first UN meeting took place in Claxton Hall in London, was hosted by District 13, and presided over by RI’s then-President.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.