



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



Mike Potmesil led us reciting the pledge of allegiance and reading of the Rotary 4-Way Test.

Bill Hawn remembered

President Rich Bottarini paid a brief tribute to and remembrance of Bill Hawn

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

- **Fred Roberts** welcomed all visitors and called on **Richard Norgrove** who introduced his wife, Sandy, Daughter, Marcella Allen, and grandson, Jason Allen.



- **President Rich** recognized Deb Jacobi, widow of **Rob Jacobi**, who in turn introduced Rob's brother, Jan Jacobi, his wife, Ginger, and friend, Mary Burke.



- **Fred Roberts** called on **Dick Bertapelle** who introduced his guest, Ric Helthall, a prospective new member



- **Neale Miller** introduced Chris Alarab. Chris is a former Club member.



- **President Rich** warmly welcomed his wife, Janet, to today's meeting. Janet had just recently returned from Madison, Wisconsin, where she brought back cheese and beer! Janet and **President Rich** will be heading to Scottsdale, AZ soon.



- **President Rich** welcomed Larry Mills, Secretary of the Healdsburg Sunrise Club, who made 3 announcements / invitations

1. 2019 Fool's Night Out, Celebrating the Sunrise Jesters' 10th anniversary, Monday, 1 April, 6.00 to 8.30PM, \$100/person, at Coyote Sonoma, 44 Mill St., Healdsburg
2. 2019 Wonder League, a baseball league designed for children with special needs. Each Saturday morning at 10.30AM, starting 6 April

through to 1 June. Games held at Foss Creek Community Center Baseball Fields.
Need sponsors and volunteers

3. 2019 – 33rd Annual Bike Tour to be held on 27 April

QUOTE OF THE DAY

President Rich shared a Quote: “Every Spring is the only spring, a perpetual astonishment”. – Ellis Peters, British Author (1913-1995)

PRESENTATION

Paul Harris Fellows: Mike Potmesil and Richard Norgrove (Paul Harris Sponsor) recognized Jason Allen, this year’s Paul Harris Fellows Award. Jason is Richard and Sandy’s grandson. He speaks German and will be traveling to Hamburg, Germany with his grandparents who are attending the 2019 Rotary International Conference there. Congratulations to Jason and to **Richard!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Mike Potmesil** announced that any Polio Plus pledges and contributions be placed in an envelope for turning in. Please include contributors’ name and address for recognition and tax deduction information
- ❖ **President Rich** reminded the Club of the March SCARC Thursday night in Windsor, begged forgiveness for the late notice and suggested those that wish to attend contact the Windsor Club today!
- ❖ He also reminded the Club about District Training – April 6th at the Finley Center Santa Rosa

- ❖ **Phil Luks** brought to mind the upcoming Easter Egg Preparations gathering and that more plastic eggs are needed – April 18



- ❖ **President Rich** informed the Club that the annual Easter Egg Scramble is coming up and a sign up sheet is being routed - April 20

- ❖ **Tom Cleland** invited everyone to Windsor Bowling Center on Monday, 22 April for a night of friendly and fun bowling competition! The exciting event supports preventable childhood tooth decay



TRIVIA CONTEST



1. What was the Turtles huge hit in 1967? (Happy Together) **Sandy Norgrove**



2. What was the big hit for the rock group America in 1972? (Horse with no Name) **Mark Decker**

3. Name the top Mike and the Mechanics hit in 1989. (The Living Years) **Jeff Civian**



Winners received free raffle tickets.

HAPPY DOLLARS



✚ **Paul Frechette**, on behalf of **John Hazlett**, contributed \$20 because he lived past his Birthday!

- ✚ **Jim Brenton** just returning from Cabo san Lucas, brought **President Rich** a bag full of hotel toiletries and a tee-shirt that essentially stated Cabo was on the “Fun Side of Trump’s Wall.” He pledged \$100 to the Polio Plus campaign



- ✚ **Pat Williams** announced she had recently passed her California Real Estate Brokers License examination after 32 years of being a real estate sales person. She will be aligned with the Berkshire Hathaway real estate group



RAFFLE



John Merget was holding the lucky number in hopes of winning a skimpy pot of \$15. However, he drew a white marble. He was nevertheless pleased to receive a fine bottle of Hotel shampoo as consolation until an equally fine bottle of **Bertapelle** wine could be located.

PROGRAM



President Rich called on Deb Jacobi to introduce her brother in law, Jan Jacobi, as our speaker. Jan is a former middle school teacher, now principal, and has written a book, “Young Lincoln”, about the early years of President Abraham Lincoln.

Jacobi shared with the Club the joys and disappointments of trying to write a book then attempting to get it published. After 6.5 years, his dream was finally realized.

He said he wrote the book in First Person to help Middle Schoolers understand Lincoln’s life was full of sorrow and loss so great that any one of his experiences would stop many of us. He had to find a way to cope with his losses. He told how Lincoln would take

walks to relive his pressures and strife. Lincoln loved his friends and drew strength and courage from his relationships. Jacobi said Lincoln possessed an enormous capacity for personal growth. One of Lincoln's friends described him as "a good great lovable man". Jan Jacobi closed his presentation by reading from the Preface of his book, "Young Lincoln", which could be summed up, "The most I'd say of myself is that I became an instrument of purpose". A grand statement toward which we can all strive.

He also provided the Club with a loving and generous insight into his older brother and fellow Club Member, Rob Jacobi. He shared some passages from a document Rob had written that provided us with a sense of who Rob was and how he approached his life. One particularly poignant statement Rob strived to achieve consistently is to "Go to bed proud of the day".

ADJOURNMENT

President Rich rang the closing bell at 1.29PM