

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



Doug Garrett led us reciting the pledge of allegiance and reading of the Rotary 4-Way Test.

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

Fred Roberts welcomed all visitors, which included:

- Our speaker, Ms. Nizza Sequeira, Public Relations Manager, Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District;
- Ms. Pam Moulton, Rotary Regional Governor, and



- Mr. Michael Ragsdale, Assistant Governor (Governor-elect), from Windsor Rotary Club



QUOTE OF THE DAY



Jerry Ogden shared a Quote: “There are two types of people. People who accomplish things, and people who claim to have accomplished things. The first group is less crowded”. – Mark Twain, American Writer and Humorist (1835 -1910)

PRESENTATION

Jim Westfall, Membership Committee Chair, introduced **Ric Halthall** and his lovely wife, Georgia. **Dick Bertapelle** sponsored **Ric**. As is our custom, the Club rose and heartily greeted Georgia, and welcomed **Ric** to our Club. Glad to have you join us, **Ric!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **Mike Potmesil** announced that any Green hair Day contributions be turned in immediately so he can send in the final amount.

He went on to present a **Paul Harris Plus 2** recognition to **Jean Herschede**.



✚ **President Rich** announced the Board approved a \$10,000 grant to International Services Committee Chair, **Jean Herschede**, for use in Guatemala. **Jean** will be our featured speaker on Monday, May 13, speaking about the work being accomplished in Guatemala.



✚ **President Rich** introduced Ms. Pam Moulton, who, in turn, introduced Mr. Mike Ragsdale. Pam is the current Regional Governor and Mike is the Governor-elect. Both are from the Windsor Club.



✚ **President Rich** called on **Paul Frechette** (current President-elect) to propose certain actions for Club membership approval:

1. Board of Directors endorsement of increasing Board membership from 13 to 14 members to accommodate including Programs Committee Chair position. Passed unanimously
2. Election of 2019-20 Officers and Board of Directors Passed unanimously



ROTARY CLUB LEADERSHIP 2019 – 2020

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Jim Westfall
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Barbara Rosen
Neale Miller
Henk Peeters

3. **Paul Frechette** announced the Board of Directors will consider term limits for each Board Member position to one 3-year term. The Board will take up the question at its July meeting.

- ✚ Healdsburg Sunrise Club 33rd Annual Bike Tour – Summary - **Jean Herschede** worked the event, and **Neale Miller** and **Pat Williams** rode in it. **President Rich** contributed his Costco AND Credit cards!
- ✚ District Conference: "4 Way Fest" - Reno, May 17 – 19 - **President Rich, President-elect Paul, and Jean Herschede** will attend.
- ✚ FFA Parade Party – May 23 at the Historic Society Building. **Pat Williams** invited everyone to attend this fun-filled parade party. Several members will participate in the Parade, including **Fred Roberts** and **Eric Drew**, representing Healdsburg Sotheby's in a "throwback to the 70's" costume and decorated Volkswagen beetle car.

TRIVIA CONTEST



1. Hamilton didn't have a strong hand in writing the Constitution, but he did heavily influence its ratification, or approval. In collaboration two other authors, they wrote 85 essays under the collective title The Federalist (later known as The Federalist Papers). Who are the other two?

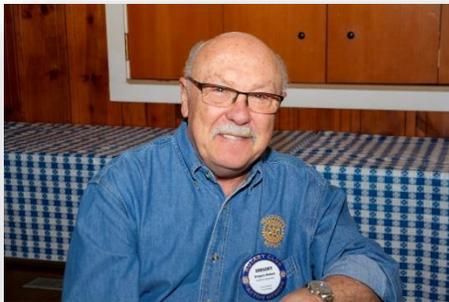
Answer: James Madison and John Jay
Correct Answer: **Phil Luks**



2. Smuggling off American coasts was an issue before the Revolutionary War, and after the Revolution it was more problematic. Along with smuggling, lack of shipping control, pirating, and a revenue unbalance were also major problems. In response, Hamilton proposed to Congress to enact a naval police force called “revenue cutters” in order to patrol the waters and assist the custom collectors with confiscating contraband. What is the current name of the revenue cutters?

Answer United States Coast Guard

Correct Answer: **Doug Garrett**



3. In January 1790, Hamilton proposed a tax and tariff on both domestic liquor and imported spirits? After adoption, the whiskey producers in Western Pennsylvania and western Virginia objected. What has this objection has since be referred since 1794? Answer: Whiskey Rebellion

Correct Answer: **Greg Nelson**

Winners received free raffle tickets.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Dr. Dave Anderson** visited New Zealand and Australia recently and brought back a rather unusual gift for **President Rich** – a wee bag of Kiwi Poo! (actually chocolate covered raisins)
- **Al Loebel** just returned from a tour of Portugal and visit to Amsterdam. **Al** presented **President Rich** with some goodies: from Portugal, a small tube of Scandinavian mayonnaise; and from Amsterdam, some Dutch chocolate cookies and wooden shoe fridge magnets





- **Mike Potmesil** recently returned from a 20-day tour of Japan. **Mike** told how stunningly beautiful the Cherry blossoms were around Japan, and the azaleas were particularly brilliant in Tokyo. In honor and recognition of his trip, **Mike** presented **President Rich** with a finely crafted set of chopsticks, as well as a \$100 pledge to the Polio Plus fund

- **Dick Bertapelle** announced to the Club he visited 8 European countries in 3 weeks, starting in Spain and ending in Norway! What an exciting trip! And while he returned with only wonderful memories of his trip, **Dick** pledged \$50 to the Club's General fund



RAFFLE

Jeff Civian was holding the lucky number in hopes of winning a respectable pot of \$90. However, he drew a clear marble. **Jeff** was nevertheless pleased to receive a fine bottle of Simi wine as consolation. The pot continues to build for next week's hopeful winner.



PROGRAM

President Rich called on Ms. Nizza Sequeira as this week's speaker.

Ms. Sequeira is the Public Relations Director for Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District. She can be reached at (707) 285-2200, or email: nizzas@msmosquito.com



Ms. Sequeira presented the Club with the purposes, programs, and services of her organization. She mentioned the average homeowner in Marin and Sonoma counties, pay an annual assessment of \$27 for those services, and encouraged every homeowner to take advantage of the available programs and services.

One of the interesting services is identifying insects, and that all citizens have to do is send in a “whole bug”, as opposed to a “smashed bug”, and the entomologists will identify the insect and offer suggestions for controlling them.

Another service is providing mosquito fish to place in ponds and fountains for controlling mosquito growth.

Ms. Sequeira alerted us to neglected standing pools of casual water that exists in almost every backyard. These are exploited by 23 species of mosquitoes that currently reside in Marin and Sonoma counties. She said to call the District at 800-231-3236, for help with spraying, and if necessary, fogging, any infected areas.

She mentioned that due to the 2017 firestorms, there are over 20,000 breeding sources in Sonoma County, and 745 sources identified in Healdsburg. She also stated that there were 26 requests for services in 2018 and already in 2019, there have been 49 requests.

The most important aspect to watch out for is any dead birds on a person's property. Ms. Sequeira encouraged each of us to call the District so that they can claim the bird and examine it for West Nile Virus.

A Club member inquired about the Sentinel Chickens to which Ms. Sequeira commented that due to budget constraints, that program was abandoned.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further Club business, **President Rich** rang the closing bell at 1.33PM