



The Voice of the Vineyards

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"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



President Rich recognized **Past President Linda Guthrie's** attendance and expressed the Club's sentiment about missing her. **President Rich** asked **Linda** to lead recitation of the pledge of allegiance and the Four-Way Test.

AWARD



Mike Potmesil welcomed **Past President Linda Guthrie** and presented her with her Paul Harris + 6 pin.

SPECIAL APPEARANCE

Guest Andre Piascentini, a Sunrise Rotary Club Exchange Student, was introduced and invited to speak. **Andre** is attending Healdsburg High School this school year and asked for support to fund a road tour of scenic locations in the Western United States. A hat was passed and \$190 was raised on **Andre's** behalf.



GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

Jean Herschede introduced her guest **Violet Nelson**.



President Rich introduced **Joe Irvin** from the City of Healdsburg.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

Joe DeSalvo shared an **Ann Frank** quote.
“No one ever became poor by giving.”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **President Rich** advised members that sign-up sheets were being circulated to order Rotary attire and to attend the Future Farmers of America (“FFA”) Parade Party on May 23.

- **John Hazlett** announced that the first Crab Feast planning meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. this Thursday (the 9th) at the Single Tree. He encouraged committee members plus all others interested in contributing to attend.



- **President Rich** reminded members that the District's "4 Way Fest" will be held in Reno, May 17-19. **President Rich, President-Elect Paul Frechette, and Jean Herschede** will be attending.
- The Debunking Dinner is scheduled for June 28 at **Bret Stanley's** home. A sign-up sheet is not yet available.

RECOGNITION

- ✚ **Bob Freelen** contributed \$100 in celebration of his May 1 birthday and his kids having just visited Barcelona.



- ✚ **Paul Frechette** contributed \$70 to the general fund in celebration of his 70th birthday tomorrow.



- ✚ On May 20 **Jerry Ogden** will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his 29th birthday (you do the math). **Jerry** donated \$50 to the Education Fund.



- ✚ **Sally Hubbell** was happy that she did not have to serve jury duty. She did turn 51 in April and told how she would be away June-August on a clerical sabbatical in Ireland. Sally made a \$1 donation, noting that with two children in college she as already doing quite a bit of education funding. Sadly, **Sally** announced that she

would be transferring her Rotary Club membership to the Sunrise Club due to scheduling conflicts limiting her ability to attend Noon Club meetings. She did express her deep appreciation for all the support the Club has provided St. Paul's Church in its efforts to help the homeless.

✚ **Dick Bertapelle** described a sumptuous dinner he shared with several friends last night. It was the Italian Wine Maker Dinner they had won at the Crab Feast. He encouraged members to bid aggressively if the dinner was auctioned off again "well worth it." **Dick** contributed \$10 to the general fund.



✚ **Mel Schatz** had been in New York City recently to help receive a new grandson. While there **Mel** saw the play *Ain't Too Proud to Beg* that he described as having better music than the original Temptations. **Mel** also recommended the movie, *American Company*. **Mel** donated \$50 to his Paul Harris account.

✚ **Linda Guthrie** donated \$50 to the Education Fund for no apparent reason.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Which character was Walt Disney's favorite?
Barbara Rosen correctly answered **Goofy** after pretty much all the other Disney character names were ventured.



2. **Mickey Mouse** almost had a different name. What was it? **Jeff Civian** correctly answered **Mortimer Mouse**.





3. **Cruella de Ville** is the villainess in which Disney movie? **Kate Buchanan** correctly answered 101 Dalmatians.

RAFFLE



Bob Pedroncelli won the raffle but failed to draw the black marble. He received a bottle of Simi wine as a consolation prize.

SPEAKER

Jean Herschede was the meeting speaker. **Jean** has been a Rotary Club member for 10 years. However, her first experience with Rotary was as a sponsored exchange student in the 1974-75 academic year which she spent in Brazil. That experience helped propel Jean to an internationally oriented professional career.

Jean described her philosophy as everybody has a right to a basic education.



Jean introduced Amigos de Guatemala (“Amigos”) to the club. It is a Rotary- sponsored program located in Zucualpa, el Quiche, Guatemala launched in 2004. Its focus is on education and healthcare. Amigos is a 501(c)(3) that partners with over 20 Rotary and Interact clubs.

Jean said the Amigos founders discovered that girls in Zucualpa were not finishing grade school. The normal pattern was that parents pulled them from school to do low-skilled labor locally or indentured servant work in the cities.

Today, 75% of the 62 students under high school scholarship in Zucualpa are women. **Jean** showed pictures of Vicente, Jeremiah, and Edward who are all receiving scholarships partially funded by our Club. **Jean** also showed a picture of last year school graduates that had received Rotary support, noting that half of them are now studying at the university level.

Jean talked about funding of computer labs at three schools funded by Rotary club donations, noting that it was a strong motivator for kids to attend school. Expanding the computer lab program to other schools is being explored.

In another program **Jean** described how Rotary had donated materials to permit repair of a school roof that had been preventing use of 1/3 of the classrooms. Residents provided all the labor.

Turning to healthcare, **Jean** described how Rotary funded an assessment that enabled donation of \$0.5 million in medical equipment. She also spoke of Project Cure where indigenous midwives were trained to help newborns survive.

Jean finished her presentation describing Rotary's grant funding processes and how local club grants can be multiplied by matching grants from the district and Rotary International.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned precisely at 1:29.