



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 called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



Kate Buchanan led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Four-Way Test.

VISITING ROTARIANS

There were no visiting Rotarians.

GUESTS OF THE CLUB



Tom Colbert introduced Allison Noel from the Boys and Girls Club.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Dick Cochran read the following quote from Anthony Bourdain:

“Without experimentation, a willingness to ask questions, and to try new things we shall surely become static, repetitive, and moribund.”



ANNOUNCEMENTS, RECOGNITIONS AND HAPPY DOLLARS



✚ **President Rich** described the forthcoming Rotary District Conference which will take place in Reno May 17, 18 and 19.

✚ He also described the FFA Parade Party which will take place at the Historical Society Building on May 30.

✚ **President Rich** also announced the Debunking which will take place on June 28 at the residence of Brent Stanley. When Rich asked **PP Kate Buchanan** to describe what will take place at the Debunking she said, “Come to the Debunking and make fun of Rich”.

✚ **John Avakian** reported on the initial meeting of the Crab Feast Committee. He said the committee will meet on the third Thursday of each month for breakfast at the Singletree Café



✚ **President Rich** announced a contest for the best gift given to him during his term of office. He promised a fabulous prize for the winner but he coyly deferred telling us what the prize will be.





Fred Roberts was awarded his blue badge by **Jim Westfall** and in appreciation he donated \$100 to the general fund.



+ **John Avakian** described a cruise he and his wife, Janet, took along the Pacific Coast and he donated \$25 to the general fund.

+ **Bob Pedroncelli** predicted that the Golden State Warriors would win their series against the Portland Trail Blazers.



+ **Ric Helthall** confessed that he forgot to introduce his wife when he brought her as a guest to a recent club meeting, as well as several other transgressions, and he agreed to pay \$450 toward his Paul Harris Fellow.

+ **Dick Cochran** brought **President Rich** three very lavish presents he acquired on a recent trip to Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina and **Dick** agreed to donate \$50 to Polio Plus.

ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

- ✓ **Tom Billeter** (absent) on May 5...

- ✓ and **Kevin Burke** on May 6.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- **Kevin Burke** correctly named the Millennium Falcon as the name of Hans Solo's ship;

- **Mark Decker** named Yoda as the Jedi Master who spent 800 years training pupils such as Obi-Wan Kenobi and Luke Skywalker; and our guest speaker, Donna O'Brien, identified Endor as the moon/planet and the home to the Ewoks.



RAFFLE

Rick Helthall had the winning ticket but failed to draw the magic marble. He received a tasty bottle of Simi wine (the editor's wife's favorite, having spent 10 years with Simi Winery.)



GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker, Donna O'Brien, who is the Healdsburg Volunteer Coordinator, began her presentation by informing our membership that she is the person who has been coordinating the coloring of the Easter eggs for the annual Easter egg hunt for the past 14 years.

Donna told us about various programs she recruits volunteers for including the Volunteer Driver Program, the Empty Bedroom Program, and the Dash Program.

Donna confessed that her supervisor is a member of Kiwanis and that her supervisor told Donna to challenge us Rotarians to get involved in volunteering.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Sue Finian will be next week's speaker. Her program is entitled "The Cards Don't Lie". Sue is an author.

