



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 Paul Frechette called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Paul Jones led recitation of the pledge of allegiance.



GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

- ✓ **President Paul** introduced **District Governor Kathy Flamson, Assistant District Governor Mike Ragsdale...**



- ✓ and **Past District Governor Jim Flamson, husband of DG Kathy Flamson**





✓ **Don Mitchell** introduced his wife, **Nancy Mitchell**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **President Paul** advised that these guests had attended a board meeting preceding the club meeting
- ✚ Our club will be sponsoring the Prune Packers' game this Wednesday, July 24 at 6:00 pm. Members are encouraged to attend. The \$5 entrance fee will be waived. **Paul and Judy Jones** will be hosting a pre-game BBQ social starting at 4:00. A sign-up form was circulated for people planning to attend. The Jones' address is 436 Lincoln. Please bring your favorite libation if attending the social. Members attending the pre-game social can walk to the stadium from the Jones' home (about three blocks).
- ✚ The club's August 5 meeting will be a club assembly meeting. Club goals and objectives will be presented and committee chairpersons will explain their roles and priorities.
- ✚ **President Paul** announced a SCARC dinner on Thursday, July 25 at the Balletto Winery, 5700 Occidental Road, Santa Rosa from 5:30-8:30. The cost is \$55 per person. He reminded Red Badgers that they are required to attend a District event and the cost of their meal would be reimbursed by the club.

RECOGNITIONS AND HAPPY DOLLARS

- Due to a crowded agenda, happy dollar recognitions were deferred. **President Paul** did express interest in hearing about **Past-President Rich Bottarini's** Canadian trip experiences at a future meeting.
- The club's *Rotary International and Paul Harris Foundation Chairperson*, **Dick Cochran**, recognized three members for their Paul Harris contributions
 - **Don Mitchell** received a Paul Harris pin and certificate.
 - **Mike Potmesil** received a Paul Harris plus three pin.
 - **John Merget** received a Paul Harris plus one pin.



- **Debbie Mason**, CEO of the Northern Sonoma Healthcare Foundation, expressed her appreciation for support received from the Rotary District 5130. She mentioned specifically a \$50,000 grant that helped fund teen mental health programs. She mentioned that 32,000 teens have downloaded mental health literature from the Foundation's web site.



- **Jim Westfall** introduced a hands-on community service opportunity in conjunction with the Healdsburg-based Public School Success Team (PSST). They have an excess of 6th grade students needing mentoring and tutorial help. A sheet was circulated for club members to indicate interest in learning more about this volunteer program.

- **President Paul** advised that the next week's meeting would feature a presentation by the Central Sonoma Boys and Girls Club and the August 12 meeting a presentation by the restaurant critic for Sonoma Magazine and the Press Democrat.

RAFFLE

Bob Pedroncelli won the raffle but drew a clear ball. He was nevertheless pleased to receive a bottle of Simi wine.



PROGRAM



Assistant District Governor, Mike "Rage" Ragsdale introduced the meeting speaker, **District Governor Kathy Flamson**. Club members stood in applause for **Dist Gov Flamson**.



Dist Gov Flamson began her remarks by expressing appreciation for being invited to attend that morning's board meeting and the favorable impression she had of all the good work the club was doing in the community.

Dist Gov Flamson's theme for her tenure in office is "A Close Knit Community." This reflects both her passion for knitting and club activities that improve local communities. With this orientation

in mind, she announced an award she was making at each club to the member that best represented these values. **Richard Norgrove** was announced as our club's award recipient. He received a standing ovation. He was cited for being a great humanitarian and philanthropist, specifically noting **Green Hair Day** being his invention. **Richard** is president of the Raven Theater board of directors and co-owner of the Bear Republic. **Richard** added that he also a competitive pigeon flyer. **Richard** was presented with both a pin and certificate. In his remarks **Richard** took opportunity to say he was encouraging members for the 2020 **Green Hair Day** to seek out corporate matching gift opportunities.



Dist Gov Flamson reminded the club of the upcoming Rotary International convention in Honolulu next June 6-10 and the District Conference in Fortuna over the May 14 weekend. She noted Honolulu hotel rooms were going quickly.

Rotary International's 2019-2020 theme is "Rotary Connects the World." The four figures in this year emblem represent four key words.

- **Education:** The importance of community members receiving good educations
- **Inspire:** Do good in the world (i.e., do "goodery")
- **Motivate:** Joining Rotary reflects a desire by members to do good in their communities.
- **Connect:** Rotary wants to connect the world.

Dist Gov Flamson noted that the United Nations would be celebrating its 75th anniversary next year, and Rotary would be celebrating its 75-year association with the U.N.. October 24 will be Rotary's Polio Plus day and November 9th, U.N. Rotary day.

Dist Gov Flamson mentioned her abiding affection for the district 5130 locale, having spent almost her whole life here.

She concluded her comments by discussing the importance of intangibles such as:

- How do members feel?
- What has been accomplished?
- What touches peoples' hearts and changes lives?
- What draws people to Rotary?

At the conclusion of her remarks, club members gave **District Governor Kathy Flamson** a standing ovation.

ADJOURMENT

President Frechette rang the bell to signal the end of the club meeting.