



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 welcomed Members and Guests and asked Former Club member **Roger Olson** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITING ROTARIANS

- ✓ None today but the aforementioned **Roger Olson** was welcomed back for his visit.

GUESTS OF THE CLUB

Prez Paul introduced two guests, both from the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club:

- Susan Sheehy, Healdsburg Kiwanis President and Terry Kemp, upcoming Healdsburg Kiwanis President

Susan and Terry spoke briefly about the common interests of Rotary and Kiwanis and invited our Club to have a table taking signups for our Imagination Library project at the Kiwanis' upcoming Safety Fair at the Healdsburg Community Center on Saturday, September 28 (9AM-2PM). Lots of activities and safety giveaways for kids, like bike helmets and child car seats, so it should be well attended. The annual Kiwanis-



sponsored Foss Creek Cleanup is that morning before the Safety Fair.

- Sam Norgrove, grandson of **Richard Norgrove** visited and discussed his Eagle Scout project: placing bicycle repair stations at the Fitch Mountain and Healdsburg Open Space preserves. The stations would allow anyone to make simple repairs to bikes at both popular sites. Sam is hoping our Club will support the project with a donation.



- Mary Kelley, a continuing Club Education Fund recipient visited us to thank the Club and give an update on her studies in Sustainable Hospitality Management. Mary will be a senior this coming year at CSU Monterey Bay and will be using her skills for both work opportunities and travel.



- Lilly Echols, daughter of **Harvest Echols**

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Prez Paul gave the quote of the day “If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.” Dalai Lama

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are sponsoring Tuesdays in the Plaza a week from tomorrow, 8/20; looking for a big Rotarian presence. **Doug Garrett** volunteered to coordinate our tables at the sponsor’s area near the Northeast corner of the plaza. Contact him if you are interested. Please come and bring a dish/beverage to share!

- And we need a coordinator for our annual Thanksgiving lunch for seniors at the Senior Center. We will serve 80 seniors (and 40 or so Rotarians) with help from our caterer. **Al Loebel** and State Senator **Mike McGuire** will host the raffle!
- Our club's Imagination Library initiative is up and running!



- **PP Kate Buchanan** presented **Prez Paul** with his official Club President's pin.

ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

➤ **Phil Luks**

Aug 03



- **Jerry Campbell** Aug 08 (\$32 to Scholarship Fund, celebrating his 88th with three generations at the fabulous Marble Mountain Ranch on the Klamath River)

➤ **Mark Decker**

Aug 15

➤ **John Avakian**

Aug 16

➤ **Joe Sobolewski** Aug 19 (\$100 to his Paul Harris)



- **Harvest Echols** Aug 23
- **Brent Stanley** Aug 24

- **Fred Roberts** Aug 25 (\$67 to his Paul Harris, and a gift from Nashville to **Prez Paul**)

- **Dieter Thurow** Aug 27



TRIVIA (postponed for time)

RAFFLE

Won by guest Susan Sheehy. She did not draw the black marble but went home with a nice bottle of Mounts Family wine.



PROGRAM

Heather Irwin, Food and Wine Critic, Press Democrat. Heather is also the Creative Director, Digital for Sonoma Media, parent of the Press Democrat and Sonoma Magazine. Heather gave an engaging talk based on her 15 years as a food and wine writer and restaurant reviewer to the company publications. Heather talked about her “what’s great” approach to writing reviews and gave us some insider details on how she picks restaurants to review, what they order (everything!), and who gets to go with her (mostly family). She opined that Healdsburg is host to some of the best restaurants in Sonoma County (we kind of knew that part) and encouraged everyone to support the restaurant businesses in our area, as they are still struggling to make it in a tough environment. Heather is also working closely with two worthy groups related to her field:



- ✓ Sonoma Family Meal: Providing 1200 meals/week to those in need in Sonoma County.
<https://www.sonomafamilymeal.org/>
- ✓ Kitchen Table Project: A hospitality training program designed for underserved and at-risk women to provide them opportunities in the restaurant, hospitality and catering fields.
<https://kitchentableproject.org/>

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: CRAFT Talk (Ric Helthall) and Youth Services Update (Henk Peeters)

PROGRAM AUGUST 26TH: COURTNEY COCHRANE, Fetzer Winery: Wine tasting; judging wine