



The Voice of the Vineyards

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comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable”

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WELCOME



Prez Paul Frechette started the meeting with a welcome to all and asked **Brad Pender** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance

INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITING ROTARIANS: No Visiting Rotarians today

INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS:

- ✓ **Debby Poulnot** (local resident)



- ✓ **Sloane Shinn** (Community Associate, Pepperwood)
- ✓ **Michelle Halbur** (Preserve Ecologist, Pepperwood)



- ✓ **Derek Peachey**, a friend of **Fred Roberts** and President/CEO of a digital start-up)



QUOTE OF THE DAY: “None Today”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ **President Paul** thanked members who helped at the successful Brandt’s Beach event. Lots of effort by our Rotarians for the cooking and cleanup.
- ❖ Save the Date: Tuesday, October 15th, 2 Club Social with Sunrise Club to honor DG Kathy Flamson at Costeaux; Sign-up sheet to be distributed next meeting.



- ❖ We are bringing back “Dinners for Eight” and seeking host volunteers and participants. Planning for 3 dates over a 6-month period. Interested in being a host for a dinner? Contact **Doug Garrett**.

- ❖ Big John’s Recruiting Table: **Jim Westfall** secured approval to set up a recruiting table at Big John’s. Dates will be Thursday, 10/31 – Saturday, 11/2; 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., 2-hour shifts. Sign-up sheets will be distributed in a future meeting
- ❖ Chamber of Commerce Fair on the Plaza: Thursday, October 10th, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Don Mitchell** is coordinating our club’s participation. We will likely share a table with the Sunrise Club as done in past.

- ❖ **John Merget** provided an update on Crab Feast tickets



PROJECT UPDATES:

- ✚ **DOLLYWOOD IMAGINATION LIBRARY** which provides books for children age 1 day to 5 years old. Cost is estimated at \$25/year/child to provide 1 book/month.
- ✚ Our Club is participating in the Healdsburg Safety Fair which is typically attended by many young families which is good potential for many Imagination Library sign-ups. To be held at the Community Center. Our Club was invited to participate by Kiwanis. To be held 9/28 from 8:00

a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Important: Need help to man the booth. Special thanks to Jean for making a new banner! Jean and Don M. for coordinating.

- ✚ **REACH FOR HOME:** Reach for Home District Grant Approved! Congrats to **Jean Hershede**, who managed the process for our Club and recruited both the Sunrise and Cloverdale Clubs to participate. Reach for Home will receive \$14,400 from Rotary which is \$4,800 per Club. These funds will provide technology for better healthcare, including psychiatric care to area homeless. District 5130 will reimburse ½ the amount to participating Clubs.



ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

- **Dave Anderson's** offered up \$78 to recognize his recent birthday.
- **Greg Nelson, Tom Colbert** and **Jim Westfall** were in absentia so will be recognized in the near future!



RECOGNITIONS AND HAPPY DOLLARS



- **Bob Pedroncelli** was recognized for his 49 years and gave \$49 for Education Fund for scholarships

- **Dieter Thurow** “survived” is Birthday along with his 36th anniversary with a contribution of \$100 to his Paul Harris.



- **John Hazlett** gave a short slide show of his 6-week trip to Wales, Scotland & Ireland. He donated \$100 to the Club



RAFFLE



Ric Helthall's ticket was drawn (the second consecutive time when **George Heath** was photographing) but he drew a clear marble so walked away with a nice bottle of Navarro Pino Grigio.

PROGRAM

This week's speakers were Michelle Halber (Preserve Ecologist) and Sloane Shinn (Biological Monitor) with Pepperwood Preserve. Pepperwood is a living laboratory of 3, 200 acres atop the Mayacamas Mountains and home of the Dwight Center for Conservation.

Pepperwood's mission is to both understand/ help solve today's environmental challenges through educating the public through classes, partnering with numerous organizations, (like SRJC, UC California and governmental organizations) and developing cutting edge research at its Dwight Center for Conservation Science. Their presentation included a review of the impact of the recent fires and nature's ability to begin the restoration of this valuable environment. They welcomed Rotarians to visit this living laboratory in our backyard.

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING:

- September 16th meeting will Craft Talks by **John Hazlett** plus a stand-in for **Alex Rollins**, who recently underwent shoulder surgery.
- September 23rd meeting has Kathryn Hecht of Alexander Valley Film Festival