



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 and asked **Bob Freelen** led us reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America



GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

❖ **President Paul** welcomed George Lawson



❖ Member, **Alex Rollins** introduced her guest, Tricia Fichtner (second time visitor).

❖ Member, **George Heath**, introduced his darling bride, Pam Heath



QUOTE OF THE DAY

President Paul shared a Quote: "In the interest of time, we will dispense with this part of the program". – Paul Frechette, November 4, 2019

CATERING BY PATTI



Pasta Alfredo with shredded chicken. Served with iceberg lettuce wedges drizzled with Blue Cheese Dressing and roasted pecans. Chocolate chip cookies completed the lunch. 5 “yums” was the consensus at our table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Crab Feast:

- **John Hazlett** reminded members:



- a.** To donate 2 bottles of wine from each one’s private cellars (“the good stuff”) for the live auction. Please bring in a two-bottle carrier if possible. 14 of us have donated, before this week’s tally; **48 more need to step up**

- b.** Volunteer Sign-up sheet: we need to step up to volunteering more for this all-important event— **particularly kitchen duty during the dinner.** Could be Rotarians who are dining in the Silent Auction room, then could filter into the kitchen to work on Paul Jones’ staff. There are many personnel needs for this event

- c.** Crab Feast Committee meeting: Thursday, 7 November, Singletree Café, 8.00AM. All interested parties are welcome

- **Grady Wann** asked that every member sign up to follow up with previous Silent Auction donors and new prospects, as there more contact volunteers needed. Emails have been sent to those members who have signed up to follow up but more are needed. Thanks to those who have collected and delivered donations to the conference room at Exchange Bank. We lost a critical couple of weeks due to the fires and now **vigorous effort is needed.**



- Mike Potmesil** suggested that as we solicit for both silent and live auction donations, remind everyone that much of the money raised goes directly back into our community, including those affected by the Kincade fire.

- **Prez Paul** mentioned a suggestion was made, for Board decision, that half of the Silent Auction proceeds be contributed somehow directly to the First Responders organizations. A “stand-up” Board meeting was called for immediately after today’s formal meeting to discuss.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



✚ **Membership Drive at Big John’s – Jim Westfall** announced this event has been Postponed. A new date will be indicated soon.

✚ **Closing of Bear Republic** – a date to meet and celebrate good times will be announced shortly



✚ **Visit Reach for Home this Friday, 11/8 – Jean Herschede** alerted the Club about a chance for members to receive a “behind the scenes” tour and educational opportunity (operations and service delivery) at Reach for Home on Friday at 8.00AM.

ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

- ✓ **Neale Miller** **Nov 24**
- ✓ **Rick Tang** **Nov 30**

RECOGNITIONS and HAPPY DOLLARS



➤ **Jeff Civian** and his wife, Stacy, went to Paris, France, and the Champagne region, and finally to Seville, Spain, where he found and subsequently presented to **Prez Paul**, a fighting bull figurine. **Civian** contributed \$100 to his Paul Harris Fund.



- **Kevin Burke** wanted to share with the Club his gratitude for the spirit of cooperation he received from the citizens of Healdsburg, and how Blessed he feels to be working and living in a community of such wonderful people. He offered a huge thanks to all first responders from every level and branch of service. In honor and gratitude, **Chief Kevin** contributed \$100 to general fund.



TRIVIA CONTEST – None today

RAFFLE



Ric Helthall was holding the lucky number in hopes of winning an eye-popping pot of \$193! However, he drew a clear marble. **Ric** was nevertheless pleased to receive a fine bottle of Pinot Noir wine as consolation. The pot continues to build for next week’s hopeful winner.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- What to do as a Club to help the less fortunate?
- Ideas to be captured and evaluated.....



- Club Guest, Pam Heath, announced she is working on an initiative to recognize and honor Healdsburg’s First Responders; Volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around

- Percentage of Silent Auction proceeds to be donated to a worthy cause for the benefit of First Responders
 - Healdsburg and Geyserville Volunteer Fire Departments
 - Other organizations to be designated
- Corazon and the Healdsburg Food Bank are in **need of cash donations** to buy food, with which to feed the needy residents of our community

- What other ideas to we have?
 - **Mark Decker** mentioned a “Rotary Night on the Town”, where our Club members would book and dine at specific restaurants in our communities (Healdsburg and Geyserville) in an organized and purposeful manner
 - **Eric Drew** stated space is needed to establish another “Free Store” similar to the warehouse at 190 Foss Creek Circle after the October 2017 fires. Anyone knowing of space availability are encouraged to contact **Eric Drew**



PROGRAM



This week’s presentation was a Q & A with a panel of Members who serve on Healdsburg Planning Commission. The Members are: **Jeff Civian, Jerry Eddinger, and Phil Luks.**

The Members were introduced by **Barbara Rosen**, who started the program by asking each member how they came about being on the Commission and what is their individual ambition for Healdsburg Planning.

As could be expected and imagined, there were many questions regarding attitudes and actions toward growth (restrictions), challenges facing Healdsburg (and other nearby communities with similar restrictions), and possible solutions (none easy).

At the end of the lively program, Panelist **Jerry Eddinger** addressed **Chief Kevin** with an expression of gratitude and invited Club members to recognize our **Chief** by offering a standing ovation for his service, community contributions, and heartfelt appreciation for keeping us safe and free from Kincade’s harm.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further Club business, **President Paul** rang the closing bell at 1.33PM

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- **November 11th: Gary Greenough, “Walls of Memory and POW/MIA Status Report; a Historical Perspective”**
- **November 18th: Paul Rollins, "Drone Photography"**