



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** opened the meeting by asking **John Hazlett** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITING ROTARIANS: None

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

✚ Ryan Bertapelle, son of **Dick Bertapelle**;



✚ Susan Rose, guest of **Mary Kelley**;

✚ Julia Lundberg guest of **John Avakian**;





✚ Chris Rogers, Director of Boys and Girls Club of Sonoma and Marin;



✚ John Reyes, Gary Greenough, guests of **John Hazlett**;



✚ Dennis Parker, husband of **Nita Parker**.

~~~ Catering by Patti served luncheon of roast pork loin, tortellini, potatoes with cheddar cheese and spinach salad with salami and cheese .....4 Yums (Yum scale is from 0 to 5, with 5 being excellent.)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crab Feast Updates – CALLS TO ACTION



- **John Hazlett:** Reminder, the Crab Feast is only a month away! Members to donate two bottles of GOOD wine for the live auction item from the Club.
- Volunteer Sign-ups: we need more volunteers to step up to help with this all-important event—particularly kitchen duty during dinner
  - Could be Rotarians who are dining in the Silent Auction room, then could filter into the kitchen to work on **Paul Jones’** staff
  - Could be family members, college students you know, young adults who just want to be involved in this important community event
- Silent Auction Items: We are woefully behind in our efforts to bring in donations, even from many companies who have donated in past years. Call to Action!!!

Also, please have all donated items to **Grady Wann** or **Mark Decker** for placement in the Exchange Bank storage.

- **John Merget:** Time to pay for tickets if you have not already done so!



- Closing of Bear Republic Healdsburg: **Doug Garrett** circulated a sign-up sheet for a Noon Club get-together at Bear Republic on Monday, November 18 at 6:00 PM. Join the Club, have a burger and a beer (or two). **Richard Norgrove** will be there to share stories and help us toast to a Healdsburg institution.

- **Prez Paul** showed slides from the Club visit to Reach for Home on Friday, 11/8, **Jean Herschede, Dick Bertapelle, Rick Tang, Paul Frechette** attended on our behalf to see our donation in use.



- **Doug Garrett** announced the Club Holiday Party, which will be at Madrona Manor, on Wednesday, December 11, starting at 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet was circulated, and members and guests will have an opportunity to continue to sign up to attend until at least December 1. In addition to the holiday decorations at the Manor, we will have the Dickens Carolers singing for us that night. Be sure not to miss this fun event.
- **Kelli Larson** is once again collecting holiday gift donations for a needy area family (and cash towards a bicycle request). Tip: order from Amazon in gift bag for easy delivery. Drop gifts off at **Kelli's** office: 338 Healdsburg Ave.



- **Mark Decker** announced the Healdsburg Chorus concerts this year. In addition to November 30 in Santa Rosa, the Chorus will be performing holiday songs at the Raven Theater on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8. Both concerts are at 3:00 PM. Tickets online at the Chorus Website:  
<http://www.healdsburgchorus.com/concert-ticket-information/>

- **Sam Norgrove** completed his Eagle Scout project to put up a bicycle repair station at the Healdsburg Ridge Open Space. Thanks much to Rotary for our support.



## RECOGNITION

**Dick Cochran**, Club Chairperson of the Rotary Foundation Committee reminded members that November is Rotary Foundation month and showed a couple of inspiring short videos demonstrating the value of our contributions. Rotary Int'l raised over \$395M for the ongoing work of the Foundation.

**Dick** then presented Paul Harris Times-4 awards to:

**Al Loebel**

**Mike Potmesil**



## RAFFLE

\$209 in the pot, and only 4 marbles. Although **John Torres** did not draw the black marble, he did receive a nice bottle of Simi wine.



## VETERANS

We honored our Veterans. **President Paul** had the 22 member and guest veterans at our meeting stand at the front of the room and describe their service. Many wore some part of their clothing (or even full uniforms) from their service years to commemorate their experience.



## PROGRAM

Gary Greenough, U.S. Marines Vietnam veteran and guest of **John Hazlett**. Gary is an avid historian and member of the Santa Rosa Air Museum. Gary's talk was entitled: "Walls of Memory and POW/MIA Status Report; a Historical Perspective"

Gary spoke of many kinds and uses for walls throughout history: defensive, support and structure, retaining walls, sea walls, solid fencing, barriers

between countries. Walls have been used to protect and keep others out or in. There are many famous historical walls, including the Berlin Wall; Great Wall of China and Hadrian's Wall in England.

Walls are now frequently used as memorials and remembrances to the honor sacrifice of veterans in service to their country. Some are "traveling" representations. POW/MIA walls and memorials honor and remember those who served but have not been accounted for. Efforts continue to this day to repatriate and identify the remains of fallen service members wherever they are found. Gary described Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command ("JPAC") efforts to continue the recovery of Missing soldiers from any conflict from WWII to today. Finally, Gary suggested Rotary members consider donating to the Veterans Resource Centers of America project to fund a Veteran's Village in Windsor.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- November 18<sup>th</sup>: Healdsburg Police Chief **Kevin Burke** on the experiences of the past few weeks during and after the Kincaid Fire.
- November 25<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving lunch being served to seniors at the Healdsburg Senior Center