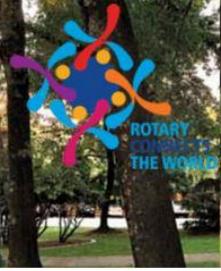


# Rotary Club of Healdsburg



## The Voice of the Vineyards

The Weekly Electronic Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Healdsburg

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comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable"

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### WELCOME



**President Paul Frechette** called the meeting to order and asked **Wally Shultz** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

### GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

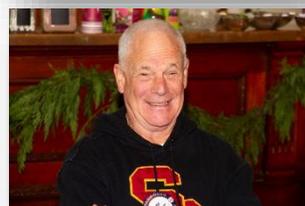


**President Paul** welcomed Grant Freeman, candidate for membership.

### ROTARY BIRTHDAYS



- **Henk Peeters** Dec 1 – Contributed \$81 to Club General Fund



- **Joe DiSalvo** Dec 23 – Birthday dollars differed to meeting on 23rd

## CATERING BY PATTI

Meatloaf was the entre', served with spinach salad, mashed potatoes, and corn. Chocolate cupcakes and cookies for dessert. BBQ sauce made the meatloaf better, in this author's opinion. Average of 3.5/5 "yums" was the consensus at our table.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚ **Doug Garrett:** Holiday Party Update: 62 people are expected. List of attendees to be given to **Mark Decker** for invoicing. Attendees are requested to bring cocktail snack foods for enjoyment before dinner.



✚ **Prez Paul** announced we are "Dark" 12/16 and 12/30

✚ We ARE meeting on Monday, December 23, and will be cheerfully entertained by the Healdsburg Ukulele Club

## RECOGNITIONS and HAPPY DOLLARS



➤ daughter, son in law, and three grandsons, who all live in Dubai. **Fred** presented **Prez Paul** a gift from Dubai of Ahab, the Arab, and his trusted companion, Clyde, the camel, salt and pepper shakers to adorn the Frechette's Holiday table. **Roberts** contributed \$160 to his and from Dubai.



➤ **Doug Garrett** has been traveling to Italy where he found and subsequently presented to **Prez Paul**, a nice gift of sundried cherry tomatoes, and a nice bottle of Sicilian wine. **Doug** contributed \$200 to his Paul Harris Fund.



➤ **John Hazlett** recounted how he and his wife were always on Hawaii during the fires of 2017 and 2019, and recommended Hawaii as a great place to which to evacuate! **Hazlett** contributed \$50 to Club General Fund.



➤ **Phil Luks** commented that the wine **Doug Garrett** presented to **Prez Paul**, is actually a white wine, but is tainted with "a little too much volcanic ash"!

## TRIVIA CONTEST – None today

## RAFFLE

**John Hazlett** was holding the lucky number in hopes of winning a “start over” \$34! However, he drew a clear marble. **John** was nevertheless pleased to receive a fine bottle of St Francis white wine as consolation. The pot continues to build for next week’s hopeful winner.



## PROGRAM

Crab Feast Update:

– **John Avakian** reported to members:

- ❖ Sunday, December 15 will be a great day!
- ❖ So many people have been involved planning, and executing the plans for this year’s 40<sup>th</sup> annual Crab Feast
- ❖ There are three primary ways the Club makes money for its purposes:
  - ❖ Ticket Sales: **John Merget** informed the Club, the event is essentially sold out. There *may be* 3 tickets in the Silent Auction room and the current wait list should absorb those three tickets. **Avakian** stated Ticket Sales cover the costs associated with delivering this event
  - ❖ Live Auction: **Dick Bertapelle** asked everyone to raise their hand (which they did). He announced, “Great, I wanted to make sure they are working to raise your paddles during the Live Auction!” Many great Live Auction lots this year, including several that are for groups of six, eight, twelve, and higher!



- ❖ Silent Auction: **Grady Wann** (and **Fred Roberts**, co-chair) announced that this year “we cast a wider net” with some measure of success: 136 items available, 78 non-wine, 58 wine lots, with a total value in excess of \$30,000! Half of the proceeds will be distributed equally to Healdsburg Food Pantry, and Healdsburg First Responder

- ❖ Crab Feast Dinner: Executive Chef **Paul Jones** allowed the Crab has been ordered and will be fresh, the groceries have been ordered through Big John, and the salad is being contributed by Boci. Kitchen staff appears to be adequate and help is always appreciated.



- ❖ Dinner Wine: **Alex Rollins** informed the Club 23 cases of wine were donated by a number of generous wineries, and ought to be adequate for the festive event. **Alex** stated the wines were nicely balanced between Reds, Whites, and Rose's

- ❖ Wine Collection (for Live Auction): **John Hazlett** stated he and **Rick Tang** will be working together to gather and deliver to the venue this year's Collection



- ❖ Volunteers: **Jim Westfall** (with assistance from **Brad Pender**) handed out assignment slips to all Club Members who volunteered for various duties and roles at the Feast. Generally, with help from the Sunrise Club, and other local organizations, every role will be covered

- ❖ Program: **Mel Schatz** mentioned the program is at the printer and expressed his appreciation to **Dick, Grady, and John Torres** for cooperating with meeting the printer's deadlines



- ❖ Decorations: **Kellie Larson** (**John Avakian** in her absence) stated volunteers for decorations set up need to be at Villa Chanticleer at 11.00AM Saturday morning.

- ❖ Servers Coordination: **Rich Bottarini** indicated his close coordination with **Paul Jones** and **Jim Westfall**, and third parties, and it appears all is ready. *Volunteers are needed on Saturday, December 14, to fold napkins and place silverware*



- ❖ Bar: **John Hazlett** reported that the booze is being purchased through **Richard Norgrove**. The drinks price will be \$8/ drink with the idea being to tip \$2 to bartenders.

- ❖ Greeters: **Kate Buchanan, Richard Norgrove, and [one other \_\_\_\_]** will serve as greeters



- ❖ Sign In: **Jean Herschede** reported she has 5 volunteers to assist with sign in

- ❖ Photo Op: **Rick Tang** has recruited a friend of his to take personal pictures of anyone wishing to have their attendance documented for placement in social media circles. **Rick** stated his wife, Vickie, has created an event background that folks will stand in front of. He went on to say the photos will be made using the attendee's personal smartphone. And that some photos may be taken with his smartphone and posted on the Club's website.
- ❖ Audio/Visual: This year, Paul Rollins, **Alex Rollins'** husband, will assist with the AV and PowerPoint presentation materials. **Mark Decker** will assist Paul.
- ❖ Check out and Pick ups: **Patti Mannatt** reminded everyone to please help remind people to check out and take their won items home. Any items left over will be at the Exchange Bank conference room.
- ❖ First Responders: **John Torres** announced that several First Responders will be Live Auction Spotters, and when introduced for the Club members to provide a standing ovation. They include the Police Chief (member of our Club), the Fire Chief, and the CDF Fire Coordinator. **Henk Peeters** will communicate the roles, goals, and behavior for the Spotters and Runners.
- ❖ Check Out Process: **John Avakian** asked that any member winning an Auction item, to take the process slow to allow non-members and guests ample time to complete their transactions with **Patti's** team.
- ❖ **Prez Paul** also reminded folks that at the end of the Live Auction, there will be a general Paddle raise to fill the pot for the Clubs' contribution to the HEF. This is the ONLY legitimate tax-deductible contribution from the attendees.
- ❖ **Dr. Dave Anderson** asked that Club members manage the noise level at their respective tables so that each Live Auction lot has opportunity to be presented clearly and profitably
- ❖ **Prez Paul** thanked both the committee chairs and sub-chairs for their hard work.

## ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further Club business, **President Paul** rang the closing bell at 1.30PM