



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, Presiding
(and a rousing ovation welcoming **Prez Paul** back from
his recent surgery)



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Rob Rinne

VISITING ROTARIANS

❖ John McCullough, Columbus, MS



❖ David Campbell, Berkeley, CA



GUESTS of ROTARIANS



- ❖ Brad Mitchell, Guest of **Jim Westfall**

- ❖ Sally Mackin, Healdsburg Education Foundation, Guest of **Henk Peeters**
- ❖ Kira Erhmann, Healdsburg Education Foundation, Guest of **Henk Peeters**



- ❖ Rick Luttmann, Guest of Barbara Rosen and today's Presenter



~~~ Catering by Patti served luncheon of Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Green Salad, Cookies, 4 Yums. (Yum scale is from 0 to 5, with 5 being excellent.)

## FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING DECISIONS

The Board approved the following donations:

- \$5,000 to Reach for Home to help offset the recent budget reductions they experienced as a consequence of the Sonoma County reallocation of homeless program funds due to the Rodota Trail homeless relocation efforts.
- \$5,000 to the Raven Theater for mandatory fire safety improvements.
- \$1,500 to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in support of our book giveaway program (previously budgeted).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ Corazon Pre-School Fair 2/22 at the Healdsburg Community Center



- **Tricia Fichtner** and **Don Mitchell** managed our Rotary Booth to market our Dolly Parton Imagination Library initiative. They were very successful, signing up 30 new families to participate!



✚ Membership recruiting

- **Jim Westfall** announced a renewal of our postponed recruiting even at Big John's Market. We have approval to have our recruiting table at the market on April 16-18. Jim is circulating a volunteer signup sheet for 2-hour shifts from Noon to 6:00PM on those dates. This should be a fun event and is important to our efforts to reach more folks in Healdsburg who might be interested in checking out our Club! Contact **Jim** if you have questions or want to sign up.



✚ Long awaited Blue Badges were awarded to **Doug Garrett, Alex Rollins, and Ric Helthall**. The Club congratulated them on meeting all the criteria to surrender their red badges.

- ✚ **Dave Anderson and Doug Garrett** discussed the upcoming **Bill Hawn Porchetta Feed** at the Vineyard Club on Wednesday, March 4. A signup sheet was circulated. Anyone wishing to attend should contact **Doug** or **Dave** soon, as the 30 available seats are going fast.



## CHECK PRESENTATION TO HEALDSBURG EDUCATION FOUNDATION

- ✚ **Henk Peeters** presented a large demonstration check for \$11,075 Sally Mackin and Kira Erhmann of the Healdsburg Education Foundation (they also received the actual check as well). The check represents our ongoing commitment to the HHS Junior mentorship program, where students have the opportunity to be mentored on developing communication skills, present themselves well to employers, write an effective resume, and in general learn what it takes to be a successful employee. Each student also prepares a capstone project for presentation on March 4. Club members are invited to attend.



## GREEN HAIR DAY

- ✚ **Dick Cochran**, our club's Rotary Foundation Chair, showed a short video from Rotary International featuring Bill Gates, which described the Gates foundation commitment to eradicating polio through a 3-1 match of funds raised by Rotary.



- ✚ **Richard Norgrove**, who started Green Hair Day at our Club over 10 years ago, described how easy it can be to raise funds from family, friends, business associates and others on behalf of PolioPlus and Polio eradication. Healdsburg Rotary participates in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade as our major PolioPlus fundraiser. Participants should meet at Costeaux the morning of the parade to dye your hair and/or beard green. Get out and march with us!



## RECOGNITION/HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Tricia Fichtner** has a new Grandson Jack and donated \$50 to the Education Fund;



- **Nita Parker** celebrated her 70th birthday in Maui. She swam with the sharks and donated \$70 to PolioPlus

- **John Hazlett** took a trip earlier in the year to Montreal and Quebec City and presented **Prez Paul** with a hockey puck! He also donated \$100 to the club.



- **Richard Norgrove** took a trip to Scotland, visiting his granddaughter who is studying abroad there. **Richard** braved the elements, including a hurricane and a couple of flat tires, but returned with a small cask of Scotch Whiskey for **Prez Paul**. He also donated \$200 to Polio Plus.

- **Brent Stanley** had a lovely trip to Hawaii, and presented **Prez Paul** with a striking Hawaiian shirt, complete with coconut shell buttons.



## RAFFLE

There was \$51 in the kitty today. **John Hazlett** had the lucky ticket but did not draw the winning black marble. **John** went home with a nice bottle of Cabernet as consolation.



## PROGRAM



**Barbara Rosen** introduced Rick Luttmann, retired Sonoma State professor and member of the United Nations Association of Northern California. Rick talked about the Associations 15 Northern California chapters and their role in promoting the benefits and work of the United Nations. Along with a history of the development of the UN, Rick talked about the value of the work that the UN performs or oversees on behalf of conflict reduction, health, poverty and development around the world.

The World Health Organization, The World Trade Organization and the International Monetary Fund were a few of the UN-led organizations he discussed. Rick also presented us with cards depicting the UN's 17 Global Goals that depict efforts to accomplish major efforts including eradication of extreme poverty, disease and effects of climate change. Peace, educational opportunity, clean water and others are Global Goals Rick cited that align with Rotary International's focus areas.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ✓ Mar 02, 2020 John Schuster "Wild Wing Company"
- ✓ Mar 09, 2020 John Lambert (former USC and NBA Basketball Standout) "Mentoring"