



# 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

**Prez Paul** called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance



## VISITING ROTARIANS

\* None

## GUESTS of ROTARIANS



- Andy Elkind, guest of **John Hazlett**



- Paul Marguglio, guest of **Dave Anderson**

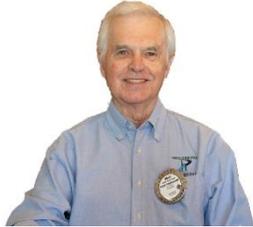
- Paul Rollins, guest of **Alex Rollins**



~~~ No catering today – This is our 4<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Telephone Townhall presented by **Mike McGuire** this coming Wednesday at 18:30 hrs. Phone No. (844) 721-7241 Access code: 3165764



- **Dave Anderson** told us about a \$1,500 donation **Our Club** made to provide lunches and dinners for our Healdsburg Hospital staff for 3 days next week. **Dr Dave** brought the donation request to the Board. Other members volunteered to make additional donations. **Prez Paul** will send an email to coordinate.

- **Dave** also mentioned that he had started a Green Hair Polio+ fund on behalf of **Al Loebel** who has been a long-standing member of our club and our community. The donations gave Al his 6<sup>th</sup> Paul Harris Fellow award (PH5+). **Al** gave an emotional reply filled with gratitude saying how much the Healdsburg Rotary Club and his fellow Rotarians have meant in his life.



- Our board met earlier today and addressed the following:
  - ❖ Our club managed a District Grant to provide Street Medicine to our area's homeless, for the organization Reach for Home. This grant included the Healdsburg Sunrise Club and the Cloverdale Club
  - ❖ Need to address the challenges with online meetings vs face to face when it comes to things like Crab Feast Planning. They discussed the need to develop contingency plans and budgets in case we are unable to hold our biggest fundraiser of the year. More to follow next month
  - ❖ **Dick Cochran** gave an update on Green Hair Day totals which far surpassed our \$8,000 goal. This year we collected a whopping **\$17,500!!**
  - ❖ **Prez Paul** reminded us to sign up for the Global Impact Group volunteer online training to help our Medical Staffs and Senior Assistant Centers provide phone services to



patients or those in need of help

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- ✓ **Bob Pedroncelli** pledged \$80 as he toasted with a glass of wine at hand for his 82nd birthday

- ✓ **Jeff Civian** pledged \$64 for his 64<sup>th</sup> birthday



## RECOGNITION & HAPPY DOLLARS

- ✓ **Rick Tang** donated \$4.20 in honor of 4/20 Marijuana Celebration, which originated with a group of Students from San Rafael High



- ✓ **Rich Bottarini** said he would donate \$42.00 for the same reason to the Education fund.

- ✓ **Prez Paul** \$4.20 to the Club



- ✓ **Barbara Rosen** \$4.20 PHF

- ✓ **Greg Nelson** donated \$64 to Polio Plus in honor of his wife's birthday and donated \$100.00 to the HDH lunch fund that is highlighted in **Dave Anderson's** item above

## **SPEAKER**

Today's speaker was **Graham Freeman** who gave his required Craft Talk as a red badge holder. One out of 4 kids, **Graham** was born in Sydney a long time ago with a full head of red hair. He now has 3 grandkids and one more on the way. An avid Rugby, tennis, golf, and pickle ball player. He studied Marketing and Business in Sydney and has worked from Companies like IBM, Compaq, and Adobe. This last one brought him to California's Silicon Valley in 1999 after a careful 24-hr deliberation. In 2016 he retired to Healdsburg with his wife of 40 years, Jann.



Major anecdotes in his life have been the loss of his Dad as well as leaving his home country to move to the US. Adapting to our culture took some time, he especially remembers helping his daughter with her application to Stanford University assuming that she would be accepted because of her grades and not having any contingency applications to other places. Thankfully, she got in. He also had to learn new words like how to say Barbeque instead of Barbie; truth rather than Fair Dinkum and another word for idiotic rather than Galah.

Last, he filled us with Australian Trivia including the fact that the Aborigines there are the oldest culture on Earth. Happy to get to know Graham better and I close by saying to you all "G'day Mates".

**CLOSING:** Prez Paul thanked visitors and guests for coming.

**NEXT WEEK:** Club Assembly where our President Elect, **Dick Bertapelle** will be announcing his new board members