

# 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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**President Paul** called the meeting to order at 12:15 on May 11, 2020 and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

**VISITING ROTARIANS**--There were no visiting Rotarians

## **GUESTS OF THE CLUB**

Visitors to the meeting were George Lawson, Andy Elkind and Andy's wife, Kerry.

## **NEW MEMBER INDUCTION**



**Jim Westfall** introduced **Andy Elkind** as Rotary's newest member. **Andy** was sponsored by **Tom Colbert** and **John Hazlett**, both of whom had good anecdotes about **Andy**, how they met, and how **Andy** and Kerry already support our community. **Andy** said he appreciates the warmth of the members of Rotary and their contributions to the community. He and Kerry have a deep-seated interest in educating the children in our community, and he looks

forward to working with our club in that endeavor, and in all our community services engagements

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



➤ **PP Rich Bottarini** said there will be a virtual Fireside Chat on May 20 at 5:00 as we cannot have an in-person meeting due to the pandemic. Attending will be **Tricia Fichtner**, **Tom Swaney**, **Brad Mitchell**, **Graham Freeman**, and **Andy Elkind**. And any and all past and current presidents are invited to attend as well.

- **Rich** also said **President Paul's** debunking is on hold until we can get together in person. **Rich** does not want to hold that end-of-Rotary-year party via Zoom.
- **Rich**, one of this year's Crab Feast chairpersons (along with **Mark Decker**) also said this year's Crab Feast was in doubt because of the pandemic. A Crab Feast Committee has been formed, and meetings will be held soon to plan what our club should do this coming Rotary year to ensure we have funds available for our community service projects.

## BIRTHDAYS

May's birthdays included:

- ✓ **Paul Frechette** donating \$71.00 to the Club



- ✓ **Jerry Ogden** giving \$80.00 to the Education Fund.

- ✓ **Bob Freelen** gave \$86.00 to his Paul Harris to recognize his birthday and \$14.00 to his Paul Harris to recognize his son's promotion as head of Venture Capital Business Development at Silicon Valley Bank.



## HAPPY DOLLARS

- ✚ **Dick Cochran** donated \$50.00 to the Rotary Foundation in honor of **Al Loebel**. Joining him in his generosity were, donating the same amounts, were: **Paul Frechette, Mike Potmesil, Dave Anderson, Jerry Ogden, Greg Nelson, Jim Westfall, Andy Elkind, Fred Roberts, Ric Helthall, Eric Drew, Kelly Larson, Graham Freeman, Mel Schatz, Tom Swaney, and Tom Cleland.**



- ✚ **Dick Bertapelle** gave \$50.00 to the Rotary Foundation and humorously stated it was because he broke his hearing aid when it flew off his air when he removed his face mask; and because he broke his tooth when he bit into a bagel. Or some such story!

- ✚ **Alex Rollins** offered \$35.00 to the Rotary Foundation to celebrate her return to golf.



- ✚ **Mike Potmesil** also gave \$40.00 to the Club to pay off a bet, having to do with politics.

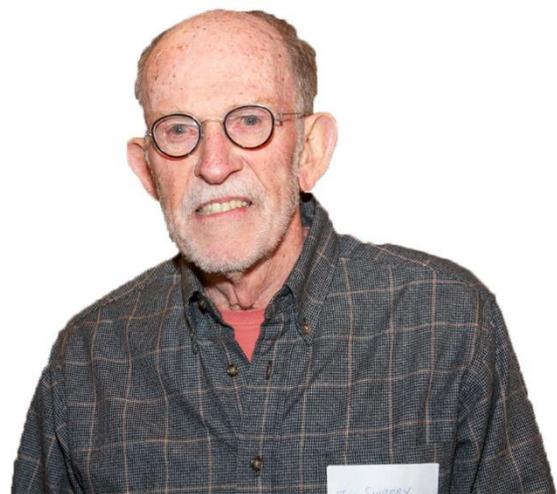


- ✚ **John Hazlett** acknowledged his granddaughter's graduation from nursing school and her first job in a hospital. John donated \$25 to the club



## PROGRAM—CRAFT TALK BY TOM SWANEY

**3-Tom Swaney** was born in Detroit and attended the University of Michigan where he received his law degree in 1967. He worked for a large law firm in Chicago and specialized in estate planning and charitable contributions. He and his wife, Pat, met on a blind date, and were married seven months later, lo those many years ago. While he was at the law firm, he had a client who he served as lawyer for decades, even after he officially retired from the law firm. **Tom** regaled us with a story of a case he won for this female client where she was deliberately defrauded by a man who had claimed she left an apartment and its belongings to him. Tom has had quite the interesting career, based on the stories he told today.



**Tom** and his wife Pat traveled around the country and visited Healdsburg in 2000, on a whim, where they bought some land that had not yet been developed. They built a home and moved here full-time in 2018.

Welcome to Healdsburg **Tom** and to Healdsburg Rotary.

**NEXT WEEK PROGRAM:**

**Tricia Fichtner's** Craft Talk.

**President Paul** closed the meeting at 1:30