



# 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

✓ None

~~~ No catering today – This is our 8<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚ Debunking Plans are still up in the air

✚ Our board met earlier today and addressed the following:

- Approved the revised bylaws. Now need the group’s approval which will fall upon our **Prez** to follow through.

- Approved one more scholarship for a Geyserville student

- **Dick Cochran** gave an update on our Polio Plus collection which now total close to \$19,000. These funds are now being used to combat Covid-19.

- We look forward to another very active Rotary Foundation term under our President Elect **Dick Bertapelle**. **Dick** also reported that the donations collected last week for **Al Loebel’s** fund were close to \$800. The Shutterfly gift (photo album) for Liz on its way. The club is also planning on installing a bench outside the museum.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- ✓ Celebrated last week

## RECOGNITION & HAPPY DOLLARS



- **Fred Roberts** announced that the Rose Garden mulching project took place this past weekend. They will continue and finish this coming Thursday at 9:00 AM. All are welcome to stop by and help. Photos are posted on the club website.



- **John Avakian** asked for Martini partners that could join him & Janet during their babysitting days. They care for 19-month-old grand-twins every 2 weeks. He pledged \$25.00 for Rotary Foundation.



- **Greg Nelson** also visits his grandson via facetime and announced that he continues to be busy at the Alexander Valley Vineyards.



- **Nita Parker** joined in with her own online story sharing that her and Dennis do Lego doodling twice a week with their grandson, showing her prized locomotive

- **Dick Cochran** followed the online stories. He puts his grandkids to bed on Wednesdays by reading them a bedtime story. He pledged \$25.00 to the Rotary Foundation
- **Prez Paul** then solicited culinary advice by asking members to share their favorite take-out Restaurants. Many members responded with places like; Valette, Baci, Campo Fina, Single Thread (be ready at noon sharp online!), Agave, Thai Orchid, Catelli's, Diavola (full meals), Paella from Guiso, Capo Creek takeout with wine bottle and Taste of Tea's Japanese delights.

## **SPEAKER**

Today's speaker was **Tricia** who gave her required Craft Talk as a red badge holder. She was one out of 7 kids (Holy Bedlam!) and was born in Chula Vista a few years ago. She shared many fond memories of her childhood. She is married to an ex- top-gun international-spy and avid cyclist enthusiast who took her to live in Virginia for 31 years. They have 2 sons, and 2 adorable grandkids ages 3 and 2 months. A big regret is that she has not been able to meet her grandson in person yet.



Her dreams of becoming a nun were shattered when she was yanked out of Catholic school placed on public education where she changed her mind and decided to become a teacher. She has no regrets as she enjoyed a long and successful teaching career. Her great command of Spanish allowed her to teach immigrant minorities after hours (though she would tell you that her Spanish is terrible, I do not believe her 😊). She loves to travel, and her favorite destination has been Oaxaca, Mexico with its rich culture.

Tricia moved back to San Diego in 2009 to care for her sick mother. After she passed (at 97 yrs of age), she started to travel to the Bay Area often to visit her son and her cousins. During one of those visits in 2019, they finally decided to stay and make their home in Geyserville.

One of the most interesting stories of her life revolves around her top-secret mission working with CIA operatives in the Spy Training Team. We all look forward to a second craft talk where we can hear more details.

**CLOSING: Prez Paul** closed the meeting reminding us that there is **no meeting next week** in observance of Memorial Day

**MEETING JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>:** Our speaker will be Kathryn Hecht from the Alexander Valley Film Society

