



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 called the Zoom meeting to order at precisely 12:15PM, with 43 folks in attendance



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- **President Paul** led us reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. He mentioned that Dr. **Dave Anderson** suggested that the phrase, "with liberty and justice for all", (which was part of the first version of our Pledge of Allegiance written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy), be repeated several times for emphasis, which **President Paul** did.

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

- **President Paul** welcomed a Rotary Club of Healdsburg scholarship recipient, Mary Kelley Crnich, who recently graduated from Cal State Monterrey Bay, with Honors (straight A's), majoring in Sustainable Hospitality. She thanked the Club for our scholarship and said, "there is no doubt this scholarship helped me be able to complete my degree. Thank you all so much." Mary Kelley went on to pledge \$20 to the Club in honor of the Class of 2020.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

President Paul offered a Quote of the Day: "A smile is the shortest distance between two people." – Victor Borge

ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITIONS

- ❖ **President Paul** called on **Tom Cleland**, who joined Rotary Club in Southern California 50 years ago. He stated that he was in that club 32 years and in our Club for the past 18 years!





❖ **President Paul** mentioned that Club Member **Bob Pedroncelli** will be celebrating his 50th membership anniversary in September.

ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

- **Ric Helthall** June 07 - Pledged \$100 to Club
- **Kellie Larson** June 08
- **Mark Gladdin** June 09
- **Don Mitchell** June 14
- **George Heath**
- **Rob Rinne** June 18 – Pledged \$50 to his Paul Harris
- **Paul Jones** June 21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚ **President Paul** directed our attention to his recent email regarding a Shutterfly Book honoring **Al Loebel**, assembled by **John Hazlett**. **Prez Paul** encouraged us all to have a look and thank **John** for his efforts. He sent the link to Liz Loebel, who in turn sent it to other family members. **President Paul** read aloud a letter he received from Liz thanking us for all the support and love expressed to her and their family upon **Al's** passing. He said he had heard from other family members with the same sentiment.



✚ **President Paul** told us that Club Members **Jerry Eddinger and Mark Decker**, both sit on the Healdsburg Museum Board and that the Board has agreed to allow **Eddinger** to project manage the restoration of the Gazebo located on the Museum's back lawn in Honor of **Al Loebel**. **Prez Paul** indicated funding would be personal (not Club sponsored), and that our Club Members may wish to help in any way possible.



✚ **President Paul** alerted us to an email sent recently to order Rotary Logo wear through **John Merget**.

✚ **Tricia Fichtner** was called on to explain a newly discovered NFP organization, Heartizens, where she and **Rick Tang** volunteered to stuff Art Supply boxes for elementary aged children. Heartizens leadership intends to distribute these boxes to area children over



the next two days. The idea is to provide online Art classes to the children during the summer break.



🚩 Immediate Past President **Rich Bottarini** announced this year's debunking of **President Paul** will not be traditional. It will be a Zoom meeting on the 29th of June, where we will be provided an opportunity to share memories and stories of **President Paul's** term in office. He further offered that he has not been in Northern California for the past 80 days and intends to return this coming Saturday. **Rich** pledged \$80 to the Club in recognition of his extended absence from NorCal.

APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS

- **President Paul** asked for a Motion to approve the By-Laws as recently modified and communicated to our Club Membership. A motion was made by **Dick Bertapelle**, seconded by **Ric Helthall**, and after a few clarification questions was unanimously approved by voice vote.
- **President Paul** said **Phil Luks** is tasked with taking a systematic approach to our Club's By-Laws to determine where improvements and prudent modifications can be made, if any.

TRIVIA CONTEST – None today

RAFFLE – None today

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ✓ June 8 – Soon departing Healdsburg City Manager, **David Mickaelian**
- ✓ June 15 – Kim Bender, Executive Director, Healdsburg Healthcare Foundation
- ✓ June 22 – **Kevin Burke**, Chief of Police, City of Healdsburg
- ✓ June 29 – Rotary Club of Healdsburg Leadership Change Over

PROGRAM – Kathryn Hecht, Founder and Executive Director, Alexander Valley Film Society. Web Site: avfilmsociety.org

Ms. Hecht started her remarks by expressing her condolences on the loss of our member, **Al Loebel**. She went on to say that the Shelter in Place Order has caused the Society to pivot into virtual activities, including fund raising. She described the various activities of the Society and how moving to virtual has enhanced their engagement with supporters and fans. She described their education programs, such as Film Editing Bootcamp, film night,



partnering with local restaurateurs, and how they propose to manage the Film Festival, usually produced in the Autumn, and now moved to April. Hecht allowed a smaller, specialized program is being organized for this Fall. She indicated the Society is working on the details of how each of their programs and festivals will be delivered given the State, County, and City regulations to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Ms. Hecht stated she hadn't graced a stage in "about 16 years".

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further Club business, **President Paul** rang the closing bell at 1.29PM