



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 – Paul Frechette, President

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Paul Frechette

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

- ✓ Steve and Ann Cotler
- ✓ Mark Farmer
- ✓ John Lambert
- ✓ Bo Simons
- ✓ Norm Fujita
- ✓ Cher Frechette
- ✓ Janet Hoehn
- ✓ Carol Hazlett
- ✓ Pam Heath

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fourth of July Parade: In place of the normal celebration on the Plaza, the Sunrise Rotary Club is sponsoring a parade that will allow the town to have a safe celebration. Volunteers are needed to help with setup, preparing gift bags for kids and monitoring the parade. **President-elect Dick Bertapelle** will circulate a sign up via email. Let us get out and support the parade!
- **President Paul** announced that the “Crab Feast” planning committee had met and decided that in light of the COVID virus, there will be no in-person Crab Feast this year. Instead, we will organize an online Silent and Live auction that will employ specialized software to make it easy for bidders and donors to participate from their homes, or in small gatherings if they so choose. Much planning is necessary to make this a successful event, but other organizations have already proved that fundraising can be highly successful and fun, even from home! More to come as the December Event Planning Committee gets the ball rolling.
- **John Merget** announced that he was proceeding with placement of the orders for Rotary shirts and hats, hoping that the quantity would satisfy the minimum required. He also

displayed the “missing” Rotary vests that he located.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW PRESENTATIONS

- ❖ **Dick Cochran**, Chair of the Foundation Committee for our club, using heretofore unknown features of the Zoom system, presented several members and one member’s spouse with their most recent Paul Harris pins and certificates. In addition, Dick announced that **Graham Freeman** and agreed to join the Foundation Committee. Congratulations to all.
 - **Henk Peeters**, Paul Harris +6
 - **Graham Freeman**, Paul Harris +1, +2, +3, +4
 - **Dick Bertapelle**, Paul Harris +2
 - **Janet Hoehn** (spouse of John Avakian), Paul Harris +1

RECOGNITION/HAPPY DOLLARS

- ✚ **President Paul** played a full round of golf in San Rafael on Father’s Day with his son Ryan. **Paul** remains undefeated in their annual event. The new ankle must be working out! Paul pledged \$10 to the Club.
- ✚ **Dick Bertapelle** attended the Rotary International Convention online, including the Saturday and Sunday sessions that started at 6AM local time. The sessions reminded **Dick** of what a tremendous global organization we belong to in the Rotary Clubs, although if he could have gone to Hawaii to hear them, it would have been even better. **Dick** pledged \$20 to the Club.
- ✚ **Henk Peeters** announced he and Nancy sold their Healdsburg home, quite a feat in the current market. Henk pledged \$25 to the Club.
- ✚ **Alex Rollins** displayed a photo of a rattlesnake that her husband Paul captured when it decided to visit them too close to home. The snake was released unharmed in a more remote area. **Alex** pledged \$25 to the Club.

PROGRAM

- **Kevin Burke**, Healdsburg Chief of Police, and one of our club members **Chief Burke** joined us via Zoom and briefly summarized his career in law enforcement and as an attorney both in private practice and as assistant district attorney in Southern California, followed by his migration back to wine country where he grew up (in St. Helena), eventually resulting in his becoming Chief here in Healdsburg.

Chief Burke talked about the changes the department has made since the outbreak of the virus and the shelter-in-place orders. In addition to having to cancel the planned tour of the main police facility for our Club, the department had to make many other changes to keep officers safe and to help protect the public. While the department has been proactive in helping enforce the County Health Department orders to prevent the spread of the virus, he explained that the police department was not responding to the many general calls reporting people for not wearing masks in public. Instead they have focused their limited resources on responding to more serious crimes, such as recent arrests

involving firearms, stolen cars and methamphetamines. While the department is returning to a slightly more normal posture, the police lobby remains closed to the public, and parking enforcement is still suspended.

Chief Burke also spoke about the recent protests in the wake of the George Floyd killing in Minnesota. He was very positive about how the two larger demonstrations were organized and handled in Healdsburg. His department was horrified by the events as were most of the public, and he felt it was important for him personally and his officers to be able to talk with and express their support for the demonstrators' expressions of their rights of free speech peacefully. He also talked about his proposal to the City Council to add a Licensed Clinical Social Worker to the department staff to work as a “force multiplier” in situations where mental illness, family disputes and homelessness are involved. **Chief Burke** believes that using this approach would be more effective and help officers keep sensitive situations under control in the most humane way possible.

Chief Burke took a number of questions about a variety of topics, and expressed that while it is a challenging time to be a police officer, he believes that his already diverse department is committed to earning the trust of the entire community and that morale remains good. A number of members praised **Chief Burke** for his leadership of the department and the great job his department is doing here in our small town.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- June 29th: Year in Review, and President Changeover (a/k/a Debunking)
- July 6th: Ariel Kelley, Corazon Heald