



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**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by **President Paul Frechette**



VISITING ROTARIANS: None

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

- Sam Norgrove, grandson of **Richard Norgrove**
- Cher Frechette, wife of **Paul Frechette**
- Liz Loebel, honorary Rotarian and wife of **Al Loebel**
- Carol Hazlett, wife of **John Hazlett**

Special Presentation

Sam Norgrove gave a PowerPoint presentation to thank the club for supporting his Eagle Scout Project with a monetary donation. He was able to build bike repair stations in areas of Healdsburg trails with the monetary donation from our Healdsburg Rotary Club along with the help of Healdsburg Lumber, The City of Healdsburg and Healdsburg Signs. Sam will be attending Oregon State University in the Fall and will be majoring in business. His Eagle Scout Ceremony was held in January.

CLUB UPDATES AND YEAR IN REVIEW:

President Paul discussed the following updates:

- ✚ Because of the pandemic there are significant budgeted donations/expenses we will not incur this Rotary year.
- ✚ Our Board of Directors for 2020-2021 has some significant funds to work with this coming year, despite the uncertainty surrounding our ability to raise funds via the Crab Feast.

Examples of items that are budgeted but will not happen this year are as follows:

- High School Graduation “Safe” party post-ceremony
- Healdsburg High School Freedom Day
- Healdsburg Easter Egg Scramble (a hunt, or “scramble”, for young Healdsburg children)
- District 5130 Conference
- Rotary International Hawaii Conference

✚ **So far this Rotary year, our club has provided significant donations to the following (more than \$40,000 has been provided to these organizations in the aggregate):**

- Alliance Medical Center
- Corazon
- Farm to Pantry
- Geyserville Volunteer Fire Department
- Healdsburg Food Pantry
- Reach for Home
- Many other organizations

✚ **The Future:**

- The Board leadership team is contemplating what is next regarding our club's meetings
- Zoom has been successful, as we have seen from 5% to 10% increase in attendance at most meetings
- The Tayman Park Clubhouse is expected to open soon, but we do not know under what parameters, just yet
- The member survey we conducted showed an overwhelming majority of members saying they would like to meet in person, either indoors or outdoors, when sanctions are lifted

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MEMBERS

President Paul wanted to acknowledge members for contributions during the year:

Board Members:



❖ **Dick Bertapelle** for working hand in hand with him throughout the year while preparing for his presidency



❖ **Rich Bottarini** for his guidance and staying in touch while in Arizona as well as for his contributions to the Crab Feast

❖ **Kate Buchanan** for her work as Secretary



❖ **Dick Cochran** for heading up the Rotary Foundation Committee and overseeing the club's raising of over \$18,000 for Polio Plus, as was recognized by both the Regional and International Rotary Chapters



❖ **Mark Decker** for being so reliable and helping with the Crab Feast duties. His banking experience was evident



❖ **Doug Garrett** for stepping up and taking on the Club Services Committee and always being there to help when needed

- ❖ **Jean Herschede** for being a terrific grant manager and helping Reach for Home by coordinating the donation of \$14,000 for them, as well as being our Global Grant connection with the work done helping schools in Guatemala



- ❖ **Phil Luks** our “designated smart person”

- ❖ **John Merget** for always being dependable with setting up and taking down meetings as well as just being everywhere



- ❖ **Henk Peeters** for all his hard work on the committee. (Hank is currently in the hospital suffering from broken ribs and a possible ruptured spleen due to a fall off a ladder while changing a light bulb!)



- ❖ **Barbara Rosen** for arranging all the meaningful and interesting programs for our meetings



- ❖ **Jim Westfall** for doing an outstanding job with the membership committee and going out of his way to meet with new and/or prospective members over coffee and communicating with them during the process

- ❖ **Mel Schatz** for taking over the Communications Committee after Neale relocated to New Orleans

President Paul also acknowledged the following members:

- ❖ **John Avakian and John Hazlett** for the work they put into the Crab Feast. It was the most successful Crab Feast to date.



- ❖ **Richard Norgrove** for his continued contributions to Green Hair Day

- ❖ **Graham Freeman** for raising over \$5,750 for Green Hair Day and receiving four Paul Harris award recognitions for his work



- ❖ **Paul Jones** for his work on the Crab Feast





❖ **Fred Roberts** for his Crab Feast donations and for taking on the position as Community Service Director

❖ **George Heath** for his timely publications of Voice of the Vineyard



❖ **Grady Wann** for all his help toward the Crab Feast Auction and the Easter Egg Scramble



❖ **Alex Rollins** for her efforts getting wine donations for the Crab Feast and her role at the Crab Feast Auction, despite painful shoulder surgery



ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

President Paul presented **Doug Garrett** with the Rotarian of the Year plaque and congratulated him for all the work he has done. **Doug** has stepped up in so many ways and has also been dubbed “A designated smart one”. **Doug** was humbled by the recognition.



PROGRAM



Today's program was “The Debunking of Paul Frechette” and was led by **Rich Bottarini**. A slide show by Rick Tang was presented showing Paul throughout the year at different Rotary functions. After the slide presentation, **Rich** had five “speakers” talk about **Paul**. **Rich** started it off by saying what a tremendous job **Paul** has done over the last year considering the kind of year we've had. First, the fires in October, then **Paul's** ankle surgery, and then the COVID pandemic, which

“forced” us to have our meetings on Zoom. “And, yet he persisted”, **Rich** said and kept us cohesive during all these hardships.



Phil Luks had special rolls of paper on hand that had all the emails **Paul** has sent out over the year. The emails were put into minimized print and will be stored on the special rolls of paper in a special chamber to preserve his words. He said **Paul** has been a great communicator throughout his term

Jim Westfall said how supportive **Paul** has been and how he has preserved the club's cohesion during these times. He told him he could become a talk show DeeJay with his newly found Zoom expertise and was giving him an extra mulligan – good for one day – when they played golf later in the day.



Dave Anderson had one of his Lame Limericks for **Paul** and wanted to hear more about **Paul's** mafia and seminary experiences. Apparently, **Paul** was “kicked out” of a seminary high school when he accumulated too many demerits before the end of the first semester of school. So, what the Catholic Church lost, we gained! While working at the bank, he also had an experience with a known mafia member. He'll tell us more at another time.



Dick Cochran shared a story about how surprised he was when he witnessed his first debunking at our club. Apparently, at his other Rotary Club, when he was debunked, the group brought an old sofa chair and threw it in the pool, where **Dick** had to sit. They proceeded to have more of a “roast” for his debunking. He was surprised at how our Rotary's debunking is kinder... He



congratulated **Paul** for always being encouraging and uplifting in his support to the community. It was a year well served.



Barbara Rosen shared her limerick and congratulated **Paul** on his year.

Cher Frechette said she was so proud of **Paul** and how he served with such passion and encouraged the camaraderie.

At the end of the congratulatory speeches, **Cher** told **Paul** to go outside to the porch. **John Avakian** and **John Hazlett** were standing there in person (with appropriate face masks) to present him with a plaque, a cake, a bottle of champagne, and his Past President Pin, honoring his presidential term.



Dick Bertapelle finished up the debunking by thanking **Paul** for his mentorship and helping him for his upcoming role as the new president. “You've kept us together through hard times.”

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- July 6th: Ariel Kelley, CEO Corazon Healdsburg
- July 13: Dick Bertapelle: The Year Ahead