



# 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

- **David Mickaelian**, Healdsburg City Manager. Speaker of the Day

## GUESTS of ROTARIANS

- George Lawson



~~~ *No catering today – This is our 10<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting*

**QUOTE OF THE DAY** was the Speech given to the 2020 Graduates: Obama’s perspective on the Pandemic

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



✚ **Rich Bottarini** announced that he spoke to Leilani and was told that the Villa will not be able to accommodate large crowds this year, therefore the 2020 Crab Feed will be virtual. Planning meetings will start soon. Still no word as to when Tayman Park will re-open



✚ **Dick Cochran** gave us a comprehensive presentation on the history of the Paul Harris Foundation: It is a nonprofit

charitable organization considered an arm of Rotary International (RI). Its mission: promoting cultural exchange, humanitarian and educational causes and it was founded in 1917 by the 6<sup>th</sup> RI President. Donations of \$1,000 qualify a member to become a Paul Harris Fellow, after 2 recognitions, the pin contains a Sapphire for every additional year. Four of our esteemed Healdsburg Rotarians have earned 8+ Fellow Recognitions (**Dave Anderson, John Avakian, Richard Norgrove and Wally Schultz**) which is the highest award you can get until you reach \$100,000. Then you become a member of the exclusive Arch Klumph Society. A close second with 7 PH Fellow contributions comes **Jerry Ogden**. Today, **Ric Helthall** received his 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Harris pin. Thank you to all for your generous contributions! .

**Dick Cochran** received his 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Harris pin (with 3 Sapphires) presented by **Pres Paul**.

- ✚ **John Merget** – We only have a few shirts and hats sold, please place your orders as we need 3 more shirts and 6 more hats in order to meet our vendor’s requirements.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- ✓ **Jeff Civian** pledged \$64 for his 64<sup>th</sup> birthday



- ✓ **Kelly Larson** celebrating her 59<sup>th</sup> birthday, and looking fabulous, pledged \$59 to her Paul Harris. After a fun gathering with relatives and grandkids this weekend, she will be dining at Dry Creek Kitchen today

- ✓ **George Heath** pledged \$74 to his Paul Harris in celebration of the birthday

- ✓ **Paul Jones** celebrating his 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday pledged the same \$72 to his Paul Harris



## RECOGNITION & HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Grady Wann** had an undercover visitor who kept popping her head in front of the camera. His 4 yr old granddaughter who is happily visiting



- **Dick Bertapelle** was celebrating his wife’s Pat’s birthday with a drive to San Jose to attend a family picnic and a family car parade. He donated \$25.00 to his Paul Harris



➤ **Nita Parker** will be celebrating her daughter's wedding with a post-ceremony dinner. The bride and groom will be tying the knot at Santa Rosa City Hall on June 9<sup>th</sup>. She donated \$15.00 to the Club



➤ **Andy Elkind** announced his son's tenure at Ohio State where he teaches German and Law. Andy pledged \$36.00 to the PHF

- **Brent Stanley** was celebrating his 28th wedding anniversary with a Journeyman steak dinner (Yum!) and a \$100 donation to the Education Fund
- **John Hazlett** announced the future arrival of his new Great-Granddaughter scheduled for October and \$25.00 to the Club
- **Jeff Civian** also announcing the International arrival of his Grandson who was born in Madrid. He pledged \$100 to his Paul Harris

## **SPEAKER**

Today's speaker was **David Mickaelian** who will be saying Au Revoir to Healdsburg and to his position as City Manager on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He packs up on his way to Truckee. Dave presented some highlights of the happenings in our town as follows: This year's budget is waiting on the Community Service area who was hit pretty hard during the pandemic. Thankfully, the general fund generated by Measure B has provided some relief for public safety, roads, City Streets, facilities, etc. \$600,000 were reserved for small business loans. Measure B expires in 2022 so will be posted on the November ballot. The City is also allowing restaurants to move into the Street to help them stay in business. They are also considering closing some streets around the plaza for a period of time for the same purpose.

There was a demonstration on Thursday of about 700 people but thankfully, it stayed peaceful. Expect more protests in the next few weeks.

David Kiff (retired Newport Beach City Mgr) will be filling in temporarily until the new candidate is recruited.

Questions included the timing for the opening of the Montage Resort which is set for November. Also, whether the smart train is arriving to Healdsburg any time soon. Answer: not a chance.

**CLOSING:** Prez Paul thanked visitors and guests for coming.

**NEXT WEEK:** Our speaker will be **Kim Bender**, CEO Healdsburg Healthcare Foundation

- **June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** **Kevin Burke**, Fellow Rotarian and Healdsburg Chief of Police

- **June 29<sup>th</sup>:** Year In Review, and President Changeover