



# 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 Dick Bertapelle** welcomed members and guests, then asked John Torres to lead the Pledge of Allegiance



## VISITING ROTARIANS:

- ✓ Doug Johnson, District 5130 Governor
- ✓ Michael Ragsdale, Assistant Governor Area 8
- ✓ Cathy King, from Park City, Utah and new resident to Healdsburg

**GUESTS OF ROTARIANS:** None introduced

## QUOTE OF THE DAY:

**“Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.” - Nelson Mandela**

President **Dick Bertapelle** thought this quote by Nelson Mandela was appropriate for all that we have been through in Sonoma County over the past few years.

## MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

- **Phil Luks** August 03
- **Jerry Campbell** August 08
- **Mark Decker** August 15
- **John Avakian** August 16
- **Joe Sobolewski** August 19
- **Harvest Echols** August 23

- **Brent Stanley** August 24
- **Fred Roberts** August 25

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 🚧 **Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup – September 19**

**Nita Parker** was not able to share the information, but **Fred Roberts** stated that the cleanup would be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19. The Club is going to provide sandwiches from Big John's for those who participate. Members are encouraged to volunteer and help out. Be sure to bring masks, gloves, water, and snacks if you'd like. We are responsible for the area along Highway 101 from the Central Healdsburg exit to the Dry Creek exit on the East side of the highway.

🚧 **Crab Feast** update was given by **Rich Bottarini**. A special Board meeting was held last Saturday to discuss the plans for the Crab Feast. There will be a virtual silent auction that lasts five days with a live auction on the last day of the event. There will be another meeting after the holiday to go over the strategy and continue the planning. **Paul Jones** said they are looking into and talking to a local “caterer” about some “grab and go” food. They are thinking crab cakes - to keep with our theme - a green salad, several dipping sauces, etc. There is a possibility that 180 servings could be available with the ability of the caterer to deliver the meals over a four-hour window. The committee is working on it and more information will follow.

**John Avakian** said his live auction committee with **Barbara Rosen** and **Henk Peeters**, are actively searching for some blockbuster items for the live auction. If anyone has information or knows of some blockbuster item, please contact **John**.

🚧 **Fred Roberts** asked if anyone has an apartment or house to rent to fire victims in need of immediate housing to please contact him. He is aware of at least two families in immediate need.

## HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- **Andy Elkind - \$38** to his Paul Harris fund in honor of his 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- **Dick Bertapelle - \$25** to the Education Fund in honor of his time spent during evacuation with good friends at their B&B in Santa Rosa and for being happy to finally get the all clear to return home after the fire evacuation
- **Graham Freeman - \$50** to the Club on the birth of his fourth grandson and for finally being able to return home after the fire evacuation and find his house still standing
- **Henk Peeters - \$25** to the Education Fund for the “non-trip” to Italy that was to take place this month
- **Rich Bottarini- \$25** to the Club for the “non-trip” to Italy with Henk

- **John Hazlett - \$25** to the Club for the “non-trip” to Italy with Henk and Rich
- **Grady Wann - \$25** to the Club for the “non-trip” to Italy with Henk, Rich, and John
- **Ric Helthall - \$25** to the Club for his “non-trip” to the Chesapeake Bay
- **George Heath - \$42.00** to his Paul Harris Fund in honor of Tony Ramirez, a young relative, who was killed in an auto accident

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

**Doug Johnson, District 5130 Governor**, was introduced during our virtual meeting by **Michael Ragsdale, Assistant Governor for District 5130**. He gave a brief overview saying that **Doug** grew up in a blue collar, middle class neighborhood outside of Boston, went to American University in D.C., and ended up in Santa Rosa after graduating. He joined the Santa Rosa Rotary Club in 2011 and has held various positions during that time. He is the father of three children and has four grandchildren. He works at Discovery Office Systems. He is the current Governor for District 5130 for the 2020-2021 year.



**Governor Doug** began his talk by presenting **Bob Pedroncelli** with an etched glass commemoration plaque honoring him for 50 years as a member of the Rotary Club of Healdsburg – from 1970 to 2020. Congratulations, Bob! We are hoping for many more years!

**Doug Johnson** went on to commend our club for being so active in the community. He met with the Board in the morning and is hoping to be able to meet personally with everyone in the spring. He stated that when he went through his training before taking over as Governor, their last training was the International Assembly held in San Diego. It was the most rewarding of the training sessions with people from all over the world in attendance. Their general sessions had around 1200 people in attendance. During this training, the Rotary's theme for the year was introduced: “**Rotary Opens Opportunities**”. He said there were some key words that struck him during the various speeches:

action, adapt, relevant, change, modernizing, flexible, were some he wrote down. This training took place two months before COVID-19 became an issue. What he took from these speeches was that Rotary needs to change as the world changes and COVID thrust us right into the middle of it all. Everything our clubs have done over the years was no longer possible. No gatherings for meetings, lunches, dinners, etc. But we have adapted quickly to these changes. He commented on how quickly our club was able to begin virtual meetings via Zoom and how we are now adapting by finding a way to fund raise without our typical Crab Feast. We have been able to continue to work in the community while adhering to the COVID regulations and hold virtual meetings with committees.

He stated that the core values of Rotary are: **fellowship, integrity, diversity, leadership, and service.**

We are fulfilling these values in our club because we have been adaptable. Rotarians figure things out and are needed and relative to the community now more than ever. People are looking for stability in these times and we provide that type of grounding for them. He quoted a passage from the movie Apollo 13 when the astronauts were telling Mission Control about everything that was going wrong, "Tell me what **is** working." We need to focus on what we **can** do in these times.

**Governor Doug** said that the district also has committees that need volunteers. He mentioned that they are looking for people for the Public Image, Leadership, Membership, and Ethics Committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please let them know.

On October 8-9, 2021, there is hopefully going to be a District Conference in our area, probably in Rohnert Park. **Governor Doug** is preparing a presentation on Ethics in Business for the conference. In January, nominations for ethical businesses will be held and a committee will review the nominations and decide as to which businesses are deserving of awards.

Finally, **Governor Doug** encouraged members to sign up for Rotary Direct Giving, a monthly donation to the Foundation. He stated that the money from the Foundation is the engine that drives all the good things Rotary does and even a \$20 donation once a month would help restore funds to the Foundation. There is a contest going on to see which club has the highest percentage of members who have committed to the monthly donation.

**President Dick** thanked him and wished him luck for the rest of his tenure.

### **One More Item...**

Before the meeting was adjourned, **Doug Garrett** asked members to please fill out the survey recently sent via email regarding activities and interests.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

<b>September 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dark – Labor Day Holiday</b>
<b>September 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Craft Talks: Brad Mitchell &amp; Andy Elkind</b>