



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 – Dick Bertapelle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Eric Drew

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

- ✓ Cathy King - New Healdsburg Resident
- ✓ Emily Martin - Also a new Healdsburg Resident



Both are guests of **Jim Westfall**, Membership Chair

QUOTE of the DAY

“Rotary changes us and those we serve. I believe we can change the world one life at a time” - Paul Harris

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- **Dave Anderson**, Sept. 6: Dave, while enjoying a can of Bear Republic “Through the Haze” IPA, pledged \$79 to Polio Plus, which was matched by **Richard Norgrove**.



- **Tom Colbert**, Sept 22: **Tom** pledged \$82 to the Club

- **Jim Westfall**, Sept 30: **Jim** and his better half Julie share the same birthday month. Through some impossible-to-follow math steps, Jim calculated a pledge of \$100 to the Rotary Foundation



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Bob Pedroncelli for his 50 years of service to Rotary. **Bob** recounted his membership in 5 clubs, 3 International Conferences, and his service as President of one of his clubs. His trophy and service recognition were presented by President Dick at Bob's home with his wife, Barbara. In recognition, **Bob** pledged \$50 to the Club.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Crab Feast: Mark Decker** summarized the decisions made by the Virtual Crab Feast committee. There will be both a Live and Silent Virtual Auction (bidding for the silent auction will take place over a week or two). There will be a catered dinner option available featuring crab cakes (and perhaps a wine pairing option), to be picked up before the live auction begins. The committee has decided to use Greater Giving's online platform to handle the bidding for both auctions. Being respectful of all the challenges facing our donating businesses, **Grady Wann** has written a letter seeking participation. Member ideas and support are needed to promote the Virtual Feast to contacts, on social media and with printed flyers. Unlike past Crab Feasts, this one will require almost all work to be completed ahead of time, so be prepared to identify how you can help and start looking through your wine cellar for two of your best bottles to donate!



- ❖ **Member Survey: Doug Garrett** presented the results of the 27 responses so far, and small group get-togethers lead the list so far, with hiking, golf and Zoom discussions of movies, TV, wine, food and cocktails. **Doug** sent out a new link to the survey and urged members to complete it by this Friday. Volunteers are needed to organize some of the groups.





❖ **Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup:** Nita Parker reminded everyone about the cleanup scheduled for this coming Saturday morning from 9:00-Noon, followed by lunch on the Plaza. If you are planning to come, bring your safety gear and let **Nita** know if you would like her to order a sandwich for you.

❖ **Drew Esquivel Memorial Golf Tournament: Paul Frechette** talked about this year's Drew Esquivel Memorial Golf Tournament at Tayman Park, raising funds for scholarships in memory of Sunrise Club member Andy Esquivel's son, who was killed by a drunk driver several years ago. Because of the pandemic, this year the tournament will run from September 1-30 at Tayman Park. More information is available here: <https://rotaryclubofhealdsburgsunrise.org/Stories/2020-golf-tournament>



Next Club Board Meeting, September 21.

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

✚ **Andy Elkind** had a nice lunch at Campo Fina with his Rotary mentors, and he and Kerry met up with **Rich and Janet Bottarini** in Mendocino (all safely outdoors and socially distant). In recognition, Andy pledged \$54 to the Rotary Foundation.

✚ **Tom Swaney** is grateful that the Walbridge Fire did not reach his and Pat's home after all. He pledged \$100 to Polio Plus.



✚ **Doug Garrett** had a nice visit from his son, Justin, and his girlfriend, Paige, from Pasadena. Despite the awkwardness of no hugs and masks, it was great to have family time. **Doug** pledged \$50 to the Club.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Craft Talks

Brad Mitchell

Brad joined our club last year, following the passing of his wife of 25 years. **Brad** has found the fellowship and activities of the club have helped him get through this difficult time.

Brad and his wife moved to Windsor from Union City in the Bay Area eight years ago.

Brad lived in the Bay Area for 25 years.



Brad shared his interesting career in the technical and engineering fields, working with complex electronics in airborne and infrared applications. He also worked as a meteorologist and an acoustic engineer, traveling around the U.S. for his work. His interest in music and acoustics led him to work on speaker design, as well as performing with rock bands as a horn (and flute) player, harmonica player and lead singer! **Brad** pledged \$100 to the Club in thanks for the fellowship.

Andy Elkind



Andy also joined us last year, as he and his wife Kerry moved to Healdsburg from San Francisco. **Andy** was born in NYC and raised in Stamford, Connecticut, which he described as a “Leave it to Beaver” childhood. After high school, **Andy** attended Yale University, where after being active in journalism and college radio, he became a film buff in his last two years. With no specific “life plan,” **Andy** headed to Paris for a year after college, avidly pursuing his interest in film, often viewing three or four French films a day. While

in Europe, **Andy** also embarked on a great motorcycle adventure with a friend, logging some 10,000 miles in England, France, Switzerland, Austria, (then) Yugoslavia and Greece and back to London.

In 1975 **Andy** settled in the SF Bay Area where in pursuit of a writing career, he wound up with an organizational development and learning firm. This job suited his interests and launched his career and led to meeting his wife of 38 years, Kerry. **Andy** and Kerry have a son and daughter who grew up in SF, and now live in Ohio and Massachusetts, respectively. **Andy** continued working in organizational development, leadership and executive coaching for 35 years. While “mostly” retired, **Andy** and Kerry still have a consulting business in the field. They both enjoy

cycling, wine tasting and the friendly people and (except lately) climate of the wine country. **Andy** is also in his second year as a Healdsburg Library Commissioner.

Thanks to both **Brad** and Andy for sharing their stories with us this week!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Sept. 21 st: Duskie Estes – Chef and Farm to Pantry Executive Director
- Sept. 28: David Fichtner - Inside the CIA
- Oct. 5th: **Senator Mike McGuire** - From the State Capitol