



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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Joe DiSalvo, who brought his own flag



VISITING ROTARIANS

- Cathy King

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

- Emily Martin, guest of **Jim Westfall**

QUOTE of the DAY

“The greatest use of a life is to spend it on something that will outlast it.”
William James was considered a leading nineteenth century American philosopher and the "Father of American psychology".

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- ✓ **Grady Wann** Oct 05 donated \$66 to the Ed Fund
- ✓ **Gary Anderson** Oct 19
- ✓ **Mel Schatz** Oct 23



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ Crab Feast Auction “The Collection”. Please deliver bottles either to **Ric Helthall’s** or Exchange Bank. Mark your name off on the tally sheet



- ✚ Healdsburg Elementary School Pumpkins- **Henk Peeters** is looking for people to join with Sunrise in donating 72 pumpkins so kindergartners can each have one.

- ✚ **Doug Garrett** confirmed that we will be working on Thanksgiving lunch for Seniors-per our tradition. Patty and Friends will handle the catering but we will help, help deliver, and provide pies. Stay tuned



- ✚ **Fred Roberts** thanked **Prez Dick** and **Jean Herschede** for helping us and Sunrise get the District for Sonoma Family Meals.
- ✚ **Fred** is also planning to hike up Fitch Mtn to check for where signage should go. **Alex Rollins** will lead. Date TBD. Email Fred if you would like to go along.
- ✚ There is an Alzheimer’s walk this Sat-email **Fred** if you would like details.
- ✚ Lastly Farm to Pantry needs drivers to get things from Petaluma to Healdsburg this Fri-email **Fred** if you are interested

- ✚ **Mark Decker** announced the next meeting of the Crab Feast steering committee for 10/6 at 10:30



- ✚ **Alex Rollings** asked Club members to connect with the Club sites on Facebook and LinkedIn



HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION



- **Andy Elkin** was recognized for a trip to the Boston area to visit his daughter \$36 to scholarship

- **Fred Roberts** recognized Grady's birthday with \$66 to the Club
- **Joe DiSalvo** gave \$20 in honor of the A's



- **Rich Bottarini** gave \$100 to Paul Harris for finishing chemo and \$25 to the scholarship fund



- **Dick Bertapelle** gave \$99 to the Club in honor of his mother's 99th on 10/6

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Introduction by **Barbara Rosen** -Summary: our local kid made good

Senator Mike McGuire - From the State Capitol. Okay hold on to your hats. Here we go. Hot damn. **Mike** started by saying there always seems to be a disaster happening when he speaks at our club. Where are we? Corona virus/covid 19 has caused incredible strain. The unemployment peaked at 13.5%. It has come down, but **Mike** expects the effects to last another 36-48 months and much depends on how well we keep control of the virus this fall and winter. **Mike** said PLEASE GET YOUR FLU SHOT!



The state budget started as one of the strongest in the country but we are now in a deficit. However, the most recent tax collection was higher than expected. Housing prices have proved surprisingly resilient. Bay Area home prices reached a new high two weeks ago.

One problem is the Unemployment system. It will have to be offline for about two weeks so new software can be installed but once that is done, they should be able to get caught up quickly.

About the budget: K-12 schools will not have funds cut and will get extra funding to help with the costs of remote learning.

Another dept with intact funding is CalFire. CalFire now has the largest non-military air force in the world.

The Corona virus-it has become apparent that we cannot rely on the Feds or the CDC. CA is joining with OR and WA to obtain testing materials and other supplies. We need 48 hr. turn around on the tests and we will need to be testing into '22 or '23. Joining with other states allows us to make bulk purchases. A vaccine will not be widely available until well into '21.

Climate change is part of the reason we are seeing mega fires. We have not done proper vegetation mgmt. Fire season is 80 days longer than it was in 1970 and we are losing snowpack. CA is working with the Federal Forest Service to get funding to deal with dead and dying trees, esp. in the Sierra. PG&E-Mike was critical of PGE for their lack of investment and mismanagement. Also critical of the PUC for not doing its job. The other factor is climate change.

In 2012, 15% of the transmission lines were in fire risk zones, now 50% are. PGE is making progress in installing generators for back up, in turning off transmission lines in fire areas or potential problem areas. A major improvement is their weather forecast modeling. They now use the same one CalFire uses.

Areas we have to address:

- ❖ We have to focus on the wage gap and we cannot talk about that without talking about women wage earners. 2/3 of minimum wage earners are women. We have passed an equal pay law.
- ❖ We need strong family leave protection and we need to fund affordable housing. Bright spots!
- ❖ Making progress with the Great Redwood Trail. It will go from Humboldt Bay to SF Bay. Some of it will use the SMART right of way and also the old railroad right of way. The trail has the potential to be a major economic driver of tourism, esp. in the Northern part of the state.

Also, the Big Pave from Geyserville to Cloverdale is almost done. So that is new paving from Healdsburg to Cloverdale.

Please VOTE. Ballots are being mailed this week and there is a Drop Off box at City Hall.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Oct. 12th: **Bob Freelen** – The Grand Jury
- Oct. 19th: **Mike Brennan** – The Mill District
- Oct. 26th: **Chris Vanden Heuvel** – School Superintendent