



## 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, President**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: Mike Potmesil**

**VISITING ROTARIANS - None**

**GUESTS of ROTARIANS**

- Paul Connors – Guest of **James Westfall**, this was Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting
- Dave Fichtner – Our speaker for today

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Pit race against race, religion against religion, prejudice against prejudice. Divide and conquer!  
We must not let that happen here" Eleanor Roosevelt

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

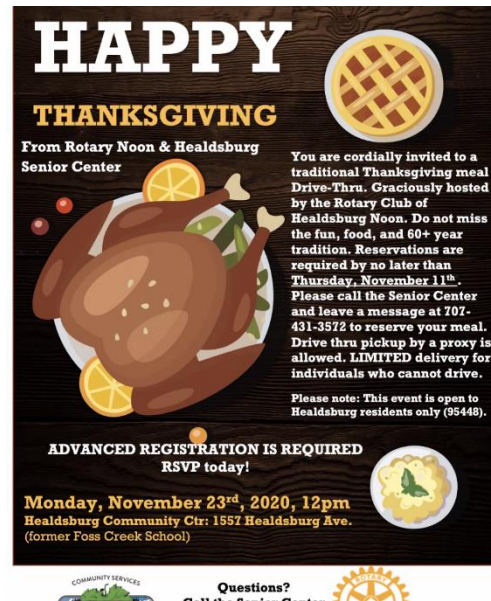
- **Rick Tang** (not present) November 30

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOW PRESENTATIONS by Dick Cochran**

- **John Torres** with his PH Fellow+5 pin (5 sapphires).  
Congratulations, **John!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**HAPPY**  
**THANKSGIVING**

From Rotary Noon & Healdsburg Senior Center

You are cordially invited to a traditional Thanksgiving meal Drive-Thru. Graciously hosted by the Rotary Club of Healdsburg Noon. Do not miss the fun, food, and 60+ year tradition. Reservations are required by no later than **Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please call the Senior Center and leave a message at 707-431-3572 to reserve your meal. Drive thru pickup by a proxy is allowed. **LIMITED** delivery for individuals who cannot drive.

Please note: This event is open to Healdsburg residents only (95448).

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
RSVP today!

**Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, 12pm**  
Healdsburg Community Ctr: 1557 Healdsburg Ave.  
(former Foss Creek School)

COMMUNITY SERVICES  
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- **John Torres** was also recognized for his 15 years as a Rotarian
- **Alex Rollins** gave us an update about the Fitch Mountain trail and signage survey walk that many club members conducted last Friday. **Fred Roberts** will work with Lands Path about pulling Scottish broom and with Parks and Open Space to work on the signs.
- **Doug Garret** talked about our traditional Senior Thanksgiving lunch, which will be catered by Patti. We need 7 drivers and 8 volunteers onsite checking people in, bringing orders to the desk, bringing bags the car, and we also need 25 to 30 pies from all members. Bring pies to the Community Center by 10 AM
- Nancy Palumbo's Sunrise Club will be hosting **Mike McGuire** on Wed at 7AM. **President Dick Bertapelle** will send the zoom meeting details during the week.
- **President Dick Bertapelle** announced that on Thu Nov 19 the Sunrise Club will host the SCARC evening meeting with an update with CalFire
- **Fred Roberts** gave an update on our Community Service Grants. Last Friday we asked the recipients to join us at the Square and the following checks were presented: \$5,000, **Richard Norgrove** received on behalf of the Raven; District Grant to Sonoma Family

meals, Heather Irwin received \$3,800; Finally, Dusky received \$3,200 for Farm to Pantry, they use this money for fuel for their donations van.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

Farm to Pantry



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Sonoma Family Meal



## COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

Raven Performing Arts Center



## RECOGNITION/HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Dave Anderson** – Celebrated 35 years as a Rotarian by pledging \$100 Polio Plus
- **Dick Cochran** – Boasted that Dodgers won World Series he pledged \$100 to the Rotary Foundation
- **Fred Roberts** just because \$100 towards Rotary Foundation

## **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

David Fichtner, Retired CIA Intelligence officer with 30 years in “the Agency” where he had Top Secret SCI security Clearance.

Dave enlightened us with Part 2 of the Russian Information War surrounding Putin and the agencies and laws governing this war such as the FSB Security Center. He talked about what to expect during the US election, considering that Russia's target is maintaining control of the Russian public. Communication agencies, media and the internet are all under government surveillance, control and monitoring. Users are mandated to release personal information such as passport numbers so they can be easily tracked but they are forbidden to release personal information to foreign states. Corruption runs rampant, for example, if you are performing a service for the government you are allowed criminal activity. Foreign companies are required to release their protocols and code before being allowed to do business there.

## **CLOSING**

**President Dick** closed the meeting at 1:30 and thanked our guests, Paul Connors and speaker Dave Fichtner for attending

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

- November 9<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Day Tribute and Nepal's Girls School
- November 16<sup>th</sup> - Club Assembly: Virtual Crab Feast Planning Session