



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 and asked **Wally Schultz** to lead the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

VISITING ROTARIANS--We did not have any visiting Rotarians

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

- ❖ Paul Connors was a guest of **Jim Westfall**.
- ❖ Lisamarie Kennedy was a guest of **Emily Martin**.
- ❖ Norm and Judy Fujita were guests of **Phil Luks** and **John Hazlett**.
- ❖ Dr. Tim Reagan was a guest of **John Hazlett**.

VETERAN'S DAY TRIBUTE

Paul Frechette, who served in the National Guard, which apparently doesn't technically qualify as a veteran unless activated, led a program consisting of giving a history of how Veteran's Day came into being and then introduced the veterans in our membership who were in attendance at the meeting. Several of the members wore parts of their uniforms from when they served. The veterans who were recognized are as follows:

- ✓ **Mark Decker**-US Navy
- ✓ **John Hazlett**-Us Air Force
- ✓ **Tom Cleland**-US Air Force
- ✓ **Dick Cochran**-US Air Force
- ✓ **David Anderson**-US Army
- ✓ **Paul Jones**-US Navy
- ✓ **Bob Pedroncelli**-US Navy
- ✓ **Jerry Campbell**-US Army
- ✓ **Jerry Ogden**-US Army
- ✓ **Henk Peeters**-Royal Dutch Army

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon*--**Doug Garrett**, aka Paul Garrett, gave a description of the preparations being made to host seniors with a Thanksgiving dinner on November 23. **Doug** reported that he would have further announcements as the date draws closer.
- *Covid 19 Alert*--**Dr. Dave Anderson** alerted members to the enhanced risk for contracting COVID 19 by those people who are taking certain medications to reduce acid in their systems. The drugs in question are referred to commonly as PPIs. These drugs expose people who take them to a higher risk of Covid 19.
- *Rotary Foundation*--**Dick Cochran** announced that members who wish to become Sustaining Paul Harris Fellows by donating at least \$100 per year to the Rotary Foundation are asked to notify Treasurer **Mark Decker** and he will include a \$25 per quarter charge on your bill. **Mark** asks to be notified by email. His email address is wildblu1@comcast.net. Periodically throughout the Rotary year **Mark** sends a check to the Rotary Foundation Chair which includes the money he has collected from the Sustaining Paul Harris Fellows and the contributions are then sent to the Rotary Foundation.
- *SCARC Meeting*--**President Dick** announced a meeting of the Sonoma County Area Rotary Clubs (SCARC) on November 19 at 5:30 pm.
- *Board Meeting*-- **President Dick** announced a club board meeting which will take place next Monday at 10 am.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- ✚ **Rick Tang** on November 30

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- ✚ Always happy **Mike Potmesil** donated \$46 to Polio Plus. **Mike** proclaimed that having a happy wife results in having a happy life.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Majella Altschuler presented about the Nepal Temple School. Majella presented her program from London, England. She was introduced to our club by member **Fred Roberts**. **Fred** was in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. The program came off almost without a hitch but Fred must have nearly had a heart attack because he lost his Zoom connection before the program was

set to start. Majella spent some six months in Nepal during her youth. Later in life she decided to give back to economically deprived school age children in Nepal and ended up starting what became the Nepal Temple School. Majella described the various challenges she faced in her efforts to provide help to economically deprived students such as the loss of teachers at the school when supposedly these teachers were being well paid. She learned that the management people at the school were taking part of the compensation that was supposed to go to the teachers. She also described the sources of support for the program which is based largely upon donations from private citizens who sign up to contribute a specific amount over a period of 10 years. She was gratified to say that many of the supporters extend beyond the 10-year period. Majella also described how the cast system impacted her efforts. In conclusion, Majella reported on some of the success stories that the school's students have achieved.

ADJOURNMENT

President Dick thanked all of our visitors and invited them to come again.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- November 16th: There will not be a formal program this day because the meeting will be devoted to planning efforts regarding the Crab Feast.
- November 23: We will not have a meeting today because of our efforts to feed seniors using the Community Center. All hands-on deck for this effort and do not forget to take those pumpkin pies to the Community Center on November 23 before 10 am.
- November 30th: Anne Morkill, Executive Director of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation.