



# 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** opened the meeting. He particularly welcomed member **Paul Sullivan** who has been absent for a time.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**-Led by **Cathy King**

**VISITING ROTARIANS**-None today

**GUESTS OF ROTARIANS**-Lisamarie Kennedy was a guest of **Emily Martin**

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**- “I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.” Abraham Lincoln

## ANNOUNCEMENTS-

- ✚ **President Dick** announced that Carolyn Dunn is having a birthday on December 17 and he asked our members to mail her a birthday card in celebration of her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. She is the spouse of one of our club’s former members. Her mailing address is Carolyn Dunn, Brookdale Paulin Creek, 2375 Range Avenue, Apartment A 205, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.
- ✚ Past President **Rich Bottarini** gave a report on the Crab Feast. He lauded the 14 team members who put on the event which was held virtually. **Rich** had particular praise for his co-chair **Mark Decker**. **Rich** mentioned that the Greater Giving software our club used for the event is available for use by us for a full year and **he** expressed the view that this software could possibly be used for Green Hair Day in March. **Rich** reported that the event grossed \$64,710 and that there are only a few costs associated with putting on the event in a virtual format as compared to the cost of a live event. **Rich** reported that the live auction amount is \$19,200, donations to the education fund amounted to \$24,250, sponsorships amounted to \$6,000, and the silent auction produced \$13,260.
- ✚ **Dr Dave Anderson** gave a report on our efforts to feed staff at Healdsburg District Hospital using a Rotary District 5130 grant augmented by donations from individual club members. **Dave** reported that the hospital staff will be fed on December 29, 2020.

✚ **Kellie Larson** reported on our club's efforts to provide Christmas presents to a needy family. She reported that all of the categories of gifts needed had been fulfilled.

✚ **President Dick** announced that our club board of directors will meet on Zoom this coming Monday at 10:00 am.

**HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION:** There were no Happy Dollars to report.

#### **TODAY'S PROGRAM:**

The Russian Riverkeeper, Don McEnhill, gave a wide-ranging report on the status of the Russian River following the Walbridge Fire and answered multiple questions posed by our members. He reported that the fire burned with varying degrees of temperatures and that depending upon the intensity of the fire in a particular area that the landscape was impacted differently. He described the impacts to the aquatic ecosystems. He also gave a description of the impacts caused by the burning of buildings and residences in that they contained myriad appliances and contents that may very well end up in the watercourses near the burned buildings. Don predicted that the areas where the fire was less intense will recover sooner whereas in the areas where the fire burned hotter may take many years to recover.

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

December 21: Craft talks by **Cathy King** and **Emily Martin**

December 28: No meeting

January 4: Jen Stasch will present on the PDI Surgery Center