



# 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”

Author: **Fred Roberts**

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**WELCOME – President Dick Bertapelle**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Don Mitchell**

## VISITING ROTARIANS

- None

## GUESTS of ROTARIANS

- None

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“Traditions represent a critical piece of our culture. They help form the structure and foundation of our families and our society. They remind us that we are part of a history that defines our past, shapes who we are today and who we are likely to become.”

Frank Sonnenberg, Author

**President Dick** mentioned to the Club that one of his annual traditions is to watch the Rose Bowl game over the Holidays and this year, there was nothing “traditional” about it! Was not in the Rose Bowl, was not the usual match ups (team-wise), and was not in Pasadena, CA! In fact, it was in Arlington Stadium, Texas. The ironic thing was a huge sign in the Stadium that said, “Tradition”!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hospital Employee Meals – Dec. 29, **Dr. Dave Anderson** stated the HDH staff were very grateful for our generosity and recognition. He said there were many signs around the Hospital promoting Rotary Club of Healdsburg as the donor of that day’s meal. Representing our Club at the Hospital were **John Torres, John Avakian, Mel Schatz, and Rick Tang**
- Bucket Brigade Blood Drive Challenge at Healdsburg Fire Station – Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-2:30pm
- **Doug Garrett** announced there are several spots still open for Scribe Duty this Quarter.

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- **John Torres** Jan 09
- **Eric Drew** Jan 11
- **Brad Mitchell** Jan 11
- **Wally Schultz** Jan 11
- **Nita Parker** Jan 12
- **Jim Brenton** Jan 14
- **Andy Elkind** Jan 25
- **Jean Herschede** Jan 27

## Also – Rotary Membership Anniversaries

- **Jerry Eddinger** 57 Years
- **Dick Cochran** 45 Years – Pledged \$50 to Rotary Foundation in recognition of service years
- **Jerry Ogden** 31 Years

## HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

Did anyone step up to talk about a trip, an anniversary, family celebration, etc.? If so, who, and did they donate to any good causes?

- ✚ **Fred Roberts** pledged \$93 to the Club Fund in Honor of his late Mother's birthday, which would have been today.
- ✚ **George Heath's** wife and daughter were among the first to dine at Montage Healdsburg Resort. Said it was fabulous!

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Introduction by **Tom Cleland**

Jen Stasch, JD, MPH, Executive Director– PDI Surgery Center, web site:  
[www.pdisurgerycenter.org](http://www.pdisurgerycenter.org)

Jen has over a decade of leadership experience in health and human services, advocating for low-income children and other vulnerable populations in the San Francisco Bay Area, Hawaii, and Phoenix. She has a long record of working with public officials, Board of Directors, leadership teams, and diverse constituencies to resolve complex community challenges through advocacy, fund development, administration, strategic planning, and coalition building.

Prior to joining PDI, Jen spent the past two years consulting with non-profit and community-based organizations on strategic planning, fund development and infrastructure development. As the Director of Partners in Care, Hawaii, she led the administrative and programmatic operations

of the island of Oahu's Continuum of Care in serving families and individuals experiencing homelessness. A proud mother and avid reader, Jen enjoys hiking, swimming, and exploring new places. Jen holds two advanced degrees including a Juris Doctor from the University of San Francisco and a Master's in Public Health from Loma Linda University.

Jen shared the story of how the PDI Surgery Center came to being from a thought in 2001 to opening the PDI Surgery Center in 2008 in Windsor, CA. She allowed that it was probably the first of its kind in the State, if not the Nation. She mentioned the Center is for the attention and care of children with severe oral care issues requiring sedated care. Stasch said the Center sees 6-8 children per day and is open Monday through Friday, closed on weekends.

Jen said 80% of the children cared for at the Center are from low to very low income families and that they spend time with the entire family to educate and promote healthy oral habits. She said they send home with the child an oral care bag AND a bag of nutritional food, provided by their Food Bank Partner. They make every effort to help the entire family understand that oral health (mouth health) equals whole body health.

Stasch indicated there are volunteer possibilities for Rotary Club members and to contact her directly for areas of need. Jen's Email address is [Jen@pdisurgerycenter.org](mailto:Jen@pdisurgerycenter.org)  
Her presentation will be posted on our Club's social media pages.

**President Dick** thanked the Members and Guests, then called the meeting to close

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

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| ✓ Jan. 11 | Curtis Tischler – Montage Healdsburg Resort |
| ✓ Jan. 18 | <i>Dark</i> – MLK Jr. Holiday Observance    |
| ✓ Jan. 25 | Dylan Paauwe – Free & Democratic Economy    |