



# 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 the group and began the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** **John Hazlett** led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** There were no visiting Rotarians.

## **GUESTS of ROTARIANS:**

- Brooke Ross was introduced by **Emily Martin**. Brooke grew up in southern California and moved to Sonoma County in 2007. She works at the Hotel Trio in Healdsburg, and her Dad Gil Iglehart is a former member of our Rotary Club member.
- Tim Regan was introduced by **Jim Westfall**. This was Tim’s second meeting as a guest.
- Steve Cotler was introduced by **Jerry Ogden**. Steve has been an occasional guest at our meetings. **Paul Frechette** mentioned that – along with **Jerry Ogden** and **Dr. Dave Anderson** – Steve is one of the premier bridge players in our area. He also shared that Steve’s daughter Julia Quinn is the author of the popular books that are the basis of the Bridgerton series on Netflix. Steve told the Club that Bridgerton is currently the number one Netflix show in 189 of the 190 countries where Netflix is available around the world!
- **Liz Loebel** tried to slip into the meeting unnoticed but was acknowledged by **President Dick** and welcomed by all.

## **THOUGHT OF THE DAY:**

**President Dick** shared a Thought of The Day that is particularly relevant in light of the events of the past week:

“True patriotism springs from a belief in the dignity of the individual, freedom and equality not only for Americans but for all people on earth, universal brotherhood and good will, and a constant and earnest striving toward the principles and ideals on which this country was founded.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

## BLUE BADGE PRESENTATION:

**Jim Westfall** presented a virtual Blue Badge to **Cathy King**. **Cathy** acknowledged and thanked her wonderful mentor, **Alex Rollins**. **President Dick** congratulated **Cathy** on a new World Record for Blue Badging.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Health Status:**

**Dr. Dave Anderson** gave an update on his wife, Cathy Anderson. Cathy suffered a stroke last week and was rushed to Healdsburg Hospital. **Dr. Dave** commended the hospital staff for their fast response, as they were able to get Cathy in for a CT scan within 8 minutes of her arrival. She was subsequently transferred to UCSF. Cathy suffered significant impairment to her left side but is slowly improving. **Dr. Dave** said that UCSF has an advanced Rehab program but he is unable to see Cathy in person because of Covid-related restrictions. Members expressed support to **Dr. Dave** and best wishes for a quick and complete recovery for Cathy.

### **Programs Committee:**

**President Dick** introduced **Andy Elkind** as the new Chair of the Program Committee. Andy thanked **Dick** and assured him that his shoulder is recovering nicely from the hammerlock **Dick** had inflicted on him. **Andy** introduced the members of the Committee: **John Avakian, Don Mitchell, Fred Roberts, and Kellie Larson**. He asked the entire Club membership to please reach out to him or any members of the Committee with their suggestions for programs or speakers.

### **Lake Sonoma Hike:**

**Alex Rollins** and **Cathy King** will be leading a hike at Lake Sonoma this Friday, January 15. Interested hikers should meet at the Lake Sonoma Visitor Center at 9:00am.

### **Voice of the Vineyards Team:**

**President Dick** gave a well-deserved shout out to the Voice of The Vineyards team that produced last week's edition in record time. The winning combination of Scribe **Dick Cochran**, Editor/Publisher **George Heath** and Webmaster **Nita Parker** completed and posted the issue on the same day as the meeting. Kudos to this terrific trio!

### **Alliance Medical Center:**

**Phil Luks** and **Fred Roberts** asked for volunteers to support a new Covid-19 testing and vaccination program at Alliance Medical Center. On Mondays, the Center will be providing testing and vaccines between 1:30 and 3:30. They need volunteers to help with setting up tables and chairs (1:00 – 1:30), directing traffic, managing lines, and supporting their staff (1:30 – 3:30), and breakdown and clean-up work (3:30 – 4:00). Interested Club members can reach out to **Phil Luks** or can contact Joan Churchill, CEO,

Alliance Medical Center. Joan can be reached by phone at (707) 543-6292 or by email at: [jchurchill@alliancemed.org](mailto:jchurchill@alliancemed.org). **President Dick** encouraged Club members to take advantage of the upcoming Martin Luther King holiday as an opportunity to volunteer.

#### ✚ **Condolence and Get-Well Cards:**

**President Dick** thanked Debbi DiSalvo for leading the Club's response with appropriate condolence and get well cards.

#### ✚ **ClubRunner App:**

**Alex Rollins** highlighted the benefits of the ClubRunner App as a way to easily access useful information about the Club and to get more involved. **Alex** also issued an invitation and challenge: for every member of the Club who downloads and used the App between now and the next meeting, she will pledge \$5. **Alex** asks all new App users to text her through the App so she knows how many people have downloaded it. And she also generously agreed to provide technical support to anyone who is encountering issues in the process.

#### **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

#### **HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION**

- ❖ **John Torres** was not able to attend today's meeting but sent greetings through **Paul Frechette**. **John** told the group that he turned 65 on Saturday and celebrated by shooting a round of 86 (from the blue tees!) at the Bodega Harbor Golf Course. **John** generously pledged \$65 to the education fund.
- ❖ **Eric Drew** pledged \$100 to the education fund to acknowledge and celebrate three occasions: his birthday (today), 46 years since he joined Rotary, and 15 years since he sold the property that is now the site of the Montage project.
- ❖ **Jim Brenton** pledged \$72 to the club's general fund in honor of his birthday.

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

**Barbara Rosen** introduced **Curtis Tischler** of the Montage Healdsburg Resort.

Curtis told the Club that he is relatively new to the Healdsburg area and is part of the Ohana Real Estate Investment Group that is working to develop 66 luxury residences on the site adjacent to the Montage Resort.

Curtis urged all Club members to access the real estate website for further details, including artist renderings, pricing, and contact information. The website is: <https://montageresidenceshealdsburg.com/>



There are two types of residential properties available: Harvest Homes and Estate Homes. An interactive map of the home sites is available at: <https://montageresidenceshealdsburg.com/resort-map/>



All homeowners will have full access to all the amenities of the Montage Resort, including pool, fitness facility, pickleball, archery. So, ownership will be quite similar to the hotel experience.

The Harvest Homes will be built according to five different architectural plans. But individual owners do have the flexibility to utilize custom plans that comply with the project's guidelines.

These homes provide four bedrooms and four-and-a-half bathrooms, with approximately 4500 square feet of indoor-outdoor living space.

Artist renderings are available on the web site.



The website also provides detailed information about each of the Estate Homesites. Owners can choose from a designated design or commission a custom design by an architect of their choosing that maintains the property's aesthetic vision and standards.

Curtis invited Club members to contact him through the information available on the website, either by phone at 707-209-0202 or by email at [Healdsburg@OhanaRE.com](mailto:Healdsburg@OhanaRE.com)

Enthusiastic discussion followed, and Curtis answered a wide variety of questions about the role of the Robert Green Company, the role of Ohana, and the various features and benefits of the various homesites and designs.

During the discussion, there were also questions about the affordable housing that will be built in connection with this project. **Phil Luks** explained that the affordable housing will be located on Passalacqua Drive, essentially at the north end of Parkland Farms. **Phil** said the City of Healdsburg is currently looking for an affordable housing developer, and he expects it may be 3-4 years before any of these homes are built. He indicated that the City is looking for a range of affordable homes, from “low low” to “moderate low.” He expects that the top end of the “affordable” range will be at a combined income of between \$80,000 - \$100,000.

## **CLOSING**

**President Dick** thanked **Curtis Tischler** for his presentation and concluded the meeting.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

- Jan. 18:           Dark – MLK Jr. Holiday Observance
- Jan. 25:           Dylan Paauwe – Free & Democratic Economy
- Feb. 1:             Emily Martin – Craft Talk & Social Media