



# 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**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Rich Bottarini**

## GUESTS of ROTARIANS

- ✓ Lucia Varela, friend of **Don Mitchell**
- ✓ Janet Bottarini, Spouse of **Rich Bottarini**
- ✓ Tim Regan - Guest of **John Hazlett**
- ✓ Gayle Okumura Sullivan - Exec. Director, Healdsburg Jazz

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY** – *Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best you are capable of becoming.*

*John Wooden*

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS –

**Dick Cochran** presented two Rotary Foundation awards today to:

- **Ric Helthall** – Paul Harris +2 pin in near record time; and
- **Rich & Janet Bottarini** – for becoming members of the Rotary International Bequest Society, awarded based on a bequest or gift of \$10,000 or more. **Rich** reminded members that becoming a Bequest Society member is as easy as modifying your living trust or will to add the Rotary Foundation as a gift recipient.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Green Hair Day** – PolioPlus – **Dick Cochran** reported that we had a terrific fund-raising effort this year. Counting only including funds raised through website donations, we raised more than \$22,000, and increase of more than \$6,00 over last year. We are waiting for accounting of “Donor Advised Funds” that channel through Rotary Foundation, which will increase the total. The event at Costeaux was also a hit, noticed by many around downtown and through our social media posts. **Graham Freeman** was our big fundraiser this year, with \$9,000 raised so far. **Ric Helthall, Dick Bertapelle, Norm Fujita, Paul Frechette, John Avakian** and **Jerry Ogden** were other significant fundraisers for the club this year. Thank you all!

- ❖ **Club Services Socials - Doug Garrett.** Doug reminded the club of the upcoming Taste of Geyserville event at **Alex and Paul Rollins'** home on April 8, featuring wines from Frick and Ramazotti and food from Diavola. The event has reached its limit of participants, but let **Doug** know if you want to be on the waiting list. **Doug** also announced a "Save the Date" for a Spring Social event at **Ric and Georgia Helthall's** home on June 11. This event is also space-limited for participants. No reservations are being taken yet. Stay tuned for more information.
- ❖ **Russian River Cleanup – Norm Fujita and Doug Garrett** participated in this event last Saturday, along with members of the Sunrise, Ukiah, Windsor, Cloverdale, Santa Rosa and Guerneville clubs and Russian River Keeper to remove trash and other waste from the banks of the river. It was a great event and we look forward to participating again next year.
- ❖ **SCARC Meeting** – hosted by Valley of the Moon Rotary, this Thursday, March 25 5:30pm. Register at the District website if you are interested in attending.

## HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- **Jim Westfall** - Celebrating his and Julie's first Wedding Anniversary. Jim pledged \$100 to Polio+;
- **Joe DiSalvo** - Via John Avakian. Has a new grandson, David and pledged \$50 to Green Hair Day;
- **Alex Rollins** - pledged \$80 to the Club in gratitude for a great getaway to Mendocino with Paul.

TODAY'S PROGRAM:           Intro by **John Avakian**  
   Marcus Shelby, Artistic Director, Healdsburg Jazz Festival

**John**, during his introduction of Marcus, the newly appointed Artistic Director for the Jazz Festival pointed us to an excellent profile of Marcus in this weekend's Santa Rosa Press Democrat. Be sure to check it out if you have not seen it already:

<https://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/entertainment/shelby-brings-long-resume-to-healdsburg-jazz-festival/>

Marcus Shelby became the Artistic Director of the Jazz Festival in October last year. He has been a teaching artist for the Festival for the past 10 years and has embarked on an ambitious program to build on the legacy started by Jessica Felix, the program's founding director, and take advantage of the expanded opportunities offered by Zoom during the current pandemic: reaching new audiences and bringing in artists virtually while travel is not possible.

Marcus first came to Healdsburg some 40 years ago as a high school basketball player from the Sacramento area. He has fond memories of being hosted by local families while they were here. While he has an educational background in electrical engineering from Cal Poly, he found his true passion in music, and following studies at Cal Arts in San Francisco, Marcus embarked on a 25-year plus career as a musician, educator, collaborator and advocate for music and its roles in enriching other arts, including

dance, film, theater and spoken word performance. Marcus has been both a performer and a member of the Festival Board for many years. While he still resides in San Francisco, he is in Healdsburg pretty much every weekend working on the upcoming festival year.

Marcus is committed to expanding the Festival programs to amplify the way the Festival demonstrates how music works with all the other art forms to enrich our lives. Both the educational programs and the performance programs will continue online via Zoom for the near term (check them out for some great upcoming programs at <https://healdsburgjazz.org/>). In his role as Artistic Director, Marcus plans to make the Festival programs year-round, and to expand the programs' reach to include not only the Bay Area, but National and International audiences.

The 2021 Healdsburg Jazz Festival is scheduled for June 17-20 at a variety of outdoor venues, including at the Plaza, parking lots, Montage Resort and local wineries. The capacity of the events in person will be determined by health directives from the City and County at the time. Grammy-nominated vocalist Kenny Washington will headline a Father's Day program this year. We are excited to continue our support of Healdsburg Jazz under Marcus' leadership and thanked him for taking the time to be with us today.

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>: Tallia Hart, CEO, Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce

Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>: HHS Interact Club announcement by **Cathy King** - Meeting takeover. Interact president and "Are you smarter than a HHS student?" contest. \$5 fines towards Reach for Home projects. Also, will have a presentation about the Interact club.

Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>: Dustin Valette, Chef, Valette & The Matheson

**President Dick** thanked the members and guests for attending and declared the meeting closed.