



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: PP Dave Anderson

VISITING ROTARIANS-George Lawson-former Rotarian

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

✓ Tim Regan – guest of **John Hazlett**

THOUGHT OF THE DAY –

“Sorry” works when a mistake is made, but not when a trust is broken. So, in life, make mistakes, but never break a trust. Because forgiving is easy, but forgetting and trusting again is sometimes impossible.

Nayan Ranjan Sinha, Professor and Writer, India

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION by Jim Westfall – Lucia Verela

Lucia introduced her husband of 41 years-Paul. **Lucia** worked as an entomologist for Sonoma Co. She said her father and grandfathers had been members of Rotary in Uruguay and she looked forward to community service activities-(**Fred!**).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Club Services Socials - Doug Garrett**- a busy calendar. Kudos to **Alex** for the Taste of Geyserville -pictures were shown to make those who missed it jealous. **Emily Martin** announced Save the Date for future wine tastings-Fri. 5/7 at BloodRoot winery, and Fri. 6/18 Reed Winery. There will be details and a sign up via an app to follow and these will be in the late afternoon. Also coming a late Spring social hosted by **Ric** and Georgia **Helthall**. **Ric** plans on about 30 people in his back yard and will be sharing wines from his cellar and supplying dinner from KinSmoke. Members should RSVP with name/guest or not and whether they will bring an appetizer or a dessert.

- **Adopt-a-Highway – Nita Parker**-a successful event. Many bags of trash as demonstrated by the photo. Sad that picking up so much trash is necessary and that the freeway verges have to serve as homeless shelters. Many thanks to **Norm Fugita, Cathy King, George Lawson, Jerry Ogden, Nita Parker, Mel Schatz** and **Jim Westfall** for pitching in.
- **SNAP Nurses Recognition – Mike Potmesil & Doug Garrett.** Thanks to **Brooke.** **Mike** showed photos of a successful outing that was greatly appreciated by the SNAP nurses.
- **Green Hair Day Report – Dick Cochran.** As of March 19, we raised almost \$35,000-a new record. **Graham Freeman** being the pacesetter. We had 148 donors, including 89 new ones.
- **Earth Day Rose Garden Service Project – Fred Roberts.** Work on the Rose Garden went well. A reminder that there will be a golf tournament on 5/20 at the Windsor course. **Emily Martin** is looking for 3 people to join her in making a foursome.
- **District Training Assembly – Apr. 16 & 17** Everyone welcome to participate and learn more about Rotary.
- **Board Meeting – Apr. 19 – 10am**

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- ✓ **Patti Mannatt** Apr. 6
- ✓ **Jerry Eddinger** Apr. 16. **Jerry** called **Dick** as he does not do Zoom. Offered \$82 to Scholarship and \$82 to Polio Plus
- ✓ **Tom Swaney** Apr. 25

HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Turner** gave \$100 to Scholarship to celebrate a visit with his daughter.
- **Jean Hershede** \$100 to her Paul Harris for a recent trip.
- **Paul Frechette** \$40 to Scholarship for a great visit with his son who just turned 40.
- **Paul J** \$25 to polio plus for Gonzaga's loss
- **Dick Cochran** \$50 to Scholarship for a celebration with his daughters
- **Doug Garrett** \$100 to his Paul Harris because his son moved closer.

TODAY'S PROGRAM Intro by **Emily Martin**
Dustin Valette, Owner/Chef, Valette & The Matheson Restaurants

Emily introduced Dustin Valette and Brian Sommer who Dustin's right hand man at The Matheson. Dustin said the project has been in the works for 3.5 years. The building has meaning to his family because his grandfather, who emigrated from France, opened a bakery there. It has been a major remodel to bring the 125-year-old building up to code. The restaurant will be on two floors: a main dining room on the order of Valette, and a more casual rooftop

restaurant with a lot of outside space, featuring a wood burning oven. Dustin and Brian plan to have a number of interns from the HHS and SRJC culinary programs and from the CIA in Napa. They plan to feature a wine by the glass with the ability to have 88 wines. The opening will be sometime in June. The various problems with construction having been exacerbated by Covid. The eventual capacity will be 230 for the combined dining rooms. However, they will probably start by opening the main dining room at 35-40 seats rather than the eventual 65, and then open the rooftop at 50-60 rather than the eventual 100. The main dining room will be dinner only. The rooftop will start dinner only but is planned to be open from 11 to 9-10. Emily managed to schedule speakers who made donations to Scholarship-Brian \$106 (as in 106 Matheson St) because his son received a Rotary Scholarship, and Dustin \$88 for the wine collection. Thank you both and we're all getting hungry waiting for the opening.

President Dick thanked the members and guests and closed the meeting.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Apr. 19th: Tracy Evans, Kids Play International
Apr. 26th: Hayley Bly, Boys & Girls Club
May 3rd: Grady Wann & Jean Herschede – Craft Talks