



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: Lucia Varela

VISITING ROTARIANS

- None

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

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

QUOTE OF THE DAY - “If you are working on something exciting that you really care about, you don’t have to be pushed. The vision pulls you.” Steve Jobs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Paul Harris Awards – **Dick Cochran** presented a Paul Harris Plus 3 pin to **Dick Bertapelle**
- Golf Tournament Recap - **Fred Roberts** thanked all the volunteers and those who played in the golf tournament at the Windsor Golf Club last week. A great time was had by everyone, with winds helping to even out the scoring. The tournament raised approximately \$4,000 for our Community Fund. Congratulations to all!
- Work Project – Landpath’s Riddell Preserve – May 25 & 27. Sanding on the 25th, with staining of the decks on the 27th. If you can help out, contact **Fred Roberts**.
- We have the upcoming Spring Social at the **Ric Helthal’s** on June 11. It is fully subscribed, but **Doug Garrett** has a waiting list if you want to be added.
- Reeve Winery Mixer, Friday, June 18 from 3:30 -5:30 is the wine tasting and wood-fired oven pizza event in Dry Creek Valley. Tickets can be purchased via Tock. Contact **Emily Martin** or **Doug Garrett** for details. Limited to 20 Rotarians, friends and guests, so sign up now.
- Friday, June 25 is **President Dick’s** Debunking at the Villa Chanticleer Picnic Grounds. Barbecue by DL Catering. Reservations open to all. Price and RSVP list coming soon.

- Regional SCARC Meeting – May 27 - sponsored by Santa Rosa East with guest speaker Sonoma County Supervisor Lynda Hopkins. Details and signup at the District website.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- ✓ **Norm Fujita** May 26. **Norm** donated \$100 the Scholarship Fund

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- ✚ **Fred Roberts** pledged \$68 to the Community Fund in recognition of the successful golf tournament fundraiser.
- ✚ **Dick Cochran** pledged \$50 to his Paul Harris in honor of the LA Dodgers sweeping the SF Giants in their recent series. **Doug Garrett** then pledged \$50 to the Community fund in support of the beleaguered Giants.
- ✚ **Jim Westfall** pledged \$50 to the Scholarship Fund in honor of Fred Roberts' work on the Golf Tournament.
- ✚ **John Hazlett** pledged \$50 to the Community Fund in honor of Phil Mikelson's PGA win
- ✚ In honor of becoming the grandfather of a teenager, **Dick Bertapelle**. donated \$39 to the Community Fund

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Introduction by **Emily Martin**

Michael Browne, CIRQ Estate Winery

Michael Browne gave us his interesting history and initially accidental career in the wine industry. Michael arrived in Sonoma County staying with his grandparents to establish residence to attend university here. He planned to study architecture, but his stint working for chef John Ash led to an interest in food and wine. On a shoestring, he and his partner decided to buy some grapes and make a small amount of wine. This inauspicious beginning eventually became Kosta Browne, one of the more renowned wine labels in Sonoma County. The Kosta Browne Pinot Noir became well known for its quality and scarcity. After operating the winery for over 20 years, Michael and his partners sold the winery to Duckhorn Wine Company. Since then, not content to enjoy an early retirement, Michael embarked on two new wine ventures: CIRQ and, most recently CHEV. Both specialize in Russian River Valley Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, continuing Michael's now lengthy career producing fine wines from the surrounding area. You can find more about Michael Browne's amazing career and some of his newer wines at Emily Martin's blog here: <https://www.jsfashionista.com/cirq-wines-tasting/>

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- May 31th: Dark – Memorial Day
- June 7th: Charlie Innes - Aberdeen, Scotland: From Small Fishing Village to Oil Capital of Europe
- June 14th: Post-Pandemic Business in Sonoma County

Facilitated by **Fred Roberts** with **Kellie Larson, Patti Mannatt, Richard Norgrove, Lisamarie Kennedy**

CLOSING

President Dick thanked members and guests, then declared the meeting closed.