



## 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 members and guests to his final Presidential meeting



**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President-Elect and Past President **Barbara Rosen**

**FOUR-WAY TEST: Past President John Avakian**

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICAL to all concerned?



**VISITING ROTARIANS: None**

**GUESTS OF ROTARIANS:**

- ✓ Courtney Cochran – guest of **John Cochran** (This is Courtney's 4<sup>th</sup> meeting)
  
- ✓ Jaime Campoverde – guest of **Jim Westfall** (Jaime's induction will be next month)



- ✓ Andrew Sturmfels – guest of **Jim Westfall** (Andrew is Administrative Services Director for the City of Healdsburg)

## TRIBUTE TO 2020-21 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**President Dick** honored the Board and called each chairperson to the front to receive a Rotary pin with this year's Rotary theme (Open Doors to Opportunity). He thanked the Board for a job well done and for the support they had for him and each other.



- President  
**Dick Bertapelle**
- Treasurer  
**Mark Decker**
- Secretary
- Sergeant At Arms
- Programs Chair
- Communications
- Club Service
- Community Service
- International Service
- Youth Service
- Membership
- Rotary Foundation
- Presidents-Elect
- Past President

**Phil Luks**  
**Don Mitchell**  
**Andy Elkind**  
**Alex Rollins**  
**Doug Garrett**  
**Fred Roberts**  
**Jean Herschede**  
**Henk Peeters**  
**Jim Westfall**  
**Dick Cochran**  
**Barbara Rosen, Richard Norgrove**  
**Paul Frechette**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 🚩 Community Services – **Fred Roberts**

- Tomorrow, June 29, members are gathering to sand and stain twelve benches in and near the Rose Garden in Healdsburg. **Fred** asked that the members gather at 8:30 for coffee and then begin the work by 9:00. Hopefully, all benches will be completed tomorrow. If not, another day will be planned to finish the job.



### 🚩 Club Services – **Doug Garrett**

- **Doug** has been sending the lunch order out on ClubRunner but understands some people have not received it. Please notify Doug if you do not receive the information. He will also be passing around a lunch order sign-up sheet at the meetings.
- **Doug** also passed around a sign-up sheet for Scribes for the rest of the year. To earn a Blue



Badge, new members must scribe at a meeting.

✚ Treasurer – **Mark Decker**

**Mark** reminded members that the quarterly bill will soon be sent out, which will include the semi-annual dues and any other outstanding obligations.



## MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

❖ **Kelly Larsen** (June 08)

- **Kelly** celebrated her “milestone” birthday with friends and family and her husband took her to Maui for ten nights. She donated \$100 to the Education Fund



❖ **Rob Rinne** (June 18)

**Rob's** birthday was full of mishaps, including having to take his dog to the emergency vet hospital. Despite all of this, **Rob** celebrated by donating \$80 to his Paul Harris Fund.



## HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION



- **Phil Luks** - \$25 to the Community Fund for retracting his Debunking comment that it was difficult to find anything “bad” to say about **President Dick**. You see, **President Dick** forgot to introduce his wife, **Pat**, at the meeting today.

- **Dick Bertapelle** - \$100 to the Community Fund in honor of his 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary and for hosting his grandchildren this last week
- **Doug Garrett** - \$50 to the Community Fund for also hosting his grandsons, ages 8 & 12
- **Graham Freeman** - \$45 to the Community Fund because he was 45 minutes late to the Debunking and not only that, but he also left early!



## TODAY'S PROGRAM: It's a Wrap! Year-End Review

**President Dick** introduced Board Members to give a review of what each committee accomplished during the year.

### YOUTH SERVICES & SCHOLARSHIPS: Henk Peeters



#### Grants to this year's high school graduates:

- 15 scholarships of \$1000 each (awarded to graduates attending a 4 year program)
- 3 scholarships of \$600 each (awarded to graduates attending SRJC)
- Total: **\$16,800**

#### Grants already made earlier this Rotary Year to current college students:

- 42 scholarships of \$1000 each (awarded to students in four year programs)
- 8 scholarships of \$600 each (awarded to students at Junior College)
- Total: **\$52,800**

**Henk** said that there were no applications from Geyserville High School this year and suggested we go in person to talk to prospective candidates to encourage more applications for scholarships. He indicated that the Interact Club will be starting up again in the Fall. He commended **Don Mitchell** and **Cathy King** for coming every Tuesday for Interact meetings. He's hoping Freedom Day – held in March/April, will happen this coming year. **Kellie Larson** will be replacing **Henk** as the Chairperson for Youth Services and Scholarships. She commended **Henk** for a job well done these past years.

### ROTARY FOUNDATION – Dick Cochran

#### • Donations to Rotary Foundation:

- Annual Fund/PHFs 33 Donors \$5,738  
Donated
- PolioPlus 153 Donors \$39,139  
Donated

#### • Paul Harris Fellows:

- 9 First Time Paul Harris Fellows
- 10 Multiple Paul Harris Fellows Awarded

- Of the \$39,139 donated to Polio Plus, an estimated \$36,000 was raised through Green Hair Day

Dick stated that our club's goal for Green Hair Day was to raise \$18,000, so we far exceeded it!

The Green Hair Day "Heavy Hitters" were:

- **Graham Freeman**



- **Ric Helthall**
- **Dick Bertapelle**
- **Jerry Ogden**
- **Norm Fujita**
- **Paul Frechette**
- **John Avakian**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE – Fred Roberts**

- **Activities and Donation Recipients**
- Focused on COVID vulnerable communities, Community beautification, Food insecurities, and Youth programs
- Hands On Activities / Events: 15
- Donations to above: 5
- Donations Only: 5

**Fred** thanked his committee for all the hard work they’ve done throughout the year. The goal was to become more **involved** in “hands-on” activities that benefited the community and we reached that goal.

## **INTERNATION SERVICE & GRANTS – Jean Herschede**

- Sponsored two Guatemala students, Brendy and Edward. Brendy is in her first year of middle school and Edward is graduating from high school this year.
- Global Grant: led by the Rotary Club of Rancho Cotati; fish farm development and business run and managed by women; Jalisco, Mexico
- District Grant: assist with food insecurities in Guatemala made more critical during the pandemic. Between the grant and member donations, 200 families received 25 lbs. a month of staple foods from May through December 2020
- District Grant: provided 350 meals to COVID-19 and fire victims in the Healdsburg area through Sonoma Family Meals; partnered with the Healdsburg Sunrise Club
- District Grant: provided meal to Healdsburg Hospital first responders
- Development of a community garden infrastructure in Guatemala. This is a by-product from the district grant as there are no food pantries or community gardens to help those in need. Food will go to scholarship students who are part of the Amigos de Guatemala program as well as to the elderly
- Shelter Box: The club supported one box and, to date, members have supported a box with more donations being made
- District Grant for 2021-22: started paperwork for this next year’s project which will be with LandPaths and fuel reduction; again partnering with Healdsburg Sunrise

## COMMUNICATIONS – Alex Rollins

**Alex** went over the accomplishments of the committee for this year:

- **Social Media:** Created club accounts in Facebook, LinkedIn, and NextDoor. Subscribed to two Healdsburg community pages in Facebook (What’s Happening Healdsburg and Beverly Healdsburg)
- **Newspapers:** Press releases are submitted to the Tribune, Healdsburg Patch, and Sonoma County Gazette
- **Event Publication:** Club sponsored fundraisers are advertised in all publications mentioned above
- **Tooting Our Own Horn:** Almost every community event has been published
- **Recruiting New Members:** We keep our profile and activities fresh, visible, and attractive



**Alex** encouraged members to check the social media sites, join, and be sure to “like” our pages. Leave comments as often as you can as this makes us more visible.

## ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

**President Dick** presented two awards this year. He said he tried hard to narrow it down to just one person, but found it was too difficult to do. **Alex Rollins** and **Fred Roberts** were the recipients of the Rotarian of the Year Award. Congratulations! You two have worked hard for our club!



## CLOSING

**President Dick** thanked everyone for coming and for helping make this difficult year a success!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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| July 5:  | <b>Dark – Independence Day</b>                       |
| July 12: | <b>Craft Talks – Jerry Ogden &amp; Paul Sullivan</b> |
| July 19: | <b>Club Assembly – Barbara Rosen</b>                 |