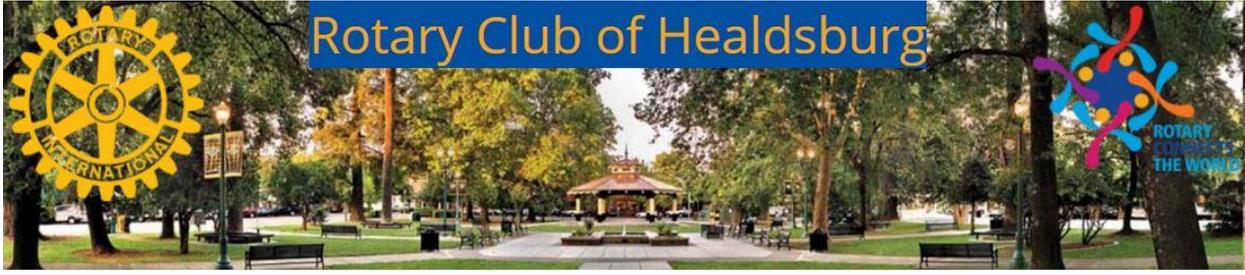


Rotary Club of Healdsburg



The Voice of the Vineyards

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comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable"

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WELCOME: President **Barbara** rang the bell and welcomed members, visiting Rotarians and guests to the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **John Avakian**



VISITING ROTARIANS: District Governor **Dustin Littlefield**

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

✓ **Pat Williams**



✓ **Mekey Lupulu**



✓ **David Martin**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚ **Jean Herschede** on behalf of Community Services Director **Fred Roberts**, announced the first of several workdays with LandPaths in the Riddell Preserve. **Jean** circulated a signup sheet for up to 10 members to join members of the Sunrise Club on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 8:30 AM. We will meet at the City of Healdsburg Corporation Yard on Westside Road and carpool up to the preserve. Gloves, hats, sunscreen and suitable shoes are a must. Future opportunities will be announced.



✚ **John Avakian** announced openings for a few new members of the Public-School Success Team (PSST), mentoring and tutoring Healdsburg Jr. High Students, mostly 7th graders. Training and support are available. Contact **John** for more information.



✚ **President Barbara** invited David Martin, the new Director of the Healdsburg Community Chorus to say a few words about the resumption of practice in anticipation of holiday performances in December at the Raven Performing Arts Theater. The Chorus is looking for new singers, especially men who might be basses or tenors. Practice begins Monday evening (and every Monday until performances), 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Healdsburg Community Church. Visit the Chorus website for more information and to sign up. <http://www.healdsburgchorus.com/join-us/>



✚ **Norm Fujita** reminded everyone that the next Russian River cleanup is on Saturday, September 18. There are still spots for “pickers” available in Healdsburg. Find more information and sign up at the Russian Riverkeeper website: <https://russianriverkeeper.org/rwcd/>

✚ **President Barbara** also reminded everyone that the District 5130 Annual Conference is October 8-9 in Rohnert Park. Registration is still open to all who wish to attend.

SEPTEMBER (or earlier) BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- ✚ **Paul & Cher Frechette** will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary on September 22. Paul pledged \$48 to the Club in honor of their Rhode Island nuptials in 1973.



- ✚ **Turner Newton** acknowledged his and Annie's wedding anniversary with a pledge of \$100 to Polio +.



- ✚ **Andy Elkind** and his wife Kerry celebrated their 39th anniversary on Sept. 6th. Andy donated \$39 to his Paul Harris.



- ✚ **Tim Regan** and his wife Michelle celebrated their anniversary and he pledged \$40 to his Paul Harris.

- ✚ **Bob Pedroncelli** is celebrating his 51st anniversary as a Rotarian and pledged \$60 to the Scholarship Fund.



- ✚ **Mike Potmesil** belatedly acknowledged both his birthday and anniversary, as well as his and Debbie's travels to New England by pledging \$115 to Polio + and another \$50 to the Scholarship Fund.

✚ **Cathy King** had a significant birthday on August 25 and the 1-year anniversary of her moving to Healdsburg from Provo, UT, and pledged \$105 to her Paul Harris. **Cathy** was remembering the challenges she faced moving to Healdsburg during the fires last year and the warm welcome of her new Club.



HAPPY DOLLARS

➤ **Norm Fujita** went fly fishing in Montana and caught a 22” trout. He pledged \$44 to the Community Fund, thereby earning the right to claim the fish was twice that size.



➤ **Richard Norgrove** returned from Helena, Montana, and a memorial service for his high school classmate and close friend, Brian Kahn. A former Sonoma County supervisor, Kahn was a renaissance man in many ways, a published author, filmmaker, journalist and avid fisherman and hunter among other things. In his honor, **Richard** donated \$100 to the Club.



➤ **Jaime Campoverde** enjoyed his first family gathering in 18 months over Labor Day. He pledged \$50 to **Jim Westfall's** Paul Harris in recognition to the kindness of **Jim** and Julie hosting him and his wife for dinner and **Jim's** role as **Jaime's** mentor as a new Club member.



➤ **Rich Bottarini** is off on travels to Italy, Scottsdale and more and won't be back with us until May 2022. In honor of his birthday, Janet's birthday, and their travels together in the coming months, **Rich** pledged \$100 to his Paul Harris, \$50 to the Club and \$50 to the Community Fund.

RAFFLE

❖ **Mike Potmesil** had the lucky ticket, despite this being his first meeting in ages, but did not pick the clear marble, so went home with a bottle of Fetzer wine.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Rotary District 5130 Governor Dustin Littlefield was introduced by **President Barbara**. Dustin is from the Arcata Sunrise Club and is a native of Arcata, attending Humboldt State University and working in Real Estate and property management. Dustin is also an avid surfer and a musician. He joined Rotary in 2012.



Dustin congratulated our Club for our ability to provide leadership and contributions to our communities during the pandemic. He reminded us of Rotary's history through pandemic (1918), World Wars and many other challenges since its founding in 1905, and that our challenge is to adapt and use our strengths to continue to thrive and grow during this pandemic and beyond.

Dustin has made strengthening clubs his primary goal for 2021-22 and encouraged us to continue what we have been doing, and to use new tools such as hybrid meetings, social media, and innovative projects to keep our current membership engaged and to attract new members going forward.

Our Club will donate \$100 to Dustin's Paul Harris in recognition of his visit and his efforts as our District Governor.