



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



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **Jaime Campoverde** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

GUESTS of ROTARIANS:

✓ **Pat Williams**, former/returning member



✓ Paul Rollins (spouse of **Alex Rollins**)

✓ Matt Anderson, guest of **Bob Pedroncelli**





- ✓ Dr. Charlie Evans (guest speaker)

- ✓ Jack Neureuter, Former Member, guest of Tom Colbert



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✚ **President Barbara** let everyone know that the District 5130 Annual Conference is now virtual on October 8-9. Registration is still open to all who wish to attend, even in their pajamas.



- ✚ There is still time to sign up for the first of several workdays with LandPaths in the Riddell Preserve. A signup sheet circulated to fill up the 10 slots from our Club 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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- **Dave Anderson** had a birthday on September 6. pledged \$80 to Gray (or Green) Hair Day (Polio+).



- **Tom Colbert** has a birthday on September 22 and he also pledged \$80, his donation going to the Club.



- **Jim Westfall** has a birthday coming up on the 30th, and since he won't be at the next meeting, he went ahead and pledged \$69 to his Paul Harris.



HAPPY DOLLARS:

- ❖ **Kellie Larson** and her husband, Tom, enjoyed a trip to Italy, Greece and the UK. They had 7 Covid tests, visited 8 Greek islands, and had 9 flights due to cancellations and changes. It was still a great time and she pledged \$100 to the Scholarship Fund.



- ❖ **Jean Herschede** was happy to report the adoption of her and Mark's 9th pandemic foster dog and her father's 100th birthday! She pledged \$100 to her Paul Harris.



RAFFLE

There was no raffle because the marbles went missing (pun intended). They were later found hiding inside the Club podium, so that raffle will be back next week.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dr. Charlie Evans is a local physician who has worked and led many medical groups and practices in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. He is a certified emergency medicine and family practice physician and a communicable disease expert.

Dr. Evans recently returned from his trip to Kenya, where he and other volunteers walked over 160 miles in support of Lalmba, an organization he



works with that supports empowering rural communities in Africa to provide their own people

with high quality basic health care, effective public health initiatives, microfinance and support for vulnerable children. The walkers raised nearly \$200,000 to support their work. This is the second recent trip to Kenya for Dr. Evans and he contrasted the progress in the poorest areas of Kenya with his earliest experiences traveling there as a young physician in the 1980s.

Charlie shared a lovely video and slideshow with pictures of the land, the wildlife and especially the people of the region. There is much work left to do and those interested can visit www.lalmba.org/tnm to obtain further information and support their valuable work. There was discussion about the need for a maternity clinic in the village Dr. Evans visited and the potential for a future joint Rotary International, multi-club grant to help make it possible.

CLOSING

President Barbara thanked members and guests and rang the bell to close the meeting

NEXT MEETING: September 27, 2021 Andrew Sturmfels The City of Healdsburg's Administrative Department