



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 Rosen**



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by **Doug Garrett**

VISITING ROTARIANS

✓ **Bob Rogers, Past District Governor**, speaker of the day

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS



✓ **Barbara Oddone** – guest of **President Barbara Rosen**

✓ **Olivia Foppiano** – guest of **Tricia Fichtner**



- ✓ **Doug Lyle** – guest of **Norm Fujita**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚ **Community Services – Fred Roberts**

A group of Rotarians worked last week at LandPaths' Riddell location clearing Douglas fir trees, broom, low-hanging branches, etc. to aide with fire prevention.

Graham Freeman was the only Rotarian brave enough to take on the chainsaw. There is another workday scheduled for November 13, which the Sunrise Club is organizing. Interact members will be involved. This work is part of the grant fulfillment we received to help LandPaths buy equipment to help with clearing. Aaction Rents continues to partner with us to help get the job done. If you want to help with the November 13th workday, please meet at the Healdsburg Corporation Yard at 8:30 a.m. to carpool up the mountain



- ✚ **Fred Roberts** also spoke about the possibility of having **Adopt a Highway Day** for this coming Saturday, November 6th, but is still waiting to hear from Caltrans.

✚ **Club Services – Doug Garrett**

- Sign-up sheets are going around for the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner that will take place on November 22nd. This event will be in lieu of our regular meeting for that week. Make sure to sign up to help with pies, packaging, calling seniors, delivering meals, etc.
- There has been a survey sent out via email to members regarding the Holiday Dinner. Please take part in the survey so plans can be finalized for our holiday event.



✚ **Crab Feast – Paul Frechette**



- **Paul** reminded members to bring two bottles of excellent wine for the Wine Collection to be auctioned. You can either bring them to the next meeting or to **Ric Helthall's** house. The sooner wines are contributed, the better, so the committee can take photos and get the wines packaged for the auction. Everyone needs to contribute, please.
- **John Torres** is busy finding sponsors for the auction.

Letters are being sent to prospective sponsors. A banner with their information will be on the webpages during the auction. The cost is \$200.00 a pop. They are hoping for 25 to 30 sponsors. The deadline for sponsorships is Thanksgiving so the banners can be in place on the website.

- **Paul Jones** is communicating with DL Catering to see if we can have a repeat of crab cake dinners.
- **Fred Roberts** pleaded with members to get the donations for the Silent Auction. If you signed up to help solicit donations, please follow through on your obligation. We don't have anywhere near the amount of donations that we had at this time last year. Donations are to be taken to Exchange Bank where there are donation forms available. Please be sure to fill out a form for each donation. They can be found on the credenza in the conference room.



- **Grady Wann** emphasized the importance of putting the new donations on the left side of the conference room. Do not put them on the right side, as those have already been cataloged by **Grady**.

- **Paul Frechette** will resend the link to the Google Doc donation sheet so people can check what still needs to be completed. His last statement was “**Don't be a knife and fork Rotarian.**” We need everyone to participate to make this fundraiser work.
- **President Barbara Rosen** congratulated **Eric Drew** on his 47th year in the Club.

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS – None until later in the month

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES - None

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION



❖ **Eric Drew - \$100.00** to the Club in recognition of the SF Chronicle's front-page story on Healdsburg to which he contributed information to the reporter on the history of growth in the town.

- ❖ **Fred Roberts - \$50** to the Club in honor of Baylor's victory over University of Texas.
- ❖ **Dick Bertapelle - \$99.90** to the club for Michigan State's defeat of Michigan and in honor of his mother who passed away recently, just short of her 100th birthday.



- ❖ **Grady Wann - \$100.00** to Polio Plus in honor of the great trip to Umbria with fellow Rotarians Henk Peeters, Rich Bottarini, John Hazlett, and their significant others.



- ❖ **Henk Peeters - \$100.00** to Polio Plus for the trip to Umbria and Sicily. **Henk** brought **President Barbara** back a Sicilian cup and bottle of limoncello. He shared the experience of witnessing the ashes falling from Mt. Etna.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER: Tricia Fichtner, Membership Chairperson

Tricia Fichtner introduced new member, **Pat Williams**, to the Club. **Pat** is a former member of the Club and is happy to be back. Welcome Back, **Pat!**



RAFFLE

Gerry Campbell's ticket was drawn for the third time in the last several weeks but like each of the previous times Gerry failed to draw the magic marble. But he's getting well stocked up on bottles of wine



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Bob Rogers – Polio Plus



Past District Governor Bob Rogers was introduced by **Dick Cochran**. **Bob** is a member of the Sebastopol Rotary Club and has served as their President as well as having received the honors of Rookie Rotarian and Rotarian of the Year. In the past, he has organized a bike ride that raised over \$140,000 for Polio Plus, which was matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Bob is currently involved in The Polio Plus campaign for District 5130 and Zone 27. Bob is a

survivor of polio, which he contracted when he was five years old. His case was slight and there has been no lasting damage except for one leg being a bit shorter than the other.

Bob started by showing a video of India's National Immunization Day that was created by Brad Howard, a Rotarian of 35+ years. The video was taken in 2020, just before the start of the COVID pandemic. Two drops of vaccine were administered to over 100,000,000 children over the five-day trip. The members of the team had to often go door-to-door looking for children to vaccinate. There are some parents who are hesitant to vaccinate their children due to "fake" information. Bob participated in the event and it has had a profound impact on him.

There are three types of wild polio virus and two have been eradicated. In 1988, there were 350,000 cases of polio a year in 125 countries. There have been two cases in 2021 – one in Pakistan and one in Afghanistan. Bob stated that there are rare instances of vaccine derived polio where the virus can mutate back to full strength. A novel oral polio vaccine is now available and 100,000,000 doses have been administered with no side effects. Most of the vaccine derived polio cases are in Central Africa.

The GPEI (Global Polio Eradication Initiative), which involves numerous organizations (Rotary, WHO, UNICEF, CDC, Gates Foundation, and Gavi) have a goal to certify eradication of wild polio Type 1 and validate absence of circulating vaccine derived polio virus Type 2 by 2026. He stated that the polio virus is only a plane ride away and it's important for us to continue to immunize children throughout the world. There could be 200,000 new cases a year if we stopped immunizing children.

As of October 19, 2021, the Taliban is allowing the vaccine program to restart and is supplying security to the members administering the vaccine, including women. November 8th will be the start of Immunization Day in Afghanistan.

Bob asked that members sign up for the Polio Plus Society and contribute \$100.00 a year to help achieve the goal of the GPEI. **Dick Cochran** has forms available to sign up for the Society and

you can go to myrotary.org/donate as one of the ways to fulfill your online donating commitment.

You can also accomplish the same thing if you prefer, by making out a check to “The Rotary Foundation” with “PolioPlus” in the memo section and give to **Dick Cochran**. He will make sure it gets sent in with the proper paperwork.

The Gates Foundation will match the donations 2 to 1.

CLOSING

- At 1:40 p.m. **President Barbara** adjourned the meeting.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ✓ **November 8** – Joe Leveille – The U2 and Its Mission (Scribe **Fred Roberts**)
- ✓ **November 15** - Susan Gilmore – North Bay Children’s Center – Childcare for Single and Working Parents (Scribe **Paul Frechette**)
- ✓ **November 22** – Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors. This is in lieu of our Monday meeting.