



# 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** formally rang the opening bell at 12:16PM

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



**John Hazlett** was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

## VISITING ROTARIANS:



✓ Joe Rametta, Past President of Park City Rotary Club. UT.  
Guest of **Cathy King**



✓ Sacha Aponte de Roeck, member of Guatemala Rotary Club, re-patriated to USA. Guest of **Jean Herschede**

## GUESTS

- ❖ **John Hazlett** brought his wife, Carol, and several other guests:



Roger Olson (former HB Rotary member);  
Kelsey Olson Leveille (Roger's daughter and wife of today's speaker);  
Joe Leveille (Speaker of the Day)



- ❖ Doug Lyle was the guest of **Norm Fujita**

- ❖ **Tricia Fichtner** was joined by Olivia Foppiano, 2<sup>nd</sup> visit



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Effective 11/1, mask optional but proof of vax to Club Secretary, **Kevin Burke**, by either email or bring to meeting.
- Next meeting, Monday, 15 November, will start at 12:15 with Craft Talk by **Tim Regan**



week's meeting.

- Club Services – **Doug Garrett**, reminded members of our service to Healdsburg Seniors by providing a Thanksgiving meal on Monday, 22 November. All Club members are asked to bring one or two pumpkin pies to Healdsburg Community Center for slicing and packaging. Volunteers for serving this meal are needed. Please contact **Doug** for more details or use the sign-up sheet being passed around during our regular meetings. Finally, be sure to answer the survey monkey to order lunch for next

- Crab Feast - **Paul Frechette**, this year's Chairman, announced 19 new bottles of wine were brought in by members, bringing The Collection total to 101. There are approximately 15 active members who have yet to make their wine donation. **Paul** reported to the Club that he went to see **Brent Stanley** and is pleased to announce his cancer is in remission! **Paul** went on to state that Silent Auction donations are improving and everyone is encouraged to solicit and collect donations for the Auction. **John Torres** shared with the Club that 25 advertising solicitation letters went out this past week and so far, ten have confirmed at \$200 each. He expects much more will come though before the deadline.
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- **Rick Tang** offered an opportunity to attend a benefit Breakfast on Thursday morning at Villa Chanticleer, in support of our local American Legion veteran's organization. In addition, there will be a ceremony in the Healdsburg Plaza, also that day at 10.00AM. All members are encouraged to attend one or both events. Finally, the AL is seeking donations of warm coats (L & XL) and blankets for vets staying in Vet Village. There will be a donation box at our meetings in each of the coming two weeks for donation drop offs.
  - One of our Club's grant beneficiaries, Reach for Home, needs all manner of personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, chap stick), socks, blankets, tarps, umbrellas, and coats. Please take items to Sunrise Club member, Andy Esquivel's office at 637 Healdsburg Ave, anytime between 9.00AM and 5.00PM

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:** None

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ROTARY ANNIVERSARY – Dr. Dave Anderson:** 36 years. Because this week includes Veterans Day (Thursday, 11 Nov), **Dr. Dave** was sporting his great-grandfather's (Col. David Anderson) Union (as in Civil War) Uniform overcoat. He also brought his fatigue jacket from his service in Viet Nam, and his father's Dog Tags from WWII.



## HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION



✚ George Lawson was in Wisconsin recently and brought back cheese curds for **President Barbara**, and a bottle of special beer for **Richard Norgrove**. He pledged \$50 to Polio Plus

✚ **Graham Freeman** relied on his sales training at IBM to make his Silent Auction solicitation fun by cold calling prospects along Westside Road. Recalling selling is a “numbers game”, **Graham** knew (and accepted) there would likely be more “no’s” than “yes’s”, and enthusiastically thanked those who said “no” to him. After happily thanking the folks at Mazzocco Winery for their “no”, they were puzzled and asked **Graham** why the spirited gratitude for their negative response? **Graham** simply stated their “no” was bringing him that much closer to a “yes”! Understanding his reasoning, and appreciating his passion, they changed their minds and offered a generous donation! Well Done **Graham**!



✚ **Rob Rinne** had a fun family vacation in Puerto Vallarta and in honor of their time there pledged \$50 to his Paul Harris.

✚ **Jean Herschede**, with her husband Mark Thayer, spent two weeks in New England, specifically Vermont and New Hampshire. She said the change of colors in that area was spectacular. She also observed the oldest Cog Railroad while visiting there. It was started before the Civil War, paused during the war, then finally completed after the war. She pledged \$50 to her Paul Harris in honor of their fostering their 11<sup>th</sup> rescue dog!



✚ **Janet Ziedrich** and husband, Eric, just returned from a quick trip to Iceland where they saw an awesome display of Northern Lights. She pledged \$50 to the Club.



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✚ **Tricia Fichtner** apologized to the Club for her Scribing duties last week. She amusingly confessed to identifying **Fred Roberts** as Fred Rogers, getting the winner of the Michigan vs. Michigan State football game wrong (and receiving calls from Club members supporting each team, especially **Dick Bertapelle**), and forgetting about **Jerry Campbell** winning the raffle number but settling for a bottle of wine. She pledged \$50 to the Club. The corrections magically appeared later in the

## RAFFLE



**Jim Westfall** was the lucky dip number winner but sadly selected a black ball. There are two blacks and the winning white ball in next week's Raffle. **Jim** wasn't that sad, though, as he was presented with a premium pinot noir from Rodney Strong.

## PROGRAM

Club member **John Hazlett**, a former Major in the US Air Force, introduced Today's speaker, Joe Leveille, appearing in his smart looking flight uniform, referred to himself as, "Major Joe Leveille, when I'm wearing this uniform." Joe graduated in 2005 from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University on a full four-year ROTC Scholarship. He earned a B. S. in Research Meteorology. He also earned an MBA degree.



Leveille fulfilled a childhood dream and his service obligation in the USAF as a pilot of KC-135's (inflight refuel tanker) and US spy plane, U2. He served as an Instructor Pilot for these two planes as well. He managed 14 deployments overseas, 4,000 hours of military flight experience,

and 8,000+ overall flight time hours. He is a 737 First Officer pilot with Delta, based at LAX, and flies in the USAF Reserves. When not spending time with wife, Kelsey and their 3 cats, Joe flies with the Patriots Jet Team and West Coast Ravens RV Formation Team.

Joe spoke about making choices during his USAF career, the uniqueness of the planes he piloted, the missions of both aircraft, and his fitted "space suit" needed to fly the U2 at 70,000+ feet above sea level. Major Leveille fielded many questions from Club members regarding his career, the missions flown, and the Gary Powers incident. A very interesting and captivating program! Thank you, Program Committee!

## **CLOSING**

There being no further business for the good of the Order, President Barbara rang the Closing Bell with gusto at 1.33PM

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

- ✓ 11/15 Susan Gilmore/North Bay Children's Center -Childcare for Single and Working Parents
- ✓ 11/22 Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors. We're dark but we're working at Healdsburg Community Center with Doug