



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 rang the bell early, at 12:15, as we have two speakers.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **Tim Regan**



VISITING Rotarians: None

VISITORS:

- Michelle Regan, Tim’s wife, present to witness Tim’s fun-filled Craft Talk.
- Doug Lyle, guest of Norm Fujita, attending his fourth meeting, and well on the way to be recommended as a member.
- George Lawson, a former Rotarian, and a frequent guest at our meetings.



- Susan Gilmore, CEO and founder of North Bay Children’s Center; our program speaker today.
- Beth Wolk, who works with Susan, and who also spoke during the program portion of the meeting.



ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS:

- **President Barbara** informed us that our long-term member and past president **John Holt’s** wife has passed away, following a lengthy illness.
- Members were encouraged to bring blankets and warm Large/XL jackets to our meeting, to be distributed to folks who need them. Some members brought these items, and we are encouraged to bring more to our next in-person meeting, on 11/29.



- Past president **Dr. Dave Anderson** acknowledged **Kevin Burke**, club Secretary, for being mentioned in a recent Healdsburg Tribune article about the Healdsburg Police Department having adopted an initiative called the Equity Team. **Kevin** commenced the process of implementing this at the PD prior to his retirement as Chief of Police earlier this year.



- **Kellie Larson** is once again taking responsibility for our club providing gifts for a needy Healdsburg family. Called “The Presents Project”, we can expect a separate email from Kellie informing us how we can participate in this important project.



- President-Elect (2022 / 2023) and Club Services Chairperson **Doug Garrett** provided information about our upcoming club holiday party, for members and guests. While we are still planning final details, save the date of Wednesday, December 15th for this event. Likely will be a reception and dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at a fun local venue.
- **Doug** also reminded us (as did **President Barbara**) that next Monday, November 22nd, our “meeting” is at the Community Center north of town on Healdsburg Avenue. This is our annual event to feed members of the Healdsburg Senior Center. Veteran members recall having done this every year at the senior center, but because of COVID

uncertainties, once again we are loading the cars with meals for seniors as they drive through. Food is being prepared by our caterer, Patti and Friends. Some seniors will receive meals at home, with Rotarians having volunteered to drive. Rotarians have signed up for various tasks related to this, and all are encouraged to participate in this uplifting event.

CRAB FEAST UPDATE:

- **Ric Helthall** has assumed responsibility, along with past president **John Hazlett**, to assemble the 100+ bottles of wine for the live auction item we call “The Collection”. Each club member is urged to donate two bottles of very good wine to place in this collection. **Paul Frechette**, this year’s Crab Feast event chairperson, acknowledged that as of Monday the 15th, members had donated 113 bottles for this auction item. Thanks to all who donated!
- **Paul Frechette** informed the crowd that our donation solicitations for the live and silent auction have produced some very nice items. He announced that Wednesday, 11/17, is the new deadline for submitting items; bring them to the Exchange Bank conference room. And place them on the left side of the conference room, as **Grady Wann** has already logged in the items on the right side.
- Our December 6th meeting will be a club assembly, with the program dedicated to implementing success at this year’s Crab Feast. Similar to 2020’s event, this year the Live Auction will be available for viewing on YouTube. We are using Greater Giving software, as we did last year, so bidders will use computers/laptops, etc., while watching the event on YouTube. We will discuss how this is done during the club assembly (signing on, etc.).



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES: none reported today

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION:

- **Ric Helthall** donated \$50 to the club in honor of his and Georgia’s visit to San Antonio recently to have fun with family; and another \$50 to the club in honor of their recent acquisition of a Casita at Varena in Santa Rosa. They will be moving there in 2022 but fully intend to stay actively engaged with our club.
- **Jim Brenton** donated \$100 to PolioPlus to acknowledge his and Cindy’s recent trip to Hawaii’s Big Island.



- **Andy Elkind** has returned from whirlwind trips to Florida (dad), Boston (daughter), and Utah (new granddaughter born there). He donated \$54 to his Paul Harris.



- Past president and club Treasurer **Mark Decker** acknowledged a trip to Sacramento with Peggy. She took the Real Estate exam, passed it and will now embark on a career in real estate. Mark donated \$25 to the Club.



RAFFLE:



John Torres had the winning number and pulled the winning marble. His winnings include in excess of \$200 and a nice bottle of wine.

CRAFT TALK

Tim Regan is an MD, but he took a circuitous route to get there. Growing up in Minnesota, and in the midst of the student strife around 1970, Tim decided to “tune out” for a few years, at least from his college life. He took a job in a factory as a welder, then an over the road truck driver. Tough life, that, said he. So, he went back to school. Thought he might be a pharmacist, but instead, turned toward medical school, and became an MD.

Michelle, **Tim’s** wife, was offered a job in the North Bay, so they bought a house in Santa Rosa. Unfortunately, that house was lost in the Tubbs fire in 2017. So, they now live in Healdsburg, with property adjacent to **John and Carol Hazlett**. They have a vineyard, and **Tim** is making wine with **John Hazlett** as his mentor. **Tim** worked as a family doctor at Kaiser in Santa Rosa for several years, before retiring recently.

Tim and Michelle have two children, and one grandson. He showed photos, and proudly said his grandson was in most of them (perhaps, said he, because his daughter helped him set the photos up on PPT).

He talked about his hobbies. If there is ever a Rolling Stones fan, **Tim** (who sported a Rolling Stones t-shirt during his craft talk) qualifies as one. He has been to 11 Stones concert. He was asked which was favorite, and he said, well, I can't remember some of them.... But his favorite was in Chicago.

He loves cars, and racing, and has attended the Indy 500 several times. He has driven speed trials in Nevada, hitting some pretty high speeds.

Tim is a runner, as is Michelle, so you may see them on the streets of Healdsburg. **Tim** has a neat brand of humor and a keen interest in Healdsburg life, both of which were evident during his talk. It's great to have him in our club

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

North Bay Children's Center/Childcare for Single and Working Parents (NBCC)



We were pleased to welcome Susan Gilmore and Beth Wolk to our club. Susan is the founder and CEO of NBCC, and Beth is one of her able assistants, working locally. Information: www.nbcc.net. Today's scribe recommends we all check out this web site, which is filled with terrific information about this wonderful organization.

It is NBCC's mission to ensure that all children and families, regardless of race, socio-

economic standing, and/or resource, are provided with an equal opportunity for early education, and in turn, long term success. NBCC is committed to providing an anti-bias environment and curriculum that supports children and their families as they develop a sense of identity in a diverse society.

In the words of Susan Gilmore, "Our economic future depends on providing the tools for upward mobility and building a highly educated, skilled workforce. Early childhood education is the most efficient way to accomplish these goals yet so many children are being left out of this system."

NBCC is committed to the mission that all children, especially our most vulnerable, have access to critical early learning experiences that build the foundation for life-long success. Children in the program range from the age of 6 weeks to 4 years old.

NBCC was one of the first early childhood education providers to recognize that nutrition education has a place in the daily curriculum of a childcare environment. NBCC's award winning Garden of Eatin' program is creating awareness among children that learning about what you eat is as important as knowing one's letters and numbers. By providing high-quality early education that integrates health, nutrition, and family support into its daily curriculum, NBCC has proven its ability to significantly improve the outcomes for so many disadvantaged children.

NBCC's alignment with elementary school partners has enabled NBCC to more than double the number of children served in classrooms over the past five years. Thanks to creative community partnerships and local private and public sector investments in our early education system, NBCC increased its capacity again this past year and is now serving 600 children on a daily basis across 13 locations.

Susan shared stories of children in the Garden of Eatin', and stories of children and families who have benefitted from the services offered by NBCC. Some facts about the organization include:

- \$8 million annual budget (funded by earned income, grant funding, and an annual foundation fundraising event)
- 125 employees (though there is a need for more teachers!)
- 15 Board members
- 20 members of the Advisory Council
- 129 volunteers

This was an informative and uplifting program. NBCC is not well known, but it should be, given the important work the organization is providing to children ages 6 weeks to 4 years old.

CLOSING President Barbara Rosen rang the bell at 1pm

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 22nd

- ✓ No meeting at Tayman. Our club is feeding the members of the Healdsburg Senior Center, with the event at the Community Center (see previous note in this newsletter).

November 29th

- ✓ Former member Rev. Sally Hubbell and Fr. Sean Rogers will jointly present the role of St. Paul's (Rev. Hubbell) and St. John's (Fr. Rogers) in our community. Scribe: Jim Westfall.