



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: PP and Interim President **Richard Norgrove**



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Roger Olsen

VISITING ROTARIANS: None

GUESTS of ROTARIANS:



- Roger Olsen, former member and guest of **George Heath**



- **Graham Beall**, guest of **Mel Schatz**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **President Richard** announced that the January Board meeting is moved to the 24th due to the Martin Luther King Holiday. There is no SCARC dinner this month. There is a District 5130 Board meeting via Zoom on January 15. Anyone interested should visit the District website for details.
- ✚ **President Richard** also shared that beginning the next meeting, any member who does not wear a Rotary Pin to the meeting will either have to buy a pin for \$5 or pay a \$10 fine. **Richard** has ordered a supply of pins.



- ✚ **Dave Anderson**, after consulting with **Doug Garrett**, **President Richard** and Patti, our caterer, announced that the first weekly meeting of the month will now feature entirely vegetarian foods, promoting health and the environment.

- ✚ **Richard** also shared some words of wisdom (shared with him by our late member and friend, **Doug Vadnais**):

Number 9 - Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

Number 8 - Life is sexually transmitted.

Number 7 - Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

Number 6 - Men have two emotions: hungry and horny, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

Number 5 - Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

Number 4 - Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

Number 3 - All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

Number 2 - In the 60's, people took drugs to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take antidepressants to make it normal.

Number 1 - Life is like a jar of salsa. What you enjoy today might burn your ass tomorrow.

....and as someone recently said to me: Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last that long....

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES & HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION were both postponed until next week because of the Club Assembly.



RAFFLE

The raffle was won by **Bob Pedroncelli** but he did not pick the lucky marble and instead gets a bottle of wine.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Club Assembly, where each of the Committee leads provides an update on their activities and goals for the coming year.

Membership: Tricia Fichtner

Tricia reported on the status of the membership in our club. We gained 9 new members since July 1, 2021, while losing 4. We currently have 64 active members and 2 honorary members. Club demographics: Average age is 69, median age is 70. We are 81% male (all agree we need more outreach to potential women members) and 38% of us work more than part time.



Youth Services: Kellie Larson (reported by **President Richard**)

All of our 2019-2021 scholarships have now been distributed. On December 14, **Henk Peeters** met with the Healdsburg High School principal to discuss holding the Rotary seminar for seniors. A date will be announced. In April (specific date TBA) interviews will be held with high school seniors who are Rotary scholarship applicants. On January 4 there will be a Zoom call with the HHS Rotary Interact club to observe how their club is doing and look for opportunities for our club to work closer with them. A suggestion was made to ask past scholarship recipients to write letters describing how the Rotary college scholarships affected them and how it made a difference in completing their education.

Community Service: Fred Roberts (reported by **President Richard**)

We had terrific partnerships with both the City of Healdsburg - refurbishing of benches in the Rose Garden and the History Museum - and with LandPaths - holding work parties with the Sunrise club at Riddell Preserve and providing a \$9,600 grant to purchase vegetation management tools to help reduce wildfire risk on the properties they manage. Thanks to **Jean Herschede** for the leadership in the District Grant process. We also donated to the Westside School for their music program to purchase a Marimba and through **Kellie Larson**, we sponsored a local family in the Presents Project at Christmas.

We also have plans to place a memorial bench at the Veterans Memorial Beach Park in honor of past Rotarians and their service. Plans are also under way to conduct a joint Blood Drive with the Sunrise Club. Details coming soon.

Club Services: Doug Garrett

Doug reviewed the Club Services responsibilities and described the need for him to transition these duties to other club members as he prepares for his term as club president. **Doug** proposed that one person take over club meeting and caterer management and another take the lead for club social activities and event planning. Anyone interested should contact **Doug** for details.



International Service: Cathy King



Cathy reviewed the results of the Club Survey on international service opportunities, noting that there is substantial interest in continuing our support for international projects, such as the Amigos de Guatemala program where we sponsor two girls each year to continue their middle school or high school education. In addition, **Jean Herschede** is preparing for a January 2023 service trip to Guatemala (if Covid conditions permit). **Cathy** also described our plans to look for partnerships with NGOs and other clubs for international projects that fit with our club interests and the Rotary 7 areas of emphasis.

Programs: Andy Elkind

Andy thanked his committee and the members for doing a great job this past year in bringing interesting speakers to our programs. He showed the members present how to use Club Runner on their mobile devices to see upcoming programs easily. **Andy** also encouraged everyone to bring ideas to him or anyone on the committee for interesting topics.



Communications: Alex Rollins

Alex was not able to attend today's meeting but has an update for us and will present that to the club soon.

Rotary Foundation: Dick Cochran

Dick discussed our plans to return to in-person "Green Hair Day" on March 17. This annual event is help to raise money for the Rotary Foundation and its fight to finally eradicate polio from the last two countries where it exists. With only 5 cases of wild polio this year, eradication is in sight. Members will gather at 6:15 AM to have their hair (head only) colored green, then join the Healdsburg St. Patrick's Day parade to help publicize our efforts. Members are encouraged to solicit sponsors that will donate in honor of the member's hair color to help eradicate polio.



CLOSING

President Richard thanked members and guests and gaveled the meeting closed.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 10, Eben Demong “Regulation and Industry partner to improve the environment”