



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 **Richard Norgrove**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **Nita Parker**



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“People don’t really believe in words. Or rather, people believe in words only for a stretch of time. Then they start to look for action.” - Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky

VISITING ROTARIANS

- **Sandi and Wally Krutz** (Windsor)



- **Doug Pile** (Healdsburg Sunrise)



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS:



- **Peter Basso** – Guest of **Fred Roberts**



- **Jack Neureuter** – Guest of **Tom Colbert** and **Bob Freelen**

- **Pat Bertapelle** – Guest of **Dick Bertapelle**



- **Cher Frechette** – Guest of **Paul Frechette** (On Zoom)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **District Training Assembly** – April 1st in Ukiah
- **Easter Egg Scramble** – April 16th. Volunteers are needed. Please remember to bring two dozen plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy to the next meeting.
- **Celebration of Life for Dennis Parker** – April 13th from 12-3 in Alexander Valley
- **Sandie Krutz**, incoming President from the Windsor Rotary Club, brought in-coming President **Doug Garrett** some “goodies” from the PETS training. Among other things, he received a Rotary flag with the Imagine Rotary, a backpack, a list for actionable goals and a box full of helpful things for the year.



MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS – None

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES



- **Jim Brenton** celebrated 23 years with his wife, Cindy on March 20th. He donated \$100 to PolioPlus.

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION



- **Jaime Campoverde** visited friends in New York and went to three plays. \$30 to the Scholarship Fund.

- **Barbara Rosen** had an anniversary last week so donated to Rotary International.



- **Doug Garrett** was on the Oregon coast meeting up with high school five high school friends to share their belated 50th anniversary of high school graduation. \$50 to the Club as well as a PSA that Alaska Airlines ships wine for free from Santa Rosa. Doug took advantage of this perk.

- **John Torres** - \$50 to the Club ahead of a trip to Vienna next week to begin a cruise down the river to Amsterdam.





RAFFLE: John Avakian won the raffle but didn't pick the white marble. He walked away with a nice bottle of wine.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Live Zoom Presentation from the Rotary Club of Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine.

Cathy King and Andy Elkind introduced the members of the Zaporizhzhia Rotary Club to us stating that they were taking a huge risk to be with us so late at night their time. **Cathy** thanked Pat Williams for making the initial contact with the club and said their club is appreciative of our help where aid is needed. Three women led the discussion, two named Oksana and one named Valentyna.



Zaporizhzhia is one of the largest industrial cities in Ukraine and has the second largest hydroelectric dam in the country. It is in the south-eastern region of Ukraine, about 2 ½ hours from Mariupol. Its population is more than 700,000. The women showed us photos of their beautiful city and invited us to come visit when the situation improves over there. Because they are so close to Mariupol, where the Russian "invaders" have been brutally bombing the city, they have many refugees passing through their city. So, far Zaporizhzhia is not occupied by Russian troops, although their nuclear power plant, Enerhodar, is under Russian military control. They stated that so far, there have been over 2,788 civilian casualties in Ukraine, 1,081 killed including 109 children. This number is fluid, and they expect more casualties as the war continues. Over 10.2 million people have been displaced with over 3.7 million crossing international borders. Because Poland has taken in so many refugees, the women said we could also aid the Rotary in that country, if needed.

The Zaporizhzhia Club supports the children's unit in a TB clinic in the city and continues to support them during this crucial time. The children stay anywhere from 6-12 months in treatment. They also support talented young pianists.

Support during the war: The women said there are several areas we can help support. Multi-purpose cash assistance, medical equipment, medicine, the TB clinic, and food supply all need assistance. It's crucial for displaced people to have access to food, shelter, and safe water. They said we could transfer monies to United for the Future or to Rotary Clubs in Poland to help them purchase items for refugees. Our club decided that sending monetary support to be used as needed would be our best option.



Dave Anderson suggested we print the children's calendar the women shared with us and sell them here in town to help raise money for Ukraine. The club will look into having them printed as soon as possible.

For email addresses for Zaporizhzhia Rotary, please contact **Cathy King**.

CLOSING



At 1:45 p.m. President Norgrove adjourned the meeting, after stating he thought this was one of the best presentations we've had.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 4th – Update on Healdsburg Public Schools