



Rotary Club of Healdsburg

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: Doug Garrett for President Richard Norgrove



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jerry Eddinger

QUOTE OF THE DAY: “Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I’m not sure about the universe” *Albert Einstein*

VISITING ROTARIANS: None

GUESTS of ROTARIANS:



✓ Barbara Grassechi (**Jerry Ogden**)

✓ Kim Bender (President, Healthcare Foundation of Healdsburg)





✓ Louis Jordan (Guest of Dr. Harris)

✓ Dr. Bernard Harris (Speaker)



✓ Paul Rollins (**Alex Rollins**)

✓ Charlene Luks (**Phil Luks**)



✓ Patricia Roberts (**Fred Roberts**)

✓ Stewart Moore (**Olivia Foppiano**)



✓ Paul Basso (**Fred Roberts**)



✓ Paul Duning (**Andy Elkind**)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

✚ **Cathy King** gave an update on collection of donations for the Ukraine Children's Calendar and our relief efforts. We have wired the first round of donations, and she has collected thousands more. **Dr. Dave Anderson** again prompted the club to get out and solicit donations. Dave's personal goal is to collect \$10K. **Jerry Ogden** brought calendar mailers for any who need them. **Cathy** will be visiting other clubs to solicit more donations.



✚ **Dick Cochran** (with **Jerry Ogden**) presented Barbara Grassechi with a Paul Harris pin in acknowledgement of her significant donation to Polio Plus during our Green Hair Day campaign.



✚ **Fred Roberts** let us know that we have another Rose Garden pruning and feeding event this Thursday, May 6, 9:00 AM at the downtown Rose Garden (across from Little Saint). Bring gloves and pruning shears. Cher Frechette will demonstrate proper rose pruning during the growing season.

✚ **Fred** also noted we will have a banner and will be marching in the FFA Twilight Parade on Thursday, May 26.

✚ **Kellie Larson** talked about the 2022 Healdsburg High scholarship recipients and a ceremony that was held for them last week. She and **Mike Potmesil** were present on behalf of the Club. The HHS students and our Geyserville High student recipients will join us at our May 23 meeting.



✚ **Doug** reminded everyone about the public Memorial Service for **Kevin Burke** on Friday, May 6 at St. John the Catholic Church (11:00 AM), followed by a Celebration of Life at the Healdsburg Plaza (12:00 PM).

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES:

Wedding Anniversaries:



❖ **Graham Freeman:** (\$50 to the Club, and another \$50 in Happy Dollars in acknowledgment of **Dave Anderson's** support of the Pickle Ball petition, despite being a tennis player.)



❖ **Jaime Campoverde:** \$34 to the Club



❖ **Alex Rollins:** \$100 to the Club



❖ **Phil Luks:** \$54 to the Community Fund

Birthdays:

❖ **Bob Freelen:** May 1 (\$100 to his Paul Harris. Eighty-eight for his birthday, and \$12 more because his son got engaged)



❖ **Paul Frechette:** May 7 (\$73 to the Community Fund)



HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION:

- **John Avakian** gave the Club an update on **Joe DiSalvo**. **Joe** had major surgery a couple of months back but had an emergency this past weekend when he was found to be bleeding internally. After corrective surgery and lots of blood and plasma, **Joe** is on the mend again. Our thoughts are with **Joe** and Debbie in this challenging time for them. **John** donated \$50 to the Club in recognition of **Joe's** good recovery so far.



- **Jerry Eddinger** donated \$100 to the Education Fund in recognition of his son-in-law being named Santa Rosa police officer of the year.
- **Cathy King** donated \$50 to her Paul Harris because she had a wonderful trip to Paris with Charlie.

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

*Dr. Bernard Harris, Astronaut,
Physician and STEM Advocate*

Fred Roberts introduced Dr. Harris, who grew up in Texas near Waco (which **Fred** pointed out is where Baylor University, his alma mater, is located). Dr. Harris became interested in becoming an astronaut from a very young age, when he saw the television images of the first moon walk in 1969. After completing medical school and his residency at the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Harris pursued his dream and eventually became the first African American astronaut to complete a spacewalk. He served on multiple missions, including a joint mission to the first international space station with Russian astronauts. Dr. Harris served as flight surgeon and applied his medical training to helping NASA better understand the effects of weightlessness on the human body, particularly bones and blood. Dr. Harris shared a number of images and short videos of his space adventures and answered many questions about space travel and his experiences.



Since retiring from NASA, Dr. Harris has also established his own foundation and heads the National Math & Science Initiative, which has developed programs to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education in high schools and colleges around the country. In particular, NMSI brings focus to STEM education for minority and underserved children. Find out more about NMSI and its work here: <https://www.nms.org/>

Find out more about Dr. Harris' amazing life and career here:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernard_A._Harris_Jr.

CLOSING

- ✓ **PE Doug** thanked members and guests and gaveled the meeting closed.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- May 9: Graham Beal: Navigating Change at the Detroit Institute of Arts
- May 16: **Bob Pedroncelli** craft talk and the HHS Interact Club