



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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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Eric Drew

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY—President Richard Norgrove:

“The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it”
Norman Schwarzkopf

VISITING ROTARIANS



- Greg Nelson

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

- Barbara Oddone



- Don McEnhill Jr (Speaker)

QUESTION OF THE DAY (worth \$25) - "What President first proclaimed the 3rd Sunday in June as Father's Day" – Lyndon Johnson in 1966. Nobody guessed the correct answer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ Please wear your masks unless you are eating lunch



- ✚ Thanks to **Brent Stanley** for allowing us to hold the debunking at his house this coming Friday



- ✚ **Norm Fujita** reminded us to complete the survey sent last week to meet our District Governor's Environmental Challenge to reduce our carbon footprint at home. The country's footprint is currently measured at 16 tons p/week!

- ✚ **Norm Fujita** – Working on a future film showing at Raven Theater titled "Embers of Awakening". There will be free admission and a panel discussion afterwards covering topics such as wildfires, fire mitigation, global warming, etc.

- ✚ **President Richard** - No new Wild Polio Type 1 cases reported last week



- ✚ **Jerry Ogden** - Wine auction was completed, resulting in \$11,000 going to our Education fund



✚ **Jaime Campoverde** – Our Club has entered into a partnership agreement / Garden project with Yucatan’s Merida Rotary Club to build a self-sustaining garden for their community



✚ **Fred Roberts** reminded us about the Blood drive (in cooperation with Sunrise Club), happening this coming Wednesday – He encouraged members to participate by making an appointment and filling out the survey so we can get a Fastrack pass. It will also serve as a membership drive. **Tricia** created a new club brochure for that purpose
✚ **Fred Roberts** - We are sponsoring a Prune Packers’ game and we have a night dedicated to our Club on July 8th. **Fred** will confirm the date next week.

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- **Tom Colbert** **June 19**
 - **Joe Di Salvo** **June 11**
 - **Mekey Lepulu** **June 15**
 - **Phil Luks** **June 8th**
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- **John Torres** **June 21st** – **John** has been a Rotarian since 2006. He pledged \$5 for every person celebrating an anniversary that was not at the meeting



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- **Emily Martin** **June 10**
- **Paul Jones** **June 11**

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION



❖ **Jamie Campoverde** – His youngest daughter is graduating from Seattle university which also means he is done with the tuition - \$30 to the Scholarship Fund



❖ **Mel Schatz** – Was gone for 3 weeks on a cruise to the Mediterranean. He especially recommended going to Malta and pledged \$ 50 to the Club

❖ **Fred Roberts** – Proud Father of 3 pledged \$50 for Father’s Day to the Club

❖ **Doug Garrett** – Warriors won the championship, to honor their rare triumph he pledged \$50 to the club



❖ **Jerry Campbell** – Celebrated his granddaughter’s graduation but she was ill and could not attend the ceremony in person, instead she gave her speech via Zoom - \$20 to the Community Fund



❖ **Barbara Rosen** – Pledged \$100 to the scholarship fund in honor of ex-Chief and late Rotarian, **Kevin Burke**

RAFFLE

Bob Pedroncelli won the raffle but he pulled out a black marble. Regardless, he went home with a bottle of vino.



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Introduction by **President Richard Norgrove**



Don McEnhill Jr is the President & Executive Director of the Russian River keepers, a non-profit organization founded in 1993 with headquarters in Healdsburg. Their mission is keeping the Russian River healthy, protecting and restoring it.

Five years ago, the water quality started declining drastically. Now we are in a severe drought state that is impacting everything from farming to forest fires. We are having much longer droughts and

an occasional flood lasting 3 to 4 days and dropping an extraordinary amount of water which runs off and is not captured. At this rate, the weather will be much harder to predict in the coming years

RRK's are focused on options like

- Conservation (lawns and landscape are not in our future)
- Changing ice machines and fridges to energy efficient appliances.
- Storm water capture, make better use of our 50 million acres of reservoirs.
- Flood the vineyards with excess water during the wet months so it goes underground
- Recreate wetlands – One of their biggest construction projects is filling the gravel pit complex to convert it into a flood plain. Recreate ground water recharge which would help wildlife and fish; Salmon will return.
- More groundwater equals more cold groundwater seepage into our river
- Widening the riverbed will help the recharge and serve as a fire break

Working with students to improve the river, organizing volunteer day to remove trash and help communities recover from floods and fires. Eradicating non-native plants like *Arundo donax* that becomes fire fuel and takes many times the amount of water to put out. Healdsburg has over 30 acres of *Arundo* slated for removal

They are seeking funds to purchase equipment for fire prevention crews. Russian River Cleanup Day will be held on the 3rd Sat in September (the 17th).

CLOSING

President **Richard Norgrove** adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- **Jun 27th:** Mayor Osvaldo Jimenez and Vice Mayor Ariel Kelly – Current issues impacting the City of Healdsburg

- **Jul 4th:** Dark - 4th of July