



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: Richard Norgrove, presiding over his final meeting as Club President



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Cathy King

VISITING ROTARIANS: None

GUESTS of ROTARIANS:



✓ **Barbara Oddon**, guest of **Barbara Rosen**



✓ **Russ Oloffson**, guest of **Graham Beale**



✓ Devin Drew, son and guest of **Eric Drew**

✓ Ariel Kelly, guest speaker



ROTARY TRIVIA: Dick Cochran received \$25 towards his Paul Harris by correctly guessing that a 1917 donation to Rotary International from the Kansa City Club was the seed money for the Rotary International Foundation, which is now more than \$1 billion dollars.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

✚ **Alex Rollins** announced that we will have a local restaurant-catered lunch at our first meeting in July. Members must sign up if they want lunch, either in the room or by response to an email **Alex** will send;



✚ The Club thanked Patti & Friends for their years of lunch service with us.



- ✚ **Eric Drew** brought 5 copies of a well-researched manuscript on the history of fishing in the Russian River. He auctioned them off to raise funds for the Club. **Barbara Rosen, Norm Fujita, Mel Schatz, Dave Anderson** and **John Torres** each bid \$25 and received their copies.



- ✚ **President Richard** issued fines of \$5 each to **Cathy King, Mark Decker** and **Paul Jones** for failing to wear a Rotary pin to the meeting. **Phil Luks** avoided his fine by donating \$20 to get a new pin.

- ✚ **Norm Fujita** presented another worksheet for Club members to calculate their potential reduction in CO2 emissions though taking steps both large and small and reminded us he is still available to help work out our personal carbon footprint online.



- ✚ **Dick Bertapelle** thanked all those who helped put on the Debunking last Friday, but especially to our hosts **Brent** and **Jan Stanley** as well as **Emily Martin**, who arranged the generous donation of wine for the event, most of which came from Merriam Vineyards. It was a great time, with delicious food and wine, all in a spectacular setting.



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- **Paul Jones** had a birthday on June 21 and donated \$74 to Polio+.



HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION:

- **Rick Helthal** was happy about a bunch of stuff, including a two-week family vacation in Florida. He donated \$100 to the Club.



➤ **Fred Roberts** (nearly always happy), reported the Blood Drive last week was a success and donated \$40 to the Club.

➤ **Henk Peeters** got the news he has a garden plot at Varenna; he's less happy about having to weed and hoe but donated \$25 to the Education Foundation.



➤ **Jim Brenton** donated \$25 to the Club in honor of a great Debunking last week.



➤ **Andrew Sturfels** was promoted to Healdsburg Assistant City Manager and is grateful to be part of this town and for the extra work he will now take on; he pledged \$50 to the Club.

➤ **Norm Fujita** was happy that the Colorado Avalanche won the Stanley Cup (that's hockey for you non-fans) for the first time in a while. He pledged \$30 to Polio+.

➤ **Dick Bertapelle** was happy because he and Pat hosted their two granddaughters all week and he is grateful for reaching the 20th anniversary of his Lymphoma diagnosis - at which his doctor suggested he might have 10 years or so to live. **Dick** pledged \$100 to the Community Foundation.



- **Brent Stanley** was happy because there was no damage to their property from the debunking (and no one fell into the pool).

- **Dick Cochran** just returned from a planned 2-week trip to Spain and Portugal that was disrupted and made longer by him and Dena catching Covid. **Dick** pledged \$50 to Polio+.



- **Graham Beale** was happy that his daughter was changing firms to Genentech and was traveling out for business from Pittsburgh, PA, bringing the two grandchildren with her for the visit. \$50 to the Club.

- Finally, **Richard Norgrove** was thankful this was his last meeting as Club President and pledged \$100 to the Club.



RAFFLE

Dick Bertapelle's ticket was drawn but he failed to pull the magic marble so received a nice bottle of Simi Wine in consolation.

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Ariel Kelly, Vice-Mayor and Councilperson for City of Healdsburg.



Ms. Kelly gave the Club a fast-paced yet thorough overview of many of the major planning initiatives the city council and city government are undertaking. She covered the city's efforts to ensure compliance with and evolution of the Healdsburg housing plan, including the major low-income and affordable housing projects. She updated us on major infrastructure projects, including water, streets, parks and community

centers. There will be a November ballot initiative that could, if approved, allow the city to issue infrastructure bonds and complete projects like the Saggio Hills Park and update of Badger Park much sooner than using current budgeting. Anti-poverty initiatives like the basic income trial and the efforts to reach and reduce our community's unhoused population were also topics for discussion. Like other areas of Sonoma County, Healdsburg is also evaluating a cannabis policy, including the possible permitting of up to two retail dispensaries outside of the core downtown area.

CLOSING

President Richard thanked members and guests, then graveled his final meeting closed.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- ✓ Dark next week for the Independence Day holiday;
- ✓ Club Assembly on July 11 with incoming **President Doug Garrett** and the Board presenting some plans for the upcoming Rotary year.