



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**



**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Andrew Sturmfels**

**VISITING ROTARIANS: None**

**GUESTS of ROTARIANS:**

✓ Theresa Cabral, Guest of **Doug Garrett**



✓ Georgia Helthal, Guest of **Ric Helthal**



✓ Pat Bertapelle, Guest of **Dick Bertapelle**





✓ Allison Ogden, Guest of **Jerry Ogden**

✓ Carol Hazlett guest of **John Hazlett**

✓ Cindy Brenton guest of **Jim Brenton**



✓ Charlene Luks guest of **Phil Luks**

✓ Paul Rollins guest of **Alex Rollins**



✓ Kerry Weiner guest of **Andy Elkind**



✓ Devin Drew guest of **Eric Drew**

- ✓ Bob Scavullo guest of **Tom Colbert**



- ✓ Jo Ann Bursick and Kary Crennan guests of **Jerry Ogden**



- ✓ Jeff Kay guest of **Andrew Sturfels**

- ✓ Paul Dunning guest of **Andy Elkind**



- ✓ Russ Olafson guest of **Graham Beal**

## **BOOK PICK OF THE WEEK**

**THE NIGHTINGALE** by Kristin Hannah. Suggested by **Rich Bottarini**. Fascinating historical novel set in France spanning the years from WWII to the 90s

## NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



**Barbara Oddone** was a member of the Santa Rosa downtown Club for many years when she was a practicing Labor Lawyer in Santa Rosa. She and her husband are currently grape growers residing in Dry Creek. Welcome with a virtual handshake

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



🇺🇦 Ukraine Update and Art Sale, **Cathy King**-we've sent \$58,000. The Art show last weekend was successful. Thanks to **Doug Lyle** and **Rick Tang** for representing the Club



🇺🇦 Revisions to Lunch Program-**Alex Rollins**. We start with a new caterer next Monday. Starting with August the catered lunches will be available monthly. There will be a signup sheet for August. Members need to indicate the Mondays they wish to have the catered lunch and indicate if they will have a guest if they know ahead. Once the list is finalized at the end of the month members will be billed for the lunches they have signed up for. If you do not

sign up for a lunch, you will need to provide your own. We are working with the caterer to have plates and utensils that can be composted. This is all a work in progress, so please be patient. The caterer will provide vegetarian options.

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES:

- **John Hazlett**, July 21 Anniversary. John pledged \$32 to the Club
- **Janet Ziedrich** recognized **Brad Pender** for a new baby girl with \$50 to his Paul Harris





## HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION:

- ❖ **Tom Cleland** took a river cruise down the lower Danube and pledged \$50 to the zclub



- ❖ **Fred Roberts**, who is one happy guy, pledged \$29 to the Club because he has such a good time watching the Open

- ❖ **Eric Drew** recognized the Connaughtons of Single Thread being in London for the 50 best restaurants in the world award. **Eric** recognized something else, but I can't decipher my note and I am not sure any money was mentioned



- ❖ **Pat Williams** - her kid's anniversary and hers so pledged \$100 to her Paul Harris

- ❖ **Jaimie Campoverde** brought New Mexico chili to **Pres Doug** and gave \$50 to his Paul Harris



- ❖ **Emily Martin** has been away the last 22 days and put \$22 towards her Paul Harris

## TODAY'S PROGRAM:



State Senate Majority Leader  
**Mike McGuire** with aide, Sophia Schwirzke

### *The economy.*

- Will there be a recession-the big question. It's possible but if so Europe will be in worse shape
- We have gotten 97% of the pre Covid jobs back
- California had more venture capital invested in the last two years than all the other states together
- Challenges: work force and

housing for the work force. Moderate income housing is especially short

- Our debt to income (?) ratio is the lowest in 30 years
- Credit card spending is strong and this year's consumer spending is the strongest in 10 years
- We are in the 13th year of budget surplus
- the focus of the surplus is to pay down debt, especially the retirement funds and to make sure we have a healthy rainy-day fund

### *Education*

- After years of being near the bottom in public school spending, in the next two years we will be in the top 10

### *Price of gas.*

- A gas tax rebate will be going out in the next 3-4 months, graduated amounts depending on income. And there will be a diesel tax holiday from 9/22 to 9/23

### *Covid relief spending.*

- 12 billion has been spent on Covid relief and spending will continue for the next 12 months

### *Public Schools.*

- 7.4 billion will be given out as block grants. It will be a flat rate based on the number of students in the district and school districts will have 4 years to spend it.
- There will also be special funding for school bus drivers. This is a critical shortage in rural areas.
- There will also be a new program to encourage people to become school mental health counsellors. There is a critical need in that area also and the program will repay student loan debt for graduates in mental health counseling who work for a specified number of years in a school.
- Humboldt State has now become a Polytechnic University. This should take some pressure off San Luis Obispo and help kids from the poorer rural areas of Northern Calif get into high paying fields. The poorest populations in the state are not in the big cities but in the rural parts of Northern California and parts of the Central Valley

### *PG&E.*

- The problem is with the CEO and management who have prioritized share holder profit over anything else. A bill is headed for the Governor's signature with funding to put the most critical miles of power lines underground, PG&E needs to use the federal money available first and auditors are needed to make sure that money is spent correctly.
- We will be short on power this summer due to the heat and the drought. The state is working on a plan that will take 5 years to implement and will focus on 4 types of renewable energy: offshore wind, on shore wind, commercial solar and geothermal. However, until these are implemented, we will need to keep relying on the existing natural gas and possibly the existing nuclear.

### *Overturn of Row v Wade.*

Prop 1 on the ballot will mandate that in California women have a right to contraception, reproductive health care and abortion. The State plans to expand Medical so that all women needing care will be able to access it and California will change the reporting so those accessing care in California will have their identity protected. It is expected that 1.3 million women will come to California for care.

### *Wildfires*

That State has been putting resources into firefighting. There are now new helicopters that can fly day and night, and carry 1500 gal of water, or 10 firefighters. The closest to us is at Cobb Mtn and can be here in 15 minutes. There is also planned a helicopter pad at the Geysers that could operate around the clock.

*The Redwood Trail* is getting funding. It will bring tourism to parts of Northern California that need the income. Smart is committed to paved trail for pedestrians and bikes along their rail right of way which will cover the Marin and Sonoma parts of the trail. Mendocino and Humboldt will make use of the actual rail tracks to create the trail

### *Affordable housing*

State is working on accelerating the building of *affordable housing* by expediting the permit process if enough percentage of the project is affordable

*Homelessness.* Legislature is looking into establishing some sort of conservatorship for individuals need care and won't willingly seek it.

## **RAFFLE WINNER**



**Turner Newton** didn't get the marble but did get a bottle of wine

## **CLOSING**

**President Doug** thanked members and guests...and of course, Senator McGuire...then gaveled the meeting closed

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

- ✓ Kelly Deuteran, Coast Guard Helicopter Search & Rescue