

The Voice of the Vineyards

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“The mission of a bulletin is inform the membership,
comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable”

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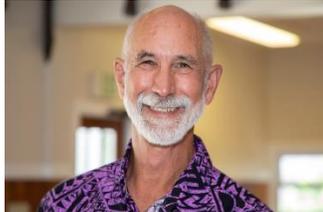
WELCOME: President Doug Garrett rang the bell at 12:28 to call the club meeting to order. He quickly gave a shout-out to both **Alex Rollins** and **Cathy King** for making today’s dessert.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Andy Elkind

VISITING ROTARIANS:

- **Barbara McChesney**, Windsor (Today’s speaker)
- **Bob Doht**, Windsor Club



GUESTS:



- **Bob Livingston**, Guest of the club



- **Devin Drew**, Guest of the club

TRIVIA: Country with largest Muslim population?

Jim Westfall correctly answered, Indonesia. **President Doug** pledged \$25 to Jim's Paul Harris account. **Doug** asked a follow-up question, what country has the second largest Muslim population? The correct answer is Pakistan.

BOOK RECOMMENDATION: *All the Light We Cannot See*

Emily Martin recommended this Pulitzer award winning book, written by Anthony Doerr. It is about the intersecting lives of a German boy and blind French girl in occupied France as they both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“With age comes wisdom. With travel comes understanding.” Sandra Lake

ANNOUNCEMENTS



🇺🇸 Tuesday, August 16 - **Tuesdays in the Plaza** sponsored by our Club The band will be Sal's Greenhouse, a funk/soul band from Oakland. Please bring a potluck dish to share and your own libation. Guests welcome. **Graham Freeman** and **Mel Schatz** will be at the Plaza from 2:00 - 3:00 doing set-up. They asked for volunteers to come and spell them from 3:00 – 4:00. Music plays from 6:00 – 8:00



✚ Wednesday, August 17 - **Embers of Awakening** movie sponsor by the club. The Climate and Environment Information Fair opens at 6:15 with information tables and literature available. At 7:00 the movie begins. Following the movie at 8:15 there will be an expert panel discussion. \$10/person, free for students. At the Raven Theater. Masks and proof of vaccination required.

✚ Thursday, August 25 - **Club Social in the Montagne Russe** tasting room at **Bacchus Landing**. Bring an appetizer to share. Guests welcome. Wine will be for sale by the glass or bottle. 5:00 – 7:00

✚ Thursday, August 25 - **Sonoma County Association of Rotary Clubs (SCARC) dinner**. In Santa Rosa. Check the SCARC web site, <https://www.rotary5130.org/club-associations/scarc/>, for more information. 5:30 – 8:00

✚ Monday, September 12. *Social for District 5130 Governor Jennifer Strong* at Young & Yonder spirits; no-host bar, bring an appetizer. Guests welcome. Cocktails \$12, Mocktails \$6. Sign up on a Google doc form or on a circulating paper sign-up sheet. 5:00 – 7:00



✚ Wednesday, October 26. **Halloween Dinner at Trading Post in Cloverdale**. **Alex Rollins** asked for a showing of hands of members interested in attending. Enough interest was shown that **Alex** will pursue booking this event. Costumes are optional. Guests are welcome. The estimated cost per person is \$60 - \$65 per person for food. Wine is included; Drinks are extra.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

➤ **Stewart Moore**, Birthday, August 8 – not in attendance



➤ **Mark Decker**, Birthday, August 15 – # 72. Next week is also Mark and Peggy's 47th anniversary. **Mark** pledged \$50 to the club and \$50 to the Foundation's Community Fund.



➤ **John Avakian**, Birthday, August 16 – **John** brought **President Doug** a gift from Japan, a fine set of chopsticks. **John** pledged \$50 to the club and \$50 to the Foundation's Community Fund.

➤ **Joe Sobolewski**, August 19 – not in attendance



➤ **Kellie Larson**, Anniversary, August 16 - # 25. Kellie observed that her anniversary is the same date as another famous event, Elvis Presley's passing. **Kellie** pledged \$100 to her Paul Harris account.

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

❖ **Brad Pender** announced that his daughter was born on July 17. Both mother and daughter are doing fine. **Brad** pledged \$50 to his Paul Harris account.



❖ **Rich Bottarini** returned from Maui. He presented **President Doug** with a shell lei, a solar-powered male hula dancer doll, and black sea salt. **Rich** pledged \$50 to the Foundation's Community Fund



❖ **Cathy King** pledged \$30 to the club in appreciate that she has no travel plans for the next 15 days so she can sleep in her own bed and enjoy her dog.



❖ **Paul Frechette** raised the topic of the definition of "caught." He claimed to have caught two very large trout at Packer Lake, though admitted his definition of "caught" meant getting the fish to his net whereupon they broke the 2 lbs test line. **Paul** pledged \$50 to the Club.



❖ **Mike Potmesil** and his wife, Debbie, enjoyed his Crab Feast-acquired dinner with four other couples at Dry Creek Kitchen. He said the food was delicious and the ambience of outdoor dining delightful. **Mike** advised future potential bidders for this auction item to not bother as he was determined to buy it again. **Mike** donated \$50 to the Foundation's Scholarship Fund.



- ❖ **Eric Drew** noted that a club tradition was to pass the hat for a member with a family addition with the intention that monies collected would be the beginning of the child's scholarship fund. General enthusiasm ensued. A bag was passed around the room collecting funds for **Brad Pender's** new daughter. Over \$300 was raised!



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Norn Fujita introduced Barbara McChesney, today's speaker whose talk is entitled, "End Plastic Soup." **Norm** recognized both Barbara and her husband, David Doht, as members of the Windsor Rotary Club. Barbara is chairperson of the District 5130 [Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group \(ESRAG\)](#) and is a board member and the Environmental Chair of the Windsor club.



Barbara began by providing some background about herself. Her earlier career was in Special Education. Since retiring her abiding interest in the environment motivated her to join EndPlasticSoup (EPS), a global environmental project already supported by thousands of Rotarians and hundreds of Rotary, Rotaract & Interact Clubs worldwide. Barbara attends worldwide Zoom meetings every six weeks interacting with EPS representatives from around the world.

Plastic waste exists not just in oceans and other water bodies, but also on land. Once plastic breaks down into microplastics, these minute particles are absorbed by plankton, microbes, and our own bodies causing ill health effects. Barbara asserted that plastic pollution disproportionately affected less well-to-do members of society. Plastic waste is an environmental issue, climate issue, water quality issue, and equity issue.

Plastic waste is projected to continue growing such that by 2025 there will be one lb. of plastic in the oceans for every three lbs. of fish and that by 2060 plastic waste will triple from current levels.

EPS' goal is to have 100,000 Rotarians reduce their use of plastic and 1,000 Rotary clubs formally join with EPS. To date there are 80 Rotary club with EPS ambassador level partnerships. Each club decides on its own whether to formally join EPS and if so, at what level – friend, supporter, or ambassador.

Barbara encouraged members to avoid single-use plastics, write letters to government and businesses to advocate for reduced plastics usage, ask for paper rather than plastic, shop locally, and encourage friends to also stop using single-use plastics. Barbara showed sheeted laundry detergent (that eliminates need for liquid soap containers) and a reusable bag for transporting clothes from the dry cleaners as substitute products to replace plastics.

Barbara recommended members do business with Beyond Plastic and Sonoma County Trading Company as a way to reduce personal plastic usage.

Barbara concluded her talk by presenting **President Doug** with an EPS book and **Norm Fujita** with a reusable bag.

RAFFLE

Bob Pedroncelli held the winning raffle ticket but failed to draw the winning marble. He received two bottles of Preston Farms dry cider.



CLOSING

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ✓ August 22: Sandie Krutz, District 5130 Area Governor “Imagine Rotary”