



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

President Doug Garrett welcomed the members and guests at 12:30 pm



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jim Brenton

VISITING ROTARIANS:

✓ **Jennifer Strong**, District 5130 Governor



✓ **Sandie Krutz**, District 5130 Area Governor



GUESTS of ROTARIANS



✓ **Dena Lash**, Guest of **Cathy King**

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“Let us not take ourselves too seriously. None of us has a monopoly on Wisdom” – Queen Elizabeth II

TRIVIA QUESTION AND WINNER

How many dogs did Queen Elizabeth have at the time of her death? **Mike Potmesil** answered correctly with four. Twenty-five dollars will be added to his Paul Harris Fund



TV RECOMMENDATION: Doug Garrett recommended Derry Girls (Netflix), Dark comedy set in Northern Ireland



BOOK RECOMMENDATION: Barbara Rosen recommended “A most remarkable Creature” by Jonathan Meiburg. It’s a natural history book which introduces readers to the South American bird, the Caracaras. This bird is found in the Falkland Islands. They belong to the same family as the falcon and are “curious, social, and brave”.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✚ Services for Rotarian **John Merget** will be on Saturday, September 17th, 10am at the Pleasant Hills Mortuary. Reception at John’s home to follow.

- ✚ **Dick Cochran and Jennifer Strong** presented to **Tricia Fichtner** the Paul Harris Fellowship. Dick also reminded everyone on the contribution points: a) annual fund donation b) polio plus donation c) District Grant d) donating points to someone else.



- ✚ District matching grants were approved for the Merida, Mexico community garden project and the Russian River Fire Risk reduction project. **Jean Herschede** will help ensure the Club follows the District Grant process. **Cathy King** shared that the Merida project will include an opportunity to travel to Merida and provide “hands-on” experience. More to come on how to support both projects.



- ✚ **Nita Parker** announced that the Highway Clean-Up will be on October 8th



✚ **Alex Rollins** reminded everyone on the social evening event with the District Governor at **Pat William's** home. She also announced the future "Dinners for 8" Club socials and to sign up for a date to get to know your fellow Club members better. She also noted of the following upcoming events: a) The Halloween Dinner at the Trading Post – sign-ups will start next week b) **Emily Harris** is organizing a Club Social at Merriam Vineyards for Wednesday, Oct 19th



✚ **Doug Garrett** shared that on September 29th, the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Sunrise will organize a SCARC dinner event with a presentation on "In Search of the Perfect Hybrid Meeting"

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES: None

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION:

- **Doug Garrett** spent 2 weeks in Ireland. He is now certified to make Irish Coffee. \$50 to the Club
- **Rich Bottarini** went camping where it was much cooler than the recent Healdsburg weather. He donated \$1 for every degree difference; therefore, he gave \$30 to the Club. In addition, he recently celebrated his son's birthday and donated \$20 to the Club



- **John Torres** returned from Hawaii. He donated \$25 to the Club, and presented Doug with a Tiki bottle opener

- **Henk Peters** spent time in Europe, specifically Ireland, England and Netherlands. He donated \$30 to the Community Fund, and presented Doug with a mini-Delft house filled with Bols gin.



- **Ric Helthall** returned from traveling, had dinner with Henk and is looking forward to traveling to Washington for work. He donated \$50 to the Club.



- **John Hazlett** contributed \$50 to the club as he enjoyed his cruise to Alaska (even though it was cut short due to COVID). John also presented Doug with some Alaskan kelp pickles.



- **Dave Anderson** was proud that his granddaughter is going to the University of Michigan. He donated \$50 to the Club.



- **Mark Decker** had a great time in Montana. He donated \$25 to the Club, and presented Doug with an “I’m here to be awesome” wooden desk plank and a lovely mounted photo of a waterfall in Yellowstone.

- **Mike Potmesil** contributed \$250 to Polio Plus for his daughter’s wedding

TODAY'S PROGRAM



Area Governor Sandy Krutz introduced **District Governor Jennifer Strong**.

Jennifer lives in a property, located in Lakeport, California, that has been in her family for 6 generations. She was always interested in helping people. During Jr. High School, she was chosen to be the first Rotary student representative at the Lakeport Rotary Club. She was the founding member of the Lake Area Rotary Fire Relief Fund which succeeded in raising over one million dollars in 2015 for the residents in Lake County affected by the fire. The Relief Fund was born from Jennifer's original idea to raise \$50,000 to help impacted communities!! Jennifer also enjoys flying her airplane.

District Governor Jennifer Strong: Rotary Stories

Jennifer's presentation was unique and inspiring. It was not the traditional power point presentation but rather sharing stories how powerful Rotary members can be to the communities. She started by sharing how in 2017, the idea to expand the District Fire Relief Fund to cover the areas of Sonoma, Napa, and Mendocino counties was born at a Rotary meeting held at Tayman, where Jennifer made a presentation about the Fire Relief Fund. To date, the Fund has raised over \$3 Million dollars.



Jennifer is a financial planner by trade. She underlined that TIME is a commodity that once it is spent, you can't get it back. She made us reflect why we joined Rotary and why do we continue to spend our TIME in Rotary. Jennifer has a different view on Rotary's international moto of "Service Above Self". She prefers "Service Feeds Self". She explained that without something we are getting from the TIME we give to Rotary, we would question the time spent.

Jean Herschede volunteered to share WHY she joined Rotary and the impact she has made. **Jean's** love of Latin America coupled with Rotary's International Services committee, led her to manage Amigos de Guatemala. From a small idea, **Jean** and her teams have been able to put over 120 students through school, build a library and put the school's first internet.



We heard how both **Jean** and Jennifer's passions and efforts not only had a positive impact on people, but it impacted them as well. The power of being in Rotary is not only the change that can happen as a result of member's efforts, but also the impact it could have on each member.

SPECIAL AUCTION

Jennifer auctioned beer and cheese basket donated by the Rotary Club in Crescent City. **John Avakian** did a fantastic job as the auctioneer and getting **Rich Bottarini** to bid \$325 for the items.



RAFFLE WINNER

Mike Potmesil was the raffle winner. He didn't pick the right marble but got to take home a bottle of wine.



CLOSING

President Doug Garrett rang the bell at 1:35 pm to adjourn the meeting

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: September 19th, Jon Haupt and Donna Romeo, Healdsburg Library