



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: Patricia Fichtner



VISITING ROTARIANS

✓ Cindy Brenton



✓ Mike Evans



TRIVIA WINNER: (Rotary Edition): Grants of Scale Recipient for 2022 – No winner!

THIS WEEK’S MOVIE/BOOK PICK: Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **Adopt-a-Highway** Cleanup, October 8 (See **Nita Parker**).
- ✚ **Dinners for Eight** Assignments are out.
- ✚ **Club Wine Social at Merriam Vineyards.** Wednesday, October 19. 5:00- 7:00 Go here to purchase tickets (includes wine and nibbles for only \$15): <https://bit.ly/3BGLl1a>;
- ✚ **Club Halloween Dinner at the Trading Post.** Wednesday, October 26. Sign up at the meeting or email Doug if you have not already RSVP'd
- ✚ Our Club hosts the next **SCARC Dinner**, Thursday, October 27 at Charlie’s at Windsor Golf Club. Meet fellow Rotarians, enjoy a good dinner and wine, and exchange ideas for projects. Need some volunteers: Greeter, Signage and Setup, Wine Steward (See Doug Garrett);



✚ **Dick Bertapelle** gave a briefing on the upcoming **Crab Feast** in December, including the need for many volunteers to make this in-person event a success; This is the 43rd annual Crab Feast and is one of the top charity events in our area. It is a critical event for our Rotary Club as it delivers funding for many of our most important charities and partners.



✚ **Paul Frechette** talked about the **Live Auction** and the goal to have upwards of 15 major auction items. We were also reminded of the need to each Rotarian to donate 2 bottles of wine to add to the “Collection” to be auctioned at the Crab Feast. “Fund A Need” will also be back in the program to support the scholarship program.

- ✚ **Fred Roberts** gave an update to the “**Silent Auction**” component of the Crab Feast and encouraged every member to make an effort to solicit items for this exercise. If everyone brought in just 4 items, it would make this an incredible fundraiser. Online bidding on these items will run from 12/5 – 12/11. Forms are available from **Fred** and also on our website under Crab Feast.



- ✚ **Kellie Larson** gave an update on the success of the **mock interviews** for high school students and thanked all those Rotarians who participated in this exercise. **Cathy King** reflected on her experience doing the interviews and was very impressed with the students.



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES

- **Jerry Campbell:** Rotary Anniversary, 15 years on October 3.



- **Barbara Oddone**, Birthday, October 8; donated \$79 to the Scholarship Fund
- **Grady Wann**, Birthday, October 4—not present
- **Bob Freelen** was not present but donated \$47 to the Club

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION



- **Fred Roberts** dressed in a pink shirt to show his support for Breast Cancer week and donated \$100 to the Club in honor of his wife, Patricia, being a breast cancer survivor.

TODAY'S PROGRAM--Craft Talks

Bob Livingston

Bob started his talk by referencing he went to 21 schools before graduating High School! He had to wait until grade 6 before spending a full year in one school! He graduated from San Clemente High School in 1965. **Bob** began work at age 15 washing dishes in 1962 despite the legal age being 16! He worked from dishwasher to busboy to cook trainee to Assistant Chef in the Crest room in San Juan Capistrano.





Bob was drafted in 1967 during the Vietnam war and served until 1969. He returned home to attend college and earned an AA degree in 1971 with a dual major in Microbiology and Psychology.

He was then accepted into UCR (?) and almost lasted thru 1st semester before he met his wife to be, Barbara. They married in 1972 and remained “foot loose and fancy free” for a period before getting a decent job.

Meanwhile Barbara began her career with JC Penny working her way up thru the ranks for 42 years ending in a senior management position. Upon retirement, Barbara wrote a class called “Leadership for Women in Management”. She taught this class for several years before suffering memory problems.

Bob and Barbara recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and held a function in the hospital to renew their vows and have party. **Bob** told us that the day was hot and the frosting on the wedding cake started to melt! It did not stop them enjoying the cake and celebration.

Bob and Barbara have daughter, Christy, and one grandson, Rudy.



After his graduation, **Bob** “hit the road” and began a management career with Alpha Beta Co. He rose thru the ranks to District Manager at 27 years old and ultimately got laid off in 1981 after a hostile takeover of that company.

Bob went back to college to earn a degree in Organizational Behavior and development. He subsequently worked for a number of companies as Manager, VP Market Development and VP Operations until he decided to retire.

He gained a PhD in Organizational Management with specialty in Education. He subsequently took on a variety of roles in education and Civic activities.

Please take a look at Bob’s “retirement” activities at www.Cerritos.edu and search for **Bob Livingston**.

Needless to say, **Bob** has a passion for education and passing on the skills and knowledge he has gained throughout his wonderful career.

Devin Drew

Devin is the son of **Eric** and **Mary Drew** and he and his wife **Megan** now live in Healdsburg. He met **Megan** thru her being a music student with **Devin’s** mother! They have a son, **Nico**.



Devin's interests include **Music** (guitar, sax and listening), **Outdoors** (Tidepools, cycling and camping) and understand just **how things work**.

Devin's academic background: He attended Healdsburg High School and graduated in 1992, went to the University of Oregon, attended Carnegie Mellon MISM and attained his PhD at UCSD. His thesis title was Biophysical Characterization of NEMO and IKK2.

Devin speaks Spanish.

Devin passed around a glass cube containing a protein that he can describe!! He has had a very broad career working in both the US and Spain. He started his career at Spoke Folk Cyclery in Healdsburg.

His professional background has him working for:

- UO Microcomputer Services, Eugene;
- Bright Sight Centrode Idiomas, Queretaro;
- Brian Matthews Lab, Eugene;
- Miquel Coll Lab, Barcelona;
- Gourisanker Ghosh Lab, San Diego;
- Genedata AG, Basel; Inc San Francisco
- ThermoFisher Scientific, San Jose;
- Sotheby's International Realty, Healdsburg.



Before joining Healdsburg Sotheby's, he was Product Manager for Instrument Control Software at 355 River Oaks Parkway in San Jose. That Thermo Fisher Scientific site has been a center for mass spectrometry innovation for decades. They launched a new mass spectrometry proteomics sample prep robot this past June - definitely **Devin's** favorite work as he had championed its prioritization as far back as 2017 and led the software teams through feature-complete (until they got it done!) early this year.

Proteomics is the quantitative analysis of as-many-proteins-possible from a biological sample.

Devin now works in Real Estate doing project management, property management and pinch hits juggling pins! **Devin** remembers the early days of Crab Feed as he helped his Dad pick up the crab in the back of their car! The event has come a long way since those early days.

In terms of service, **Devin** supports Trips for Kids, Good Karma Bikes, Pack 128 Redwood Empire Council, Graton Community Services District and, of course...Healdsburg Rotary noon!



RAFFLE WINNER: Fred Roberts and he won the money! He then donated it back to the Club.

CLOSING

President Doug thanked members and guests, then rang the bell, closing the meeting.

UPCOMING PROGRAM: Tyra Benoit: Addressing the Climate Crisis and its impact on future generations