

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 – Club president **Doug Garrett** welcomed a nearly full house to our meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President **Doug** asked **Jim Westfall** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



TODAY’S QUOTE: “I am not a member of any organized political party. I am a Democrat.”
Will Rogers

VISITING ROTARIANS--None

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

✓ **Jim Manly**, guest of Dick Cochran, who was later inducted into our club as a member.

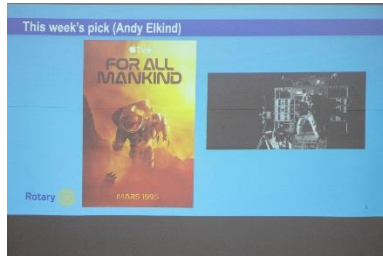


✓ **Chris Rockwell**, Jim’s “Significant Other”.

THIS WEEK'S RECOMMENDATION



- **Andy Elkind** recommended an Apple TV drama series, *For All Mankind*. He said if you're a fan of the late Philip K. Dick, you'll appreciate this series. Alternative history!



TRIVIA

- **President Doug** asked: What was the first state to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day? Nobody guessed it correctly, despite many tries. Answer: South Dakota.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



Tricia Fichtner, Club Membership Chairperson, and sponsor **Dick Cochran** welcomed our newest member, **Jim Manly**, to our club. Jim dove right into the action and played golf with six other club Rotarians following the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **Dick Cochran**, Club Foundation Chairperson, awarded Paul Harris +1 pins to Paul Jones in absentia and **Fred Roberts**. He also awarded a Paul Harris pin to **Andy Elkind**.



- ✚ **Jim Westfall**, Crab Feast volunteer coordinator, provided a summary of the upcoming Crab Feast (December 10th) volunteer requirements, and sign-up sheet.



- ✚ **Graham Freeman**, Club Community Services Chairperson, announced that the next work party at the Riddell Preserve will be on November 3rd. Graham said to contact our member **Norm Fujita** for more information.



- ✚ There is a Club social planned at Merriam Vineyards on Wednesday, October 19th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Reasonably priced at \$15 per person, which includes wine and nibbles. Be sure to tip your servers. More information here: <https://bit.ly/3BGLlIa> This brings you to the event site at Merriam and provides good information.
- ✚ We are having a Club Halloween party at the Trading Post restaurant in Cloverdale. Wednesday, October 26th. More than 50 people have signed up so far and we encourage more to do so for this sure to be fun event. Come in costume, if you want, or just come dressed as you are! Contact or email **President Doug** if you have not already provided an RSVP. But do it soon, for we may close out member solicitation soon.
- ✚ Our Rotary District 5130 plans monthly socials and asks member clubs to host these events. Called SCARC dinners (SCARC=Sonoma County Area Rotary Clubs), our club is hosting one this month, on Thursday, October 27th. Location is Charlie's Restaurant, at the Windsor Golf Club. These are fun events, and more so because we are hosting the event. Cost is \$50 but free for some red badge holders (see **Tricia Fichtner** for details on that). **President Doug** is seeking volunteers for this event, such as Greeters, Signage, Set-up. Theme for the gathering: Ideas and Projects of Promise.



- ✚ **Tom Cleland** informed us of a fund-raising event sponsored by PDI (Pediatric Dental), called Strike Against Decay. It's a fun bowling tournament at Windsor Bowl on October 17th, starting at 5:30 p.m. See or email Tom Cleland for more details: tecandec@aol.com

- ✚ **Jerry Ogden** and **Graham Freeman** provided an update on plans for our club to fund a memorial bench for our members who have passed away. This bench site was approved

by the City of Healdsburg and will be located on the lawn near the former Bear Republic brewery and restaurant.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

No birthdays were acknowledged today.

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- ❖ Time was running short, so **President Doug** asked the crowd to hold their Happy Dollar stories and pledges until next week.
- ❖ However, **Jim Westfall** did have a chance to provide his Happy Dollar story. He donated \$200 to PolioPlus to acknowledge his trip to Colorado for his 70th birthday gathering, and his recent trip to Scotland with long-time pals to hike. While in Scotland, **Jim** picked up a bottle of Laphroig single-malt scotch as a gift for **President Doug**. “Now you’re talking!”, Doug exclaimed.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Speaker: Ty Benoit, addressing the Climate Crisis and its impact on future generations.



- **Norm Fujita** provided an introduction. Ty holds an M.A. in Classical History and taught at the secondary and college levels for over 40 years. She has been awarded two Fulbright Awards, a rather prestigious and quite difficult award to have. She has also been awarded two National Endowment for the Humanities Travel Grants. Ty is an impressive speaker, with an obvious wealth of information concerning the climate crisis. She provided commentary from a PowerPoint presentation,

indicating facts and circumstances which showed us how difficult our world has become as a result of climate change. Ty indicated a few times that she was showing us the bad news. There is good news, said she, and she would be interested to come back and share the good news with us as well. Ty is one of two Healdsburg appointed representatives on the Climate Action Advisory Committee for the Sonoma County Regional Climate

Protection Authority. She also co-founded a group called Healdsburg Climate Action. For more information, she can be reached via email at healdsburgclimate@yahoo.com.

RAFFLE

This scribe was busily taking notes and checking his work from our speaker when the raffle was held. Something tells me the winner was **John Hazlett**. The winning marble was not picked but a bottle of wine was awarded. Pay attention, scribe!



CLOSING

President Doug adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

- Ari Rosen, former owner of Campo Fina (closed last month). He will be talking about the future of the restaurant business in Healdsburg.