



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 full house to our meeting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Doug asked **Joe DiSalvo** to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance



VISITING ROTARIANS--None

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

- ✓ Cindy Brenton, guest of her Rotarian husband, **Jim Brenton**
- ✓ Our speakers from Alliance Hospital: Susannah Labbe, CEO; and Barbara Boylan, M.D., staff cardiologist

THIS WEEK'S RECOMMENDATION

President Doug recommended the gangster movie “The Outfit”, with Mark Rylance, available on Netflix. **Doug** played a clip from this mob movie, where one of the mobsters called “The Outfit” akin to a Rotary club. Funny stuff!

TRIVIA

How much did the new North American pumpkin record holder weigh? Answer, guessed correctly by **John Torres** (after several others failed to guess correctly): 2,560 pounds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **Dick Cochran**, our Club's Foundation Chairperson, discussed the fact that today (10/24) is World Polio Day. Following a brief discussion of why Rotary is so deeply involved in the eradication of polio, **Dick** showed us an illustration of how/why our PolioPlus and Paul Harris donations are indeed tax deductible. In two weeks, our guest speaker will be former District 5130 Governor, Bob Rogers. Bob is a solid supporter of our club, both when he was DG and thereafter. He typically attends and walks with our members in the annual Green Hair Day fundraiser—the parade around the Healdsburg Plaza on St. Patrick's Day.



- ✚ **Jim Westfall**, Crab Feast volunteer coordinator, provided a summary of the upcoming Crab Feast (December 10th) volunteer requirements, and sign-up sheet. The sheet was passed around, and members were encouraged to sign up for as many volunteer positions they could handle. Members were reminded that as a club member, we are all responsible for helping make our annual Crab Feast fund-raiser a huge success.



- ✚ **President Doug** reminded the club that the next work party at the Riddell Preserve will be on November 3rd. The Healdsburg High School Interact Club, which we support, will be working side by side with our club members in this Landpath work party.
- ✚ We are having a Club Halloween party at the Trading Post restaurant in Cloverdale. Wednesday, October 26th. About 60 people are expected to attend. Come in costume, if you want, or just come dressed as you are!
- ✚ **President Doug** announced that today was the last lunch to be provided by Chef Aaron, the proprietor and chef of the aforementioned Trading Post restaurant in Cloverdale. The restaurant is closing on 10/31. For the time being, members are encouraged to bring their own lunches until our board chooses another lunch option. We certainly appreciated Aaron's lunches.
- ✚ 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). We have a good number of our members signed up to attend and assist in the production of this meeting. If you want to attend, and you should, contact **President Doug**. Theme for the gathering: Ideas and Projects of Promise.



✚ **President-elect Kelli Larson** is once again representing our club in the annual holiday Presents Project. Our club is provided with information pertinent to a family in need, and our members purchase holiday gifts for members of the family. It's an uplifting project each year (and this scribe always supports it). Stay tuned, as more details will be provided in the coming weeks.

✚ **P-E Kelli** also announced that she has met with the Healdsburg High School powers-that-be (including the always terrific Shelley Anderson) and the great news is that the annual Senior Seminar is back on the calendar, following a pandemic-driven absence. Formerly known as “Freedom Day”, this event for Healdsburg high seniors is always a hit. Looking forward to helping with this event at the Villa Chanticleer. Date: May 31st—so more details to follow later.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- **Richard Norgrove's** birthday is October 28th. **Richard** was not present today.

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

❖ **Rob Rinne**, our member of 20 years or so, announced that he and Carole are moving to Reno now that their new home there will be completed in December. He said November will be his last month as a member here. Carole and **Rob** will be missed! This scribe will always remember **Rob's** program called “How To Build A Bomb”. And, we golfers will always remember **Rob's** calm and cool demeanor on the golf course. **Rob** donated \$20 to the club for his 20 years as a Rotarian.



❖ **Cathy King** has returned from three weeks in Utah, where she used to live prior to moving to Healdsburg, and where the company she founded is headquartered. Her time was filled with business and pleasure, and she donated \$50 to the club.



❖ **Fred Roberts**, always a happy guy, wanted to celebrate the fact that his alma mater, Baylor, finally won a football game. **Fred** donated \$25 to the club.



❖ **Kelli Larson** informed the crowd that her 33-year-old daughter has fought and defeated breast cancer. She is cancer-free! **Kelli** donated \$50 to her Paul Harris account.

❖ **President Doug** and Theresa visited their grandson in Sacramento, who celebrated a birthday. Exploding Kittens! **Doug** donated \$50 to the club to celebrate his happiness.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Alliance Medical Center: Susannah Labbe, CEO, and Barbara Boylan, M.D., staff cardiologist. Our member, **Phil Luks**, is Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Alliance Medical Center. Phil provided a full and meaningful introduction of our guests, and the institution itself.



It's important to note here that our club and its members have been closely involved with the Alliance Medical Center (Alliance) since its inception. The late great **Max Dunn**, past club president and long-time club secretary, was one of the founders of Alliance. Club member and past president **Dave Anderson**, M.D. was also closely involved with Alliance through the years. Club member **Tom Cleland**, D.D.S., worked closely with Alliance in its quest to provide dental care to needy children. Club member **Jack Neureuter** was CEO of Alliance some years back. And, of course, member **Phil Luks** is chairperson of the board, while Dena Cochran, wife of member **Dick Cochran**, is soon starting to serve on the Alliance board. A close alliance indeed, between our club and Alliance.

The Alliance Mission: "Improve the health & wellness of our diverse communities. We healthcare services."

Today, through three primary care clinics in Healdsburg and in Windsor, Alliance supports more than 12,000 patients each year, most of whom are hardworking agriculture, retail or hospitality workers and their families. Fully 25% of patients are uninsured because their employers do not offer health insurance or the insurance is not affordable.



Trained and licensed medical, dental, and behavioral health professionals, the large majority of whom speak Spanish, staff the Alliance clinics; Alliance also offers interpretation services as

needed to best communicate with patients. Services are provided to anyone regardless of ability to pay and regardless of insurance/no insurance or Federal status. All in the community are welcome to receive the variety of services offered.

Some salient facts and figures:

- Alliance has four locations, two in Healdsburg, and two in Windsor
- Alliance has recently been recognized nationally as a High Quality of Care organization
- 40,000 doses of Covid vaccines have been provided since 2/6/2021
- Alliance continues to distribute Covid prevention material
- Flu vaccines are offered to the entire community, not just Alliance patients
- Our Rotary club helped Alliance acquire a hand-held ultrasound device, which Dr. Boylan displayed to the group. It's called a Point of Contact Ultrasound Device, or POCUS. Dr. Boylan expressed her appreciation to our club, and said she uses the POCUS often to detect medical problems in patients
- There is an active OB/GYN group within Alliance. Approximately 250 babies are born here each year.



This was a very good presentation, providing our members with important education about this terrific organization.

RAFFLE WINNER



Dick Cochran had the winning number but didn't select the correct marble to win prize money. However, **Dick** was presented with a bottle of Merriam Rose of Pinot Noir, which he happily accepted.

CLOSING

President Doug adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

UPCOMING PROGRAM--Lance McDonald, Healdsburg Fire Marshall and Division Chief