



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: Richard Norgrove, welcome back!

VISITING ROTARIANS: None.

GUESTS of ROTARIANS:

- ✓ Theresa Cabral, Wife and Guest of **Doug Garrett**.



- ✓ Cindy Brenton, Wife and guest of **Jim Brenton**



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: “There is a certain enthusiasm in liberty that makes human nature rise above itself, in acts of bravery and heroism.” Alexander Hamilton

TRIVIA WINNER: No Trivia Today

BOOK RECOMMENDATION: No Book Recommendation Today

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ Interact Club collecting plastic bags in recycling competition (sponsored by Trex); **Norm Fujita**



- ✚ Ordering lunches for November 28; **Alex Rollins**



- ✚ Next Board meeting: Monday, November 28.

- ✚ Thanksgiving Senior Lunch: Monday, Nov. 21 in lieu of regular Club meeting; Graham Freeman circulating signup sheets for servers, pies; cute +/- or funny raffle prizes. We want a small prize (value approximately \$10-100 for all 80 seniors. No alcohol, please. **Mike McGuire** is doing the raffle this year! Rotarians participating will join the seniors for lunch catered by Patti and Friends. **Graham Freeman**



- ✚ **Jim Westfall** talked about the state of Crab Feast planning: please bring great wine for "The Collection"; finalize donations; sign up to volunteer, especially if you are not attending the event as a guest. We need more kitchen and service volunteers! Next week's program will be planning for the Crab Feast. Pages 4, 7, and 9 need volunteers!



- ✚ **John Torres** also spoke about sponsors needed, advertising cutoff date is November 22.



- ✚ Farewell to **Rob Rinne!** He and Carol are moving to the Reno, Nevada area but will be visiting their home in Geyserville from time-to-time.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES



- **Janet Ziedrich**, Birthday, November 20

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- ❖ **Alex Rollins**, had a gift for **President Doug**: a wine gift bag and some Aboriginal art from her trip to Australia and \$100 to the Club

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Celebrating our Club Veterans and their experiences.



John Hazlett: John was in the Air Force 1963-1985, 7 years active, the rest in the reserves. He finished working in Intelligence and covering Area 51. He was stationed in N. D., TX, and CA. Some of what he was observing is now available for viewing at the Pacific Coast Air Museum in Santa Rosa.

Tom Cleland: Also, Air Force 1967-1969. He was stationed in Cheyenne, WY. He was at the dental clinic and performed a lot of oral surgery while there. The base has no planes but had 35 launch facilities for the Minute Man Missiles.



Dave Anderson: He brought his great-great-great grandfather's Civil War uniform and his father's dog tags from WWII. He had a two-year tour in Bangkok, Thailand. Also, time in Rangoon and Burma. The hospital where he was stationed, treated a lot of STD's for servicemen on R&R in Thailand. "It was not Strep throat," also a lot of Malaria



Dick Cochran: Also, Air Force 1966-1970 at Lowry AFB where he was a “Counselor & Instructor”. The goal was to return people to active duty. He met and married his wife, Dena, there in Denver.

Bob Livingston: Was drafted in '67, served from '67-'69. He was a Spec 5, served as a chef to a 4-star general in Europe. Went directly to college after that on the GI Bill, met his wife in college.



Richard Norgrove: He was also drafted but talked to draft office and got paperwork adjusted to enlist in the Navy. His father had been with the Flying Tigers in WWII and was shot at, his uncle had been in the Navy and not shot at, also got 3 meals a day. First two years he was in school, trained to be an ECM Operator, then on the USS Bradley. While on USS Ranger, sent on a mission to observe and transmit enemy troop info. After three days, he was to be picked up. He had a “5 second window” for

the helicopter pilot to see & pick him up. One try per day, after three days, they assumed if you weren't there, you were dead and stopped looking for you. What he learned from all this: “Time is short, don't waste it!”

Jerry Campbell: After completing an ROTC program, in 1955 he was sent to France as the Provost Marshall on a Navy ship. He was then stationed in the Alsace-France area and was E-O of the Men's Officers Club. He was to oversee the currency exchange there. He was given: A briefcase, \$5,000 dollars, a side arm, and one bullet. He returned to the USA in 1956



Jerry Ogden: in 1963 he received a letter to report to Fort Ord for basic training. His unit was chosen to be extras in the movie: Soldier in the Rain, starring Steve McQueen & Natalie Wood. They were supposed to march in formation, “eyes forward”, but the distractions of Natalie Wood and McQueen's sports car made that difficult. He was at Ft. Sill, OK the day President Kennedy was shot. The base watched the news on the only TV set on base. He & his wife, Allison had an apartment in Salinas and he commuted to Fort Ord while she commuted to teaching.





Rick Tang: He was Air Force 1968-1972, originally at Lackland, AFB where he received training and was awarded a sniper's medal for shooting 23 holes in a target for 20 rounds fired!

He next went to technical training school in Biloxi, MS where he witnessed racism firsthand when a fellow serviceman was told to leave a business because he was not white. He was stationed in Turkey and traveled when he could. He still has

two Turkish rugs he knows: "are at least 50 years old".

All of the Vets spoke of enjoying their time in the service.

RAFFLE WINNER: Bob Pedroncelli, he got a blue marble and a nice bottle of Sauvignon Blanc.



CLOSING

President Doug thanked members and guests, then gaveled the meeting closed.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon, Healdsburg Senior Center; November 28: Crab Feast planning session.