



Rotary Club of Healdsburg



# 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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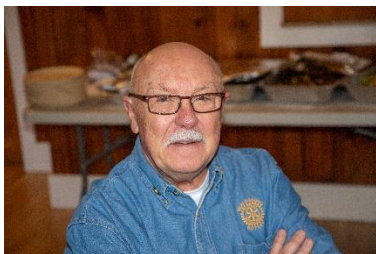
**January 23, 2023**

**WELCOME: President Doug Garrett**



**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Rosemary Jordan**

**VISITING ROTARIANS**



✓ **Greg Nelson**, former member visiting from Washington State

**GUESTS of ROTARIANS:**



✓ Cindy Brenton, wife and frequent guest of **Jim Brenton**

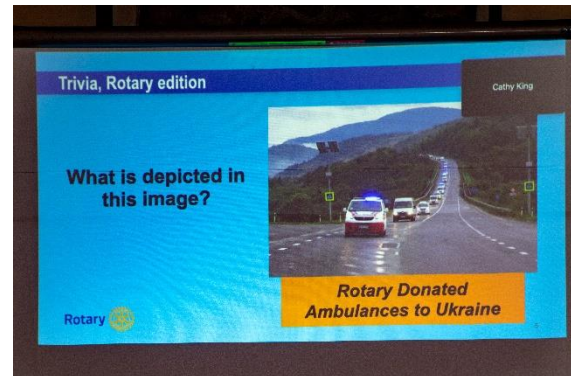
## THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

“The nicest thing about the rain is that it always stops. Eventually.” (Eeyore)

“Rain is grace; rain is the sky descending to the earth; without rain, there would be no life” (John Updike)

## TRIVIA QUIZ

- ⇒ What is this image? *Answer:* Rotary donated ambulances headed for Ukraine. There was no winner. (From Rotary magazine, January 2023)



## TV RECOMMENDATION

- ⇒ “Welcome to Wrexham”, documentary, where Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney buy a low-performing Welsh football (soccer) team. Fun and pathos ensue. On Netflix.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **President Doug** held a Club Board Retreat last week; Discussion areas included:
- Should we consider expanding Club membership categories?
    - e.g. Introductory, Family, Non-Profit
  - We should consider having alternative meeting times once a quarter (evening, morning)
  - Shall we pursue extending scholarships to already graduated students (who are Sonoma County residents)?
  - We should pursue implementing a community survey to strengthen community connections.
  - The board agrees all club members should be on a committee.
  - Discussions included how we manage (or should manage) longer term projects, such as LandPaths; we ought to seek more community volunteers for these projects.
- ✚ At this month’s board meeting (held on 1/23), a \$5,000 donation was approved for the Alliance Medical Center to acquire Ultrasound equipment.
- ✚ The annual Russian River Cleanup activity is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>. All are encouraged to sign up when asked to do so.



✚ Club Service Updates:

- **Alex Rollins** re: Costeaux Bakery will soon be providing lunch catering, joining Big John's and Tisza to provide variety.
- **Alex** urged the club to sign up for our Valentine's lunch at Williamson Wines, held a week after Valentine's Day on 2/21 (best availability for restaurants)



✚ District 5130 Meetings:

- District Training Assembly 3/31-4/1; this is a worthwhile endeavor for anyone in our Club who wants to learn more about Rotary and our District.
- District Conference 5/4-5/7; this is also a worthwhile endeavor for anyone in our Club to attend. The District Conference gives a similar "feel" as the International Rotary Conference (Melbourne, Australia this year), on a much smaller scale. To be held at Konocti Resort, Clearlake

✚ This month, the SCARC Dinner & Optional Play will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. To be held at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse, Santa Rosa. Hosted by Santa Rosa East/West. There is a play which members will have the option to attend (but this scribe doesn't know what that play will be.....)

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES

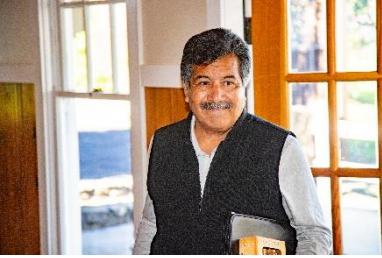
### Birthdays

- **Andy Elkind** ➤ Donated \$71 to the Club ➤ January 25



- **Jean Herschede** ➤ Traveling in Guatemala ➤ January 27
- **Paul Sullivan** ➤ absent ➤ January 28

➤ **John Torres**



- celebrated his birthday with a trip to the Big Island. He donated \$67 to the Club
- January 9th

Anniversaries

➤ **Jerry Ogden**



- Announced that besides his birthday, he is happy he was able to change the battery on his Flume water usage device. Donated \$100 to Green Hair Day
- January 24

**HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION**

- ❖ **President Doug** had a great time celebrating his grandson's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday with him at Napa Bowling. Doug donated \$50 to the Club.



- ❖ **Fred Roberts**, always the happy camper, donated \$100 to the Club.

- ❖ **Cathy King** was enjoying her ski trip to Northstar, until..... she had a mishap and severely damaged her knee. The good news: surgery is not necessary! Cathy donated \$25 to the Club.





❖ **Bob Livingston** was very happy the 49ers have moved on to play yet another game (as are most of us!). **Bob** donated \$25 to his Paul Harris account.

❖ **Dick Bertapelle** also wanted to honor the 49ers victory, but also a family visit to San Jose. While there, the family had fun at Top Golf, and at his granddaughter's soccer game. **Dick** donated \$50 to the Community Fund



❖ **Norm Fujita** spent time over the weekend with his two grandchildren (ages 1 and 2), and he donated \$30 to the Club.



### TODAY'S PROGRAM: **Cathy King**: International Projects



**Cathy** pivoted nicely to lead the program conversation via Zoom, following doctor's orders to stay off her feet as much as possible, following her skiing accident. In the meeting room, **Devin Drew** also presented the club's International activities along with **Cathy**. The information provided is far too lengthy, and too important, to scribe the presentation in total. **Cathy** and **Devin** have a PowerPoint deck used for the presentation, filled with meaty

information, and this scribe assumes that if you ask them nicely, you'll be provided with that information to read at your leisure. Nevertheless, some highlights of International activities our club is involved in:

- Amigos de Guatemala—**Jean Herschede** is in Guatemala even as we met yesterday, continuing her good work ensuring consistently solid education is provided for students. Our club, and several others, have worked closely to improve the lives of Guatemalan students. Thanks to **Jean** for her continuing work here.

- Merida, Mexico—this is a partnership with The Merida English Rotary Club and Merida Rotary Club. The project is funded with a \$1,500 District Grant our club applied for. This week, several of our fellow Rotarians and their guests are in Mexico doing onsite work necessary to ensure lives of women and children living in the community are enhanced.
- Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine—Our club has been actively involved with a Rotary club in Zaporizhzhia for more than a year. The so-called “Calendar Project”, during which we raised thousands of dollars medical equipment, was the root of our active project work. **Cathy King** has been spearheading this project work, and now we are working closely with the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East/West. This new project, with a brand-new calendar to “sell” (called The My Dream Calendar) is destined to raise \$70,000 in funds to be sent to Zaporizhzhia to purchase filters for water, food, medicine, tourist burners, gas cartridges, water heaters, computer and accoutrements, and more. Of this \$70,000, our club has committed to raising \$35,000 through the sale of the calendar and otherwise to raise donations for the cause. Information as to how we can make donations can be found on our website. Or you can contact **Cathy** or **Devin**, with their contact information found in ClubRunner.

Kudos and admiration to **Cathy** and **Devin**, and to our club members who raise funds for these projects. So far, with regard to the Calendar project, **Dr. Dave Anderson** is once again leading that charge, bringing in checks in excess of \$1100 to our meeting yesterday.

## RAFFLE



**Tom Colbert's** ticket was drawn but the winning marble was not pulled from the can. Tom took home a nice bottle of Fetzer Chardonnay instead.

## CLOSING

**President Doug** thanked members and guests, then rang the bell to close the meeting.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- **January 31**, Thom Butler, The 222, building a world-class performing arts venue in the heart of wine country.