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comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable"

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WELCOME: Doug Garrett



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jerry Eddinger, welcome back!

VISITING ROTARIANS:



Rob Rinne, former member who is visiting from his out-of-the-area home

GUESTS of ROTARIANS



✓

Pat Bertapelle, guest of **Dick Bertapelle**

✓ Cindy Brenton, guest of **Jim Brenton**



✓ Carol Hazlett, guest of **John Hazlett**



✓ John Angius, guest of **Joe Sobolewski**

President Doug also welcomed back **Dick Bertapelle** and **John Torres** who had both had hip replacement surgery last week. Welcome back & we are glad you are both doing well!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves. Paul Harris, Rotary Founder.

TRIVIA

In 1996, what did fast-food chain Taco Bell announce on April Fools Day? It announced in full-page newspaper ads that it had purchased the Liberty Bell in an effort to “help with the national debt” and it would henceforth be known as the “Taco Liberty Bell”

Winner: There was no winner, but some interesting guesses about the answer!

BOOK RECOMMENDATION

“An Unplanned Life” by Franklin A Thomas (**Jim Manly**). A memoir by a man who came from a simple background but rose to head the Ford Foundation and chair the fund to compensate 9/11 victims.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚ Recent Activity by our Club:

- School Garden Network donation to allow support for gardens and education programs in Healdsburg and Geyserville elementary schools
- Rose Garden maintenance
- LandPaths work party

✚ District 5130 Meetings:

- District Training Assembly 3/31-4/1
- District Conference 5/4-5/7 Konocti Resort, Clearlake

- ✚ April 6-8 Easter Egg Boiling (6th), Coloring (7th), & Community Event (8th) **Phil Luks** gave an update, **Emily Martin** may have a volunteer to be the Easter Bunny.



- ✚ April 10 Micro-plastic Madness movie Norm Fujita gave an update, 52 have signed up, there is room for a few more. Program is at 6:30pm

- ✚ April 21 Pediatric Dental Initiative fundraiser, 5:00 PM

- ✚ April 22 Earth Day, Healdsburg Plaza 1:00-4:00 April 25 Next Social at Marine Layer Wines in Healdsburg, update from **Alex Rollins** April 29 Arundo removal Project, more info to come.

- ✚ May 8 Travel Log Meeting, NO LUNCH MEETING. **Alex Rollins** said it will be 5-7pm at the clubhouse: it will be a potluck and wine can be brought.

- ✚ May 30 Healdsburg High Senior Seminar.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Bob Pedroncelli

- ❖ April 8: going to opening day for SF Giants w/son Rick & his granddaughter received her PhD. \$100 to Polio Plus



Jerry Eddinger

- ❖ April 16 \$100 to the Education Fund. \$100 to the Bench Project



Anniversaries

None this week

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION



John Avakian: Wanted to auction two tickets to the San Francisco Symphony at face value, funds to go to the **Kevin Burke** Scholarship Fund at SRJC. **Joe Sobolewski** gave \$500 for the tickets, well over face value, thank you **Joe!**

Dick Bertapelle: Happy for successful Hip replacement surgery and great care from his wife Pat. \$50 to Green Hair Day: Polio Plus.



Andy Elkind: He and his wife spent two weeks cycling and hiking in New Zealand. \$100 to Polio Plus.



Tricia Fitchner: Happy Alum of SDSU and its success at the NCAA Final 4. \$25 to the club.



George Heath: Also a happy alum of SDSU, \$25 to the club.



Cathy King: Another happy alum of SDSU, \$10 to the club.

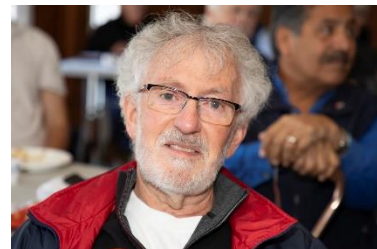


Doug Lyle: He spent the weekend in Denver with his son & 3 for his son's friends, all SDSU alumni, Watching the Final 4 games. \$25 to the club.



Emily Martin: She is a new Adjunct Professor of Digital Marketing at SSU. \$31 to her Paul Harris.

Tim Reagan: \$25 to his Paul Harris.



John Torres: Also happy for successful hip replacement surgery. \$50 to his Paul Harris.



TODAY'S PROGRAM: State Senate Majority Leader (and HB Rotary Member) **Mike McGuire**: An update from Sacramento.

Prior to **Senator McGuire's** presentation, **President Doug** presented him with a Paul Harris Fellowship award for all the service he did to make December's Crab Feast Fund Raiser such a great success!



State Senate Majority Leader **McGuire** gave an update about California and Sonoma County/North Bay.

Bottom line: will continue to move forward. CA currently has the lowest jobless rate in state history. California is now the 4th largest economy in the world. But taxes fund CA and there has been a 50% decrease in home sales from the previous year, also decreases in capital gains and business taxable revenue.

- ⇒ No programmatic funds will be cut.
- ⇒ Tourism is a bright point. It generated \$17.1B in 2022, projected to be \$20B this year.

On Education: In 2015, when Senator McGuire joined the State Senate, CA was last in K12 annual spending/student. Today, CA is in the top 10 at over \$23,000/per student. Free breakfast & lunch for students.

- ⇒ 60% of UC and CSU students start at Community Colleges. CC costs are greatly reduced today.

Mental Health: There is a Senate Bill to attract 10,000 new counselors and a program to erase \$25K in student debt for four years of service in areas of low income, increased demand and need for services.

- ⇒ “Care Court” rules for dealing with individuals with behavioral or dependency issues need to be updated.
- ⇒ Homelessness: He is “Angry & appalled” with the current conditions the homeless are dealing with regarding mental health and addiction challenges.



Wildfires: Increase CalFire staff by 1,000 in the next 4 years.



⇒ \$500M to target 7-9 National Forests in CA for fire mitigation. Newer equipment, helicopters and aircraft are coming.

Climate: \$54B for Climate budget over the next 5 years.

⇒ The SMART train will be coming to Windsor and Healdsburg in the future. It will take a lot of infrastructure repair. Eg: Railroad bridge at Memorial Beach will cost \$17-\$25M. \$1.5M to open Fitch Mountain to the public.

RAFFLE WINNER

Doug Lyle picked the correct marble and won \$108



CLOSING

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ✓ **April 10:** Anamaria Morales, “The College Confeccionista”