

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: President Doug Garrett



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Devin Drew

VISITING ROTARIANS: None

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

- ✓ Cecily Majerus, Speaker and Guest of the Club and her husband, David.



- ✓ Theresa Cabral, Spouse of **President Doug**



✓ Charlie Evans, guest of **Cathy King**



✓ Emmy Cleland, spouse of **Tom Cleland**



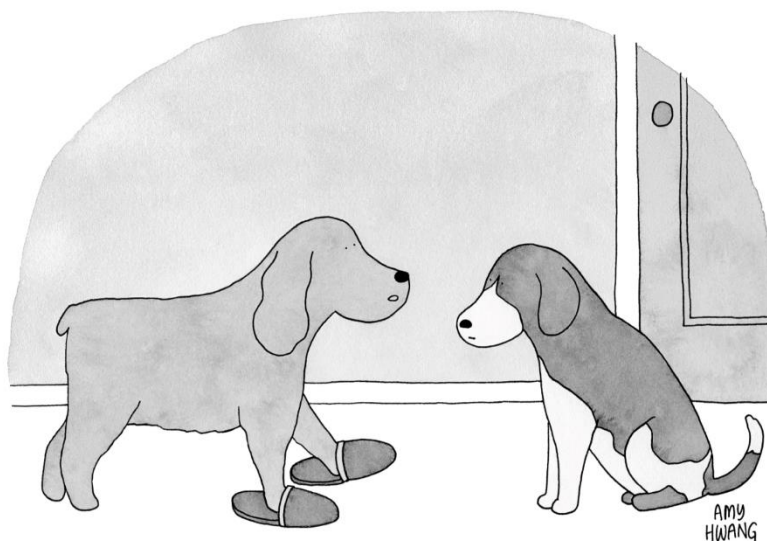
✓ Cindy Brenton, spouse of **Jim Brenton**



✓ Kathryn Korn, guest of **Eric Drew**. She has submitted her application to become a member.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Instead of a Thought for the Day, Prez Doug displayed a Cartoon for the Day:



"I can't believe I'd been carrying them in my mouth."

TRIVIA

- ⇒ What are the largest and smallest marine mammals? Blue Whale and Otter
Winner: Several people got one of the two, but no one got both animals.

TV RECOMMENDATION

President Doug recommended “The Night Agent” on Netflix, Ten episodes. An intelligence agency thriller with lots of twists, plenty of action and an appealing cast you have never heard of before. Caution: violence and language.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- April 10 Micro-plastic Madness movie at the AVFF Film Center was a big success. Congrats to Norm Fujita and the Environmental Committee on a great event.
- We need a few more scribes. Contact **Prez Doug** or sign up at the meeting.
- We will have a member travel meeting on Monday, May 8 from 5:00-7:00 PM. This takes the place of the regular meeting on that day. Potluck food and wine will be served. Contact **Prez Doug** if you want to present your insights and a few of your favorite pictures. Please respond to **Alex’s** email about bringing a dish.
- District Conference 5/4-5/ - Konocti Resort, Clearlake
- April 22 - Earth Day Climate Festival, Healdsburg Plaza 1:00-4:00
- April 29 - Arundo Removal project with Russian Riverkeeper and Interact club members. Meet at Badger Park parking lot at 8:30 AM
- May 30 - Healdsburg High Senior Seminar, “adulting 101”. Contact **Kellie Larson** if interested in volunteering.
- Highway cleanup April 19 or 20
- Congratulations to member **Andrew Sturfels** for being one of four Healdsburgers recognized in the North Bay Bus. Journal “40 Under 40”



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Graham Beal		April 22
<u>Anniversaries</u>		
Graham Beal		April 21



Graham celebrated his 50th anniversary. He was married in snowy Minneapolis on the 21st and celebrated his birthday the next day. He donated \$126 to the Club.

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- **Jim Westfall** and wife Julie will be leaving on Thursday to hike 260 miles on the Way of St. Francis. He is still offering to match dime for dime donations.
- **Kellie Larson** participated in a 10K race and donated \$50 to her Paul Harris
- **Norm Fujita** asked why Earth Day is held on April 22. Answer: It is because it falls between Spring break and college finals. He donated \$50 to the Club
- **Doug Lyle** donated the \$100 he won at the raffle last week to his Paul Harris
- **Ric Helthal** donated \$25 to the Club for a cybersecurity conference he will attend next week





➤ **Dr. Dave** just returned from visiting his daughter in Australia. He presented **President Doug** with two “gifts”, a branch from, a Norfolk Island Pine tree and a \$5 Australian note. He donated another \$10 Australian dollar to the Club, which is valued at a whopping \$6.73 in real money!

➤ **Graham Freeman** donated \$50 to **Turner Newton’s Paul Harris** and \$50 to **Dick Cochran’s Paul Harris**.



➤ **Devin Drew** donated \$42 to his Paul Harris. He also announced that the Club will sponsor a Prune Packers game and one of the concerts in the Plaza this summer.



➤ **Dick Cochran** added **Devin Drew** to the list of Heavy Hitters for the donations he solicited for Green Hair Day

TODAY’S PROGRAM



Cecily Majerus, Exec. Director The Marine Mammal Center

Cecily gave a very informative and animated presentation about the mission and work of the Marine Mammal Center. The main hospital is in Sausalito and it is the largest marine mammal hospital in the world. Their mission is to protect the ocean through their work with marine mammals. If they get sick,

we humans will also be getting sick. They rescue, rehabilitate, and release many species of marine mammals. The center opened in 1975 and covers 600 miles of the California coast. They also opened a facility in Hawaii in 2014. There is a full-time staff of 130 plus over 1,150 volunteers. Their work begins when a rescued animal arrives at the hospital.

They get about 10,000 calls each year. In addition to rescue, they also do research and education. They are a teaching hospital and train people throughout the world. Cecily showed photos of several animals currently being treated. At the end of her presentation, she answered many questions from the audience.

She encouraged us to take an active part in observing the many marine mammals along our coast. If we see a distressed animal on the beach, we should keep a safe distance and call 415 289-7325.

RAFFLE WINNER



➤ **Dick Cochran** but he did not draw the winning marble. He did take home a very nice bottle of wine as a consolation prize.

CLOSING

President Doug thanked all attendees, then rang the bell to close the meeting.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 24: Naomi Ramsden & Barbara Walsh: The Sonoma County Grand Jury