

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: Andrew Sturmfels

VISITING ROTARIANS: None

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

✓ Kathryn Korn



✓ Dan Dougherty

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“They are supporting their education, they’re supporting their household, they’re supporting their men and giving a change in Pakistan. This is bigger than polio” Sadia Shakeel, Coordinator, Rotary polio resource center, Karachi Pakistan

TRIVIA

Who wrote the following in the current issue of “Rotary” magazine? “We’re a social species; we benefit from passing discoveries on, and we benefit from our tendency to cooperate to achieve what we cannot do alone” Answer: David Byrne, musician and author.

Winner: Nobody had the right answer so there was no \$25 contribution to their Paul Harris

RECENT ACTIVITY BY OUR CLUB:

- April 29 Arundo Removal project with Russian Riverkeeper and Interact club members and Sunrise Club members. **Doug Garrett** and **Norm Fujita** relayed the very successful workday with seven of our club members, one member of the Rotary Sunrise Club and over 12 Interact Club members. We all made a substantial dent in the Arundo removal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✚ Reminder from Andrew Sturfels to take the Healdsburg Climate Mobilization Strategy survey. This will help the city decide how far to go to decrease emission of greenhouse gasses(GHG). Residents, those that work in Healdsburg or visit Healdsburg are encouraged to vote on how much they want of the nine different strategies to lower GHG. Some of the strategies include increasing clean electricity, electrifying buildings, adopting more electric vehicles, doing more walking and cycling. Survey is open until May 21.



- ✚ Take the member Monkey survey on Club lunches, socials and meeting times. So far there are 35 respondents.

- ✚ **Kathryn Korn** became a new member of our club. She is an estate lawyer and does “soup and nuts” type work. There is quite a mix of work that she has done. She will be opening her office in Healdsburg in about a week. Kathryn was sponsored by **Eric Drew** and will be mentored by **Alex Rollins**.



- ✚ We will have a member travel meeting next 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. Plus: HHS Interact Club will do a new “Are you smarter than a high school student?” contest!
- ✚ District 5130 District Conference 5/4-5/7
Konocti Resort, Clearlake
- ✚ May 30 Healdsburg High Senior Seminar. Contact **PE Kellie Larson** if interested in volunteering. **Kellie** is looking for a speaker to talk about getting housing after graduating high school. **Ric Helthal** is talking about cyber security. **Emily Martin** is talking about the dos and don'ts on social media. **Jim Manly** is talking about how to build wealth. An Alliance Medical Center medical worker will talk about the dangers of Fentanyl. Another speaker will address issues with relationships.
- ✚ June 21 Prune Packers Game! We are sponsoring this game. The players are excellent college level players. It will start at 6 pm. Our club members will be admitted free if we wear a hat or clothing with a Rotary logo.
- ✚ July 25 Tuesdays in the Plaza: Rotary Night! We will have potluck, wine, etc. at our booth.

- ✚ President Elect **Kellie Larson** presented her nominees for Officer and Board positions for the 2023-2024 Rotary Year. President elect - Jim Westfall, Secretary - Doug Garrett, Treasurer - Jim Manly, Youth Service - Kathy King, Community Service - Graham Freeman, Club Service - John Avakian, International - Devin Drew, Rotary Foundation - Dick Cochran, Membership - Tricia Fitchner, Public Image and Communications - Emily Martin, Environmental Protection - Norm Fujita, Sergeant at Arms - Jim Breton, and Program Director - Don Mitchell, Past President - Doug Garrett. The Dick Cochran moved to approve the nominees and Barbara Rosen seconded and members approved the nominees.




- ✚ Paul Harris +5 award given to Nita Parker by Dick Cochran. He also mentioned that Nita is a benefactor of the Rotary Foundation with her bequest.



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Frechette - Donated \$74. to Polio Plus 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 7
<h3><u>Anniversaries</u></h3>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graham Freeman - Not present 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 7

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- **Fred Roberts** donated \$123 for his visit to Dubai to see his daughter and grandchildren. The dollar amount came from his daughter's 40th birthday and penny a mile to travel to Dubai which was 8300 miles.



Fred gave **Doug Garrett** dates and a Clyde Camel stuffy.



- **Ric Helthal** donated \$50. to Polio Plus for his cybersecurity training with the FBI.
- **Nita Parker** gave **President Doug** chopsticks with elephants on it. She got it from a store in Comfort, Texas. The couple who owned the store is involved with protecting elephants in Thailand.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Jean Herschede, Update on International projects

Jean briefly gave her background which included being a Rotary member for 14 years. She has traveled extensively in Brazil and Colombia as well as other Latin American countries. She has been involved with a non-profit, Amigos de Guatemala, which our club has supported for 12 years. It is a program to promote education, especially of girls and young women, and started 20 years ago. Most of the girls are pulled out of elementary school by family after learning some Spanish to go to work. Their indigenous language is



Mayan. So far, the organization has supported 63 students by way of scholarships for middle school and high school. Our club has supported eight students. She gave stories of several young women. One is an artist, another is an assistant to a loan officer, and third, a receptionist. Being bilingual from school education has helped them get jobs. Another indigenous young woman went to a military high school and now, is in a military school equivalent to West Point.

Jean also talked about district and international grants which have funded projects. One such project involved an elementary school in Piedras Blancas. One of the partner Rotary Clubs, Anthem near Phoenix, built bathrooms which the school did not have. This resulted in children being able to attend school for a full day instead of only two hours. Also, new roofs were placed on the school.

Another multi-district grant from District 5220 around Modesto paid for tables and chairs for six preschools. The San Ramon club gave art supplies to the pre-schools. Another grant paid to build a secure play area,

A Rotary global grant was obtained with a club in Guatemala City to provide computers to 20 labs. The Canadian government also donated \$30,000. for this as well. Five computers have gone to the community that our club supports and has enhanced enthusiastic learning in that area.

The Cloverdale Rotary has supported giving dictionaries and other books to the community.

During the height of the Covid pandemic, another district grant plus individual club grants provided basic foods for 500 families and supplies for making gardens. **Jean** is hoping to put in a water purification system for the community. This will also become a business with proceeds to manage their destiny like giving out scholarships.

A new project will involve giving microloans to women.

RAFFLE

⇒ **Graham Beal** He did not get the \$50 but won the wine.



CLOSING

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: May 8, Member Travels and “Are you smarter than a High School student” with our HHS Interact members.