



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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WELCOME: President Doug Garrett



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PP Rich Bottarini

VISITING ROTARIANS

- ✓ Fred Ptucha, Santa Rosa

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

- ✓ Kris Rockwell, guest of **Jim Manly**



- ✓ Dan Daugherty



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The most valuable possession you can own is an open heart. The most powerful weapon you can be is an instrument of peace. Carlos Santana

TRIVIA

- ⇒ In what year did we begin celebrating Mother's Day in the U.S? Answered by **Fred Roberts** – 1914 under President Woodrow Wilson who made it a holiday. Bonus, when was Father's Day initiated? *Answer - Richard Nixon made Father's Day a holiday in 1972.*



Fred won a Rotary People of Action neoprene beverage tote



RECENT ACTIVITY BY OUR CLUB

- Club members, including **Doug Garrett, Jean Herschede, Devin Drew, Alex Rollins** and **Cathy King** attended the District 5130 conference at Konocti Harbor Inn in Clear Lake. It was a great event, the first to be held there in 15 years. We received recognition for completing all of the nine District Environmental Challenges, the only club to do so. **Norm Fujita** was recognized from the stage for his efforts. **Cathy King** spoke to the conference about the HANWASH global grant project, encouraging all clubs to support the efforts to bring clean water and sanitation to a district in Haiti.



- We had a great "Member Travels" meeting and potluck on May 8. Thanks to **Doug Lyle, Fred Roberts, Mel Schatz** and **Emily Martin** for sharing their travels with us. We collected \$338 from passing the hat for the HHS Interact Club who led a round of "Are you smarter than a high school student?" We clearly are not smarter! The board voted to supplement the club's donation to Interact to total \$600.

- **Alex** asked the club for input regarding lunch providers. The members in attendance voted to have Tisza be the lunch provider every week.
- **President Doug** presented the results of the member survey regarding lunches, club socials and club meeting times. The votes showed a preference for the usual noon lunch meetings at Tayman, with occasional meetings at other times and at other venues. Members preferred a mix when offsite – sometimes potluck, sometimes catered meals. The most popular events were Holiday Socials, Dinners for 8, and Club Socials. Results for the question of “paying for guests” were not conclusive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ Results of today’s Board Meeting were announced:
 - We need members to step up and get involved in planning this year’s Crab Feast! Meetings will begin soon...
 - A “New Member Passion Project” fund was approved.
 - Funding requests were granted to Amigos de Guatemala (\$3000), Healdsburg Museum Cemetery Restoration (\$2000), HHS Graduation (\$1000), Healdsburg Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp (\$2500), and a seed donation for Hanwash (\$2000).
 - Per **PE Kellie Larson**, there were 26 new scholarship recipients from HHS and 3 from Geyserville.



- ✚ Next year’s District Conference will be held at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts in Santa Rosa under Tom Boylan’s leadership.

- ✚ **Jim Westfall** is walking across Italy with Julie and they are “39 dimes” into the walk.

- ✚ **Turner Newton** received his Blue Badge, with his mentor **Graham Freeman** and **Tricia Fichtner** congratulating him on completing all the activities needed to reach this accomplishment.




- ✚ May 30 Healdsburg High Senior Seminar, “Adulting 101.” Contact **Kellie Larson** if interested in volunteering.

- ✚ June 21 Prune Packers Game!


🚩 July 25 Tuesdays in the Plaza: Rotary Night!

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

<p>Jerry Ogden - celebrating the 44th anniversary of his 39th BD!</p>	<p>\$100</p>	<p>May 20 Pledged to the Rotary Bench Project</p> 
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Anniversaries

<p>John Avakian – celebrating 16 years of marriage to Janet and a trip to Alaska</p> 	<p>\$16</p>	<p>May 27 Pledged to the Club</p>
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HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

❖ **Devin Drew** – Happy to go before the City Council to resurrect the Pine Box Derby - \$50 to the Rotary Bench Project.



❖ **Graham Freeman** – Happy for adventures shared with Jan in Greece and Istanbul – presented a Blue Turkish Eye memento for **President Doug** to ward off evil and some Turkish Delight which he bought at what seemed like an excellent hard-fought bargain in the bazaar not just a simple transaction in a shop for less money.





❖ **Phil Luks** – Happy for spending time in Hawaii with Charlene and their 21-year-old granddaughter, including some exciting time spent night snorkeling with manta rays - \$50 to the scholarship fund.

❖ **Dick Bertapelle** – Happy that the District Conference was a success – Pat enjoyed it too! A highlight was a special visit to a winery where they compared notes about requirements for wineries in Healdsburg vs. Lake County.



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Fred Ptucha, the Peace Pole project and **Jim Manly** Craft Talk

Fred Ptucha—Peace Pole Project

Fred Ptucha is a 4-tour Vietnam veteran and member of the Santa Rosa East-West Rotary club. He has been involved with the Peace Pole Project since 1990. He recently traveled to the Santa Rosa sister city of Cherkasy, Ukraine, with the group “Climbers for Peace” which places peace flags on mountain tops and peace poles at the foot of mountains all around the world as reminders of the message – “May Peace Prevail on the Earth”. The focus of the Rotary project is Peace Poles for Schools, placing the 8-foot poles on campuses throughout Sonoma County. Each 8-foot pole, costing \$420, displays the message in several languages, and is funded by Rotary (2/3) and the group Veterans for Peace (1/3). Fred encourages other Rotary clubs to join the effort of placing the peace poles in Sonoma County schools as permanent symbols and silent visual encouragement of the need to work for peace.



Jim Manly Craft Talk

Jim Manly shared his background in 3 careers over 51 years as retail clerk, retail manager, and financial services professional – while completing a double major at UC Davis – and moving up the ranks of retail management starting with Roger Wilco then at age 54 shifting to his financial service career after fulfilling the many license requirements. Other



good changes came later in life. **Jim** met his wife **Kris** seven years ago and they have been married six years, moving to Healdsburg in January of 2020. Their dog helped them get to know people in town amid the COVID shutdown as they walked him all over their new neighborhood. Then **Kris** was able to join the Healdsburg Women's Golf Club. She made friends there and, through a Bocci party, introduced **Jim** to the Rotarians who would invite him to join Rotary. Now **Jim** is treasurer-elect – the Club is glad to have him as part of the Club and the board – and **Mark Decker** is very happy **that** **Jim** is willing and able to take on the job!

Jim shared a bit about his personal background too. He is “the oldest of two and the youngest of three” in his family. He was told at a young age about his adoption by his parents ... but researching his birth history led him to find his bonus family, especially his two older siblings who live in Oregon.

RAFFLE



Winner: Jean Herschede. **Jean's ticket** was drawn but she failed to pull the money marble so was awarded a nice bottle wine as consolation.

CLOSING

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 22 - Suzanne Clark – Pollinators

May 29 - dark