

# 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** welcomed the members and guests at 12:30 pm



**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** **Nita Parker** led the club in reciting the Pledge.

## GUESTS of ROTARIANS:



✓ Joe Johnson guest of **Tricia Fichtner**

✓ Dan Dougherty guest of **Tricia Fichtner**



- ✓ Cindy Brenton guest of **Jim Brenton**



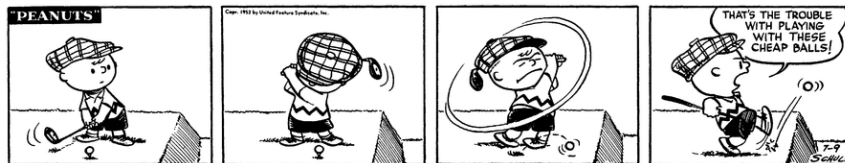
- ✓ Cecilia Boehm guest of **Doug Lyle**



### THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ “Happiness is like a butterfly which, when pursued, is always beyond our grasp, but, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.” — Nathaniel Hawthorne
- ❖ “The caterpillar does all the work, but the butterfly gets all the publicity.” — George Carlin
- ❖ **Dave Anderson** shared the following cartoon from Peanuts by Charles Schulz:

Peanuts by Charles Schulz for July 09, 1952



**TRIVIA:** What butterfly has the longest known migration?

The Painted Lady, which migrates from Europe to Sub-Saharan Africa and returns, a round trip of over 7,500 miles. The butterflies cross the Mediterranean Sea and the Sahara Desert on the migration. **Winner:** No one guessed the right answer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



✚ **Graham Freeman** and a few other Rotarians participated in the Highway cleanup on March 20



✚ **Jerry Ogden** announced that the **Rotary Memorial Bench** location was signed off by the city. Next steps are to fund the project and build the bench. Letters are being sent out to the community for contributions as the Rotary still needs around \$3,000

✚ **Patricia Fichtner** presented **Devin Drew** and **Jim Manly** with their Blue Badge. Congratulations for meeting all the requirements so quickly.



✚ **Jaime Campoverde** presented a slide show with the results of our Merida Community Garden project, in conjunction with the Merida English Rotary Club and help from a District 5130 grant

✚ **Dick Cochran** presented Paul Harris Fellowship pins to the following members: **Turner Newton** and **Rich Bottarini** (Paul Harris Fellow +5 pin)



✚ **May 25 Future Farmers of America Twilight Parade and Rotary potluck BBQ.** Meet at the Museum side lawn and bring something to share. Parade starts around 6pm

✚ **May 30 Healdsburg High Senior Seminar, “Adulting 101.” PE Kellie Larson** will be emailing all volunteers with schedule and roles

✚ **The Crab Feast Committee** is holding our first meeting on June 6 at 9:30 AM at Costeaux. If you are interested in being a committee head or other leadership position, contact **Kellie Larson** and come to the meeting



✚ **PE Kellie** also reminded everyone that RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) will be held week of June 11<sup>th</sup>. Noon Healdsburg Rotary Club is responsible for assisting with the dinner on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact **Kellie Larson** if you would like to help

✚ Don't miss the **June 21 Prune Packers Game** and the **July 25 Tuesdays in the Plaza - Rotary Night!**

✚ Mark your calendars for June 30<sup>th</sup> debunking of current **President Doug Garrett**

#### MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES:

<b>Norm Fujita</b> will celebrate his Birthday on May 26th	\$73	Contribution to Polio Plus
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#### HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION:

➤ **Mike Potmesil** shared about his recent 2 ½ week trip to Ireland. They hiked for 12 days. He presented President Doug Garrett with the key ingredients to making a McNulty: Guinness & Whisky





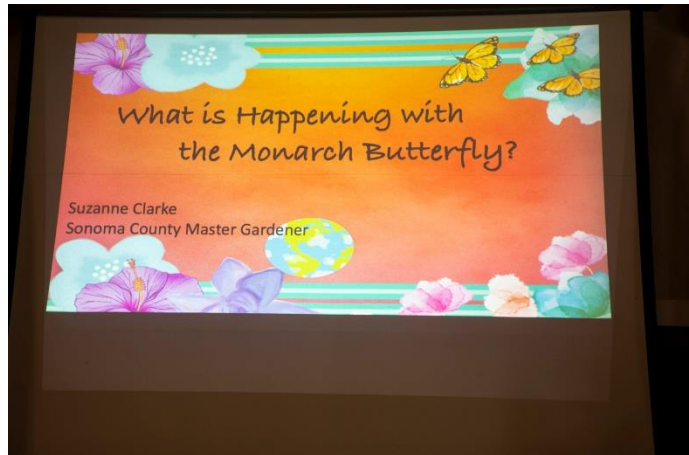
## TODAY'S PROGRAM: Suzanne Clark: Monarchs and other pollinators

Suzanne Clark gave an update on “What is happening with the Monarch Butterfly”? Can the Western Monarchs be saved from extinction?

Monarch butterflies have declined by 99% over the last 20 years. In 2020-2021 there were only around 2,000 in total Western Monarchs for the whole California coast. The number used to be closer to 1 million in early 2000's. In

2021-2022 the numbers were closer to 250,000. The possible reasons for the decrease and variability could be due to:

- Destruction of the Overwintering habitat
- California fires
- Catastrophic atmospheric rivers
- California microclimates



Ways to try to figure out changes in the environment impacting the Monarchs are such projects where people become “Citizen Scientist” and report sightings in the “iNaturalist app”. The iPhone app maps types, dates, and other information key for tracking. There are many other citizen science opportunities such as;

- Journey North- Monarchs ([journeynorth.org/monarch](http://journeynorth.org/monarch))
- Monarch Alert – ([monarchalert.calpoly.edu](http://monarchalert.calpoly.edu))
- Monarch Larva Monitoring – ([monarchlab.org/mlmp](http://monarchlab.org/mlmp))

How can you help?

- Plant California native milkweed for Monarch caterpillars. Because the Monarch must have native milkweed to lay eggs on, the planting of native milkweed is considered by experts as the most effective activity that can be done to benefit the Monarch
- Plant early flowering nectar plants for monarch butterflies leaving overwintering sites
- Urge plant nurseries to avoid selling plants sprayed with neonicotinoids
- Encourage public land managers to create wildflowers/butterfly habitats near agricultural fields
- Don't buy Monarch butterflies that were mass bred
- Create wildlife corridors to link habitat through human developments

- The Petaluma Sunrise Rotary and the Sonoma County Butterfly Alliance are creating a pollinator/milkweed corridor through Sonoma County

### **RAFFLE WINNER**

**PP Rich Bottarini** had the winning ticket but did not pick the winning marble. Alas, he did receive a nice bottle of wine.



### **CLOSING**

**President Doug** thanked members and guests for coming and closed the meeting

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

May 29: Dark due to Memorial Day,

June 5: Kirstyne Lange, Santa Rosa - Sonoma NAACP: The Origin and Meaning of Juneteenth