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: Janet Ziedrich

VISITING ROTARIANS: None

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

✓ Duskie Estes, Farm to Pantry, Speaker and Guest of Club

✓ Molly Murphy - Intern at Farm to Pantry

✓ Owen Clark - Intern at Farm to Pantry
✓ Cindy Benton - wife of Jim Brenton

✓ Dan Dougherty - Prospective Member, being inducted today

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

“Without empathy, nothing works” Chef José Andres

TRIVIA

What is the number of the U.S population that experiences food insecurity (go hungry sometimes)? **Winner:** Doug Lyle guessed the correct number of 34 million and won a $25 contribution to Polio+.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Crab Feast Committee is under way. If you are interested in being a committee head or other leadership position, contact Jaime Campoverde or Doug Garrett, our Crab Feast co-chairs for this year. Save the date: Saturday, December 9, at the Villa Chanticleer:
  - The committee will next meet on June 26th at 9:00 a.m. at Tayman and then every other week after that
- Volunteers needed! Supporting the Healdsburg/Windsor/Santa Rosa Active 20-30 Clubs at the Windsor Independence Day fireworks show (Windsor Kaboom) on Monday, July 3
- June 21 Prune Packers Game!
- June 30 President Doug’s debunking at Brandt’s Beach. RSVP to Barbara Rosen if you plan on going. Barbara also sent a sheet around to sign up to help set-up before the debunking and with clean-up afterwards. She thinks the cost will be about $55 per person, but will get back to us later on the actual cost
- July 25 Tuesdays in the Plaza: Rotary Night!

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Dan Dougherty was inducted by Membership Chair, Tricia Fichtner. Don Mitchell will be his mentor. Dan comes with expertise in communications and is looking forward to helping the club spread the word and get
noticed!  **Emily Martin**, incoming Communication Chair, has already signed **Dan** up for her committee!!

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays**

**George Heath**-June 14 - **George** combined his birthday donation with Happy Dollars because he bought a new car and his wife’s surgery was successful.  $100 to his Paul Harris

**Don Mitchell**-June 14 - **Don** donated $71 to the Memorial Bench Fund

**Paul Jones**      June 21 - **Paul** donated $50 to Polio+ and $50 to his Paul Harris Fund

**Anniversaries**

**Joe DiSalvo**       June 12 - Not present

**Rosemary Jordan**    June 12 - Since **Rosemary** and her husband are celebrating their anniversary apart and they each have some milestone birthdays to celebrate, she donated $100 to the club

**Dick Bertapelle**    June 14 - Celebrating 54 years by having dinner in Vegas and seeing “O”.  **Dick** donated $54 to the Club
Tom Colbert  June 19 - Celebrating 59 years, Tom donated $59 to his Paul Harris

John Torres  June 21 - This NASCAR fan is celebrating 20 years of marriage but 30 years together and donated $30 to the Memorial Bench Fund

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

➢ Tom Cleland - Celebrating 53 years in Rotary and donated $53 to the Club

➢ John Avakian - Went to Alaska and came home with COVID. He loves the smoked halibut found in Alaska and searched for some to bring back to President Doug. Sorry to say, he found none, but did find a halibut oven mitt for President Doug.

➢ Kellie Larson - Kellie treated herself to a new car. She donated $50

➢ Andy Elkind - The travelers have returned to Healdsburg after being gone for many weeks. They ran into Jim Westfall and Julie Hanamura in Italy and hiked the St. Francis Camino with them for eight days. Andy donated $102 to Polio+ in Jim’s honor. He also just returned from his 50th college reunion at Yale, so donated $50 to his Paul Harris account.
➢ **Phil Luks - Phil** and his wife spent their 55th wedding anniversary in Sedona and brought back a piece of Red Rock for **President Doug**. (Shhhh…!)  

➢ **Cathy King - Cathy** and Charlie Evans are leaving Saturday for a 110 mile “walk” across Kenya to raise money for the clinic Charlie helped start when he still had dark hair. This trek is especially important to Charlie as his family is going and will see the clinic. Donations can be directed to Lalmba.org.

**TODAY’S PROGRAM: Duskie Estes, chef and leader of Farm to Pantry**

Farm to Pantry is cultivating community through healthy food. The non-profit gleans across the county to give to people with food insecurity. One in five people in Sonoma County lives with food insecurity. Duskie was proud to say that F2P has now delivered 6,000,000 servings to the needy. Much of our food is wasted and put in the landfills and is responsible for 8% of greenhouse emissions. F2P goal is to help reduce this while feeding people in need.

During 2021-22, F2P gleaned 1000 lbs of apples and filled over 12,000 jars with applesauce and collaborated with Golden State Cider to use the apples in their product. 413,873 lbs. of food have been gleaned and 1.6 million servings have been given. The food is gleaned from backyards, farms, community gardens, and more. They go directly to where people live to give out food. They have over 100 collaborators helping them.

If you want to become a F2P Relief Warrior, which consists of givers, gleaners, growers, and drivers, go to their website to sign-up. They are always looking for volunteers. If you see food in neighbors’ yards falling to the ground, call F2P. They will come and glean whatever the homeowner wants taken.
If you would like to help when traveling to various places, you can check out what’s available in the area by going to American Glean Org. and Timetraveler.com. Agro Tourism is on the rise here in Sonoma County with Stavrand, Wildhaven, and The Gables participating. Children are also becoming involved with the Farms to Snack program.

Helping the planet can begin here at home with small steps. Let’s go glean some fruits and vegetables, Rotarians!

**RAFFLE WINNER**

Andy Elkind had the winning number and drew the white marble from the can! He donated the $100 jackpot to the Community Fund but got to take a nice bottle of wine home with him. Thank you, Andy, for the donation.

**CLOSING**

President Doug thanked members and guest then closed the meeting with a “clang.”

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

✓ June 19: No Meeting, Juneteenth Holiday
✓ June 26: