

The Voice of the Vineyards

The Weekly Electronic Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Healdsburg

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comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable"

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WELCOME: In **President Kellie's** absence, President-elect **Jim Westfall** presided today's meeting



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **Tom Cleland**, 53 years Rotarian, 21 years with our Club led us in our Country's Pledge of Allegiance



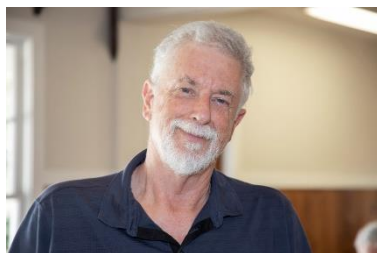
VISITING ROTARIANS: None today

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

- ✓ Holly Hoods, speaker of the day
- ✓ Chandra Jones (guest of **Rosemary Jordan**)



- ✓ Tim Mann (Guest of **Jim Westfall**)



- ✓ EJ Neal, former Club member



- ✓ Cindy Brenton (Wife and Guest of **Jim Brenton**)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: “It ain’t what you don’t know that gets you into trouble, it’s what you know that ain’t so.” Will Rodgers

- ✓ **President Kellie** sends her good wishes from shipboard.

BOOK, MOVIE, & THEATER RECOMMENDATION

The Fifties by David Halberstam - **Andy Elkind** stated that as child born in 1952, the book establishes rich context to the life and times of the 1950s, which set up much of the progression and struggles of the 1960s and beyond. **Andy** said the book was an enlightening read for anyone regardless of their age.



TRIVIA



[Map of the USA with squiggly lines coast to coast, lots of concentration in the Midwest and Eastern USA] Question: “What is this?” Members shouted out many guesses, including one from **Paul Frechette** that received a roar of laughter, “Poison Oak on the West and Poison Ivy on the East”! Winner: The correct answer was provided by **Paul Jones**, “Abandoned railroad lines”.

UPCOMING CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS



- ❖ Sept 7 **Barbara Oddone** mixer – 3:30 vineyard tour, 4:00-6:00 mixer
 - Bring an appetizer and drink to share
 - See **John Avakian's** email for details, especially driving instructions
 - October 29 or 30 Halloween Party – more information coming from **Emily Martin** and



- ❖ **Cathy King**
 - Dinner for Eight – Various dates from Sept 14 to Nov 1 – More information coming from

- ❖ **Doug Lyle**

- Holiday Party – December 14, 5:00-7:00 at Paul Mahder Gallery

- ❖ *Upcoming District Social Events*

- SCARC dinner – Thursday, August 31, Boulevard Café, 1096 Petaluma Blvd North, Petaluma, President-elect **Jim Westfall** reminded all Red Badge members are required to attend a District Event or another local club meeting to progress toward their Blue Badge status

- ❖ *Upcoming Community Service Events*



- August 30 - Why? Book distribution, Healdsburg Elementary School, 10:50, 520 Monte Vista Ave., **Jean Herschede** encouraged anyone interested to attend this very special event



- Sept 16 – Russian River Clean-up – 9:00-12:00 Veterans Memorial Beach, **Norm Fujita** invited everyone physically able to participate

- Sept 19 & 21 – Mock interviews at HHS. See circulated email to sign up, **Cathy King**, said more volunteers are needed and to please sign up.
- October 28 – Arundo removal project at Veterans Memorial Beach – District 5130 multi-club project- **Norm Fujita** indicated 10-12 clubs will be participating and to sign up for as little as 1 hour or 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No meeting next week (Labor Day)
- **President Kellie** returns Sept 11

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Aug 8 **Stewart Moore**
 Aug 16 **John Avakian**
 Aug 19 **Joe Sobolewski**

Aug 28 **Tricia Fichtner**: Pledged \$72 to the Club



Sept 6 **Dave Anderson**: Pledged \$28 to Polio Plus



Wedding Anniversaries:

Aug 11 **Andrew Sturfels**



Aug 29 **Eric Drew**: Pledged \$53 to Scholarship Fund in honor of his and Mary's anniversary



Sept 4 **Turner Newton**: Pledged \$50 to Club

Healdsburg Club Anniversaries

Aug 9 **Janet Ziedrich**,

Aug 16 **Kellie Larson**



Aug 19 **Nita Parker**: Pledged \$27 to Club

Aug 22 **Devin Drew**

Aug 29 **Bob Livingston & Bob Scavullo**

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

Jaime Campoverde was happy his recent Achilles injury would not require surgery, recognizing this happiness by pledging \$25 to Polio Plus

Cathy King was thrilled to be celebrating her third anniversary in her Healdsburg house, pledging \$62 to the Club



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Holly Hood, Executive Director and Curator, Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society.

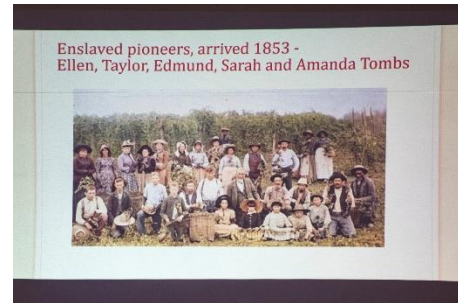
Today's talk: *African Americans in Healdsburg*

Current exhibit at Museum is a Free Exhibit: African Americans in California and Healdsburg
Ms. Hood shared with the Club that she had invested 25 years in deep



research of the subject matter discovered there were 72 African Americans in 1857 in Sonoma County, 27 were identified as farmers, 26 of the 27 were claimed slaves.

Ms. Hood provided many examples of notable African Americans who settled in Healdsburg and made a difference. Among the ones highlighted, Smith “Smity” Robinson, was a standout as a Rotarian. Robinson published a newsletter, “Smity’s Scoop”, and with our Club’s assistance sent the newsletter and care packages to members of our Nation’s Armed Services. **Jerry Ogden** announced to the Club, Smity will be one of the 50 deceased members to be recognized with a personal brick around the Rotary Club of Healdsburg Memorial Bench.



RAFFLE WINNER

- Cindy Brenton’s ticket was drawn, and she pulled out the Clear Marble! She won the kitty worth \$52 and A Bottle of Wine!



CLOSING

⇒ **PE Jim** thanked members and guests, then rang the bell to close the meeting.