



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 Kellie Larson welcomed members at 12:30 p.m.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Phil Lucs

VISITING ROTARIANS: None

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

- **Cindy Brenton, wife of James Brenton**



- **Steve Domenichelli, husband of Stephanie Domenichelli**



THOUGHT for the DAY

“I still have the shoes I wore to work that day. The soles are melted and they're caked in ash. I keep them in a shoebox with the word 'deliverance' written all around it. They're kind of like my ark, a reminder of God's presence and the life I owe to him.”

Stanley Praimnath

9/11 Survivor

RECOMMENDATION

Turner Newton recommended “**Clarkson's Farm**”, an Amazon TV series that documents Clarkson's attempts at running a 1,000 acre farm in the Cotswolds.



TRIVIA QUESTION

Which country is known as the happiest place on earth?

The answer: Finland. **Barbara Rosen** answered correctly and won a prize from Italy from President Kellie. I believe it was a small bottle of limoncello?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

🚩 CLUB SERVICES

- **Dinners for Eight** are all set and attendees should have received an email from **Doug Lyle** with the host name and date for their dinners. Any concerns, please email **Doug**, although he's currently enjoying a vacation in Spain. Que tengas un buen viaje, Doug.

- The **Halloween Party** looks like it's coming together thanks to **Alex Rollins** and **Cathy King**. It will be held October 30th at Coyote Sonoma. Plans are still in the making for food (potluck, pizza, caterer?) and more information will be coming. Let's make this a really fun evening with everyone wearing their favorite costume.



- The **Holiday Party** will be held on December 13, 2023 at 222 (Paul Mahder). More information to come. Thank you, **Jim Westfall**, for your work planning this.
- The **Valentine's Party** will be held on February 12th at Williamson Wines. This will be in lieu of a regular Monday meeting. Details will be discussed at a later date.

🚩 COMMUNITY SERVICES

- **Senior Thanksgiving Lunch** will be held on November 20th. **Graham Freeman** stated that it's a big hit with the seniors and will be asking for about 70 gift bags for the White Elephant exchange.
- **Devin Drew** announced that the Highway Cleanup will be around November 4th. More details to come.
- **Devin** also reminded the club of the **Russian River Cleanup** this coming Saturday, September 16th. Volunteers will meet at Memorial Beach at 9:00 a.m. and work until 12 noon. He will send an email out with a list of materials you may want to bring.



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Tricia Fichtner, Membership Chair, introduced our newest member, **Stephanie Domenichelli**. **Stephanie** is a realtor in town and is looking forward to volunteering for Rotary projects. Her mentor will be **Alex Rollins**. **Stephanie's** husband, **Steve**, was able to attend her induction ceremony. Welcome aboard, **Stephanie**.



⇒ Rotary Pins

With the induction and discussion of wearing the Rotary pin to meetings, **President Kellie** asked members who were not wearing their pins to stand. Those members were fined \$5 to the club. By the way, there were quite a few members who stood! Oops!

YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE

Dick Cochran discussed the possibility of our club sponsoring a Rotary Youth Exchange student. He went over some of the responsibilities our club would have if we decided to sponsor a student. We would have to arrange for three host families for the student and they do not have to be Rotary members. The cost to sponsor a student is \$7000, but we could join with another club and split the cost. Sunrise Club is already involved and would be willing to co-sponsor a student, which would cost each club \$3500. **Dick** asked for a show of hands of members who would like us to participate and the numbers were significant. He will keep us posted as he looks into this farther.



CRAB FEAST



Jamie Campoverde gave an update on the Crab Feast progress. He stated that he's very pleased with the work the committees have done and said things will start to progress quickly now. The plan is to sell 320 tickets. A spread sheet is ready for sign-ups to help collect items for the Silent Auction. **Janet Ziedrich** passed the spread sheet around during the meeting and will also be sending it out in an email. Members are strongly encouraged to sign up to help with the collection of items. A donation letter has already been sent to former donors, but more are available if you need one.

INTERNATIONAL GRANT PROJECT

Jaime Campoverde also gave a brief update on the Merida Garden project in which our club participated. The photos showed that the garden is growing vegetables, is acting as a community gathering spot, and that chickens now have a home in a coop.

JERRY CAMPBELL UPDATE

Jerry's wife let the club know that she had to call 911 the other day for **Jerry**. She said he's doing well right now but please no phone calls. Please keep the **Campbells** in your thoughts.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Scarecrow Event – October 1st
- BCG Wine Crush – October 14th 12-4 p.m. at the Healdsburg Plaza
- Healdsburg 20/30 Barn Dance – October 7th 4:30-9 p.m. at Alexander Valley Hall
- Arundo Clean-up – October 28

BIRTHDAYS



❖ **Dave Anderson** – September 6th, but he already “celebrated” last meeting while **President Kellie** was on her trip.

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- **Fred Roberts** was in North Carolina and brought back chocolate covered Bear Poop for **President Kellie**. He donated \$29.77 to the club in honor of those we lost at the Twin Towers on 9-11.



- **John Hazlett and John Avakian** had a great time in Iceland and Greenland with their wives. They brought **President Kellie** olive oil from Iceland (yes, they have an olive tree there) and Lava Sea Salt. They each gave \$25 to the club.



- **Ric Helthall** and Georgia had a wonderful time on The Rocky Mountaineer train ride and presented **President Kellie** with a set of coasters. **Ric** donated \$100 to the club and went on to thank **Barbara Rosen** for doing all she does for the club. He donated \$56 to her Paul Harris Fund.



- **Pat Williams** completed her first bike metric century and donated \$65 to the club. She also attended a Lahaina Luau to help the people in Maui. She donated \$100 to her Paul Harris on behalf of the Ukiah Rotary Club

- **Devin Drew** is grateful to Rotary for their influence on his view of the international world and donated \$30 to the World Fund.

PROGRAM

Kathryn Hecht of AVFilm was our guest speaker today. She gave us an update on the Plaza Cinema Center that will be coming our way soon. The facility will house a 3600 sq ft theater with three screen rooms. They will be able to show first-run movies and also more independent films. The rooms will be small and intimate. The second floor will house 2700 sq. ft. of educational space. It will be a place for students of all ages to learn about cinema and media arts. Their mission is to bring inspiring film to Northern California with Spanish language programming, pay-what-you-can nights, and locals pricing. Since they are a non-profit, they are offering films and educational experiences that will be in reach of the local population. The profit they make from their programs will be used for educating students in film and related programs. They have raised about 1.6 million of the 4 million they are looking for. Tours are held on Tuesdays by appointment or Kathryn can arrange one for you if Tuesdays don't work. Their website is avfilmpresents.org.



RAFFLE

Nita Parker had the winning number but didn't pull the white marble from the can. She did win a lovely bottle of wine, however.

President Kellie adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

