

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



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by **Grady Wann**

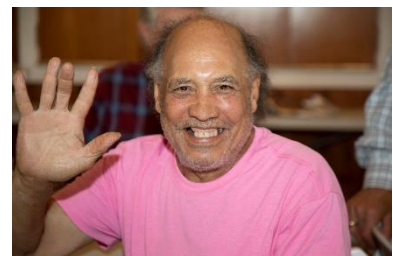
GUESTS OF THE CLUB

✓ Tom Larson (President Kellie’s husband),



✓ Matt Anderson,

✓ Shaun Shields,





✓ Michael Jones (Guest of Fred Roberts),



✓ Mark Thayer (Jean Herschede's husband),

✓ Laura Vignano (Rotary exchange student from Brazil)



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever does. Margaret Mead

TRIVIA QUESTION

- What is the most disliked food in America? Answer: *Anchovies*. Matt Anderson got the right answer.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

🚩 **Dick Cochran** announced the Paul Harris Fellows recognitions:

Bob Livingston – Paul Harris +1 and

Paul Sullivan – Paul Harris +4.



- ✚ **President Kellie** announced that **Chandra Jones** and **Paul Frechette** will be the co-chairs for the 45th Annual Crab Feast fund raiser to be held on December 14, 2024.



- ✚ **President Kellie's** Debunking will be this Friday June 28 at the Villa Chanticleer

ANNIVERSARIES

- **Paul Jones** donated \$25 to Polio Plus for his 10th anniversary as a Rotarian



- **Doug Garrett** donated \$25 to the club celebrating his 23rd marriage anniversary

HAPPY DOLLARS

- ❖ **Cathy King** donated \$30 to the club in thanks to the Point fire not burning Charlie Evan's house and Charlie's daughter being pregnant.



- ❖ **Dick Bertapelle** donated \$50 to Shaun Shields' Paul Harris for known him for 50 years ago

- ❖ Shaun Shields donated \$50 to **Dick Bertepelle's** Paul Harris for the same meeting

- ❖ **Paul Sullivan** announced that he included our Rotary Club is his bequest and donated \$100 to the club for his appreciation of the club





❖ **Pat Williams** donated \$100 to her Paul Harris for her recent travel to Croatia

❖ Mark Thayer donate \$1 happy dollar from the Cloverdale Rotary Club and announced the Tour de Vine fundraiser this fall and the Crab Feast in February 2025



❖ **Mike Potmesil** donated \$80 to Polio Plus in honor of his grandson's graduation from high school and junior college at the same time with a 4.0 grade point average. He will study astrophysics in college

❖ **Tim Mann** donated \$100 to his Paul Harris due to his wife's medical scare resolving



❖ **Chandra Jones** donated \$35 to the club for having come through a heart attack very well

❖ **President Kellie** donated \$100 to her Paul Harris for her year as president



RAFFLE

❖ **Andy Elkind** donated \$25 to the club for winning the club lottery



PROGRAM



President Kellie presented her “Year in Review.” She presented her goals that she had at the beginning of the year which were in keeping with the Rotary International President’s theme of **CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD**. These goals were:

- Hope for the future in the continued fight for climate change through education and personal accountability
- Continue to support local food programs for our seniors and families
- Look at ways to promote peace
- Support International projects that enhance the education and health of impoverished nations with a focus on women and children
- Continue to build lasting relationships within our club
- Continue to support the advancement of education to our local students through fundraising
- Continue to fight to eradicate Polio globally

President Kellie thanked **Jim Westfall, Doug Garrett, Jim Manly** and **Jim Brenton** especially for their help during her presidency.



Each of the committee chairs presented their accomplishments during the year which met **President Kellie’s** goals:



- **Jean Herschede** (chair, Community Services Committee) highlighted how the community services worked with and without other committees to bring forth various accomplishments. Major accomplishments include providing

National Geographic books to Geyserville Elementary Schools, getting the District grant for Audubon Canyon Ranch and a mental health clinic in a middle school in an indigenous community in Guatemala as well as three scholarships for middle school students. Her committee worked with the Environment Committee to work with Healdsburg Garden Club on the Healdsburg rose garden.

- **Cathy King** (chair, Youth Services) highlighted work with Interact club at Healdsburg High School including Peace Pole installation and dedication. A second Peace Pole was installed at Geyserville Elementary School. She also highlighted the scholarship program which **Andy Elkind** is enhancing to the “next level.” Additional accomplishments included doing the Adulting 101 for the seniors at Healdsburg High school and sponsoring and helping at the RYLA camp.



- **Norm Fujita** (chair, Environment Committee) highlighted the overall club’s help with the environmental project which led to our club receiving the District 5130 Governor’s Environmental Challenge Award. The significant projects included our yearly cleanup of Highway 101 off ramps and on ramps led by **Nita Parker**, zero waste lunches helped by **Barbara Rosen**, revitalizing the garden at Healdsburg Elementary School primarily due to our club grant given to School Garden Networks which includes sending vegetables grown in the garden home with students, District 5130 Arundo donax removal project with the Russian Riverkeeper, and having a booth at the Second Earth Day Climate Fest on the concern of pollinator loss in the world.



- **Dick Cochran** (Rotary Youth Exchange) mentioned that **Don Mitchell** and **Barbara Oddone** have joined him to make the Rotary Youth Exchange program more active. He updated its current status.
- **Kellie Larson** summarized the work by the International Committee in **Devin Drew’s** absence due to a vacation. The major accomplishments include the work in Guatemala mentioned above by **Jean Herschede**, clean water distribution project in Leogane, Haiti through the Rotary International’s HANWASH program, continuing work in a community garden in Merida, Mexico, and help with emergency power equipment, first aid kits and youth mental health services in Zaporizhzhia and Cherkasy, Ukraine.



➤ **Dick Cochran** (chair, Rotary Foundation) announced that our club has so far donated \$6,492 to annual fund which is mostly to the Paul Harris Society. He also mentioned that our club via the Green Hair Committee was able to raise so far, \$20,917 as of June 18, 2024. We are the number one club in District 5130 to raise money for Polio Plus.



➤ **Don Mitchell** (chair of Program Committee) thanked the club members for helping to provide ideas speakers for the club meetings.

➤ **Emily Martin** (chair of Public Relations) announced our Instagram followers are up to 234. The use of social media for club news dissemination is more robust. She thanked the club for ideas and **Rick Tang** for all the photos.



➤ **John Hazlett** (filling in for **John Avakian** who is chair of Club Services) summarized the activities for the year which included Tuesday in the Plaza, Social at **Barbara Oddone's** home, Dinners for Eight, Halloween Party, Holiday Party, Valentine's Day Lunch, Evening Travel Photo Log, Martini's and Pizza, FFA Parade and Debunking Party. **John Hazlett** recognized **Jerry Ogden** for spearheading the Rose Garden Memorial Bench project.



➤ **President Kellie**, filling in for **Tricia Fichtner**, chair of the membership committee, announced that we have 64 members and our average age has come down from age 67 to 64. Female member percentage is 20%.

➤ **Kellie** thanked also **George Heath** for continuously doing the Voice of the Vineyards, **Dick Bertepelle** for being the webmaster and **Rick Tang** for all his photography.

President Kellie awarded **Jean Herschede** as the Rotarian of the Year who has done a tremendous amount of work as the Community Services Chair this year.



CLOSING

President Kellie ended the meeting with a slide show of all our activities during the year which was thoroughly enjoyed by all

Thank you, President Kellie, for a tremendously memorable and productive year!