



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 & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



President **Jim Westfall** welcomed a "full house" of guests at 12:30pm and asked **Richard Norgrove** to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUESTS of ROTARIANS

- Shannon Wren, guest of **Rick Tang**



- Roy Reynolds, guest of **Dick Cochran**



- Shaun Shields, HB Sunrise Club



- Matt Anderson, guest of the Club
- DG Jim O’Grady, Rotary Club of Petaluma Valley.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“In times of change, learners inherit the Earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists.” Eric Hoffer

- In only **President Jim’s** style, he provided a few background details about Mr. Hoffer: A longshoreman, author of 10 books, and received the Presidential Award of Freedom.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

President Jim and Membership Chairman **Graham Freeman** inducted **Matt Anderson**, the newest member of Rotary, with pin, red badge, handbook and our Membership shaking his hand in welcome.



RECOMMENDED TV SHOWS, BOOKS, MOVIES

The new musical/comedy, “Mrs. Doubtfire” presented by **PP John Hazlett** after he and Carol saw this hilarious play at the Orpheum in San Francisco.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ Thank you, **Cathy King** and others, for organizing the 40-something Rotarians and friends who gathered under the Rotary banner at last Tuesday’s Music on the Plaza, for Fleetwood Macramé. An abandoned serving spoon needs claiming. Food and wines were delicious & shared with all of our group
- ✚ **President Jim** revealed the “group photo” from Tuesday and included an insert of **Fred Roberts** at a Fleetwood event. *Does that count as a “make up?”*

- ✚ Tonight from 5 – 7pm is a reception for District Governor Jim O’Grady and his wife Joanne at **President Jim** and Judy Westfall’s home: 230 Morgan Ridge Court. Kindly bring something to eat and drink, to share. RSVP on sign up provided at tables. Park on cul-du-sac or nearby.
- ✚ This Thursday, July 25th at 6pm, Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise is HOSTING the Sonoma County Association of Rotary Clubs (SCARC) dinner at Balletto Vineyards for a Mexican Fiesta. \$60 includes dinner and Balletto wines. This is the **only** SCARC without a program. Red Badgers are encouraged to come to meet fellow Rotarians. RSVP kathyrogers@westcounty.estate 707-953-0517 by TODAY!
- ✚ Friday, Aug. 2 is **Dave Anderson’s** Brandt Beach BBQ. \$60pp to PolioPlus. So far, there are 35 going and more are welcome.
- ✚ August 6 – City of Healdsburg “Implicit Bias Training” at the Raven Performing Arts Center was promoted by **Jean Herschede** and **Richard Norgrove** volunteered his professional testimonial.



✚ August 17 – “Climate Ride” was announced by **Norm Fujita** as a multi-faceted bicycle ride (10k, 20k and up), starting at Kendall Jackson Winery. Proceeds will be distributed thru Sonoma County to the likes of Russian Riverkeeper and the Climate Action Healdsburg.

- ✚ August 30 – Stewardship Day with Land Paths is scheduled from 9am – 1pm at Riddell Preserve (400 acres) on West Dry Creek Road.
- ✚ **Norm Fujita** also announced the results of our Carbon Footprint Reduction Challenge. The winner was **Graham Freeman**. And yet MANY were appreciated for reducing their reduction of some 26 TONS of waste, mostly by buying electrical vehicles, using green electricity, installing solar panels, taking walks and bike rides, composting, eating less meat and shrimp (*yes, shrimp!*), and **Dave Henderson** now owns and rides a Vespa!



✚ **Dave Anderson** (*the retired Doc not the guy on a Vespa*) added that the City of Healdsburg offers quite a variety of tax credits / incentives and promotions to encourage conservation with inducements. (I.e. Hot water heater etc.)

TRIVIA QUIZ

Prez Jim sought the counsel of dinner guests to dummy up the quiz this week...and still stumped most. “What was the ONLY Fleetwood Mac song to hit #1 on the charts?” *Dreams* was answered by **Nita Parker** – for the promise of a Rotary cap. And delivered at the reception!



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES

- ❖ July 19 – **Devin Drew** celebrated with his wife and 11 yr. son at Lake Alpine. \$50 to PolioPlus.



- ❖ **Jaime Campoverde** gave \$100 for Polio+ to acknowledge their anniversary on July 19.
- ❖ Again, on July 24, **Jaime Campoverde** is celebrating SS, so is donating \$65 to PolioPlus.



- ❖ July 21 – **John Hazlett** and Carol dined at Dry Creek Kitchen on Wednesday to celebrate their anniversary. \$35 to Polio Plus.



- ❖ **Henk Peeters** was not sure WHEN he joined Rotary but donated 25 to the Scholarship Fund. (Per DACdb, he joined in 2005)

- ❖ July 24 – **Dave Anderson** donated \$40 to PolioPlus for “a lot of years” in Rotary.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- **PP Kellie Larson** for spending time in LA with her sister and losing \$20/day gambling, put \$50 to her PHF.



- **Dick Cochran** is apparently REALLY happy to celebrate Dena’s birthday at every chance he can first a beautiful lemon cake on Tuesday, and then dinner at Cyrus in Geyserville...something about a wine ferry and hiring a driver...He pledged \$100 to Polio Plus.



- **Dave Henderson** is the eldest of 9 brothers!?! (*What does that explain?!*) With enthusiasm and in Rotary spirit, he gave \$90 to the Club. *What a guy! What a new member!*

PROGRAM

District Governor Jim O’Grady

Moving on to his background: He’s been a Rotarian for 20 years, twice was president of Rotary Club of Petaluma Valley, his wife Joanne is from Healdsburg and his 2 little granddaughters were “stunned” to know that he was District Governor by saying “A DG you be” and “What’s a DG?”

This Rotary International theme is “The MAGIC of Rotary.” There are many interpretations of this. Especially the term “magic” can mean that “things disappear,” as he influenced a fabric to disappear and reappear, before our eyes. Magic can definitely influence others. And that’s what Rotary does in the World, it influences and changes lives.

To DG Jim, Rotary means FRIENDSHIP...love...belonging...connection to elderly or children or a Thanksgiving meal. Helen Keller quote about bringing light to the world. And to Rotarians, we bring joy and beauty of life through service. To him, Rotary is building better friendships (BBF)

Then his presentation became interactive. He asked 10-12 questions that not only were relevant but revealing: WHAT HAPPENED FIRST?

- When did Rotary membership exceed \$1Million? 1985
- When were women admitted to Rotary? 1987
- When was the Four Way Test adopted? 1932
- When did the Rotary Youth Exchange Program start? 1927
- What did Bob Hope and Walt Disney have in common?
Answer: Not attended Rotary, nor Rotarians, nor Goofy. But each were Honorary Members.
- What does “Plus” mean in PolioPlus? Yes, it would increase the number of vaccinations, but it would dramatically increase the number of vaccinations for 5 diseases: Measles, Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, and Tetanus.

For a moment, DG Jim focused on the concept of “Every Rotarian, Every Year” for the 46 Clubs in District 5130. Currently, members average \$25 to the Rotary Foundation, which is only about half of the membership now. He wants to challenge Rotarians to improve their personal pattern.

Then the District Governor asked us, how far is it FROM CHICAGO to the spot where the Four Way Test was displayed? Name the miles or the location.

ANSWER: Astronaut Buzz Aldrin (Rotary Club of Spring Lake-Brielle) was lunar modular pilot of Apollo 11 in 1969 and was the second (after Neil Armstrong) to walk on the Moon and was first to place the Four Way Test there.

And to close this entertaining and educational program, DG Jim played his accordion, so we could guess from what country the tune came, and he could tell us about projects in that country. Poland – Warsaw peace project. Greece – Creating Friendship for Peace (CFP). Italy – projects in agriculture & business. France – Fellowship for Francophonie. (Those who come together to speak French). DG Jim is a member of a musician fellowship. Czeck – after WWII, Rotary was illegal for 4 decades, and in 1990, Prague established 3. Mexico – Paul Harris planted trees on 5 Continents and established 38 Clubs. Great Britain – peace projects from Liverpool to Sweden. The USA is starting to create friendship projects in Egypt and Peru.



[The reward for the most correct answers was a 4-pack of picnic champagnes.]

Gov Jim honored **Nita Parker**: “Would **Nita Parker** please come forward? You have been nominated by your members to receive a Friendship Award for your extensive service -- as President in 2006-07, Presidential Citation, Rotarian of the Year 2x, Assistant District Governor, receiving a District award for the bulletin, Crab Feast chairmanship, Valentine's Luncheon, Dinner for 8, Adopt a Highway, and hosting an exchange student. “



OUR FOCUS for Rotary International had been the environment in 2023, mental health in 2024, and in 2025 will be human trafficking. The Polly Klass Foundation is involved. From January 24-25-26, the World Peace Conference is taking place in Rohnert Park. See <http://peaceconference2025.org>

In closing, DG Jim O’Grady related that his *personal* story of friendship involved Baby Clare in Uganda in 2004. And since, there have been scholarships and medical care for Baby Clare.

What is your personal friendship story for Rotary?

RAFFLE

Prez Jim asked DG O’Grady to draw the winning ticket – which was drawn by **Andy Elkind**. He took home a fresh bottle of Rose



CLOSING

President Jim thanked guests and Rotarians for visiting today. He.

NEXT WEEK’S PROGRAM

- Anne Morkill, Executive Director, Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation