



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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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Don Cliver did the honors.



GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

- ✓ Visiting Rotarian from St. Helena David Moreland



- ✓ Terry Crowley City of Healdsburg

- ✓ Gabriella Iraola Guest of **Stephanie Domenichelli**



- ✓ Dave Taber- Guest speaker



- ✓ Heather Hannan-Kramer – Guest of **Kellie Larson**

QUIP FOR THE DAY – MARK TWAIN

- "Never pick a fight with people who buy ink by the barrel." And
- "It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt."

TRIVIA QUIZ

Seven States have named the Northern Cardinal as their state bird.

⇒ Question: What is the next most frequently named state bird?

Answer: Mockingbird

Winner: No winner today.

⇒ 2nd Question: What is California's state bird.

Answer: California Quail

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

- > Dinner for Eight -- Sept – Nov
- > SCARC Dinner – Sept 26 Petaluma
- > October – Halloween Party – October 27 Location: Coyote Sonoma

BOOK REVIEW

With the Old Breed by E.B. Sledge – **Tim Mann**

A powerful memoir that offers a firsthand account of the dogged resilience and brutal realities faced by soldiers fighting in the Pacific theater during World War



READING BUDDIES VOLUNTEER REQUEST – Heidi Noble – **Tricia Fichtner** – Healdsburg Elementary School, once a week for 7 weeks. 2nd grade level.

HEALDSBURG INFANT/PRESCHOOL CENTER GRANT - \$80,540

- Development and provisioning of outdoor play area
- Managed by Sonoma YWCA
- Capacity for 24 infant and 24 preschool enrollees
- Scholarships based on family income

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Why book distribution to Geyserville Elementary 3rd graders** – Sept 17 1:00
- **Russian Riverkeeper Clean-up – Volunteers** – Sept 21
- **Club & Foundation Board meetings** – Sept 23, 10:00 at Tayman
- **Adopt-a-Highway – Volunteers** – Sept 28
- **Arts Festival – Volunteers** – Sept 28
- **District 5130 Gathering / Raffle** – Oct 5, noon – 3:30 at Charlie’s in Windsor – Foundation event \$65 per person Raffle tickets are \$20. Also, if you have made a Donation to Polio+ since July 1st each \$20 donation gets you one ticket.
- **Cloverdale Rotary – Volunteers – Asti Tour de Vine** – October 12 – Jean Herschede is asking for help leading up to the event, email Jean for form info.



CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- **Joe Sobolewski** - \$100 to Fred Robert’s PHF
- **Cathy King** - \$40 to her PHF
- **Tim Regan** - \$120 to Polio+
- **Jim Westfall** – \$100 to Polio+



Wedding Anniversaries



➤ **Turner Newton** - \$100 to Polio+

➤ **Devin Drew** - \$40 to Polio+



Rotary Club Anniversaries



➤ **Stephanie Domenichelli** - \$50 to PHF



➤ **Tim Mann** - \$50 to Polio+

HAPPY DOLLARS

❖ **Jim Brenton** - back from some time away—\$100 to the Club



❖ **John Avakian** – Travel to Umbria, Italy—\$20 to the Club



❖ **Don Cliver** – Golf Tournament winner—\$2 to the Club



❖ **John Hazlett** – Golf Tournament, winner of the most fun Foursome—\$25 to the Club



❖ **Phil Luks** - Travel to Prague—\$50 to the Scholarship fund

❖ **Norm Fujita** – Cycling trip to Columbia Washington—\$25 to the Club



PROGRAM

Sept 16

Potter Valley Project – David Taber



Mr. Taber gave us a very detailed account of the Potter Valley Project that is operated by PG&E and will be ending the 100-year power plant operations in 2028. The impact will be less water coming down the Russian River to meet the needs of most of the towns and rural agricultural areas in the Russian River watershed. The water currently going to Alexander Valley, Cloverdale, Potter Valley and Northern Sonoma County will be dramatically

reduced. This very complex situation is getting some serious attention my all the cities, counties, water districts, and general public who have deeded water rights to their properties. Time is short for infrastructure retooling and/or resource planning given that the water currently coming from the Eel River pipeline to the power plant will be suspended in 2028. All homeowners are encouraged to review their water rights documentation if they are on a well or live in a city that has yet to address the impacts facing their towns.

There is many recourses on the Internet and every city in Northern Sonoma is or will be soon, focused on this major problem.

Here is a link to the Potter Valley Project web page to get you started.

https://www.pottervalleywater.org/potter_valley_project.html

RAFFLE

John Hazlett's ticket was drawn but John didn't draw the magic marble, so took home a nice bottle of Kendall-Jackson Cabernet Sauvignon to enjoy instead.

CLOSING

President Jim rang the bell to close the meeting.

Next Meetings--

Sept 23

Sept 30

Amigos de Guatemala – Jean Herschede

Appellation Hotels - Ed Skapinok