



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 Led by **Joe Di Salvo**

GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

✓ Cindy Brenton, guest of **Jim Brenton**



✓ Heath Hoglund guest of the Club

POLIO + DONATION RECOGNITION



Devin Drew and **Doug Garrett** were recognized for being about the tallest, and also for Polio Plus donations for which they received assorted goodies.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If we listened to our intellect, we'd never have a love affair. We'd never have a friendship. We'd never go into business, because we'd be cynical. Well, that's nonsense. You've got to jump off cliffs all the time and build your wings on the way down. Source: Ray Bradbury

HEALDSBURG ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANT REPORT

- Total of \$116,785 granted from July forward
- \$80,540 to the Sonoma YWCA largest individual grant
- Community & youth a focus, but meaningful attention to international projects

TRIVIA QUIZ

- Question: Which of the 11 major Peanuts characters does **Prez Jim** have written down
- Answer: Woodstock

- Winner: **Barbara Rosen**



BOOK REVIEW – Miracle and Wonder Recommended by **Andy Elkind**



What happens when Paul Simon, widely considered one of the greatest songwriters in music history, and Malcolm Gladwell, the best-selling author, sit down together, with a tape recorder and a guitar? A 6-hour audio book distilled from over 30 hours of conversation. And did you know you can download audio and e book from your local library?!

ROTARIANS AT WORK

Arundo Donax Removal – October 26 Badger Park - **Mel Schatz, Andy Elkind, Dave Henderson, Jim Westfall**. Take a walk, the Arundo piles are evident.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Senior Center Luncheon and Raffle – **Graham Freeman** passed a signup sheet for set up, pies, meal delivery, and reminded us that we need about 80 raffle prizes, so each senior can get one. **Sen. Mike McGuire** will be in attendance.

🚩 Volunteer Opportunities

8:30-10:30 Thursday, October 31 Tomato Harvesting, El Jardin del Pueblo with Farm to Fight Hunger. 14315 Hendricks RSVP to KRB.JLB@gmail.com

- 🚩 SCARC Dinner – Sonoma – October 31 (flier distributed in email to members)
- 🚩 Veterans Lunch – Nov 7 in Santa Rosa (flier distributed in email to members)
- 🚩 Veterans Breakfast – Nov 11 at Villa Chanticleer

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

- Veterans Day, Monday, Nov 11 – Veterans encouraged to wear uniform and share their service experience. Please send a photo dating from that time to **Mark Decker** who is putting together a slide show. Taking a photo of the photo and emailing it is best.
- Holiday Party planning underway. Date & details to follow
- 45th Annual Crab Feast at Villa Chanticleer--Saturday, December 14

Tickets on sale now! Tickets are \$110 for the Fireplace room, \$140 bar area, \$160 live auction room. If you write a check, you can save the Club the 3% credit card fee-but be sure to let **Mark Decker** know who you are buying tickets for.



Crab Feast Update. **Paul Frechette** gave an overview of the plans. Serious negotiations are in place to have a caterer cover the cooking of the meal. **John Hazlett** reminded everyone that



two of your nicest bottles of wine are needed for the instant wine cellar auction item. Please bring the bottles to the next two meetings.



- **Doug Lyle** reminded us that it's critical to leave a donation form with your item. Forms are available at Exch or online. **Dave Henderson** said items must be delivered by Wed. 11/20. **Emily Martin** is working on a dine around town item for the live auction.

CELEBRATIONS



- ❖ **George Heath** had a wedding anniversary so he gave \$36 to Polio+

- ❖ **Emily Martin** recognized her 4-year Club anniversary with \$26 to her Paul Harris



HAPPY \$\$

- ❖ **Pat Williams** will be a grandma for the second time, \$100 to polio plus



- ❖ **Andy Elkind** spent 4 weeks in Italy and gave \$100 to polio plus
- ❖ **Ric Helthall** gave \$50 to the club because he and **Dick Bertapelle** were doing so well



- ❖ **Jean Herschede** got their 18th foster dog homed-\$25 to her Paul Harris



- ❖ **Devin Drew** got to ride in **John Avakian's** famous model T-\$60 to Polio+

PROGRAM

At only approximately 30 years of age, Alex Saravich has an impressive resume, including 2023 Sommelier of the year. She came to her current vocation by starting as a chef. She realized that the important aspects of food, flavor, texture were also important in wine. She started her wine training in college and was able to attend the German Sommelier school. She said that if one is interested in wine it is very valuable to get some education, either in an in person class or taking one on line, and very helpful to find a study group to be part of. She said as Sommelier it is important not to give the diner too many choices. She starts with two and can take direction from there if needed. It is also important that the Sommelier have restaurant training as well as wine knowledge. To the question about bringing your own bottle to a restaurant she said that if the restaurant has a Sommelier and extensive wine list, it really makes sense to take advantage of the service being offered. She said if, in that situation, you have a bottle that's very special to you and is not on the wine list then it's ok. In a restaurant with an ordinary wine list, it's fine as long as the wine is not on the restaurant's list.

RAFFLE

Mark Decker's ticket was drawn but he didn't draw the magic marble. Was rewarded with a nice bottle of wine, instead



CLOSING

Upcoming Programs

- ✓ November 4 Rotary Youth Exchange to Thailand – Arlo Herrod
- ✓ November 11 Hyperbolic Oxygen Therapy – Dr. Shiroko Sokitch