

## **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 **Don Cliver**

### **GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS**



✓ Rotarian **Celia Varela**

- ✓ Bruce Metzger of Farm to Fight Hunger, co-speaker of the day
- ✓ Zeke Guzman of El Jardin del Pueblo, co-speaker of the day

### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY—ORIGIN OF THANKSGIVING**

- "Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th of November next to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and

glorious Being who is the beneficent author of the good that was, that is, or that will be.” (1789)

- George Washington. The proclamation is considered the first presidential proclamation.
- President Abraham Lincoln's proclamation in 1863 established Thanksgiving as a yearly holiday on the last Thursday of November.
- On December 26, 1941, President Roosevelt signed a joint resolution of Congress changing the official national Thanksgiving Day to the fourth Thursday in November, starting in 1942.

## TRIVIA QUIZ

Question: Texas has the largest wild turkey population, over 500,000. Which 3 states have the next largest populations?

- Answer: California, Missouri, and Alabama.
- Winner: Since no discernible progress was being made towards identifying the latter two turkey states, **Turner Newton** was awarded the prize for naming the first state, California.

**BOOK REVIEW** – On Tyranny. 20 lessons from the 20th Century, by Timothy Snyder.



Recommended by **Shannon Wren**

A “bracing” (Vox) guide for surviving and resisting America’s turn towards authoritarianism, from “a rising public intellectual unafraid to make bold connections between past and present.” (New York Times.) The Founding Fathers tried to protect us from the threat they knew, the tyranny that overcame ancient democracy. Today, our political order faces new threats, not unlike the totalitarianism of the twentieth century. We are no wiser than the Europeans who saw democracy yield to fascism, Nazism, or communism. Our one advantage is that we might learn from their experience.

**Shannon** also underscored the dangers posed by the emergence of paramilitary organizations.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✚ Senior Center Luncheon and Raffle, Monday, Nov. 25

- **Graham Freeman** reported that the 25 volunteers were sufficient for the event, but the raffle could use more wrapped gifts; just drop them off at the Senior Center. Senator



- **Mike McGuire** will be the home-town celebrity host. Arrival: 11ish. No drivers are needed this year.

### ✚ Presents Project

- **Kellie Larson** reported that she has enough donated gifts for our Club's designated family.



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## CLUB EVENTS

### > Dinner for 8

- Photo was shown of festive group at Jerry Ogden's home.

### ○ Healdsburg Chorus Concerts, 3.00pm, Sat-Sun, Dec. 14-15, Raven Theater.

The first is on the day of our Crab Feast, but both concerts are matinees, so one can attend the concert before repairing to the Crab Feast. Tickets are \$20.

### > Holiday Party, Thurs. Dec. 19

- Slated for 6pm at Spoonbar restaurant, \$95/person, which includes heavy appetizers and wine. Expected attendance looks healthy.

### > Informal non-meeting lunch, Monday Dec 23

- > In place of the Monday meeting, we will gather informally for lunch at the new Acorn restaurant on the Plaza. More details later.

## CRAB FEAST, SAT., DEC. 15



- > **Mark Decker** reported that 172 tickets have been sold, out of a desired 293, good progress.
- **Tim Mann** reported that 2 large banners are now up, with more in the next week(s).
- 125 Silent Auction lots have been received; they will go online Dec. 7.

- **Dick Bertapelle** said that the Live Auction has 14 lots, many of them unique and quite a few related to travel.

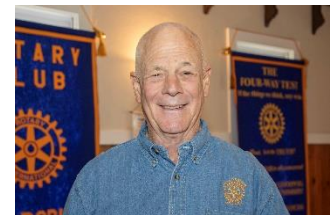


## CLUB HOLIDAY SEASON--MEETING SCHEDULE

- > Monday, Nov 25 DARK (hosting Senior Center luncheon)
- > Mondays, Dec 2, 9, & 16 Regular Club meetings
- > Monday, Dec 23 DARK, Informal lunch gathering, Acorn restaurant
- > Monday, Dec 30 DARK

## INDUCTION—PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP

**Dick Cochran** ceremoniously welcomed **Joe Di Salvo** into the Paul Harris Fellowship, presenting him with certificate, pin, and bracelet.



## ROTARIANS AT WORK

Photos were shown of harvesting tomatoes for Farm to Fight Hunger /El Jardin del Pueblo. Numerous Club members participated, fighting considerable mud in the process.



## CELEBRATIONS



➤ **Han Soh** celebrated his birthday by donating \$100 to Polio Plus.



➤ **Rick Tang** achieved 75 years and marked it with \$50 to his Paul Harris Fund.

## HAPPY \$\$



❖ **Grady Wann** described his 2 days in the Piedmont region of Italy, harvesting grapes. He converted euros into dollars, donating 110 of them to the Community Fund.

❖ **Norm Fujita** traveled more widely, with 18 days devoted to Croatia, Budapest, Prague, and elsewhere. He commemorated his travel by donating \$100 to the Club's Community Services Fund.



❖ **Cathy King** drew everyone's attention to her large basket of home-grown persimmons, beseeching attendees to take one or more home.



- ❖ **Doug Garrett**, proud & happy at his granddaughter's 3rd birthday, commemorated her with \$30 to Polio plus.



- ❖ passed his CFP exam and donated \$50 to Polio Plus.



## PROGRAM

Zeke Guzman, who grew up in Dry Creek Valley and graduated from HHS, spoke about the Jardin del Pueblo, or People's Garden, whose logo features an old Mexican farm cart of his family. Over 150 families volunteer on weekends on the property, on Los Amigos Rd, and their motto is "We know hunger. We want to feed the community." The farm raises enormous amounts of fruit and vegetables, all of which go to an array of local community-serving organizations, such as Redwood Empire Food bank, Healdsburg Pantry, Corazon, etc. Local schools are involved as well. Many children work the gardens; they are taught to respect the land and grow food. Rotary's recent donation of \$5000 has purchased an equipment trailer, which will facilitate moving farm machinery between the farm properties.



Bruce Metzger, talked about Farm To Fight Hunger, with its motto, Grow Gather Give. In addition to supporting Jardin del Pueblo, they grow enormous amount of produce given to the community, predominantly to the Latino community, since they have the greatest needs. They farm organically and sustainably, and encourage biodiversity, utilizing hedgerows, bees, compost, etc., earning a Snail designation from Slow

Food. Their 150 chickens provide eggs for the REFB and the Hgb Food Pantry, while

gleaners provide vegetables to the same orgs and to schools. They are currently expanding to another property and will be adding many vegetable beds & citrus trees.

## **RAFFLE**

**Bob Pedroncelli** had the lucky ticket, and Bob pulled out the elusive white marble, winning the princely sum of \$70, which he dedicated to any future fines levied on him.



## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

- ✓ November 25 DARK (Senior Center Luncheon)
- ✓ December 2 Cannabis regulation in Sonoma County – Maggie Furlong