



# 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 **Pat Williams**



**GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS**

- ✓ Maggie Furlong, Cannabis Manager Sonoma County, Speaker of the Day
  
- ✓ Dave Moreland, St Helena Rotary



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** – Rudiger Dornbusch

"In economics things happen slower than you thought they would and then faster than you thought they could." Quoted in the November 23 Economist Magazine article about how quickly Artificial Intelligence will boost productivity.

**TRIVIA**

- > Question: What entrées were on the original Thanksgiving menu in 1621?
- > Answers: Lobster, seal and swan
- > Also, deer, mussels, oysters, clams, corn, onions, beets, carrots, cabbage, peas and lettuce
- > Winner: No winner

## PRESENTS PROJECT – December

- ✚ **Kellie Larsen** said all presents are accounted for. She will send out a reminder to all what they signed up for.

## HOME-MADE COOKIES –

- December 12 or 13, 11:00-12:00 drop-off at Plank  
**Jean Herschede** will be at Plank to pick up the cookies for Food for Thought
- Meals for home-bound – December 23 or 24, beginning at Noon  
Healdsburg and Geyserville More information later



## ROTARY IN ACTION--

- Senior Luncheon pictures were displayed on the screen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS –

### Club Events

- ❖ Saturday, Dec 14 – Crab Feast, Doors open at 5:30
- ❖ Thursday, Dec 19 – Holiday Party, 6:00-9:00 at Spoonbar
- ❖ Monday, Dec 23 – Informal gathering for lunch at Acorn, Noon  
No Club meeting that day



### Environment Committee Activities – **Norm Fujita**

• Committee members – **Norm Fujita, Don Mitchell, Barbara Oddone, Rick Tang, Shaun Shields**

- **Norm** said that a few Club members have shown great support by coming to many events. Specifically named were **Mel Schatz, Jerry Ogden, Lucia Varela and Jim Westfall.**

### *Ongoing activities –*

- Zero waste meeting lunches
- Film plastic recycling with Interact Club
- Arundo Donax removal from Russian River
- Yearly Riddell Preserve stewardship,
- Rose garden care
- Highway 101 clean-up/adopt highway with Nita Parker
- Yearly Russian River clean-up

### *New activities –*

- Climate ride
- Help plant native plants -HHS
- MLK Jr Park - cleanup/weeding
- Help Student Garden Networks revitalize HES garden
- Help Farm to Fight Hunger & El Jardin del Pueblo harvesting and purchase heavy farm equipment trailer
- Future activities
- MLK Park clean-up on MLK Day
- HHS - help native shrubs and trees
- Continue to help Farm to Fight Hunger and El Jardin del Pueblo

## CRAB FEAST UPDATE

**Pat Williams** shared volunteer needs. Most are now filled (as of 12/4)

## CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays



➤ 12/1 **Henk Peters** - \$86 to Paul Harris

- 12/12 **Stephanie Domenichelli** - not in attendance
- 12/23 **Joe DeSalvo** - not in attendance

### Wedding Anniversaries

- 12/11 **Chandra Jones** - not in attendance
- 12/20 **Dick Cochran** - not in attendance



➤ 12/31 **Joe Sobolewski** - \$200 to Paul Harris

### Club Anniversaries

- 12/5 **Joe DiSalvo** - not in attendance



➤ 12/5 **Jim Westfall** - \$50 Polio Plus



➤ 12/6 **Doug Lyle** - \$50 Polio Plus

- 12/21 **Norm Fujita** - \$50 Polio Plus
- 12/29 **Patti Mannatt** - not in attendance

## HAPPY \$\$



➤ **Fred Roberts - \$100 Club**

- **Doug Lyle - \$25 Polio Plus**
- **Kellie Larson - \$33 Club**



➤ **Rich Lapping - \$100 Polio Plus**

- **Barbara Oddone - \$25 Polio Plus**



➤ **Dave Anderson - "check in the mail"**



## PROGRAM



Maggie Furlong, from the Department of Cannabis Control, gave a 30-minute presentation on cannabis regulation and enforcement in unincorporated Sonoma County.

She discussed topics like local permitting (indoor and outdoor cultivation), review process, development criteria, studies and reports needed to be done for permitting, permitting from other California agencies, taxes, well metering and pesticide usage and control.

## RAFFLE WINNER

- **Doug Garrett** didn't win the \$19 but did win the wine



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ✓ December 9 Crab Feast Prep
- ✓ December 16 Jeff Kay & **Andrew Sturmfels**,
- ✓ What's new in Healdsburg