



## 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: President-Elect Cathy King** welcomed the members and guests at 12:30 pm



**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ric Helthall**

**GUESTS of ROTARIANS**

✓ **David Moreland** Guest of **James Westfall**



**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

"Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but sometimes, playing a poor hand well" - Jack London

**TRIVIA QUESTION AND WINNER**

Question: What is the Hokey Pokey really all about?

Answer: The **Hokey Pokey** (also known as **Hokey Cokey** in the United Kingdom & Ireland, is a [participation dance](#) with a distinctive accompanying tune and lyric structure. It originated in a British [folk dance](#), with variants attested as early as 1826. The song and accompanying dance peaked in popularity as a [music hall](#) song and novelty dance in the mid-1940s in the UK.

Winner: No one was able to answer the trivia question. However, **Cathy** showed many Rotarians trying to dance to the Hokey Pokey at the Senior Center Luncheon

**dsfBOOK RECOMMENDATION: Graham Beale** recommended “The Siege” by Ben MacIntyre. A thrilling Tick-Tock recounting one of the most harrowing hostage situations and daring rescue attempts of our time. Six heavily armed gunman barged into the Iranian embassy in London, taking twenty-six hostages. The author surfaced how people can react under stress. “The Siege” was the book of the year by the Washington Post and Minnesota Star Tribune.



**AWARDS: Dick Cochran** presented **Turner Newton** his Paul Harris Fellow +1 pin. Turner even reminded Dick that for every dollar he contributed towards Polio Plus, the Gates Foundation matched it. Well done Turner !!



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS- Volunteer Opportunities:**

- ✚ **Home-made cookies-** December 12 or 13, 11:00-12:00 drop off at Plank
- ✚ **Meals for home-bound-** December 23 or 24, beginning at Noon



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS- Club Events:**

- ✚ **Crab Feast-** Saturday, December 14. Buy your tickets!
- ✚ **Club Holiday Party-** 6:00-9:00pm at Spoonbar Restaurant. Please look for emails for Google doc sign-up sheet. \$95/person
- ✚ **Informal Lunch Gathering-** Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at Noon. Acorn Restaurant. All welcomed.

#### **MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES:**

- **Stephanie Domenichelli** was glad she could be in Healdsburg for her Birthday and the Crab Feast. She donated \$52 to her Paul Harris.
  
- **Dick Cochran and Dena Cochran** are celebrating their 54-year wedding anniversary. Dick donated \$54 to Polio Plus



## HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- ❖ **Ric Helthall** donated \$25 to Polio Plus to celebrate the good news that Dick Bertapelle received a good check-up from his doctor. Hope to see Dick back on the golf course soon.



- ❖ **John Avakian** enjoyed time with their 6 yr old twin daughters and lived to talk about it. He donated \$24 to the Club



- ❖ **Devin Drew** and his 12-year-old son were able to transport their Christmas tree in a bicycle trailer. He donated \$21 to Polio Plus



- ❖ **Emily Martin** will be celebrating her first Christmas in Mexico. She donated \$25 to her Paul Harris.

- ❖ **Mel Schatz** enjoyed his Mexico trip. **Mel** donated \$50 to his Paul Harris



## TODAY'S PROGRAM:

### 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Crab Feast



Co-Chair **Paul Frechette** shared the following summary on the status of Crab Feast preparations:

- Still 70 tickets unsold. The following tickets are still available so don't forget to buy your tickets and/or tell a friend !!
  - : 34 tickets in the live auction room, 18 tickets in the Fireside room and 18 tickets by the Bar.
- Doors open at 5:30
- Auction Items:
  - 30 silent auction items will be auctioned at the Villa between 5:30-7:00pm. Winners will be able to check-out at the fulfillment desk and take them home that evening
  - People can bid on 100 silent auction items on-line. The bidding will close at 5pm on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Winners can pick up items at Exchange Bank starting on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

- Live auction will have 14 fantastic items and promises to be a fun session. Winners can stop at check-out desk to pick up the items that same evening
- Participants who only donate to Scholarships through the Paddle Raise session, do not need to check-out at the fulfillment desk at the end of the evening. They will receive confirmation and receipt by email.
- Kin will be catering the event and will be serving **fresh crab**
- **Please note that due to new California regulations, only Kin and Milestone (Villa Chanticleer) servers will be able to pour wine & alcohol. No outside alcohol is permitted**
- **All Committees have worked hard to this moment and everyone is looking forward to a fun and successful evening**

## **RAFFLE WINNER**

**Brent Stanley** was the raffle winner. He didn't pick the right marble but got to take home a nice bottle of wine.



## **CLOSING**

**President-Elect Cathy King** rang the bell at 1:30 pm to adjourn the meeting

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

- > **December 16<sup>th</sup>, Jeff Kay and Andrew Sturmfels - What's new in Healdsburg**
- > **December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>- DARK, No Club meetings**