



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 **Roy Reynolds**

GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS



✓ Chris Cameron, Sunrise Rotary Club



✓ Ken Miller, guest of **Eric Drew**



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✓ Deanna Reis, 4th visit to the Club



✓ Max Buschman, and Emma Edwards, speakers today

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



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice.” A. Lincoln

TRIVIA

- Question: From what source is the active therapeutic medicine in Ozempic derived?
- Answer: Gila Monsters
- Winner: Nobody guessed the answer, though there were several tries

ROTARIANS IN ACTION

- ❖ Winter Rose Garden Pruning – 9:00-12:00 January 30
No need to stay the entire time. Attend with a guest if either of you want to learn how to prune roses
- ❖ Giro Vigneti Bike Ride – May 17 Our club intends to field a team of at least 15 bicyclists for this event. At least half have already expressed interest. This is a bike ride, not a competition, supporting the Sunrise Rotary Club’s fundraising activities.

MEMBER PASSING

Dave Anderson announced the sad news that our former long-time member, **Jack Neureuter**, passed away on Saturday. Services will be announced shortly.

CLUB SERVICES – Paul Frechette

- Valentine’s Party: 45 have signed up to attend so far. Room for more! Check DACdb email from **Paul Frechette** for the Google document where you can sign up.
- Dinner-for-Eight: several have signed up for this always-fun social event. Room for many more. Another Google document has been circulated for this one. Contact **Tricia Fichtner** for more details if you cannot locate that document in email
- Joint Noon & Sunrise Social: still in the planning stages. Stay tuned for more.



DISTRICT AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



❖ Jan 24-26 Rotary Peace Conference in Rohnert Park: **Nita Parker** attended, and said it was perhaps the most meaningful Rotary conference she has attended (and she has attended many). About 400 people attended. Most interesting and meaningful session was called Ambassadors for Compassion.

January 30 - Sonoma County Area Rotary Clubs (SCARC) Dinner – Oakmont
January 21 registration deadline has passed. Some members are attending
New York Steak or King Salmon Entree

- ❖ April 6 – District Training – Ukiah
- ❖ May 2-3 District Conference - Fortuna
- ❖ June 21-25 Rotary International Convention - Calgary

CELEBRATIONS

✚ *Birthdays*—all either acknowledged their special day earlier in the month, or were not in attendance today

- **Andy Elkind** (Jan 25)
- **Jean Herschede** (Jan 27),
- **Paul Sullivan** (Jan 28),
- **Barbara Rosen** (Jan 31)



✚ *Wedding Anniversaries*

- **Don Mitchell** (Jan 27)—married for 46 years. **Don** donated \$50 to PolioPlus



- **Jerry Ogden**: married 61 years. **Jerry** donated \$100 to PolioPlus
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🚩 Club Anniversaries: time constraints; did not acknowledge today

- **Tricia Fichtner** (Jan 27) - 5 Years,
- **Kellie Larson** (Jan 30) - 18 Years,
- **Brent Stanley** (Jan 30) - 18 Years

HAPPY \$\$: Time constraints; did not acknowledge today

PROGRAM

January 27 Max Buschman, and Emma Edwards, Community Matters

Don Mitchell introduced our speakers today. He started the introduction by recalling how when he was volunteering with PSST as a student mentor, he mentored a boy who was being victimized by bullies. **Don** introduced Community Matters as an organization formed to help these boys and girls who are experiencing bullying, living in fear, simply heading in the obvious wrong direction with school and play mates.



The Community Matters team is comprised of talent from the education, youth development, business and social service sectors. They have extensive expertise and practical experience in school climate improvement, assessment and planning, bullying and violence prevention, youth involvement, conflict mediation, experience-based training, group facilitation, classroom management, curriculum development, and prevention

program management at the local and state levels. In today's excellent discussion/presentation, we learned about Safe School Ambassadors Training. This is a program where potential leaders are recognized by school officials and are trained to work with Community Matters people to help avoid issues of violence, drug use, and much more in school environments. Other programs and services include the following:

- > Safe School Buddies
- > Student Introduction to Tapping for Self-Healing
- > Waking Up Courage Assembly
- > Voice UP! Sexual Abuse and Molestation Prevention
- > Restorative Practices
- > Professional Development
- > Parent & Community Education
- > And more.....

There is much to learn and admire about this Community Matters organization. It is a worldwide organization headquartered in Santa Rosa, CA. Since its inception, Community Matters has worked with more than 2,000 schools, agencies and organizations across 43 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, Canada, Japan and Paraguay. Their work has been featured in numerous media outlets; they have presented to audiences at the local, state, regional, and national levels.



RAFFLE

Andy Elkind's ticket was drawn but **Andy** didn't draw the magic marble. He received a nice bottle of Sin Zin wine to enjoy as a consolation.



CLOSING

PP Doug ran the bell to close the meeting...

