



# 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 Jim Westfall** welcomed the members and guests at  
12:30 pm

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by **Tim Regan**



## GUESTS of ROTARIANS

✓ **Barbara McMahon & Glen Godden** Guest of **Emily Martin**





✓ **Debi Sacco** Guest of **Dick Cochran**



✓ **Ken Miller** Guest of **Eric Drew**

### **THOUGHT OF THE DAY-** George Washington's Farewell Address (1796)

..... If in the opinion of the people the distribution or modification of the constitutional powers be in any particular wrong, let it be corrected by an amendment in the way which the Constitution designates. But let there be no change by usurpation; for though this, in one instance, may be the instrument of good, it is the customary weapon by which free governments are destroyed.....

### **TRIVIA QUESTION AND WINNER**

- Question: What were George Washington's and Abraham Lincoln's middle names? and also What were their wives' maiden names?
- Answer: Almost all Presidents before Grant did not have middle names. The wives' maiden names were Martha Custis (Washington) and Mary Todd (Lincoln).
- Winner: There was a very educational prefix leading to the trivia question. No one guessed the tricky question on Presidents' middle names. However, **Phil Luks** guessed the correct name of Lincoln's mother's maiden name of Nancy Hanks. This was close enough to win the prize.

### **BOOK RECOMMENDATION**



**Emily Martin** recommended "*The Women*" by Kristin Hannah. A story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. Great reading for both men and women.

## WHAT DO BOARD MEMBERS REALLY DO ?

**Dick Cochran**, Club Chairperson for the Rotary Foundation, presented an overview of the Committee's tasks. Here are a few examples:



- Promote donations to the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus
- Update Club Paul Harris Fellow banner with names of contributors
- Educate Club members about various aspects of Rotary Foundation, both Rotary International and Healdsburg Rotary Foundation
- Promote Green Hair Day, bequests to the Foundation in member's wills and trusts, and various holiday gifts to the Rotary Foundation

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✚ CLUB SERVICES – Paul Frechette

- Valentine's Party – February 12
- Dinner-for-Eight – February – April (still openings available)
- Easter Egg Dyeing & Scramble – April 18 & 19
- Giro Vignati Bike Ride – May 17 (sign-ups available)

### ✚ UPCOMING ACTIVITIES- Norm Fujita

- Hansen Gravel Mine Restoration Tour -Thursday, Feb 13- 1:00-3:00 - (Sign up with Norm Fujita)
- Landpaths French Broom Removal – Fitch Mountain, Saturday, March 8- 10:00-2:00
- Russian Riven Arundo removal- Saturday, March 15 9:00-12:00



### ✚ GREEN HAIR DAY CHALLENGE – Jerry Ogden

- Members new to the club since 2022 shall receive Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) credits equal to the dollars collected (up to the Club's points inventory).
- \$100 in donations is the minimum to become eligible.
- The new member collecting the most dollars shall receive 1,000 PHF credits

### ✚ REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK – Barbara Oddone

- Continue to bring peanut butter jars to February club meetings. Barbara will coordinate transporting member contributions to REFB



## 🚩 DISTRICT and ROTARY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

### STORAGE LOCKER EMERGENCY SAGA

The storage unit where the Club keeps many items experienced a roof leak. **Norm Fujita** discovered it and gathered a team to relocate items to a dry Unit. A big thanks to **Jim Brenton, Jim Westfall, Doug Lyle, and Norm Fujita**. If you need access to the new Unit, please contact **President Jim W.**

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- > **Paul Frechette and Norm Fujita** were recognized for their hard work and leadership of the Crab Feast and Storage Locker relocation



### UPDATE OF THE FOUNDATION COMMUNITY FUND GRANT ACTIVITY

- ~\$139,000 total grants awarded since June '24 (25 distinct grant awards)
  - \$80,450 to the Sonoma YWCA is the largest grant
  - Sector distribution: 36% Community / 35% Youth / 12% International
- ~\$100,000 still in the Community Fund

### MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES:



❖ **Dave Anderson** celebrated 56th wedding anniversary. He donated \$56 to Polio Plus



❖ **Fred Roberts** celebrated 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He donated \$38 to the Club

- ❖ **George Heath** has been a Rotary member for 17 years. He donated \$70 to Polio Plus



- ❖ **Richard Lapping** celebrated his first year with Rotary. He donated \$100 to Polio Plus



## HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- **Emily Martin** donated \$25 to Polio Plus to celebrate her recent travels to Australia and Mexico
- **Jim Westfall** had a great time in Hawaii. He donated \$100 to Polio Plus
- **Jaime Campoverde** was foolish to think that **Mark Decker** could not make a challenging 12-foot putt in a prior golf game. **Jaime** donated \$25 to Polio Plus on **Mark's** behalf
- **Dave Henderson** is very happy with the outcome of his knee replacement. He donated \$100 to The Club



## TODAY'S PROGRAM- CRAFT TALKS:

### Roy Reynolds



**Roy** grew up in Vernonia, Oregon. Vernonia was a small logging town at the end of its industrial life.

Many independent hard-working families with limited means. He had very industrious parents that fostered curiosity and education. His early “escape” routes were his paper route, summer crop harvesting, scouts and sports.

His early studies were at Portland State University and always been interested in Information Technology/Systems. He had a successful home remodeling business for nine years until an unanticipated turn in 1985. This turn took him to Expat experiences in Riyadh and Australia. His family really enjoyed Expat life. In 2000, he returned to San Francisco. His Career included clothing manufacturer GAP, Genomics research databases, CRM development, UC – Berkeley-IT Infrastructure management and the School of Information

Hobbies: music, flying, camping, beach getaway, scuba diving (highly recommends scuba in the Red Sea)

Family: Two sons. Completed 6 years in the Army National Guard

### **Richard Lapping**

**Rich** was born in San Diego, CA. Shortly after he moved to Omaha, Nebraska. **Rich** had very humble beginnings. He did attend Catholic grade school where he got involved with the Choir and being an alter boy (good way to get funds for service in funerals & weddings). **Rich** later moved back to San Diego to attend Public High School. Speech and Debate team kept him out of trouble and ultimately those skills helped him be a successful lawyer. He attended UCSD and curiosity took him on adventures such as living in Hawaii. Of course, not in a resort, but in a cave. Before becoming a lawyer, **Rich** enjoyed three tours of duty with the United States Army at Fort Ord. California: Eight Army Headquarters, Yongsan, Republic of Korea; and United States Army Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand. This is where he met his wife, Carolyn.



**Rich** attended UCSD where he earned a BA in History and also UC Hastings College of Law. **Rich's** law practice focused on bankruptcy and insolvency issues, and commercial litigation. He was named a Super Lawyer in 2004 through 2015 editions of San Francisco magazine. He is very proud of his 3 well accomplished adult children.

### **RAFFLE**

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



### **CLOSING**

**President Jim Westfall** rang the bell at 1:30 pm to adjourn the meeting

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**February 17 – Dark- No Meeting - President’s Day**

**February 24 – Michael Veres and Thor Topp – Marcie Becerra Academy**