



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 **Eric Helthall**

GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

- ✓ Cindy Brenton
- ✓ Diana Blakely



- ✓ Dave Hubbell



- ✓ Ken Miller

- ✓ Thor Topp
- ✓ Karina Chavez

IN MEMORIAM – Jerry Campbell 2031 – 2025

- Rotary Club of Healdsburg member – 2006 - 2025
- Memorial Service March 22 at Healdsburg Community Church – close friends encouraged to attend

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



- **George Heath** – Editor of the Voice of the Vineyards for 17 years and chief chauffer for **Jerry Campbell**—36% of the time

- **Barbara Oddone** – for taking the initiative on the peanut butter campaign



- **Tim Mann** – for arranging great publicity for the Club's activities

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The experience of losing a loved one impels us toward a deeper understanding of life. Everyone fears and is saddened by death. That is natural. But by struggling to overcome the pain and sadness that accompanies death, we become sharply aware of the dignity and preciousness of life and develop the compassion to share the sufferings of others as our own.

Buddhist Proverb

TRIVIA



Question: Postage Stamp Trivia – 10 questions, including first class stamp prices from 1950 through today.

- ❖ Answer: 6 correct won the prize
- ❖ Winner: **Tim Ryan**

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS – Paul Frechette



- ✚ Dinner-for-Eight – February – April
- ✚ Club Travelogue – March 31 (evening potluck in lieu of Club meeting) starting at 6 pm at the Tayman Club House. Sign-up sheet circulated.

- ✚ Easter Egg Dyeing & Scramble – April 18 & 19. Due to egg shortage, we may be working with plastic eggs.
- ✚ Giro Vignati Bike Ride – May 17 – see Paul Frechette’s email of February 25 for info.

UPCOMING ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES- Norm Fujita



- 10:00-2:00 Saturday, March 8 Landpaths French Broom Removal (“Broomapaloosa”)– Fitch Mountain
- 1:00-3:00 Thursday, March 13 Hansen Gravel Mine Restoration Site Tour
- 9:00-12:00 Saturday, March 15 Russian Riven Arundo removal – Badger Park

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF – FINAL REPORT

- Challenge: Club would match up to \$10,000 in member pledges
- Challenge met on Feb 15. 48% of members submitted donation pledges, **Graham Freeman** (\$2,000) , **Rich Lapping & Dick Cochran** (\$1,000 each) led the way. Club’s Community Fund remitted \$10,000 to Rotary District 5300 Fire Relief Fund

GREEN HAIR DAY

- > 6:30 am Monday, March 17. Meet at Costeaux French Bakery.
- > 7:00 parade. Optional breakfast at Costeaux afterward.
- > Polio Plus funding raising event – see **Dick Bertapelle** email of February 14 for fundraising letter.

POLIO UPDATE

- ❖ 98 live virus cases in 2024, all in Pakistan & Afghanistan

- ❖ 1 live virus case 2025 YTD (Jan 7)
- ❖ 0 vaccine derived polio cases in 2025

DISTRICT AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- 6:00 February 27 - Sonoma County Area Rotary Clubs (SCARC) Dinner – Cloverdale
RSVP Deadline Feb 21. \$75 / person
- April 6 – District Training – Ukiah
- May 2-3 District Conference - Fortuna
- June 21-25 Rotary International Convention - Calgary

BOOK REVIEW – Graham Beal

A Walk in the Park by Kevin Fedarko

A rollicking and poignant account of an epic 750-mile odyssey, on foot, through the heart of the Grand Canyon, America’s most magnificent national park and the grandest wilderness on earth



REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK – Barbara Oddone

- A large basket of peanut butter jars were collected from members.
- **Barbara Oddone** will coordinate transporting member contributions to REFB



CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays



- ✓ **Doug Garrett** had a birthday and a trip to the Kona coast. \$100 to Polio Plus

Wedding Anniversaries==None

Club Anniversaries



✓ **Jean Herschede** - \$100 to Polio Plus

HAPPY \$\$



❖ **Devin Drew:** Contributed \$100 to Polio Plus because **Jim Manly's** neighbor **Bill Hanelius** did an amazing job of repairing his ukulele. He would not charge me so this token of happy gratitude goes to Polio Plus!

❖ **Tim Mann** – Celebrating a cruise from LA through the Panama Canal to Cayman Islands and discovering the Salty Little Bastards Tavern – started by Pirates! \$100 to Polio Plus.



PROGRAM

Michael Veres and Thor Topp – Marcie Becerra Academy

Thor Topp and Karina Chavez described the program for high school students at the Marcie Becerra Academy (MBA) located at Healdsburg High. Thor has taught for 24 years; Karina is a recent Masters Program graduate. MBA is part of Big Picture Learning which has 275 schools in the US. The program emphasizes Learning Through Interests and places students in situations outside the classroom where they can pursue career goals, passions, and community involvement with mentors.



Lots of work done with indigenous community to reflect the student body. Students also connect through ZOT – Zooming Opportunities Together – with students around the world. MBA also conducts a closed Instagram site for Unrlr Cosmetology and a Nail Tech Project. A dynamic program that helps students with troubled academics graduate high school and even get into the JC.



RAFFLE



Don Mitchell's ticket was drawn but **Don** failed to draw the magic marble. He got a nice bottle of Sin Zin as a reward

CLOSING

President Jim thanked members and guests, then rang to bell to close the meeting

Upcoming Programs

- March 3 – Iain Beveridge – Sr. Director for the Blue Moon Mk1 Lander; Blue Origen and Plans for Lunar Permanence
- March 10 – Michelle Oxford – Healdsburg District Hospital