



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 Kellie Larson



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by **Don Mitchell**

VISITING ROTARIANS: None

GUESTS of ROTARIANS: None

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY: "Many saw the apple fall but Newton was the one who asked *why?*" Bernard Baruch

TRIVIA

Where is the largest Menorah in the world? Manhattan

⇒ **Winner: John Hazlett** won a Rotary pin.



TV/BOOK RECOMMENDATION:

President Kellie recommended the Netflix documentary series "Beckham" about the legendary soccer player.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **President Kellie** announced that the Board approved two donations of note this morning: \$5,000 to the Alexander Valley Film Festival for equipping their education center and supporting their programs for youth and \$3,000 to the AAUW Tech Trek program to sponsor two Healdsburg girls to the Tech Trek camp where they are exposed to many technical academic fields and women in technology fields;
- ✚ **Kellie** reported on the successful work party at Modini Preserve (part of the Audubon Canyon Ranch wildland stewardship program) up near the Geysers, where Rotarians helped create “burn piles” of non-native vegetation that will clear the way for planting native seeds and seedlings.
- ✚ **Andy Elkind** and **Cathy King** have completed a detailed analysis of our college scholarship program and how many recipients have continued to apply after the first year. The next step is to dig into the reasons why some recipients do not follow up to continue to receive support. Anyone interested in working on the next phase, please contact **Andy** or **Cathy**.
- ✚ **Kellie** also displayed a photo of all the presents Rotarians donated to the Presents Project in support of our family this year. **Kellie** thanked everyone who participated.
- ✚ **President Kellie** fined 11 members \$5 each for not having a Rotary pin on at the meeting. Remember to wear yours!



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversaries

❖ **Jerry Campbell** \$100 to the Club



❖ **Dick Cochran** \$100 to Polio+



❖ **Joe Sobelewski** \$20 to the Education Fund (for misspelling his name) and \$100 to his Paul Harris



- ❖ **Jim Brenton** (Rotary Ann'y)
\$100 to the Club and \$200 to his Paul Harris



- ❖ **Graham Freeman** (Rotary Ann'y) \$40 to his Paul Harris



- ❖ **Norm Fujita** (Rotary Ann'y) \$30 to the Club

HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- **Devin Drew** pledged \$42 to his Paul Harris for a school project with his son Nico;
- **Jaime** and **Doug** pledged \$10 each to the Crab Feast Committee Leads towards their Paul Harris.



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Doug & Jaime presented highlights and financial results of this year's Crab Feast and auctions. The event raised nearly as much as last year's record, only falling slightly short on "Fund a Need" paddle raises. The co-chairs recognized each of the committee leads and many of the numerous Club volunteers, along with volunteers from the Sunrise Club (especially our head cook Kent England) and the kids from the Boy Scouts, FFA and 4H clubs that worked hard as servers. Everyone agreed it was a fun evening and the rooms looked beautiful. More details will be presented after a January post-event meeting to explore what we should repeat and what we can do to make next years' event an even greater success.

RAFFLE

Winner: **Jim Manly's** ticket was drawn but failed to find the magic marble. He received a nice bottle of Seppi Sparkling Rosè

CLOSING

⇒ **President Kellie** thanked members for attending and closed the meeting for the year.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: We are Dark for Christmas and New Years Day, so our next meeting is Monday, January 8, 2024. The featured speaker will be Jen Dalton from Hearthstone Village, an organization based in Ukiah that runs a school program for girls in Haiti and ongoing support for a Health Clinic in Baja del Sur, Me