



## 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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**March 18, 2024**

**WELCOME:** President **Kellie Larson** welcomed the members and guests



**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by **Dick Bertapelle**

### VISITING ROTARIANS



✓ **Fred Walter**, President Elect, from the Healdsburg Sunrise Club

✓ **Elena Whortan**, President Elect, from the Rohnert Park Club



✓ **Larry McCabe**, President Elect, from the Windsor Club



## GUESTS of ROTARIANS

- ✓ Han Soh - guest of **Jim Westfall**



- ✓ Joel Butler - guest of **Jim Westfall**

- ✓ John McKinney - guest of **Jim Westfall**



- ✓ Alex Kar- guest of the Club



- ✓ Dave Henderson- guest of **Doug Garrett**

- ✓ Donna Campoverde, guest of **Jaime Campoverde**



- ✓ Ginger Kelly, speaker from Canine Companion
- ✓ Paige Mazzoni, speaker from Canine Companion

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“I can’t think of any better representation of beauty than someone who is unafraid to be herself”  
--Emma Stone

## TRIVIA QUESTION



⇒ **Barbara Oddone** won the trivia question: What is the largest known living organism in the world ? Answer: Pando

## BOOK RECOMMENDATION

**Turner Newton** recommended “The King of California: J.G. Boswell and the Making of A Secret American Empire” by Mark Arax and Rick Wartzman.



J.G. Boswell was the biggest farmer in America. *The King of California* is the previously untold account of how a Georgia slave-owning family migrated to California in the early 1920s, drained one of America 's biggest lakes in an act of incredible hubris and carved out the richest cotton empire in the world.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✚ Green Hair Day was successful and everyone who attended had lots of fun. Even **John Avakian** participated from Chile by coloring his mustache green. Over eighteen thousand dollars have been donated towards eradicating Polio. These contributions will be matched by the Melinda Gates Foundation. A big thanks to the Green Hair Day Committee, all the fundraisers (**Graham Freeman & Rick Helthall** brought in the highest amounts from single donors), contributors, attendees, and **Richard Norgrove** for starting the tradition.
- ✚ **Norm Fujita** will be leading a workday to revitalize the vegetable garden at Healdsburg Elementary School on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 8 am -12 noon.
- ✚ The Noon Rotary Club of Healdsburg Board of Directors met on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Some of the items discussed:
  - The Club will be sponsoring one day for “Tuesday in the Park”. Date TBD
  - \$400 will be donated towards the Climate Festival
  - \$5,000 will be donated to the Jazz Festival Educational Program

- It is time to start forming the Chair (s) and Committee Leads for the annual Crab Feast Fundraising Event. If interested, please reach out to **President Kellie Larson** and/or **President Elect Jim Westfall**

- ✚ **Cathy King** shared that The Club will be sponsoring Healdsburg High School Senior Class “Adulting 101” seminar. It is planned for May 28<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 1pm at Villa Chanticleer.



- ✚ **Phil Luks** reminded everyone that volunteers are still needed for March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8am to boil eggs and on March 29<sup>th</sup> to dye the eggs in preparation for the Easter Egg Scramble on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please bring 24 plastic eggs filled with foil-wrapped chocolate eggs.



- ✚ March SCARC Dinner on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm- 8:30 pm at the Himalayan Tandoori House

- ✚ District 5130 “Spring Training” Ukiah Seminar on April 6<sup>th</sup>

- ✚ District 5130 Conference on May 17<sup>th</sup>-May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Sally Tomatoes Event Center in Rohnert Park

- ✚ Larry McCabe, President Elect for the Rotary Club of Windsor, shared their fundraising event “An Evening in Seville” on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will help fund 3 local youth projects.



- ✚ **President Elect Jim Westfall** presented the 2024-2025 Rotary Club of Healdsburg and Healdsburg Rotary Foundation Board Member & Officer Nominees:

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| ○ <b>Jim Westfall</b>   | President                         |
| ○ <b>Cathy King</b>     | President-elect                   |
| ○ <b>Kellie Larson</b>  | Past president                    |
| ○ <b>Jim Manly</b>      | Treasurer                         |
| ○ <b>Doug Garrett</b>   | Secretary                         |
| ○ <b>Don Mitchell</b>   | Programs                          |
| ○ <b>Kevin Jordan</b>   | Sergeant-at-arms                  |
| ○ <b>Tim Mann</b>       | Public Relations & Communications |
| ○ <b>Jean Herschede</b> | Community Service                 |



- **Jaime Campoverde** International Service
- **Andy Elkind** Youth Services
- **Norm Fujita** Environment
- **Paul Frechette** Club Service
- **Graham Freeman** Membership
- **Dick Cochran** Foundation

## BIRTHDAYS

- **Dick Cochran** wine and dine for his birthday and donated \$81 to Polio Plus



- **John Hazlett** celebrated his birthday with daughter and son-in-law. **John**, being very proactive, had previously donated for this special day

## ANNIVERSARIES



- **Jim Brenton** celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and donated \$25 to the Club.

## HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- ❖ **President Kellie Larson** was happy that she was taking some well-deserved time off and enjoying the weekend in Palm Springs. She donated \$25 to Polio Plus



- ❖ **Tricia Fichtner** was happy that she completed updating the New Member Handbook. Tricia thanked President Elect **Jim Westfall**, **Paul Frechette**, and **Dick Bertapelle** for their help with a \$25 donation to their respective Paul Harris.



## TODAY'S PROGRAM



John McKinney, Board Member for Canine Companions for Independence (CCI), introduced its CEO, Paige Mazzoni, and also its Director of Philanthropy, Ginger Kelly.

Paige started the presentation by sharing that CCI, a non-profit organization, was founded in Santa Rosa in 1975 and it created the concept of service dogs for mobility issues. At that time, guide dogs existed for blindness, but the organization created the category of service dogs for paraplegics, mobility issues, neurological, hearing, auditory and veterans with PTSD.



CCI has 6 campuses across the US. The Headquarters is in Santa Rosa, on a campus donated by Jean Schulz. It has 300 employees and about 4,000 volunteers. CCI graduates about 400 dogs per year or over 8,000 teams have been placed since CCI's inception. Dogs that do not graduate can be certified as therapy dogs. Currently, there are around 300 therapy dogs. Puppy raisers and breeder caretakers volunteers are about 1,250. Currently, Donna & **Jaime Campoverde** are volunteers and are taking care of Zylah, a CCI breeder.



CCI dogs are partnered, at no cost, with adults and children with disabilities to assist with daily tasks and increase independence by reducing reliance on other people. A service dog can pull their partner in a manual wheelchair, alert to the sound of a doorbell, push buttons for elevators or automatic doors, and even assist with business transactions by transferring money, receipts, and packages. Facility dogs are expertly trained dogs that are partnered with a facilitator working in a health care, visitation or education setting. They do not have public access like service dogs, but they have access within a facility like hospitals and criminal justice system. Canine Companions facility dogs can perform over 40 commands designed to motivate and inspire clients with special needs. To support veterans with

PTSD, dogs can also be trained in tasks including anxiety and nightmare interruption, and supporting their handler in crowded public situations that might provoke anxiety for individuals with PTSD.



Ginger also shared that in addition to puppy raiser and volunteering opportunities, there are many other ways people can volunteer such as dog walking, dog bathing, providing lunch to training teams, helping on events, fundraising, and more. Please visit website for more comprehensive volunteering opportunities:  
<https://canine.org/get-involved/ways-to-volunteer/>

## RAFFLE

**Dick Bertapelle's** ticket was drawn. Unfortunately, he did not win the \$77 but did get a bottle of wine.



## CLOSING

**President-Elect Jim Westfall** thanked members and guests, then rang the bell to close the meeting

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- March 25<sup>th</sup>- Club Social 5pm-7pm – Travel Photo Presentations