

# 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** welcomed members and guests at noon

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- > Led by **Joe DiSalvo** (great to have you back, Joe!)



## GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

- ✓ Naomi Ramsden, guest of **Dave Anderson**



- ✓ Chandra Jones, guest of **Rosemary Jordan**



- ✓ Kevin Jordan, guest of **Rosemary Jordan**



- ✓ Rich Lapping, guest of **Phil Luks**



**THOUGHTS OF THE DAY:** “Treasure this day and treasure yourself. Truly, neither will ever happen again.” Ray Bradbury, author and screenwriter

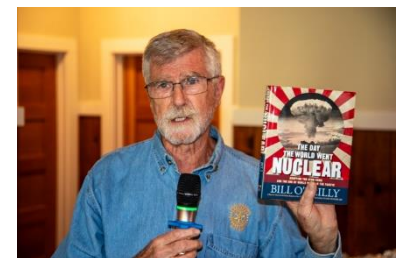
### TRIVIA

- ⇒ WINNER: **John Hazlett**, whose guess was “Punxsutawney Phil”, in response to the question: Who is Phil the meteorologist?



### BOOK RECCOMENDATION

- ❖ **Doug Garrett** recommended “American Symphony”, a documentary film about musician Joe Batiste’s creation of a new American symphony, while his wife Suleika struggled with the resurgence of cancer.
- ❖ **Mike Potmesil** gave a glowing endorsement of the book that **Dave Anderson** recommended last week, The Day that the World Went Nuclear by Bill O’Reilly



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ The **SCARC dinner** for February will be held on the 29th of February at 6:00PM. There will be a \$70 fee for the dinner which will be a Crab Feed. The meeting will be at St. Peter's Parish Hall in Cloverdale.

- ✚ The **Valentine's Day Luncheon** will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 18 Matheson (The Williamson Winery) from Noon to 2:00PM. If you haven't signed up, please do so by contacting **John Avakian**, as 1/31 is the deadline to do so. The cost will be \$75 per person, all included, and holiday attire would be fun.



- ✚ **Green Hair Day** will once again be held on St. Patrick's Day, on March 17<sup>th</sup>. We gather at Costeaux restaurant as early as 6, and as late as 7 (am!), when the annual shortest parade of the year commences. Most importantly, we as Rotarians do some terrific fundraising for PolioPlus prior to Green Hair Day (GHD). Our members received a template letter to use in our fundraising efforts. Our club is always amongst the best in our District in raising these funds, and we really want to keep that going. For the new members: you don't have to have your hair painted. It's fun to do so, at Costeaux just before the parade, and it does wash out (or so this scribe is told). You can wear green hats, a wig, or just come along and bring your smile to the event. GHD will be a topic of discussion each week at Rotary.

- ✚ **Kellie** provided a summary of all that **Dick Bertapelle** has done, and continues to do, in order to provide a successful transformation from one database (ClubRunner) to another (DACdb). **Dick's** patience and expertise has been tremendously valuable to all of our members. Thank you, **Dick**



- ✚ Our club's annual Easter Egg Roll will be held on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow but know that this is a huge event for the early school children of Healdsburg. Hundreds of children attend on a good day, and this is a definite "feel good" event. Eggs are donated by Big John's Market, we field a team to boil them at the Villa, then color them at the Community Center, and hide the eggs in the Healdsburg Elementary School field. Don't miss it. And similar to the Green Hair Day stuff, we will talk more about the Easter Egg event at future Rotary meetings.



- ✚ Our club is providing "Peace Poles" to be inserted on the grounds of all Healdsburg and Geyserville schools. A Peace Pole is an internationally recognized symbol of the hopes

and dreams of the entire human family, bearing the message, “May Peace Prevail on Earth”, in different languages on each of its four sides.

- ✚ The Healdsburg Garden Club sent our club a thank you note for our efforts in assisting with the pruning and clean-up of the Healdsburg Rose Garden last week. **Norm Fujita**, **Jerry Ogden**, and **Mel Schatz** participated for our club. Cher Frechette was thanked for her work on that day, providing instruction and goodwill to our members.

## HAPPY DOLLARS



- **Grady Wann** recently retired, so he and Jane took what sounded like a terrific vacation to BonAir. \$75 to the Community Fund.



- **Don Cliver** won \$100 in our football pool. For that, and for successfully winning a bet for staying dry during 2023, Don donated \$100 to the club.



- **Fred Roberts**, once again, was happy to be alive. Also, he picked up his wife, Patricia at SFO over the weekend, and while there, saw and took a selfie with international golf star Tommy Fleetwood. Fred donated \$25 to the club.

## BIRTHDAYS

- **Rich Bottarini** 1/29 The club sang HBD to Rich! He donated \$73 to his Paul Harris, and \$27 to the Club
- **Barbara Rosen** 1/31 Because the number 70 “is in the neighborhood”, Barbara donated \$70 to the club. And announced she acquire a new car, an IONIQ6
- **Paul Sullivan** Not present
- **Nita Parker** 1/12 Nita hadn’t been to Rotary for a few weeks, having had a health scare. All is well, she reports, after a brief hospital stay. Nita donated \$74 to PolioPlus

## ANNIVERSARIES

- **Dave Anderson** 2/1 Dave and Cathy have been married 55 years. Dave donated \$55 to PolioPlus
- **Grady Wann** 2/2 Grady and Jane have been married for 39 years, so he donated \$39 to the club
- **Brent Stanley** 1/30 1/30 is Brent’s Rotary anniversary. He donated \$50 to the Scholarship Fund

## TODAY’S PROGRAM—CRAFT TALKS WITH DON CLIVER, AND TIM MANN

### Don Cliver:

**Don** spent his childhood and early adult years in Marin County. He worked for his father’s paint company from the age of 12 through high school. Then, he landed his first job in the banking industry, where he has spent most of his working years. That first job was a heady one: empty ash trays and the like at Crocker Bank, which later became Wells Fargo when they merged. Don worked his way up the ladder until he decided to take a turn: he started working in the golf



course irrigation field, then became GM of a golf course management company. Somewhere sandwiched in there **Don** got into the restaurant business, working for the famous Hilltop Café in Novato. Later, in that restaurant field, Don and his wife started a franchise sandwich shop in Santa Rosa. That didn’t work out because of family health issues.

So, **Don** returned to his adult working roots, and went to work for Sterling Bank in Oakland. Spent 16 years there, stayed through several bank mergers, and became active in community affairs, such as Rotary. Today, **Don** is VP Branch Manager at the Healdsburg Summit Bank, where he reports his life is grand. **Don** and his wife, Tracy, live in Oakmont in Santa Rosa.

### **Tim Mann:**

**Tim** and his wife, Cristi, live in Windsor. They have four children, three boys and a girl. Well, the photos we saw cause me to change that to three young men, and a young lady. We learned the background and the current status of all four siblings. Fun to hear. **Tim** spent his early years in Indiana. His father was a US Marine, so they moved around a bit. This resulted in **Tim** having attended 9 different schools. High school years were spent at Carlsbad High School. He graduated from UC Santa Barbara, and received an MBA from the University of Redlands. Besides being a dad and a retired global power consultant, **Tim** is an amateur photography. He showed us a photo which was simply terrific.



**Tim's** work history was spent mostly in finance and contracts in the Aerospace & Defense industries. He spent quality time with companies such as Hughes Aircraft, Aerojet, Hexcel. Later in his career, **Tim** shifted to the consulting side of the global power industry, working for PG&E and Global Power Consulting. Interesting projects over the years included space shuttle rocket engine work at Aerojet; work on the B2 Bomber with Hexcel; Broad Scale gas leak detection and utility pole shut-off system design with PG&E, and more as seen on the PowerPoint Tim showed us.

Welcome to both **Don** and **Tim**!



**RAFFLE WINNER: Dave Anderson's** guest Naomi Ramsden. Naomi also pulled the winning marble, and won more than \$150!!! Much (if not all) of that was donated back to the club or one of the club's Foundations, a wonderful gesture.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

- ⇒ February 5<sup>th</sup>: **Cathy King** to inform the club about **Hanwash**, one of Rotary International's "next big things"
- ⇒ February 12<sup>th</sup>: **Valentine luncheon at Wilson Winery**, located on Matheson Street, next door to The Wurst.

### **CLOSING**

The Meeting ended at 1:40.