



# 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 all to the meeting



**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by **John Hazlett**

## GUESTS OF THE CLUB



✓ Dan Balfe, Rotary Santa Rosa, Guest of Kathy King

✓ Dave Henderson, Guest of **Doug Garrett**



✓ Rich Lappin Club Guest and 4<sup>th</sup> visit to the Club

- ✓ Rene Grace, guest of **Emily Martin**
- ✓ Ally Ketchem guest of **Emily Martin**



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

### THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“How far you go in life depends upon your being tender with the young and passionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerance with the weak and strong as someday in your life you will have been all of these.” – George Washington Carver

### BOOK RECOMMENDATION: FROM EMILY MARTIN



Elin Hilderbrand – The Five Star Weekend

### TRIVIA

6 tables had to guess the answer to specific questions. Only 3 tables got it right!

1. Why was black history month placed in February?  
A: Birthdates of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass
2. Who was the African American dancer, singer and actress who became a symbol of black pride and excellence in the arts?  
A: Josephyne Baker
3. Who is the first African American to win an EMMY award?  
A: Ella Fitzgerald
4. What team and what year did Jackie Robinson play?  
A: Brooklyn Dodgers, 1947

5. Who was the first African American to appear on a US postage stamp?

A: Booker T. Washington

6. What sparked the modern civil rights movement?

A: The bus strike in

Montgomery. A: Montgomery Bus Boycott

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### ✚ Norm Fujita-

- Arundo Removal Work Day- March 9, 9-12pm
- District 5130 spring training April 6
- Environmental Grant HHS – planting native trees and shrubs
- Plastics collection going well. Aim to collect 1,000 lbs.



✚ **Jerry Ogden** - Green Hair Day – need to start soliciting donations supporting the Polio Plus program. Refer to the draft approach letter from **Dick Bertapelle**.

✚ **Don Mitchell** – RYE – Lara's fund raiser to see more of California.



✚ **Paul Frechette** – update on the progress for **Gerry**. Mary Jane wanted to thank the many people who have provided meals/cards etc. **Jerry** is progressing well. Getting Xray to understand how to help get his arm back to full strength. Need for three more people to sign up for provision of a meal. That takes us to end Feb and will revisit meal program beyond Feb.



✚ **John Avakian** – Valentine's Day lunch. Locked and loaded for 2/12 at Williamson Wines tasting room. 44 attendees!

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS OR ANNIVERSARIES

- **John Avakian** – Club Member since Feb 9, 1984. Donating \$10 to the Club
- **Grady Wann** – Club member since Feb 11, 2002. Not present at meeting
- **George Heath** – Club member since Feb 14, 2008. Not present at meeting

## HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- ❖ **Mark Decker** – Travel to Scottsdale. Donating \$25 to Polio Plus



- ❖ **Tim Reagan** – Recent car accident that totaled the car. No injuries! \$50 to Polio Plus



- ❖ **Devin Drew** – \$42 to Polio Plus



- ❖ **Norm Fujita** – Granddaughter's birthday. Donated \$32 to Polio Plus



- ❖ **Jim Manly** – recent trip to Scottsdale. \$25 to Polio Plus



## TODAY'S PROGRAM



**Cathy King** and Dan Balfe presented an update to the HANWASH project

Rotary District 5130 is driving the Hanwash project in Leogane, Haiti. The aim of this project is to provide sustainable water and sanitation for 199,000 people in Leogane.

The commune of Leogane has a rich and unique culture, offering much in the way of arts, music, literature, cuisine, and architecture. Despite the diverse community assets and charms, economic opportunity and human development remains a dream for many.



The main town of Leogane was the epicenter of the infamous Jan 12, 2010, earthquake and was catastrophically affected with 80-90% of buildings being

damaged or destroyed and thousands killed. Access to safe drinking water and sanitation remains problematic for tens of thousands of people.

Today, just 1200 households receive service inside a coverage area of 5,000; water is apportioned to 200 homes at a time and only available for a few hours a week. With a US\$200,000 Global Grant, new investments would be made in a solar-powered generator, batteries, a water storage tank and management training.

## RAFFLE WINNER

- ❖ **Paul Frechette's** ticket was drawn but he didn't get pick the magic marble. He received a nice bottle of Flora Springs Sangiovese to enjoy later.



## CLOSING

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 02/12/24 – Valentine's Lunch
- 02/19/2024 – Dark: Observance of President's Day