

# 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** was led by **Dave Anderson**

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** None

**GUESTS OF ROTARIANS**



✓ Tom Swaney - guest of **Phil Luks**

✓ Han Soh - guest of **Jim Westfall**



✓ Christy Cameron - guest and spouse of **Tim Mann**)



✓ Mary Ott - speaker from Healthcare Foundation.

## THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

When were you born, who are your parents, where did you grow up? None of us earn these things. These things were given to us. So, when we strip away all of our luck and our privilege, and we consider where we'd be without them, it becomes much easier to see someone who's poor and say, "That could be me." And that's empathy. Melinda French Gates

## TRIVIA



**Barbara Oddone** won the trivia question on Polio Plus question. Polio Plus provides clean water, transportation (like a tricycle), mosquito nets and creating jobs in regions where polio immunizations are given.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



✚ **Green Hair Day (Devin Drew)** – This Sunday, June 30 at 6:30 am for green hair coloring before the parade. Meet at Costeaux French Bakery. **Richard Norgrove**, the originator of Green Hair Day, gave the story of how he came up with this fundraising event for Polio Plus.



Narcan education and much more.

✚ **Dave Anderson** invited the members to go to the Healdsburg Regional Library Social Services Fair at the Healdsburg Regional Library on Thursday March 21 from 3 to 4:30 pm. Multiple organizations will be there including Buckelew Programs, Center Point DAAC, National Alliance of Mental Illness, Providence Medical Group and Redwood Empire Food Bank to answer questions on mental health, housing support, hunger relief,



✚ **Norm Fujita** announced a workday to revitalize the vegetable garden at Healdsburg Elementary School. This is to help the School Garden Network to which our club gave a \$1 ,000 grant last July to revitalize the garden for outdoor education of the students and to help grow the vegetables to give to families in need. He also announced the Healdsburg Community bicycle ride the Friday, March 15 to promote transportation other than car travel.

The meeting place is at the Gazebo on the Plaza at 5:30 pm. There will be free casual buffet dinner and music by a DJ. Also, there is a presentation by Climate Action Healdsburg tonight at the Healdsburg Community Center at 6 pm on Circular Economy. Lastly, **Norm** asked the club members to look at the website of LandPaths for opportunities to do fire fuel removal on Fitch Mountain and Riddell Preserve. Volunteering will be by individual club members.

- ✚ **President Kellie** announced the Board of Directors meeting next Monday at 10 am.
- ✚ **President Kellie** also announced Adulting 101 seminar of appropriate subjects that our club holds for graduating seniors. It will be at the Villa Chanticleer on May 28. Club volunteers will be needed.
- ✚ **Phil Luks** announced the Easter Egg Scramble on March 30 at Fitch Mountain Elementary School. Volunteers are needed for March 28 at 8 am to boil eggs and on March 29 to dye the eggs at the Senior Center.
- ✚ **President Kellie** showed photos of the Arundo Removal Day on March 9 at the Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach. 38 volunteers from five Sonoma County Rotary Clubs and interact Clubs from Healdsburg High School and Windsor High School came to help. Four members from the South Ukiah Rotary Club came.
- ✚ **President Kellie** announced the club social on March 25 at 5 pm at which time club members will share recent travel photos.



## BIRTHDAYS

- ❖ **Doug Lyle** shared about seeing the Northern Lights in Alaska on his birthday on March 8. He donated \$100 to Green Hair Day/Polio Plus.



- ❖ **Tom Cleland** celebrated his 83rd birthday and donated \$100 to Green Hair Day/Polio Plus.



- ❖ **Paul Frechette** honored Al Loebel, who was a member of our club, who had passed away. He would have been 86 on March 16. Paul donated \$50 to the Green Hair Day/Polio Plus.

- ❖ **Kathryn Korn** donated \$108 to Green Hair Day in honor of her mother who would have turned 108.



## ANNIVERSARIES



- **Barbara Rosen** celebrated her 56th wedding anniversary and donated \$30 to the club.



- **Fred Roberts** celebrated his 37th wedding anniversary and donated \$37 to the club.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

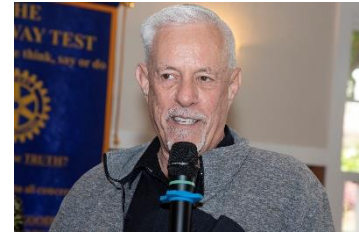


- **Fred Roberts** was happy for waking up today, again. Also, he was happy because he visited his brand-new granddaughter in Colorado and visited his godson in Texas. He donated \$50 to the club. He also gave President Kellie a Texas-sized Shot Glass.
- **Richard Norgrove** turned 77 years recently and he attended Healdsburg Performing Arts fundraiser and was being outbid secretly by his granddaughter for three bottles of scotch until he finally won. He donated \$100 to Green Hair Day/Polio Plus.
- **Mike Potmesil** was happy that he was at the internship experience presentation at Healdsburg High School. He donated \$50 to Green Hair Day/Polio Plus and \$50 to the Education Fund.





- **Don Cliver** was happy that his daughter got engaged. He donated \$100 to Green Hair Day/Polio Plus.



- **Dave Anderson** had an aortic valve replacement that went extremely smoothly by a new minimally invasive technique six days ago. He donated \$51 to Green Hair Day/Polio Plus. He gave \$51 because it took the surgeon 51 minutes to do the procedure.



- **Jim Manly's** aunt had her 99th birthday. He donated \$50 to the Green Hair Day/Polio Plus.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Mary Ott, Development Director of Northern Sonoma County Healthcare Foundation, gave a presentation about her organization's strategic areas of focus and current initiatives. The foundation started in 2001. She thanked our club for donating \$65,000. over the years. Their mission is to connect people and resources to promote wellness in underserved communities. They support federally qualified healthcare centers like Alliance Medical Center and Alexander Valley Health and other organizations working in health and mental health. They have invested \$24.1 million dollars in grants since their inception to these entities. The Healthcare Foundation is currently supporting organizations that are developing community health workers/Promotores de salud; Community Wellness Centers/Nuestra Comunidad Sana in Cloverdale, Windsor and Healdsburg; Access to Bilingual Mental Health Services via Mental Health Talent Pipeline scholarships; wellness and health equity for farmworkers and farmworker families; and elder health and wellbeing. Mary gave us an update on all these initiatives. Details of these programs are available at the Healthcare Foundation's website which is [healthcarefoundation.net](http://healthcarefoundation.net).



## **RAFFLE**

⇒ **Richard Norgrove's** ticket was drawn. Unfortunately, he did not win the \$63 but did get a bottle of wine.



## **CLOSING**

**President Kellie** thanked members and guests, then gaveled the meeting closed.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

- March 18 – Canine Companions; Ginger Kelly and Paige Mazzoni are the speakers.
- March 25 – Club Social – Travel presentations.