



# 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 visitors and guests

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



**Paul Jones** was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** None today

## GUESTS OF ROTARIANS



✓ **David Fichtner** – Guest of **Tricia Fichtner**



✓ **Han Soh** – Guest of **Jim Westfall**

✓ **Naomi Ramsden**—Guest of **Dave Anderson**



- ✓ Gary Barth – **Guest Speaker**

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it”. Barack Obama

## TRIVIA

What are Umbraphiles?

Answer:

People who travel around the world to observe the total solar eclipses  
*Umbra is a Latin word that means “shadow”. Definitions of umbra , a region of complete shadow Resulting from total obstruction of light, Type of: shadow. A dark shape created by an object blocking a source of light.*



Winner: **Barbara Rosen**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ **Dick Cochran** presented **Jim Westfall** with his PHF +5 pin!



- ✚ District Training Assembly in Ukiah. Recap given by **Norma Fujita, Jim Manly**. Lots of good ideas for member recruitment, retention, club operations, International grants and partnership with clubs in Mexico.

- ✚ Earth Day Climate Fest – April 21<sup>st</sup> in the Healdsburg Plaza

- ✚ Adopt-A-Highway: **Nita Parker** – asking for 8-9 volunteers on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am 2 hours of work.



- ✚ **Norm Fujita** talked about the Geyserville School garden project about to begin – more info to come.

- ✚ **Norm** also shared what is acceptable plastic for recycle. The standard is being able to stretch the plastic and it is not rigid like chip bags.

- 5130 District Conference to be held:
- Dates: May 17<sup>th</sup> Social time TBA
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Conference time TBA

- Sally Tomatoes Event Center, Rohnert Park

✚ District 5130 SCARC Dinner – Last one of the year. Red badgers need to attend one for the Blue badge check list.

- Date and time: April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00
- Place: Wild Oak Saddle Club Santa Rosa.
- Hosted by: The Rotary Club of the Valley of the moon.
- Cost: \$65, no host cocktails @ \$5
- Reservation needed by: April 21<sup>st</sup>



✚ Lara’s Brazilian Dinner “Foodraiser” **Nita Parker** is hosting our Brazilian exchange student and is raising money for a trip. She is cooking up a Brazilian pasta dinner for those who want to support her and have a great dinner. \$10 will get you dinner. See **Nita** for Details.

✚ The Rotary Youth Exchange Golf Tournament was announced for calendaring. September 14<sup>th</sup>. Set up your foursome.

### ✚ CLUB SOCIAL COMING!!

**John Avakian** and Janet Hoehn are hosting a Pizza and Martinis pizza dinner at their home. Date: April 19<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm, bring something to drink if you don’t want a Martini. Cost: \$20 per person. Can’t go wrong with that! (Photobomb...)



### BIRTHDAYS

- ✓ **Bob Pedroncelli** April 8 Donated \$100 to Polio+



### ANNIVERSARIES

- ❖ **Ric and Georgia Helthall** 50 years! \$100 dollars to the club.

### HAPPY DOLLARS



- **Dave Henderson** \$69. To the Scholarship fund

- **Devin Drew** \$42 to Polio+



- **Barbara Rosen** \$25 to the club



## PROGRAM



Dr. Gary Barth, Corrective Eye Surgery

Advancements in corrective eye surgery have come fast and are still evolving giving the corrective power of post-surgery correcting ability. The ability to fine tune your sight after the implants are in has made the results achieved extremely successful. The cost is around \$4000 dollars for each eye, but this advancement has taken the old permanent and no

adjustment lens option after surgery to full adjustment ability now.

**Ric Helthall** offered his testimony with his surgery to confirm that it was life changing. He can see better than he has ever before and without glasses. Great Program



## RAFFLE



**Tricia Fichtner** had her ticket drawn. \$122 in the pot. But did not pull the black marble. Bottle of wine was won.

## CLOSING

**President Kellie** thanked members and guests, then rang the bell, closing the meeting.