



## 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** opened the meeting at 12:26 pm



**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by **Tricia Fichtner**

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** None

**GUESTS of ROTARIANS**

✓ Tony Russo, Speaker of the Day

**THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:**

“Keep close to Nature’s heart ... and break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.” John Muir

**TRIVIA**

When asked to name 6 or more WNBA teams, **Nita Parker** named seven and had *six* correct cities. However, the cup was intended for the supplier of six or more proper team names, so no cup was awarded.

- 1) Indiana Fever
- 2) Connecticut Sun
- 3) *Chicago Sky*
- 4) *New York Liberty*
- 5) *Vegas Aces*
- 6) *LA Sparks*
- 7) Atlanta Dream
- 8) *Dallas Wings*
- 9) Minnesota Lynx
- 10) *Seattle Storm*
- 11) Phoenix Mercury
- 12) Washington Mystics

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ Peace Pole dedication this Thursday April 25th 1:30pm Geyserville Elementary - **Jean Hershede** shared the nice news and **Kellie** shared a photo of the program and products from a RI meeting.



- ✚ Healdsburg Chorus with at least one intra-song-integrated club member soloing on “What the World Needs is Love!” theme - April 27th & April 28th @ 3pm



- ✚ Adopt A Highway Cleanup: April 28th @ 9am - at the Dry Creek Rd & Highway 101 start point find **Nita** and **Devin** and **Dave Henderson** - looking for 3 more volunteers.

- ✚ Rose Garden Mulching: Tuesday May 7th – **Jean Hershede** as the messenger (not the mulcher) can connect volunteers!

- ✚ Arundo Removal: May 11 @ 9am-12pm, Memorial Beach

- ✚ FFA parade 23 May 5pm logistics shared by **John Avakian**: we have the Healdsburg Museum side yard space confirmed, however, attendees should take care of business before arriving as doors will closed so no bathroom access (museum staff will be floating in the parade). **Paul Jones** is making the grill plan.



- ✚ District 5130 Conference Friday evening social May 17th and conference day Saturday May 18th Somo Village Event Center, 1100 Valley House Drive, Rohnert Park



- ✚ Adulting 101 Villa Chanticleer May 28th 8am - 1pm - **Cathy King** for 102 HHS students is circulating signups for your morning and/or midday involvement!

- ✚ **Nita Parker** shared a summary on the successful 26-order tastiness fundraiser Lara and **Nita** operated on Saturday. The money will support a tour Lara will take including visits to the Grand Canyon and many Southwest cities and points of interest this summer!



- ✚ **Doug Garrett** on **President Kellie's** Debunking: Friday June 28th, Let **Doug** know digitally (has circulated a shared central document) or contact him directly with intent+availability to attend so he and **Emily** can plan with good information.

- ✚ Climate Fest was a success along with photos from the event **Kellie** thanked **Norm** and **Judy Fujita** and the rest of our club members and partners who volunteered and engaged with the successful event. **Kellie** shared the plastic challenge circulating with the club: don't forget to count plastic things in your days during this no-change-yet think about it write it down as "Baseline" week 1 and make some changes and recount next week!

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

**Graham Beal**

**Don Cliver**

### Anniversaries

**Jaime and Donna  
Campoverde**

## HAPPY DOLLARS RECOGNITION

- **Mike Potmesil** in gratitude for John Avakian & Janet Hoehn's Friday hospitality and specifically for having **John Avakian** and **John Hazlett** collaborate so skillfully deliver martinis in parallel with 2 shakers 4 hands (and own drinks in hand): \$50 to Polio Plus in Janet's name.



- **Henk (and Nancy) Peeters** feeling good: \$50 to the club

- **Devin Drew** \$20 to Polio Plus for Paul Harris's birthday, and gratitude to **Avakian, Hoehn, and Hazlett**



- **Emily Martin** gave \$27 to her Paul Harris for completing a 27-mile fundraiser training ride



## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Speaker: Tony Russo  
Rodent Control Marin Sonoma Mosquito  
Vector Control District

Tony introduced the numerous public health benefiting activities that his California Special District does with funding from annual property tax bills. He then went into expert detail about home / structure inspection and rodent exclusion best practices.



To learn more or ask followup questions:

[tonyr@msmosquito.org](mailto:tonyr@msmosquito.org)

And you can attend:

Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Control District

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday May 4th 11am to 3pm

595 Helman Lane, Cotati, 94931

[www.msmosquito.org](http://www.msmosquito.org)

Do's from Tony's presentation:

- Keep trees 4' + back from structures
- Consider adding steel wool with gap sealing foams
- Use very small amount of peanut butter with snap traps
- Club member noted that cotton balls also work with snap traps!
- Wear gloves when loading traps (they will smell you were there otherwise)
- Know that they are neophobic - don't change their route too much if you want to trap them!
- Clean up after sealing the structure 1:9 bleach water and a spray bottle
- Know that Leptospirosis and Sal Manila are spread by these animals along their paths
- Know that effective anticoagulation baits are banned; also effective on birds of prey, unfortunately

Ways to identify rodents

- Mice: get through ¼ holes!
- Norway rat: short-ish tail
- Roof rat: long tail (climbers!)
  
- Mouse scat:           rice
- Norway rat scat:       blunt
- Roof rat scat: tapered

Tony addressed questions and comments from club members including related to a recent [Press Democrat article](#).

## **RAFFLE WINNER**

**Jean Herschede!** Jean's ticket was drawn but she didn't get the white marble. Got a good bottle of wine; \$140 is still in the kitty.



## **CLOSING**

President Kellie rang the bell to close the meeting at 1:28pm

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

April 29th 2024 at 12:00 pm

Speaker: Devin Drew

International Services Activities

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May 6th 2024 at 12:00 pm

Speaker: Frances Schierenbeck

Commercial Building History of Healdsburg

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May 13th 2024 at 12:00 pm

Speaker: Tara Good-Young

Pediatric Dental Initiative

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May 20th 2024 at 12:00 pm

Speaker: Sofia Villa

RYE Korea and Back