



# **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 **Bob Livingston**

**VISITING ROTARIANS:** None



## **GUESTS OF ROTARIANS**

•Joni Hendricks (Guest of the Club)



•Nancy Watanabe (Guest of the Club and Speaker)

•Lynn Meadows (Guest of the Club and Speaker)





•Rich Lapping (Guest of **Phil Luks**)

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” -Martin Luther King, Jr.

### FILM RECOMMENDATION

**Doug Lyle** recommended *Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom*, a film streaming on Netflix. It's a simple story about a teacher in a village in Bhutan who dreams of becoming a singer, wishing to get a visa and relocate in Australia. Its message is about getting happiness by leading a simple life. **Doug** stated it's a moving film and well worth the watch.



### TRIVIA



⇒ What year did Martin Luther King, Jr. give his “I Have a Dream” speech? (1963, answered by **Dr. Dave Anderson**)

⇒ How many times was MLK Jr. jailed for peaceful protests against racial injustice? (29 times)

**Dr. Dave** received a bracelet with a Rotary pin on it for his correct answer.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ The next Board meeting will be January 22, 2024 since the 15<sup>th</sup> is MLK holiday
- ✚ Rotary Club of Healdsburg Store <https://www.markful.com/rotary-club-of-healdsburg> is available for members to purchase various Rotary items such as hats, shirts, etc. Use code SHOP10 to take 10% off your purchase. Thank you, **Doug Garrett**, for finding this store for us!
- ✚ Healdsburg Garden Club needs help at the Rose Garden on January 25<sup>th</sup> @9:00a.m. In the West Plaza Park to help prune the roses. *Please bring your garden shears, loppers, gloves, water bottle, and a bucket to carry cuttings. Also, if you have weeding tools, we will try to tackle them. We will learn how to properly winter prune a rose! Light rain, we will be there. Otherwise, a raindate is set for Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.*



The second District 5130 Russian River Arundo Removal Workday will be February 3<sup>rd</sup> with the location to be determined later.



The Club Service upcoming Valentine lunch is February 12<sup>th</sup>. A survey has gone out to members to get a feel for how many are interested and how much people are willing to pay for the event. It seems **Don Mitchell** and **John Hazlett** have not gotten the email, so please let **John Avakian** know if you have not received the email with the survey.

## BIRTHDAYS

- ❖ **John Torres** – January 9 (Not present)
- ❖ **Jack Neureuter** – January 10 (Not present)
- ❖ **Eric Drew** – January 11 (Not present)
- ❖ **Nita Parker** – January 12 (Not present – must be in Hawaii celebrating)

- ❖ **Jim Brenton** – January 14 **Jim** donated \$75 to Cindy Brenton's John Harris account



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



- ❖ **Bob Pedroncelli** – January 13 (\$45 to Scholarship Fund)

- ❖ **Paul Jones** – January 16 (Not present)

## ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES



- ❖ **Don Mitchell** – January 8, 2018 (\$25 to Polio+)

## HAPPY DOLLARS



❖ **Fred Roberts** - Fred's just happy he woke up this morning! He's been gone for two months, so happy to be back. But the happiest news is that he has a new granddaughter born in November. He donated \$190 to the Club. Welcome back **Fred!**

❖ **Doug Lyle** – Doug just spent a couple of weeks in Maui and brought **President Kellie** back a plumeria candle. He donated \$50 to the Club.



❖ **Bob Livingston** – Bob brought his Paul Harris “medal” to share with the club and stated that 2023 was the worst year ever. He donated enough money for whatever he needs to close out this next level of his Paul Harris Fund.

❖ **Ric Helthall** – Ric is happy the final “tune up” on his eyes after cataract surgery has left him with perfect eyesight. No reading glasses even needed. All this is thanks to the fancy surgery by Dr. Barth. **Ric** would like Dr. Barth to come share this new technique at one of the meetings.

❖ **Dr. Dave Anderson** – Michigan will be playing Washington Huskies and, of course, he'll be rooting for his Wolverines. He donated \$27 to Polio+



❖ **Phil Luks** – Another Michigan fan who will also be rooting for the Wolverines. **Phil** spent time in Jackson, Michigan (not in the prison, though!) and has fond memories of Michiganders.

❖ **Rosemary Jordan** - Enso Village has 104 residents at this time. **Rosemary** donated \$104 to the Community Fund







❖ **Kellie Larson – President Kellie** has a new grandson to celebrate, although she hasn't been able to meet him yet. She also took on the responsibility of owning a new puppy and is wondering why?! She donated \$100 to the Club



❖ **Devin Drew** – Happy to donate \$20 to the Club and then \$76 to Paul Harris because his father was not able to be at the meeting to celebrate his January birthday.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM



**Nancy Watanabe and Lynn Meadows** spoke to the Club about the orphanage in Haiti called Hearthstone Village. Nancy once traveled to Haiti on a medical mission and decided to look for an orphanage to sponsor and came to love Hearthstone Village. At the time it housed 27 girls. At this time, it is unsafe for any of the usual volunteers and sponsors to travel to Haiti as it's become too dangerous. It's a small, all

volunteer, non-denominational, non-profit organization dedicated to education, nutrition, and healthcare for the communities in need. The girls study business, law, medicine, and literature. Some of the girls are now in medical school. Because of the situation in Haiti, they are desperately in need of donors to help continue funding the needs of the organization. Several members of the club seem interested in donating a small amount on a monthly basis to help them meet the organization's needs. For more information about donating, please go to their website <https://www.hearthstone-village.org>

## **RAFFLE**

**Tim Mann** had the winning number but didn't pick the winning marble. He did go home with a lovely bottle of wine, however. The jackpot was at \$137.00 today.



**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:** No meeting next week, January 15<sup>th</sup>, in honor of MLK Day.

## **CLOSING**

**President Kellie** rang the bell to close the meeting at 1:33 p.m.