



The Voice of the Vineyards

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"The mission of a bulletin is inform the membership,
comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable"

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by **Mel Schatz**

GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS



✓ Bicycling in, visiting Rotarians; Jennifer Rollins soon to be District Gov 5627/28 & Lisa Ficek

✓ Bernadette Calhoun & Skills USA award winning Healdsburg and Skills USA award winning Healdsburg High school student, Julia Dolph

✓ Cindy Brenton, guest of **James Brenton**





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Jerry Eddinger - Back after a year

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – Desmond Tutu

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.

TRIVIA QUIZ

Question: Identifying Flags

Answer: Japan, Argentina, Cuba, Lebanon, Iceland, South Africa

Tie Breakers: Egypt, Afghanistan, Vatican City

Winner: **Brent Stanley** with 5 out of 6 correct, missing Iceland



ROTARIANS AT WORK – EGG SCRAMBLE PICTURES & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Thanks to **Phil Luks** for managing, **John Hazlett** for being this year's bunny, and all the Club members who helped out. **Phil** concluded it's 10x's easier to do all plastic eggs for future Egg Scrambles and when asked the group, there didn't seem to be any pushback on lack of real eggs. Shot out to Spoke Folk for discount on the 3 bikes that were raffled off.

BOOK REVIEW – Dave Henderson

The Great Influenza by John M. Barry



Published in 2018, had it been just a few years later, it could have possibly been an entirely different book. The author, John Barry, wanted to explore several questions that did not necessarily involve influenza. He wanted to see how American society reacted to an immense challenge; a war nature had launched against humanity post on a war humans had launched against each other – WWI. I wanted to explore how individuals had at least some power to deal with this challenge reacted. Whether they were politicians or scientists and what effect their decisions had on society. And he wanted to see what lessons we would take from such investigation. John Barry cast a wide net, various aspects of society in general, including local politicians, cities, towns. He found their reactions were terrible and lacking to say the least. Newspapers across the country universally failed and he goes into greater detail on that. The military paid no attention to what was going on and the spread of the disease started at a base in Kansas. Another interesting part of the book involved Woodrow Wilson. He was going to negotiations of peace after WWI where he famously had a stroke that was covered up and then revealed that it was in fact actually influenza. Lots of interesting societal overviews in the book, highly recommend you read it. President Jim concurs having also read it.

2025-26 BOARD & OFFICER NOMINEES – Updated

Don Cliver has been added as the Sergeant-at-arms nominee, voting will take place next week.

UPCOMING CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES



○ *Giro Vignati Bike Ride* – Saturday, May 17 – **Paul Frechette**
10 registered so far, more riders welcome. Choose the distance you want to ride.

○ *FFA BBQ & Parade Viewing* – Thursday, May 22 – **Paul Frechette**

Lawn use has again been approved. 5 pm start time with celebrity chef **Paul Jones**

○ *Joint Club Social with the Sunrise Club* – May / June - **Paul Frechette**
Still in the works, might not be until the next club's administration

○ *Debunking Dinner* – Friday, June 27 TBD

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- *Prune Packers' Game* – Wednesday, July 16
- Tuesday in the Plaza – August TBD

UPCOMING ENVIRONMENT AND YOUTH SERVICE EVENTS

- Tuesday, April 22 - Russian Riverkeeper Clean-up, Sunset beach, Forestville
 - Sign up in Russian Riverkeeper web site. **Norm Fujita** is organizing a carpool.
 - 5 sign-ups so far, more projects/opportunities coming soon
- Tuesday, April 29 – Healdsburg High Scholarship Awards – 6:00 at the Raven Theater
Coordinate with **Cathy King** if you'd like to attend as there is a shortage of available seating



Upcoming SCARC, District & Rotary International Events

- > Thursday, April 24 – **SCARC Dinner** – Santa Rosa Sunshine Club
Deanna Reis attending
- > Friday & Saturday, May 2 & 3 – **District Conference** – Fortuna
Cathy King attending
- > June 21-25 – **RI Convention** - Calgary

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARDS

- ❖ **Doug Garrett** - Jaw dropping green hair day donation – received PHF +5 pin
- ❖ **Jim Westfall** – received PHF + 5 pin. Every year Jim graciously makes a large polio plus donation which is matched by the Gates Foundation



- ❖ **Tom Cleland** – received PHF +4 pin & used Rotary Foundation Recognition points to make his daughter, Lanelle Rogers, a Paul Harris fellow.

CELEBRATIONS

- *Birthdays* – **Jerry Eddinger** last week \$87 polio plus \$13 to **Phil Luks** for not showing up & \$100 to scholarship
- *Wedding Anniversaries*
- *Club Anniversaries*



ANNOUNCEMENTS



✚ **Eric Drew** - High end engineering and physics company coming to Healdsburg. Areté came to Healdsburg largely because of the number of skilled engineers in the area to work for companies Al and Judy Voigt built over the past 45 years. <http://celebratesculpture.com/about/al-voigt/> Including Versatron, which Al and Judy founded in Healdsburg in 1975 and Versatron's successors, Wecam, L-3 Harris, PrimeX and General Dynamics. Say hi and thank you to Judy when you see her around town.

✚ **Ric Helthall** - Quick cyber security update: He's been getting questions from members on freezing credit. He will be sending president Jim document he created on how to freeze your credit. Also, a reminder to not use your debit card as a credit card. Bad guys are getting better and if they get that number, they can clean out your bank account.

✚ **Doug Garrett** - He is resurrecting the fireside chat for the red badge members to attend and get a chance to ask questions about the club in a small more intimate environment. This is will be May 5th 4:30 – 6:30pm. Email will go out to red badger with the details.



✚ **Han Soh** – Good news/bad news: membership is growing, now that the weather is better more golfers are out and parking is challenging. Consider carpooling, riding bikes, or other means of transportation to help ease congestion.



- 🌈 **President Jim** – sign up sheet going around for a few dates needed for being the scribe & a confusing update about meetings surrounding the July 4th holiday which he will clarify in a future email.

HAPPY \$\$

- **Fred Roberts** – Woke up happy + son-in-law's 40th birthday last week. \$40 to the club



- **Matt Anderson** was in the French Riviera sans kids with his wife. Brought back herbs de provence for **President Jim** & donated \$30 for polio plus.

PROGRAM

SkillsUSA – Bernadette Calhoun

After a career as an engineer for Apple, Bernadette went back to school earning two master's degrees while simultaneously developing a large vocabulary of acronyms. She then embarked on a now 20-year career teaching at another school in Sonoma County before coming to Healdsburg High School where she has been teaching for the past 5 years, and just this year, started teaching CTE. Career Technical Education which has a extensive framework set up by the state with the idea of equipping students with real world skills. by bringing industry into the classroom. CTE today is VERY different from what you and I might have known or experienced as CTE in the past. CTE helps students prepare for post-secondary training or a college experience in order to further their skill sets by bringing industry into the classroom. The partnerships with the community and post-secondary institutions help students explore what they might want to do or be interested in through experiences whether in an internship or work experience by providing skill opportunities that build on each other.



Why CTE?

Graduation rate for CTE concentrators (students following the CTE path) is higher than the national average for high school in general.

Engagement of CTE students higher vs general high school students.

Post-secondary class performance is better especially in English, they are stronger writers.

CTE students report higher satisfaction with their school experience.

CTE provides real world experience naturally.

Ultimately leading to opportunities for internships in a work environment (HHS is putting together a class to be offered next year) while getting school credit at the same time.

How does Skills USA fit into all of this?

- Every CTE program is required to have a CTSO (Career Technical Student Organization) that's what SkillsUSA.
- SkillsUSA helps students explore opportunities, going beyond the work environment, and get competition experience.
- SkillsUSA is a national organization, founded in 1965 with 450K students across US and internationally.
- There are 114 different categories to compete in at the regional and state level.
- Categories range from arts, entertainment, building & construction, energy, culinary, etc. Bernadette came in the engineering and architecture category where she walked students through the process of what it looks like to be on an engineer team, how they produce a product & how they market a product.

First competition Healdsburg High School competed in was 2020 where 3 students = the regional team. This year, 83 members of HHH Skills USA, 70 students signed up for regional completion, 34 qualified to go against 4400 other school qualifiers in an increasingly competitive state competition.

This year's HHS winners:



- Julia – Won for restaurant service

- Gold medal team for Career Pathway Showcase Business (Coffee Cart)
- Silver medal in baking and pastry
- Bronze medal baking and pastry
- Bronze medal Bernadette's engineering team (electricity generating device)
- Silver medal, a chapter of distinction

How can Rotary help?

SkillsUSA needs mentors! People who could meet with the students once a week or every couple of weeks, check on their progress, and help them learn the specific skill or area they are studying etc. Sadly, two students had to drop out of competition because they lacked mentor resources. Financial help supplies for competitions.

SkillsUSA “is one the best programs she’s seen as a teacher for 20 years at engaging kids, really getting them to buy in, care about it deeply and getting them to spend hours of their own time without a teacher asking them to do so.”

Julia, Senior Healdsburg High, member of SkillsUSA for 4 years, serving as vice president since sophomore year. First two years competed in culinary arts placing 3rd place freshman and sophomore year at state competition. Special Service category placing 2nd Junior year and 1st place Senior year at the state level.

“Overall SkillsUSA has been incredible, I’ve been able to learn restaurant jobs and actually put practice into it, and win trophies and scholarships, which is a huge accomplishment. I wanted to be a chef for a little bit, so if I wanted to, I have the opportunity through a scholarship at the Culinary Institute. I think SkillsUSA is an incredible opportunity to compete in something you love and actually have a tangible resolution from that. It allows kids find what they love doing and explore the career opportunities at an early age.”

Questions:

- ✓ How many SkillsUSA students of the HHS student body? 84 of +/-450 students
- ✓ How many school in our area have this program? Just catching on in our area. East Coast is much more prevalent. Big in Southern California & Sacramento also.
- ✓ Will you be affected by the Department of Education funding cuts? Potentially. Not so much through the Dept of Education, but the majority of our funding is from grants, and as grants are going to have to be spread amongst a larger group of people in need, that will affect SkillsUSA.

RAFFLE

- > Ticket Winner -#571 **Doug Garrett**
Marble Outcome -Blue marble. **Doug** received a nice bottle of OPR Old Patch Red wine



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 28 – Healdsburg Schools Finances and Successes – **Mike Potmesil** & Chris Vanden Heuvel
May 5 - Sonoma Development Center – Keith Rogal