



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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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by **Matt Anderson**



GUESTS OF THE CLUB

- ✓ Cindy Brenton
- ✓ Chris Vanden Heuvel, speaker of the day



VISITING ROTARIANS

- ✓ Cori Christenson (Rotary Club of Gilbert, AZ)



- ✓ Manny Espinosa (Rotary Club of Gilbert, AZ)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY – Economic Forecasting

- > John Kenneth Galbraith: *There are two kinds of economic forecasters: Those who know they don't know and those who don't know they don't know.*
- > John Kenneth Galbraith: *Give them a number or give them a date, but never give them both.*
- > Russ Roberts: *You know economists have a sense of humor because their forecasts include a decimal point.*

TRIVIA QUIZ

Question: NASA--What were the names of the Mercury Space Capsules?

Answers: Liberty Bell (**Mark Decker**)



Freedom (**Tim Mann**)

Friendship (**Brent Stanley**)

Aurora

Sigma

Faith



BOOK REVIEW – Norm Fujita

“On Call - A Doctor’s Journey in Public Service” by
Anthony Fauci

The scientist, public health official and unlikely political lightning rod writes candidly about Donald Trump, the AIDS crisis, Ebola, COVID and other subjects. Inspiring. He stayed true to his commitment to his patients.



POLIO UPDATE

Seven YTD wild polio infections so far in 2025, 1 in Afghanistan and 6 in Pakistan. (252 in 2024 and 528 in 2023.) No reported infections for the last six weeks.

ROTARIANS IN ACTION

- Earth Day Trash Removal - **Norm Fujita, Dave Henderson, Shaun Shields, Jaime Campoverde** and **Rick Tang**
- Farm to Fight Hunger planting – **Norm Fujita** New opportunities on Tuesday (4/29) and Thursday (5/1) Our club financed tractor trailer.

CLUB SERVICE

- Giro Vignati Bike Ride – Saturday, May 17 – **Paul Frechette** (11 signed up so far)
- FFA BBQ & Parade Viewing – Thursday, May 22 – **Paul Frechette** (**Paul Jones** to grill)
- Debunking Dinner – Friday, June 27
- Club meeting schedule – Regular meeting June 30, DARK July 7
- Prune Packers' Game – Wednesday, July 16
- Tuesday in the Plaza – August TBD

YOUTH SERVICE EVENT

- Tuesday, April 29 – Healdsburg High Scholarship Awards – 6:00 at the Raven Theater

Upcoming SCARC, District & Rotary International Events

- Friday & Saturday, May 2 & 3 – **District Conference** – Fortuna
- June 21-25 – **RI Convention** – Calgary

ANNUAL MEETING

- Election of 2025-26 Board & Officer Nominees:
Unanimous vote for board and officer slate

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays **Graham Beale** \$130 to the Club for combination of May birthday

Club Anniversaries None

Wedding Anniversary None

HAPPY \$\$



- **Devon Drew** \$100 to Scholarship Fund (South African socks to **President Jim**)

- **Mark Decker** \$50 to Paul Harris (Salsa to **President Jim**)



- **Turner Newton** \$50 to Community Fund (Mexican chocolate to **President Jim**)



- **Jean Herschede** \$50 to Paul Harris for new cataract lens



- Cori Christenson (guest) \$20 to Club for hosting

- **Doug Garrett** \$50 to Club for family wedding



TODAY'S PROGRAM

- ❖ Chris Vanden Heuvel has served for 10 years as Healdsburg District Superintendent
- ❖ **Mike Potmesil** – School Board of Trustees Vice President

Healdsburg schools are in good shape. 150 years of history. Enrollment is up slightly for the first time in years. 65% Latino student population. Average class size in K-5 is 17. Leader in UC acceptances. Healdsburg HS has highest A-G Rate in Sonoma County (64%, Latino 53%). Pandemic learning loss has been closed based on CAASPP scores. School safety is focus with training and anonymous app. (No brandished weapons on campuses for last 15 years.) Suspension rates are low and run below state level at 2.62%. To support our immigrant families, HUSD is a “safe haven” district. Wellness Center at HHS counsel students experiencing anxiety and crisis issues. (Anxiety levels are still high after Covid.) Finances: funded by property taxes – approximately \$25,000-26,000 per student (state funded average base funding level of \$16,000-17,000). 2024-25 budget expenses \$37.79m (80% towards salaries/employees and benefits). 42% salary raises for staff over the last 5 years. Now the highest paid district for teachers. Inter-district transfers now allowed on a limited basis to maintain classes and opportunities for students in the junior and high schools. Bond Measure R raises \$49m for capital improvement projects at elementary schools. (HES entry, Fitch Mountain School field and HHS Aquatics Center)



RAFFLE

- Ticket Winner: **Han Soh**
- Marble Outcome: Sorry, wine only



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- May 5 - Sonoma Development Center – Keith Rogal
- May 12 – Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue – Doris Duncan