



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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OPENING/WELCOME Jaime Campoverde, Presiding for **President Cathy**



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by **Paul Sullivan**.

GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

- ✓ Gail Roper, Speaker of the Day
- ✓ Cindy Brenton (Guest & Spouse of **Jim Brenton**)



- ✓ Rollie Atkinson (Sebastopol Rotary)

- ✓ Sarah Quider (Guest of Club, Gail Roper's daughter)
- ✓ Pam Heath (Guest & Spouse of **George Heath**)



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - Ric Helthall

AI has the potential to shine light into the dark corners of the Internet. Apple, Google and Microsoft are all developing AI cybersecurity suites to protect their users, so there is still hope!

TRIVIA QUIZ- What is the most popular Halloween candy in the US?

- Answer: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

- Winner: **Phil Luks**
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DINNERS FOR 8

Photos were shown and **Jaime** asked for descriptions of the food served at the dinners. They all sounded fabulous, even though **Dick Cochran** could not remember what he and Dena served for the main course. Beef tenderloin, beef Bourguignons, shrimp, lamb skewers, vegan lasagna (with homemade cheese!) and more were enjoyed.

Hosts this year:

- > **Barbara & Pier Oddone**
- > **Dick & Dena Cochran**
- > **David & Leslie Moreland**
- > **Phil & Charlene Luks**
- > **Matt and Hayley Anderson**

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ *Riddel Preserve-* Wildfire Mitigation Work. **Norm Fujita** showed photos from the event. Money was supplied in part through a District 5130 grant of \$4,600 to help protect the environment using tools acquired by LandPaths using the grant money. It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all participants.



- ✚ *A Simple Gesture-* Why Become A Donor for Simple Gesture Donate groceries to our local Healdsburg Food Pantry. We are working with the Food Pantry and A Simple Gesture to get the project started. We did tabling events at Safeway, Big John's and Lola's markets to sign up participants. November 1 is the first pickup. The committee will be meeting November 6 to develop plans to expand the program before the next pickup in January. Regular pickups will be the first Saturday of the month. Contact **Dave Henderson** to get involved.



CLUB SERVICES



- ❖ *Crab Feast-* December 6th. We still need more members to sign up to solicit donations. We only have three weeks to solicit and obtain donations so they can be put in the catalog and featured on the website. Discounted tickets are still available. This is our Club's major fundraiser for the year, so please help wherever you can.

- ❖ Preliminary- *Club Holiday Party-* December 17th at Cast Winery. Survey will be sent to see if members are interested

HAPPY \$

- **Dave Anderson** is celebrating Michigan's victory over Michigan State and donated \$30 to Polio+. **Dave** also encouraged everyone to go see the beautiful new Geyserville mural.





➤ **George Heath** and Pam celebrated their 37th anniversary in Hawaii and donated \$37 to Polio+.

➤ **Phil** and Charlene **Luks** went to Northern Italy and France and brought some pâté for **Jaime** to give to \$50 to the Club.



➤ **Nita Parker's** daughter had a baby last Saturday and she pledged \$50 to Polio+.



➤ **Mike Potmesil** is recovering nicely from knee surgery. \$50 to Polio+ and \$50 to the Scholarship Fund.



TODAY'S PROGRAM



Gail Roper, Olympic Swimmer. Gail is 97 years old and still swims at Parkpoint Health Club three days a week. She is one of the subjects of the “Silver into Gold” documentary film.

She has seven children, including Sarah Quider, founder, Healdsburg Bubble Bar. There were so many restrictions on girls' swimming activity in her High School in New Jersey (e.g. one lap at a time!). Girls were not encouraged to be athletes, because of fear they would not be able to bear

children and many other excuses. Gail represented the USA in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics. She later visited the White House at the invitation of President Eisenhower. She's also climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and has swum across the Nile and Mississippi Rivers! One of the reasons she loves Healdsburg is proximity to the Russian River. She learned to swim as a small child in the Delaware River.

- Ms. Roper was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) as an Honor Masters Swimmer in 1997. Even in her 90s she remained active in the pool, training and participating in Masters events.

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The Club gave Ms. Roper a standing ovation in recognition of her achievements.

RAFFLE



Cindy Brenton's ticket was drawn but Cindy didn't pull the magic marble so got a nice bottle of Foley Ferrari-Carano wine

UPCOMING PROGRAMS-

- ✓ November 3rd-Bob Rogers- Polio Update
- ✓ November 10th-DG Kristine Redko- Official Visit