



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 **Mark Decker**

GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS-

- ✓ Caryn Shapiro Stone- Speaker and presenter
- ✓ Mary Kelley, guest of **Richard Norgrove**



- ✓ Cindy Brenton, wife and guest of **Jim Brenton**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY- Donald Anderson



Grateful for his daughter, Camile, who wrote this note of encouragement/mindfulness: "Pause, put your hand on your heart, take a breath, remember where you are in the earth, breath in peace, breath out fear"

VETERANS TRIBUTE LUNCH



We had a great turnout! Those who attended included: **Matt Anderson (chauffeur), Devin Drew, John and Carol Hazlett, Mark Decker, Dick Cochran, Paul Frechette, Nita Parker, Cathy King, Rick Tang, Han Soh, and Lucia Verela.**

TRIVIA QUIZ



How many of the “seven wonders of the world” are man-made??

- Answers: ALL OF THEM
- Winner: **Doug Garrett**

MOVIE- Ric Helthall - Nuremberg

Go see it at the local True West Center

Nuremberg (2025) is a historical psychological drama directed by James Vanderbilt. It focuses on U.S. Army psychiatrist Douglas Kelley (played by Rami Malek), who is tasked with evaluating high-ranking Nazi prisoners — especially Hermann Göring (Russell Crowe) — to decide whether they’re mentally fit to stand trial. The movie is based on the book *The Nazi and the Psychiatrist* by Jack El-Hai.

READING PROGRAM AT HEALDSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Report from **Jim Westfall & Andy Elkind**

Jim Westfall and **Andy Elkind** met last Friday with Healdsburg Elementary School librarian Laura Ferreira to coordinate our club’s participation in the school’s Reading Program. We appreciate the club’s willingness to get involved and support early literacy.



The library operates on a set schedule with short, 30-minute reading sessions for Transitional K through 2nd grade. Volunteers must provide one week’s advance notice—by Thursday at the end of the day, for sessions taking place during the week after the following week.

To volunteer, email lferreira@husd.com with the subject line:

“Rotary Volunteer for [Date/Time]”

For example: *Rotary Volunteer for Friday, Jan 5, 12:50–1:50.*

Please remember to check the school calendar before selecting dates.

YEW Club Coat Drive



Young Empowered Women's Club – Report from **Mike Potmesil**

With colder weather arriving, the Healdsburg High School YEW Club (Young Empowered Women's Club) is organizing a community Coat Drive. They are accepting new or gently used coats to support local students and families in need.

Questions?

Contact Espie Nunez at 707-401-0630 or enunez@husd.com.

Drop-Off Location:

Healdsburg High School
1024 Prince St., Healdsburg, CA
Front Office

HUSD Test Score Improvements (Mike Potmesil)

Healdsburg Unified School District was recognized as one of only four districts in the region for notable improvements in student performance this year.

Key achievements include:

- Graduation rate increased by 7.2%, reaching 96.7% for 2025
- ELA scores up 13.9%
- Math scores up 4.2%
- College and Career Readiness increased by 17 percentage points

These gains reflect the hard work of students, educators, and staff across the district.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library (Don Mitchell)



Don Mitchell shared an exciting milestone for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library: 220 children have now graduated from the program!

The club is proud to continue supporting this impactful early literacy initiative, which provides free books to children during their most important developmental years.

UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS-

- Thanksgiving Senior Lunch, Healdsburg Senior Center-Nov 24th
- Crab Feast-Dec 6th
- Rotary Commemoration of the United Nations, San Francisco, December 11th
- Holiday Chorus Concert

The Healdsburg Chorus will present its Holiday Concert on December 13th at 3:00 p.m. Join the community for an afternoon of festive music and seasonal celebration.

HAPPY \$\$



✚ We welcomed Mary Kelly as a guest at this week's meeting. Mary shared that she is grateful to be alive after a challenging year in which she lost her father. A proud Healdsburg graduate, she expressed heartfelt appreciation for the community and for all that Rotary has done to support local students and families.



✚ **Norm Fujita** returned from a recent fishing trip in Eastern Oregon, where he took on the challenge of catching the legendary "fish of 1,000 casts." According to Norm, his personal tally was closer to 1 fish in 5,000 casts—but still a memorable adventure! Norm generously contributed \$25 to the club in celebration of the trip.



✚ **Dick Cochran** shared that they are hosting their kids and grandkids for an early Thanksgiving dinner this year. In honor of the occasion, Dick contributed \$100 to PolioPlus.

- ✚ **Dave Henderson** - Visited a very well-done mural program and donated \$60 to the club



- ✚ **Richard Norgrove** shared a joyful update centered on family wellness and celebration. The family gathered for his daughter's birthday, with as many members as possible joining a trip to Disneyland.



Despite three days of rain, the group made the most of it — staying at the Disneyland Hotel, where they were the only ones in the hot tub, and enjoying full access to the concierge level, which they closed out all three nights. Richard reported that he was *really* happy with the trip. In celebration, **Richard** contributed \$100 to PolioPlus.

- ✚ **Grady Wann** is back with us for a couple of weeks after spending 44 days in Italy. This marks his third year helping a friend with the wine harvest, an experience he continues to enjoy and learn from. Grady contributed \$100 to the Community Fund upon his return.



- ✚ **Doug Garret** celebrated his granddaughter's **4th birthday** today. He'll be visiting her next week — and is looking forward to a trip that **won't be rainy**. **Doug** contributed **\$25 to the club** in honor of Olive's special day.

- ✚ **Fred Roberts** shared that he is happy this week as his granddaughter is turning 2 years old on Thursday. In celebration of her birthday, **Fred** contributed \$100 to the club.



- ✚ **John Hazlett** celebrated his 17th year with the club and expressed his appreciation for how welcoming and supportive the club has been throughout the years. He contributed \$50 to PolioPlus in honor of the milestone.



✚ **Doug Lyle** shared that he traveled to San Francisco on Thursday to see Patti Smith in concert — and reported that she was better than ever. He also encouraged members to check out her book *M Train*. **Doug** contributed \$25 to PolioPlus in honor of the experience.

✚ **Tim Regan** shared two highlights this week: he has a new fence installed at home, and he celebrated his granddaughter's 5th birthday. In honor of the occasion, **Tim** contributed \$100 to Paul Harris.



✚ **Ric Helthall** recently traveled to Littleton, Colorado to visit his grandkids. He also shared the great news that he has lost 50 pounds recently. In celebration, **Rick** contributed \$50 to the club.

PROGRAM: CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NORTHWEST CALIFORNIA



This week's program was presented by Caryn Shapiro Stone, Manager of Individual Giving and Community Engagement at Catholic Charities of Northwest California. Caryn's work centers on building relationships, connecting community groups, and expanding awareness of the organization's mission. She holds a master's degree from UC Santa Barbara and is passionate about creating access to opportunities for those who need it most.

Caryn shared the organization's Mission, Vision, Purpose, and Values, highlighting their renewed emphasis on "Standing in Solidarity"—a guiding principle that reflects their commitment to serving the most vulnerable members of our community.

She also updated the club on several key initiatives:

- **Mobile Office Grant:** Catholic Charities recently received funding for a mobile office van, which will bring services directly to underserved areas.
- **Shelter Programs:** An overview of their shelter operations and ongoing needs.

- Immigration & Naturalization Services: Support programs assisting community members through the legal and citizenship process.
- Community Connections: A range of programs that strengthen stability, education, and access to resources.

Caryn's presentation emphasized the organization's broad and meaningful impact across the region, as well as the importance of collaboration and community support.

RAFFLE



✓ Ticket Winner- **John Hazlett**'s ticket was drawn and **John** drew the magic marble for \$400!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ✓ November 24th- Senior Lunch @The Healdsburg Senior Center on Matheson
- ✓ December 1st-Crab Feast @Chanticleer
- ✓ December 8th-Dark