



## 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- **Rich Lapping**

### GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

✓ Pam Heath, guest of **George Heath**



✓ Cindy Brenton, guest of **Jim Brenton**

✓ Ali Tuttle, guest of Club Membership Chair **Graham Freeman**



### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY-Fred Roberts

> Two percent of the people think, three percent of the people think they think, and the rest are looking for a slogan!"  
Paraphrased from George Bernard Shaw



- > “Whatever you do, always give 100%, unless, of course, you’re giving blood!”  
Bill Murray

## TRIVIA QUIZ

- What country is the next Rotary International President from? And bonus question, what is his name?



Answers: He is from Nigeria. His name is Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, known as “Yinka”

Winner: **Dave Henderson**

## DRY CREEK KITCHEN DINNER FOR 8

**Photos** were displayed of the 8 participants at this dinner. It was one of the Live Auction items at the recent Crab Feast. A good time had by all!

## A SIMPLE GESTURE

- Promoted by Simone Wilson, **Dave Henderson** relayed some facts and figures. There are more than 100 participants in the Healdsburg/Geyserville ASG. We are growing and expect to grow further as the weeks and months pass. The next Green Bag filled with suggested groceries is Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. We are all urged to sign up for this important “feel good” endeavor. BTW, once you’ve signed up, you are not required to participate each month, though you are encouraged to do so.

## ENVIRONMENT UPDATE-NORM FUJITA



1. Broomapulloozza, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>; volunteers will continue important efforts to eradicate the invasive French Broom on Fitch Mountain. This effort is not just for aesthetics, or to clear the hiking paths. It is also to help the mountain and our community continue to become more fire resistant.
2. Update on native plants, Healdsburg High School; In May, several Rotarians assisted in the planting of dozens of plants at the Healdsburg High School. **Norm** provided photos and information that the plants are doing well, under the care of HHS’s Linus Lancaster, a dedicated teacher there for more than 20 years.
3. Paper egg carton donation to Farm to Fight Hunger. **Norm** urged all of the us to save our egg cartons, plastic or cardboard, so egg donations from Farm to Fight Hunger can be more easily transported to the needy. Bring cartons to the Monday meetings.

4. **Norm** received a request to help harvest 1700 cabbages from a farm we have worked with in the past, located on Hendricks Road just outside of city limits on the west side. If you are interested, please contact Norm Fujita. Time is of the essence.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ *Far West District Conference*

May 1-3, buy tickets by April 11<sup>th</sup>. **President Cathy** showed several photographs of events that can be expected at the annual District Conference. This is slated to be a fun gathering of several hundred people in Reno, representing several Rotary Districts. This scribe attended the last Far West District Conference in Reno, about 5 years ago. It is the closest anyone will come to experience the international Rotary Conference (held in Taiwan this year) without actually attending the international event.



➤ *Valentine's Day Lunch Update-Tricia Fichtner*

The lunch will be held at the restaurant Tisza (our weekly caterer) on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The menu sounded terrific as **Tricia** read it to the club. If you haven't signed up already, it's not too late to do so. Contact **Tricia Fichtner**, or find the Google document in your email, and sign up using that.

➤ *Healdsburg Museum event: Italians settling in Healdsburg*

In the next segment of this ongoing speaker series, our own **Don Anderson** will be one of the speakers at the event held at the museum. This is today as this scribe writes, Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Another well-known speaker is Joe Pelanconi from Geyserville. It should be informative, and fun.



## HAPPY \$\$



✚ **Tim Mann** had a happy experience. His son was getting married at the Marin Civic Center in a civil ceremony. **Tim** and Christi accompanied the group to the Civic Center, where **Tim** learned he could obtain a license for the day to become a wedding officiant. He took the opportunity, and experienced an experience to last a lifetime. He officiated the wedding of his son. **Tim** donated \$100 to PolioPlus to honor the experience.

✚ **Dick Cochran** had a fun family experience at Lake Tahoe and donated \$100 to PolioPlus to honor that trip.

✚ **Fred Roberts** was, once again, happy to wake up this morning. But he was also happy to have spent several days



with his daughter, granddaughters, and son-in-law in Boulder, CO recently. **Fred** donated \$100 to the Club to honor this experience.

## **PROGRAM:** Polio Plus and Green Hair Day



**President Cathy** provided the program today. She provided great information regarding points listed below.

1. History of Rotary involvement with ending Polio
2. Progress and achievements
3. Why Polio
4. Green Hair Day, the beginning – see below
5. Green Hair Day update – Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 a.m. at Costeaux Bakery for the annual St. Patrick’s Day

parade, and hair spraying (or wig/hat wearing!)



**President Cathy** called upon **Richard Norgrove** to tell the story of how Green Hair Day was started. When **Richard** was Club president, circa 2009, he got the idea of having Rotarians asking other people for donation to Green Hair Day, all of which would ultimately be donated to PolioPlus. For **Richard**, who at the time owned Bear Republic Brewery and restaurants, he sought donation from his cadre of distributors. Donate \$100, he’ll send a framed photo of himself with sprayed green

hair. Donate more, and he’ll paint a fingernail green in your honor, and send a photo of that. Through the years, **Richard’s** initial efforts have blossomed into a successful PolioPlus fundraising initiative. Our club is always amongst the top clubs in the District in PolioPlus fundraising. Last year, our club was once The Top Club in this effort, raising more than \$42,000. In the past many years, our club has raised in the neighborhood of \$500,000 for PolioPlus.

## **RAFFLE**

Ticket Winner- Dick **Cochran**

Marble Outcome- Not the winner but a bottle of wine for his effort



## **Upcoming Programs**

- ✓ February 9th-Emily Peterson  
Magical Bridge
  
- ✓ February 16th-Presidents Day  
Dark—no meeting