



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 **Noah Cohen**



GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS



✓ Michael Fichtner, son of club member **Tricia Fichtner**

✓ Halley Anderson, Meeting Speaker

✓ Cindy Brenton, spouse of club member **Jim Brenton**

✓ Chris L’Orange, Member Healdsburg Sunrise Rotary



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



Rich Lapping: Grant Gilmore, Prof. of Law at Yale and Chicago universities, was a leading authority in commercial law and contracts. He was co-author of the authoritative casebook for Contracts, *The Ages of American Law*, whose text was set in 10-point type but whose footnotes, from which his exams were taken, was set in 6-point type—which was an important lesson to young lawyers: always pay particular attention to the fine print. Gilmore admonished: “Law reflects, but in no sense determines, the moral worth of a society. The values of a reasonably just society will reflect themselves in a reasonably just law.”

The better the society, the less law there will be. In Heaven, there will be no law, and the lion shall lie down with the lamb.... In Hell, there will be nothing but law, and due process will be meticulously observed.”

MYSTERY ROTARIAN

Hints:

- His childhood karate instructor was Chuck Norris.
- He played college tennis.
- During college, he worked as a gate agent for TWA Airlines.
- His favorite NFL team in the Dallas Cowboys.
- He has lived in 5 countries.

None of the progressively-offered hints resulted in recognition by the club members of President-elect **Jaime Campoverde**; thus, **Pres. Cathy** had to start eating them herself.

GIRO VIGNETI

Sunrise club member Chris L’Orange introduced this major Rotary fundraiser (<https://girovignetihealdsburg.com/>), noting past support by Noon cyclists. Such fund-raising rides, throughout the SF Bay area, are having a harder time attracting riders. The Giro Vigneti currently has 125 participants v. last year’s 198. Noon members are encouraged to sign up. This year’s edition features newly-designed routes and buffed-up rest stops, featuring gourmet food items.

A raffle, Foodie Kings, offers an amazing array of truly upscale food and wine items, with tickets at \$25.00

A SIMPLE GESTURE

A Simple Gesture lead, member **Dave Henderson**, reported good momentum in the long-range campaign. Since its start in November 2025, 134 donors have given a total of 479 filled bags to the Food Pantry, or 6,706 lbs of food, valued at \$14,753. With presentation scheduled to Kiwanis, Enso Village, and Rotary Sunrise, ASG will in all likelihood exceed its goal of 200 donors for 2026.



Faced with the challenge of expanding the scope and depth of the program, **Henderson** is looking for new members of the Committee.

ENVIRONMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES—Norm Fujita

- ❖ Arundo Removal Day, Saturday, May 9, 8:45 am to 12 noon, at Badger Park in Healdsburg.
- ❖ Field trip to Recology of Sonoma-Marín's Materials Recovery Facility
- ❖ Tuesday, May 26, 10:30 - 12 noon. The Environment Committee is interested in visiting the facility in Santa Rosa.



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- ✚ *RYLA Dinner*: **Kellie Larsen** will have more detail and signup list next meeting.

CURRENT & PAST CLUB EVENTS

- ✚ *Red Badge*: Membership Chair **Graham Freeman** presented his Red Badge to **Han Soh**, to the applause of all.



- ✚ *Scholarship night*: Youth Services Chair **Andy Elkind** reported on the Healdsburg High School Scholarship night at The Raven Theatre, attended by Committee members **Cathy King, Han Soh, Elkind**, and **Tricia Fichtner**. HHS Principal Tate Danhausen—himself from a family with multigenerational attendance at HHS—said that the overall scholarships amounted to more given by any other HS in north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Our club gave 3 academic scholarships (\$25,000 each over 4 years) and 7 technical/certificate scholarships (\$2,000 each).



- ✚ *Tech Trek Awards*: **Dick Cochran** reported on the tech track camp at SSU, which we regularly contribute to through AAUW.

- ✚ *Earth Day*: **Don Anderson** recounted the Russian River Cleanup Day in the rain in Guerneville. Attended by **Noah Cohen, Don Anderson** and **Rich Tang**, everyone had a good, if muddy time.



- ✚ *Far West Rotary Conference*: **President Cathy** reported on the multi-District Conference in Reno, which President-elect **Jaime Campoverde** also attended. More details will be shared next meeting, along with photos, but **Cathy** related the entertaining results of the Strike Out for Polio bowling tournament, monetarily supported by all club members. Our Healdsburg club came home with a bag of awards, including District Governor Symphonic Citation; District 5130 Musical Maverick; and Community Service, International Service, and Club Service.



HAPPY \$\$

- **Ric Helthall** reported on attendance at a conference on Iran's Shahed drones, subject of a future presentation to the club. Ric donated \$50 to the club.



- **Grady Wann** delivered the bittersweet news of the sale of his Healdsburg home. Because of the death by polio of a family member, the Polio Plus campaign is important to him, so he donated \$500 to the campaign.

- **Norm Fujita** brought several gifts to Pres. Cathy, including oracello, from his trip with his wife to the Canary Islands, Sicily, and Malta. He also have \$50 to the club.
- **Graham Freeman** celebrated the milestone of his 50th wedding anniversary with a gift of \$200 to the club.
- **Noah Cohen** presented \$26 to the scholarship fund.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Hallie Anderson, Community Engagement Coordinator for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, supports local IL programs across 31 counties in Northern California and the Bay Area. Her presentation focused on the beginnings of Parton's program, which was inspired by her father's struggles with early literacy. Many studies have demonstrated the multiple advantages in life that this childhood early-literacy boost provides for children. With regard to Healdsburg, since the local program's inception in 2019, 597 children, or about 36% of Healdsburg-Geyserville children, have received books each month, for a total of 10,980 books. Club DPIL lead **Don Mitchell** has done an outstanding job with an often-complicated administrative system.



RAFFLE

Ticket Winner: **Jim Manley**, against all odds, drew for the white marble, bringing him the largess of \$26, which he promptly donated to Polio Plus.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS-

- ✓ May 11th-Betsy Hafner, State Department
- ✓ May 18th-Tucker Huhn, Roots For Peace

