



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/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John Hazlett led the Pledge with panache.



GUESTS OF THE CLUB

✓ Doug Ruthnick was the guest of **Don Mitchell**.



✓ Matt Anderson made his #2 appearance at our meeting.



✓ **Devin Drew** brought his wife, Megan Williams, their son Nico and cousin Cody Williams.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Censorship...

TRIVIA QUESTION

Rotary International's incoming President wore a kilt in honor of his Scottish heritage. Kilts come in a multitude of unique patterns, each with its own story. What are these patterns called?

Answer: Setts.

RED TO BLUE

- ⇒ **Graham Bael** was feted for his transition from Red to full Blue, after a mere 2 years.



SOCIAL & UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- ✚ Incoming District Governor Jim O'Grady will be attending the Club meeting on July 22. A reception will be held later, 5-7pm, at Jim Westfall's home.
- ✚ The Rose Garden event on Thursday, June 13, from 9-11am, in the cool of the day, has 2 signups, and there is space for more.
- ✚ The Foundation and Club Boards meet on June 17 at 10.00am. At the following Club meeting, **Dave Anderson** will speak on the opioid crisis.
- ✚ **Doug Garrett** updated the June 28 Debunking of outgoing **President Kellie Larson** and encouraged signups.



- ✚ Scholarship updates: **Cathy King** reported on the significant impact of the approx. \$50,000 that the Club dedicates to scholarships annually. The impact on students' lives can go on for years, as a long appreciative letter she read from a recipient at Cal Poly made eloquently clear.

- ✚ **Cathy** also reported on the June 5 inauguration of the Peace Pole at Healdsburg High School, with the collaboration of the Interact Club and the Veterans for Peace. Photos showed the significant presence of Club members.



✚ **Andy Elkind** spoke of the various difficulties of remaining in touch with scholarship recipients following the award. The suggestion was made to create a dedicated portal on the Club website that will be a permanent home for posting applications, updates, etc. by both the students and the Club committee. Needed is some technical assistance to bring this concept into fruition. That assistance might come from some of the scholarship recipients themselves.



CAMPAIGNS



Plastic Use Reduction Challenge. Norm Fujita reported that 3 Club members met the challenge of reducing their use of plastics. **Devin Drew, Graham Freeman, and Norm Fujita** all reduced their pieces of plastic in various ways at home. Devin was presented with a steel water bottle.

Norm distributed a List of Carbon Footprint Reduction Already Done or Planned, June 24, on which members can report the virtuous actions they have taken and the total tons of CO2 they have thereby saved.

He then gave a number of figures and snapshots of recent events impacting Climate Crisis 2024 and the international situation, which is not encouraging.

Healdsburg emits some 50 tons of CO2. Members can calculate their own carbon footprint by using the CoolClimate Network calculator, which enables measurement of items such as travel, home, food, and shopping.

BIRTHDAYS

- ✓ **George Heath** on June 14. George donated \$78 to Polio plus.



- ✓ **Don Mitchell** on June 14. Don donated \$72 to Polio Plus.

ANNIVERSARIES



✓ **Dick and Pat Bertapelle**, June 14. Dick donated \$65 to the Community Foundation

✓ **Joe and Debra DiSalvo**, June 12. Joe is on medical LOA.

HAPPY DOLLARS

❖ Cathy King, back from France, donated \$50 to the Paul Harris Fellowships



❖ **Nita Paker**, back from Maui, presented **President Kellie** with a gorgeous bottle of Ocean Vodka.

❖ **Jerry Ogden** back from Texas, donated \$84 to Polio plus.



❖ **Turner Newton**, also back from Maui, gave **President Kellie** set of coasters and \$100 to the Paul Harris Fellowships.



❖ **John Hazlett** reported the unfortunate death of his wife Carol's son.

CRAFT TALK

Han Soh, who works in the biotech industry and is a local business owner, with 2 restaurants in Santa Rosa, gave a very entertaining presentation. He and his wife Sue have lived on Fitch Mountain since 2015 (along with their dogs, including their newest addition last month). **Han** talked about his family heritage and explained how Rotary fills in some of the gaps in his life, especially when it comes back to giving back to the community.



RAFFLE WINNER



Dave Henderson purchased the lucky number but failed to pick The Marble; he took home a bottle of Temecula Cabernet Franc.

CLOSING

President Kellie rang the bell to close the meeting.