



# 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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## WELCOME

**President Jim Westfall** welcomed Noon Rotarians and honored guests.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



**John Avakian** eloquently led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS



✓ **Stephanie Domenichelli** introduced her daughter Addison.

✓ **President Jim** introduced our Program Speaker, Hayley Bly, Special Events Manager at Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma-Marin

## INDUCTION CEREMONY

- ✓ **Shaun Shields**, member for 10 years of the Sunrise Rotarians and a former member of the Noon Club, finally returned home. All Rotarians present personally shook his hand and welcomed him back. Great to have you back, **Shaun!**



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A half-truth is a whole lie. Yiddish proverb

Half the Truth is often a great Lie Benjamin Franklin, Poor Richard's Almanack, 1758  
(Question: Was Benjamin Franklin Yiddish?)

## BOOKS, MOVIES, & THEATER RECOMMENDATIONS

A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America and the Woman Who Stopped Them, by Timothy Egan.

Recommended by **Graham Beal**

A riveting saga of how a predatory con man became one of the most powerful people in 1920s America, Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, with a plan to rule the country—and how a grisly murder of a woman brought him down.

## TRIVIA QUIZ



Question: Name 5 of the world's largest seas. Winner: After Club members, with much trial and error, managed to name 4 of the largest seas, **Graham Freeman** easily named the 5th--the Tasman sea--and won recognition and applause.

## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

- > September-October: Dinner for Eight. **Paul Frechette** outlined the annual program and asked for a coordinator. **Tricia Fichtner** volunteered.
- > October: Annual Halloween celebration. **Cathy King**, who coordinated this event in the past, volunteered to be Chief Good Witch.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ Aug 13 Rose Garden Tending with the Healdsburg Garden Club – 9:00-11:00
- ✚ Aug 16 Brandt Beach BBQ staffing – 2023 Crab Feast Auction Item fulfillment
- ✚ Aug 17 Climate Ride, August 17. The Club will have 4 rider-representatives.
- ✚ Aug 29 SCARC Dinner – Rotary Club of Rancho Cotati – 5:30 (Aug 15 RSVP deadline. RSVP to RCRCSecretary2@gmail.com.). No one has signed up so far.
- ✚ Sept 21 Russian River Clean-up, with Russian River Keeper – Clean up activity 9:00-11:00

## CRAB FEAST PROGRESS

Co-chair **Paul Frechette** brought the Club up-to-date on planning for the event.

- More certified RBSs (Responsible Beverage Servers) are needed, to spread the work around and ensure adequate rotation of the work, not only at the Crab Feast, but at other Club events where wine is served. Candidates take a 2-hour study course online and a final exam.
- Lack of an overall kitchen activities manager continues to be a problem. **Norm Fujita** and **Jim Brenton** are willing to help in the kitchen, which is extremely valuable. Plan B is to hire a manager from outside the Club, though this will obviously add to the event costs. It is not too late to find an in-Club manager, so a volunteer is urged to step forward. H/she will have plenty of dedicated, experienced, and enthusiastic assistance!
- **Graham Feeman** reported that he has made considerable--and early!--progress on sponsorship, securing 22 of the target 35 sponsorships. He is still working with target full-page sponsors (\$800/page). Business-card-sized spaces (\$250) are still available, as are half-pages.
- **Doug Lyle** still needs someone to help with the Greater Giving program, with some skills in webpage design.

## CELEBRATIONS



❖ **Phil Luks** confessed to being 81 and contributed \$81 to the Scholarship Fund.

- ❖ **Stephanie Domenichelli** proudly celebrated her 28th wedding anniversary; she added her 2 wonderful daughters to the subtotal and gifted \$30 to the Club.



## JERRY CAMPBELL'S 93RD BIRTHDAY.

The Club members sent him a total of 20 cards, for which Mary Jane sends her “effusive thanks.”

## HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Matt Anderson** spent an enjoyable time in Alaska with his parents, a place they all love. He delivered smoked salmon and halibut as a gift to **President Jim** and donated \$49 to his Paul Harris account in honor of the 49th state.



- **Emily Martin**, always attached to the Midwest, donated \$25 to her Paul Harris and gifted **President Jim** with an exceptionally delicious cookie.



- **Richard Norgrove** recounted to the Club his long-time financial support of Annette, a young African girl, from the age of 14 to 21, through elementary school through college. She calls him her “destiny helper.” She has now found a job with the government. **Richard's** granddaughter has now gone to Paris to teach English. **Richard** donated \$100 to the Polio Plus Fund.



## PROGRAM: Boys and Girls Clubs of Sonoma-Marin (BGC)



Hayley Bly, Special Events Manager at Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma-Marin, gave a presentation on the BGC, highlighting the following facts.

There are some 5,000 Boys & Girls Clubs in the U.S., and the BGC of Sonoma-Marin is a franchisee of the Boys & Girls Clubs America. It is also the 4th-largest in California, present in 40 locations, in 10 communities, from Cloverdale to Novato and has been in Healdsburg for 75+ years, starting out as the Danbury Boxing Club.

Its vision is to end poverty, through programs and services, serving 9393 youths annually, ages TK-17 years and 428k meals.

Its motto is: “When school is out, the Club is in.”

81% of its students are low or extremely-low income, and 73% are English learners.

Among its priority offerings are: 34 academic programs, 37 sports programs, 27 character and leadership programs, 32 art programs.

Its rebuilding project in Healdsburg, of the Healdsburg Community Clubhouse, is its second capital project, with an estimated cost of \$18 million. It will house services for the Hbg community; STEM & technical facilities; a gym; art and dance studio; and a commercial kitchen. Plans were completed in 2023, construction start is slated for 2025 (12 months), and completion in 2026.

After completion of her presentation, our speaker responded to member questions, making the following points:

All teachers and leaders undergo thorough background checks.

The Healdsburg Club does not receive any government funding, due to its small size and relatively affluent community.

## **RAFFLE**



**Paul Frechette's** lucky ticket earned him a dip in the prize jar and a black marble earned him a coveted Beach Home wine.

## **CLOSING**

President Jim thanking members and guests, the rang to bell to close the meeting.

## **Upcoming Club Meeting Programs**

- ✓ August 19 Craft Talks – **Dave Henderson & Matt Anderson**
- ✓ August 26 Marcus Shelby, Healdsburg Jazz Festival