



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 **Dick Cochran**



VISITING ROTARIANS

- ✓ Matt Jenkins, HB Chief of Police
- ✓ Lucia Varela. Returning Member



GUESTS OF THE CLUB

- ✓ John Roney, Speaker of the Day



- ✓ Deanna Reis

- ✓ Heath Hoglund

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate,
only love can do that. Martin Luther King Jr. 1963

TRIVIA QUIZ

Question: Who brought the world the Gregorian Calendar?

Answer: Pope Gregory XIII!

Winner: **Tim Regan!** (to consider inviting **Graham Beal** for a coffee)



Paul Harris Fellow Awards

- ✓ **Barbara Oddone +3!**
- ✓ **Jaime Campoverde +1!**



Rotarians in Action

- **President Jim Westfall** announces today's board decision to match members' direct LA fire relief donations up to a total of \$10,000.
- 9:00-12:00 MLK Day of Service – January 20
Sign up online at <http://www.srcity.org/calendars>
- Russian Riverkeeper – Syar Properties – January 20
Sign up at <https://russianriverkeeper.org/syar/>
- Winter Rose Garden Pruning – 9:00-12:00 January 30
Sign-up sheet
- Giro Vigneti Bike Ride – May 17
Sign-up sheet

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION CEREMONY

- ✚ **Lucia Varela** : welcome back!
- ✚ **David Moreland** : “good for another 20!”
- ✚ **Heath Hogland** : congrats and welcome!

The club greets its new members with handshakes.



CLUB SERVICES – Paul Frechette

- > Valentine’s Party
- > Dinner-for-Eight
- > Joint Noon & Sunrise Social
 Pizza and Martinis

DISTRICT AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- ❖ January 30 - Sonoma County Area Rotary Clubs (SCARC) Dinner - Oakmont
 - January 21 registration deadline
 - New York Steak or King Salmon entree \$65
- ❖ April 6 – District Training – Ukiah
- ❖ May 2-3 District Conference - Fortuna
- ❖ June 21-25 Rotary International Convention - Calgary
 Cathy King will be there.

MOVIE REVIEW by Dick Cochran

The Last Rifleman: See this WWII veteran story featuring Pierce Bronson on Amazon Prime. On receiving the recommendation President Jim Westfall watched the movie, and concurs with the recommendation.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Update on Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine – **Cathy King**
We received word from Oksana Drozdovska, and **Cathy** is investigating how we can support Zaporizhzhia via Cherkasy and Santa Rosa channels.



- Update on HANWASH (Haiti) – **Cathy King**

Rotary International Grant award of \$380,000 to support clean water availability in Leogane is near a finish line and \$40,000 in solar power / water pump upgrades are underway, to reduce service loss from existing pump fuel scarcity.

- Merida, Mexico Spring trip – **Jaime Campoverde**
Contact **Jaime** about visit to grant recipients March 20th & 21st; Mission of Friendship / Merida Rotary Clubs.



CELEBRATIONS

Expect further January birthday, wedding anniversary, and club anniversary reminders on the 27th.

HAPPY \$\$

- ❖ **Fred Roberts** is happy and promises \$50 to the club on account of his going unshaven. And “**President Jim** needs this!” : replica of the statue of liberty - a gift from France - and a bottle of limoncello in the shape of a boot from Italy.



- ❖ **Jim Manly** is happy about coffee and pledges \$25 to Polio Plus

PROGRAMS

Bears in Northern California



John Roney has been Park Manager at Sugarloaf Ridge State Park since 2012. John presented on park activities centered on the arrival of black bears first sighted in the county in 2015. The park, and John’s involvement in the North Bay Bear Collaborative (NBBC) sprang from the discovery. Some of the smart actions the team has undertaken include \$150 (instead of \$1,500) per campsite bear-proof-container deployment, scat

analyses collaborating with UC Davis biologists, and the continuous refinement of their good management practices. The Sugarloaf Ridge State Park received an award in 2022 from the California League of Park Associations.

Know that black bears fear humans.

Q: What do I do if I encounter a black bear in or *around my home* / urban area?

A: *Ensure the bear has an escape route!*

Q: What do I do if I encounter a black bear *in the woods*?

A: *Stay still. Be big. DON'T RUN.*

Q: What is the interaction between black bears and mountain lions like?

A: In the absence of black bears, a mountain lion will take days to finish consuming a large kill, like a deer. With black bears in the area, park staff never see an unfinished kill.

Q: Did we see on the map some non-park land between Sugarloaf and Hood?

A: Yes, Sonoma Land Trust and the parks continue in their long-view missions. For example, thanks to **Don Mitchell** and fam - and Sonoma Land Trust - the Fitzsimmons Ranch is part of the park.

Q: Who are the collaborators that form the North Bay Bear Collaborative?

A:

- Kashia Pomo Tribe
- CIMCC
- Pepperwood
- Santa Rosa Junior College
- Sonoma County As Open^[L]_[SEP]Space
- Sonoma County Regional^[L]_[SEP]Parks
- CA State Parks
- UC Davis
- CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Audubon Canyon Ranch
- Sonoma Land Trust
- Land Trust of Napa County
- Private Landowners
- Recology
- Sonoma County Wildlife
- Rescue Center
- Sonoma Ecology Center
- Volunteers
- One Tam

RAFFLE

Eric Drew won a bottle of Sin Zin!



CLOSING

⇒ **President Jim** rang the bell to close the meeting...

Upcoming Programs

- ✓ January 27 Max Bushman, Community Matters (**Doug G** will lead; **Prez Jim** out of town)
- ✓ January 20 DARK, MLK Holiday (also Club service day)