



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 Emily Martin

GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS



✓ Cindy Brenton Guest of **Jim Brenton**

✓ Deanna Reis, **guest of the club**

✓ Dr Sarah Reidenbach and Dr. Kate Kuzminski, of Ruthless Kindness

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY – Will Rodgers

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft.

Today's it's called golf.

TRIVIA QUIZ

Question: Everything you wanted to know about Groundhog Day.

1. Which settlers brought the GH Day celebration to America?
2. The original GH Day included eating the GH.
3. The 1st GH celebration in the US was in?
4. GHs typically weigh how much when fully grown?
5. If the GH sees his shadow, six more weeks of winter is predicted.
6. Which university hosts an annual GH weekend celebration with event like GH happy hour and fashion show.
7. Which is not another word for the GH?
8. Over the past decade what % of GH predictions has been correct?
9. Records suggest GHs typically predict an early spring.

Answers:

1. German immigrants
2. True
3. 1887
4. 6-14 lbs
5. True
6. University of Dallas
7. Raccoon
8. 40%
9. False



Winner: With 6 correct, **Doug Lyle**

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION – Deanna Reis

New Member Designee – Matt Jenkins
WELCOME!



ROTARIANS IN ACTION

Rose Garden pruning and fertilizing – **Rick Tang** photos were presented.

Rotarian helpers on Thursday:
Norm Fujita

Shaun Shields
Turner Newton
Doug Lyle
Barbara Rosen
Jerry Ogden
Mel Schatz
Paul Frechette
Lucia Varela
Rich Lapping
Rick Tang

Manny thanks to Cher Frechette – The super rose pruning Guru!

UPCOMING SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1:00-3:00 Thursday, Feb 13 Hansen Gravel Mine Restoration
Tour

Sign up with **Norm Fujita**



Saturday, March 8 Landpaths French Broom Removal – Fitch Mountain

Saturday, March 15 Russian Riven Arundo removal

CLUB SERVICES – Paul Frechette



○ Valentine's Party – Only a few more days to sign up. Feb 12th.
\$80. Estimated cost.

○ Dinner-for-Eight – Starting soon. Sign up sheet circulating at the
meeting. Joint Noon & Sunrise Social event.

○ Giro Vigneti Bike Ride – May 17
Sign-up sheet Club sponsored team.

❖ New Club T-shirts available - **Norm Fujita** - Get your order for the T-shirts in soon or miss
out. Contact **Norm** by email or call him. Styles and size charts were sent a week ago.

DISTRICT AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

○ February 27 - Sonoma County Area Rotary Clubs (SCARC) Dinner - Cloverdale

- April 6 – District Training – Ukiah
- May 2-3 District Conference - Fortuna
- June 21-25 Rotary International Convention - Calgary

BOOK REVIEW – Phil Luks



Presumed Guilty – Scott Thurow

The novel tells the story of Rusty Sabicch, chief deputy prosecutor in a large Midwestern city. With three weeks to go in his boss' re-election campaign, a member of Rusty's staff is found murdered; he is charged with finding the killer, until his boss loses and, incredibly, Rusty finds himself accused of the murder.

GREEN HAIR DAY CHALLENGE – Jerry Ogden

- Members new to the club since 2022 shall receive Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) credits equal to the dollars collected (up to the Club's points inventory).
- \$100 in donations is the minimum to become eligible.
- The new member collecting the most dollars shall receive 1,000 PHF credits.



REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK – Barbara Oddone

- Bring peanut butter jars to February club meetings
- **Barbara Oddone** will coordinate transporting member contributions to REFB

YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE – Andy Elkind

Andy presented a report from our Rotary club's Youth Services Committee and an overview of several changes to the program. Great news was revealed on the expansion to our scholarship program. **Andy** has the presentation available for review. Email him to review it.



CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays--None this week

Wedding Anniversaries--None this week

Club Anniversaries--None this week

HAPPY \$\$--None this week

PROGRAM

Dr. Sarah Reidenbach, DVM and Dr. Kate Kuzminski DVM.
Co-Founders of Ruthless Kindness. Founded in 2019 as a 501c(3) in Sonoma County

Their Mission: To address the epidemic of violence and preventable suffering for at-risk animals and people.



A great program, I personally recommend you go to their web page, <https://www.ruthlesskindness.org/> to see the great work they do.

Here is a quick summary of their presentation.



Suffering Animals are linked to suffering people.

- Over 20 million owned animals in the US are living in such poverty that they will never see a veterinarian.
- Research shows that food insecurity, housing insecurity, and violence all overlap between people and animals.
- In 88% of homes with animal abuse, child abuse also occurs. And vice versa.
- In the US, at least 63% of households have a pet.
- A child in the US today is more likely to grow up with pets than a at home father.
- 87% of pet owners say they experience mental health improvements from their pets.
- 98% of US pet owners say their pets are part of their family.

- We spend more money on pet food than baby food.

RAFFLE

POT: \$125.00

Winner: **Mark Decker**. Didn't get the white marble.
Consolation: a Bottle of Sin Zin.

CLOSING

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- February 10 – Craft Talks – **Rick Lapping & Roy Reynolds**
- February 17 – DARK, President's Day

