



## 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-elect Cathy King** sitting in for **President Jim Westfall**



**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by **Barbara Rosen**

### GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS



✓ **Debi Sacco**, guest of **Richard Cochran**

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY –

"Women are like teabags. We don't know our true strength until we are in hot water." Eleanor Roosevelt

### TRIVIA QUIZ

- Question: Who are the two women who have been pictured on U.S. Currency?
- Answer: Pocahontas and Martha Washington
- Winner: No one guessed the correct answer.

## CLUB SERVICES – Paul Frechette

- ❖ *Dinners-for-Eight* are continuing through April, with photos of one of the most recent events.
- ❖ *Club Travelogue* – Monday, March 31 with four travel presentations and a potluck dinner and wine provided (no glass necessary). We have sixty members and guests attending!
- ❖ The annual *Easter Egg Scramble* is on April 19. Due to the ongoing shortage and cost of fresh eggs, we will be using only plastic candy-filled eggs this year. Members should arrive at 7:30 AM at the Healdsburg Elementary Fitch Mountain campus to help set up this fun event!
- ❖ The Healdsburg Sunrise Club is sponsoring the on Saturday, May 17. Details can be found [here](#). Riders and volunteers are encouraged.

## BOOK REVIEW –



**Barbara Rosen** gave an enthusiastic review of “Orbital”, a novel by Samantha Harvey and winner of the 2024 Booker Prize for fiction. The book is a snapshot of one day in the lives of six women and men traveling through space, on one of the last space station missions of its kind before the program is dismantled. The astronauts and cosmonauts—from America, Russia, Italy,

Britain, and Japan—have left their lives behind to travel in space as the earth reels below. The book covers their earthly lives in brief communications with family, their photos and talismans; while living a weightless existence in space and forming bonds through their experiences.

## UPCOMING ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES –

- ✚ **Norm Fujita** gave an update on recent and upcoming events. The Healdsburg Garden Club invited us to help with their spring fertilizing and weeding of the rose garden. This will take place this coming Tuesday, March 25, from 9 to 11 am. If you can come, please let me know. Please bring a hoe, metal rake, and other garden tools for fertilizing and a bucket and tools for weeding. I will also announce this event at the Monday meeting.



- ✚ **Norm** also showed photos from the recent Arundo Donax removal project with the Windsor Rotary Club, the Healdsburg High Interact Club and Russian Riverkeeper. It was another event in support of the long-term project to remove this invasive pest along the banks along the Russian River.
- ✚ **Norm, Eric Drew and Graham Beal** visited the Hansen Gravel Pit restoration site with Russian Riverkeeper. The large gravel pits, created over a century, have altered the flow of the river and the migration of Steelhead and other fish. Russian Riverkeeper is undertaking a multi-year project to restore the normal flow of the river and replace lost native plants along the shore.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE-



THE ROTARY WORK T-SHIRTS ARE HERE! **Norm** brought them to the meeting on Monday. **Norm** has invoices and shirts for those who did not pick them up at Monday's meeting. Norm accepts cash, check or Venmo payment.

## GREEN HAIR DAY –



The event was another huge success and we had great press coverage (thank you, **Tim Mann!**). Foundation Chair **Dick Cochran** reported that we have already sent \$18,000 in donations to Rotary International, with the expected total to reach at least \$20,000. With 2-1 matching from the Gates Foundation, we will have contributed \$60,000 towards the eradication of Polio.

## OAK MOUND CEMETERY CLEAN UP

**Don Mitchell** announced a project to clean up the Oak Mound Cemetery on Saturday, May 17 from 9-1. The event is sponsored by Recology, Healdsburg Museum and the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club. Bring your mask, gloves, rake, broom, portable leaf blower, or weed whacker.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

**Jean Herschede** gave an overall update on all the Community Service programs, donations and activities our club sponsors or is involved in, including (but not limited to) this list:



- Senior Center Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Tuesdays on the Plaza Sponsor
- Easter Egg Scramble
- Distribution of the Nat. Geo. Book “Why?”
- Rose Garden maintenance
- YWCA Child Care Center playground
- District Grant projects
- AAUW Tech Trek sponsorship
- Shelter Box
- Raven Performing Arts Center support
- Food for Thought

**Jean** encouraged members to find out more about projects and get involved or join the committee.

## UPCOMING EVENTS-

- SCARC Dinner 5:30 March 27 - Sonoma County Area Rotary Clubs (SCARC) Dinner – Santa Rosa, \$55 / person

⇒ **President-elect Cathy King** is still looking for a few members to join her Board / Officer team for the 2025-26 Administrative Year. Contact **Cathy** to learn more if you are interested.



## BIRTHDAYS

- Birthdays: **Matt Anderson** is celebrating his 37th birthday this coming Sunday and pledged \$37 to Polio+.



## HAPPY DOLLARS



- **Dick Cochran** returned from a week in Hawaii and presented a Lava Lava Beach Club ball cap to **Cathy**. He pledged \$50 to Polio+.

- **Phil Luks** returned from a trip to Costa Rica and brought **Cathy** a tiny red frog as a memento. He also pledged \$50 to Polio+



- **Roy Reynolds** just returned from three weeks in New Zealand and he also pledged \$50 to Polio+.

## CLUB SERVICE HERO-

**Barbara Rosen** celebrated the selfless service of **Tim Mann** for managing the club lunch setup and cleanup, including taking extra food to the former L&M Hotel transitional housing. We need a few volunteers to sign up and help Tim out!



## PROGRAM

### David Moreland Craft Talk



**Dave**, though new to our club, is a long-time Rotarian from St. Helena. Born in Canada, **Dave** grew up in Arizona, where his family moved when he was only a baby. When he made it into the Naval Academy, **Dave** had to become a U.S. Citizen. He met his wife Leslie on a blind date while on leave. They have now been married 52 years. A wise woman, Leslie steered **Dave** away from flight school (10-year service commitment), SEALS or explosives (for

obvious reasons) and he served on Navy Destroyers, with a home base in Greece. **Dave** describes his Naval career as “chasing Russians” around the Mediterranean.

Discharged in San Diego, **Dave** applied his engineering and MBA degrees in various ventures until they were ready to sell their home and “retire” up in St. Helena. Since then, **Dave** has accumulated lots of experience and tax losses in being a rancher of cows and horses, later shifting to growing almonds and raising bees. Still an active entrepreneur, **Dave** is involved in deploying solar energy systems and solar-powered electric car charging stations in Napa County. **Dave** and Leslie have moved into Enso Village, where he also applies his skills in helping the many things that “still need fixing” at the newest retirement center in town. **Dave** reports the food at Enso is good, but Leslie is a better cook, so he is a bit spoiled in that regard.

## RAFFLE

**Doug Garrett** won the raffle, but did not draw the winning marble. Instead of \$8, he got a nice bottle of Zinfandel. Such a deal.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ✓ April 7 – Interact Club members – *Are you smarter than a high school student?*
- ✓ March 31 – DARK - Travelogue Potluck Dinner