

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by **President Jim Westfall**.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by **Tim Mann**.

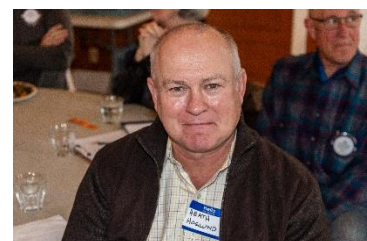
GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

✓ Carol Hazlett, wife and Guest of **John Hazlett**

✓ Nancy Jane Andrews

✓ Cindy Brenton, wife and guest of **Jim Brenton**

✓ Heath Hogland



✓ Deana Reis



✓ Rick Pedroncelli, son and guest of **Bob Pedroncelli**

✓ Jeff Kay, Speaker of the day, who is the City of Healdsburg City Manager.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. The slogan 'Press On' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.
Calvin Coolidge

TRIVIA QUIZ

With regards to 10 most common girl's names in 2023, raise your hands if each of the 10 following names is or is not on the list. The person with the most correct answers wins.

⇒ The winner was City Manager Jeff Kay who had nine correct answers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚ Monday, Dec. 23 – Informal gathering for lunch at Acorn at noon.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD



✚ **Dick Cochran** awarded **Kellie Larson** with Paul Harris Fellow Award +2

ROTARY IN ACTION

- ✚ Reading Buddies at Healdsburg Elementary School – Tricia Fichtner presented the program of reading to school children which she says is vital to the kids' reading development. Photos were shown of **Tricia, Nita Parker and Pat Williams** reading to children. She asked for additional volunteers.
- ✚ **Jean Herschede** has received 25 dozen cookies from our club's amazing cookie chefs to give to the Food for Thought organization which will distribute them to those in need in our communities. The members that baked the cookies include **Cathy King, Devin Drew, Barbara Rosen, Nita Parker, Jerry Campbell (i.e., Mary Jane), Jean Herschede, Tricia Fichtner, Chandra Jones and Dave Henderson**

Crab Feast Report



✚ **Paul Frechette** announced that our Crab Feast was very successful overall in all respects. The final financial report of the event will come when all the accounting is done and will be given to the club. He thanked everyone in the club for participating, especially those that worked as leaders for the specific aspects of the event. The club thanked **Paul** for all the meticulous, hard work that he had done as the senior lead for the event. The Press Democrat writer and photographer will do a story on our Crab Feast.

CELEBRATIONS

- ✚ **Joe DiSalvo** has his birthday on December 23 and **Patti Mannatt** has her club anniversary on December 29 but neither were at the meeting.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Doug Garrett** -- \$25. to the club to celebrate attending the Healdsburg Chorus performance



- **John Hazlett** -- \$25. to the club to celebrate attending the Gay Men's Choir performance in SF



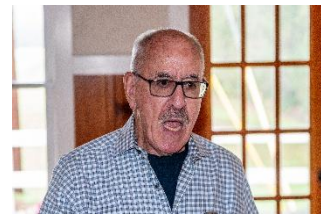
➤ **Devin Drew** -- \$35. to Polio Plus to celebrate his son being selected to play with San Francisco orchestra



➤ **Fred Roberts** -- \$67. to the club to honor his wife's birthday



➤ **Roy Reynolds** -- \$25. to Polio Plus for his fun visit with his grandkids



➤ **John Avakian** -- \$20. to the club because his wife, Janet, won the doll house from the silent auction and his upcoming building of the doll house.

➤ **Norm Fujita** donated \$50. to **Andrew Sturmfels'** Paul Harris for his hard work and dedication to bring down the greenhouse gas emissions in Healdsburg through the city's Climate Mobilization Strategy. He is the assistant city manager and he led the effort.



➤ **Barbara Oddone** donated \$50. to **Mark Decker's** Paul Harris for his hard work at the Crab Feast

- **Dick Bertapelle** donated \$100. to the Community Fund for his continued improvement after his second hip replacement surgery



TODAY'S PROGRAM



Jeff Kay, city manager of Healdsburg, gave an update on all the major current issues. He announced that the three incumbent city council members, David Hagele, Ariel Kelley and Ron Edwards won the election. The other major issues that were discussed included the defeat of Measure O, the city budget, SMART, new north/south bike path, naming of the new park near Montage, and status of the Climate Mobilization

Strategy.

Some of the highlights were:

- Considerations of options with regards what to do in the future with the defeat of Measure O
- Healdsburg City has a two-year stable budget so far. It has \$44 million capital projects
- The purple pipe to water landscape of city parks and schools to be completed in about a year
- The New fire station across from Enso Village was built and is now functional
- The final name of the new park also across the street from Enso Village has not been decided
- The City is working to decrease greenhouse gas emissions by buying EV and increasing EV charging stations in various parts of the city to stimulate resident converting to EVs, switching to heat pumps for heating and air conditioning in city buildings
- SMART train now projected to connect to Healdsburg by end of 2028
- Bike lane to extend south over the Russian River along a new bridge for SMART and to the north to Enso Village. The northern extension is to be finished by end of 2025

- Public hearing will start for establishing districts for city council elections

RAFFLE

There was \$52 in the pot. **Cathy King** had the winning number but did not pull out the white ball to win the money so got a bottle of wine.

CLOSING

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ✓ December 23 & 30 Dark, no club meeting
- ✓ January 6 Mike Roa, North Bay Science Discovery Day