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## Welcome Margie Koetzner

We welcomed a new member, Margie Koetzner at our November 1 meeting. Margie was sponsored by Barbara Erickson who is an across the street neighbor. Barbara said that it is all Mazie's fault because the dog crossed the street and entered Margie's house begging for treats. Margie responded happily and a friendship was formed.



**Sponsor Barbara Erickson,  
Margie Koetzner,  
Membership Chair Loretta Strong**

Margie is a lifetime Sonoma County resident, born in Sebastopol and has lived in Healdsburg for 30 years. She is retired from Hewlett Packard where she worked in information technology. In her retirement she has taken up art and is now working with ceramics.

## Healdsburg Kiwanis 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Friendsgiving Potluck

Over 30 of us attended our Friendsgiving meeting on the evening of November 29. Nancy did a great job organizing the event and signing folks up for food to bring. Patti prepared Turkey for all to enjoy. We shared great food, fellowship, riddles, and games.

Our collection for the Roger Dormire Memorial Canned Food Drive was completed at the last November meeting and delivered to the food pantry. The collection netted over \$280 in cash along with a multitude of cans available for the holiday season.



Regular Tuesday meetings returning to the Villa subject to any future COVID restrictions.

### Meeting Dates:

**Dec 6:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Tallia Hart, CEO of Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce.

**Dec 13:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Organization meeting.

**Dec 15:** No December Board Meeting in December.

**Dec 20:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Christmas celebration.

**Dec 27:** No Meeting.

### Other December dates

**Dec 2:** Tree Lighting in the plaza

### Save the Date

**Feb 11:** Steelhead Festival.

**Mar 17:** St. Patrick's Day parade and celebration in the Plaza.

**Apr 2:** Pancake Breakfast.

**May 6:** Fire and Earthquake Expo.

**May 25-27:** Annual FFA Twilight Parade and Fair.

**Jun 18:** Fitch Mountain Foot Race.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon except the fourth Tuesday of the month is an evening meeting, 6:30PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting.

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact President Dennis Stead (433-6503) or Secretary Nancy Arsenault (949-257-6739).

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President – Dennis Stead  
Co-presidents Elect – Eric Smith,  
Richard Bugarske  
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Acting Admin. Treasurer- Brian Wells  
Project Treasurer - Ron Doble  
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(Rowdy)

**Board of Directors**

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Susan Sheehy     Brian Wells  
Darlene Prigmore   Diane Pierce

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Ron Doble             Guy French  
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**The Builder**

Harry Jackson, Editor

**Happy Birthday**

Anna Grant - Dec.6  
Terry Kemp - Dec. 9  
Vern Losh - Dec. 22  
Richard Yates - Dec. 24

**Kiwanis Anniversaries**

Congratulations to the following  
members who joined the Kiwanis Club  
during the month of December:

Hunt Conrad - 12-4-07  
Martin Silge - 12-4-07  
Nancy Arsenault – 12-19-17  
Darlene Prigmore – 12-9-14

**The President’s Message**

Ho ho ho, it is that time of the year again when the little fat guy comes around with a big bag of goodies. I hope everyone gets what they have wished for. I have a few things I’m wishing for as well, one of them has to do with wishing a lot of Kiwanis members that have not returned since Covid would come back to meetings. We need you. It’s not like you have to come every week because if that were the case then we wouldn’t have any members left at all. But come when you can and help out when you can.

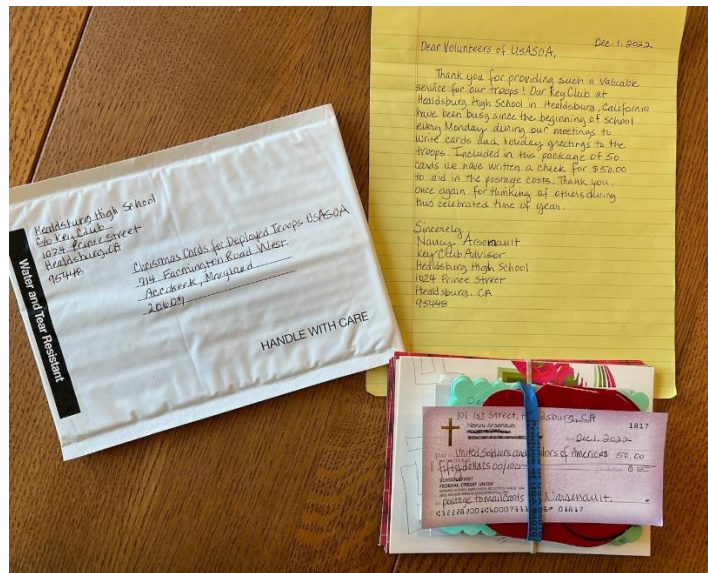


This will be a really really big show this year, it is our one hundredth anniversary, and we are celebrating, we want the community to celebrate with us and as such we were doing a lot of special events. One of them will be a fire and earthquake expo. Healdsburg has not had such an event and it is overdue for one. It will be our gift to the community, we expect well over 2000 Visitors. River Rock casino will be setting up a big buffet and feeding everyone lunch.

OK, enough sales pitch for now. Santa will not be doing his usual visit this year, but we will be doing something a little different. Check it out, come and enjoy the fun.

Merry Christmas and happy new year to everyone.

Denny



The Key Club has completed their 3-month writing campaign for those deployed soldiers that will not be home for the holidays. Key Clubbers wrote over 50 cards and messages that were sent to the volunteer USASOA organization to forward to deployed soldiers on their behalf.



## Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Nancy Arsenault

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the November 2022 Board meeting:

### Administration Management

#### Financials

- The Administrative Treasurer's Report was approved. Total Administrative fund assets are \$31,646 allocated as follows:

Admin Fund	\$11,383
Admin Fund Reserve	\$5,000
Reserve for the 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	\$5,000
Grant from Healdsburg Tourism Improvement District reserved for the 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	\$10,000
Rowdy Yates charity fund	\$218
Denny Stead charity fund	\$45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,646</b>

### Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

#### Grants/Donations/Requests

- Healdsburg High School Key Club - \$1,000 for such items as International Dues and weekly pizza. In 2012, the State of California mandated that students should not be forced to pay dues or other costs to be part of a school supported club.

#### President's Update:

- We have secured an area set aside for the carriage rides during the tree lighting event. There will be a road shut down on Center Street and Matheson for one carriage ride up to North Street to turn around to return back to Center and Matheson. Carriage rides will be offered from 5:00 to 8:30 pm. The Key Club will be asked to assist with helping passengers enter and exit the carriage safely that evening as well as pass out Healdsburg 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Key Paddles to visitors at large at the event.
- Susan dropped off a generator for the Tractor Parade. Anna will get blue and yellow lights to

decorate the truck, and everyone will be meeting at 2 pm at Denny's house Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> to decorate the truck. The parade will take place in Geyserville on the evening of November 26<sup>th</sup>.

- Regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are continuing to work on fundraising efforts. The Healdsburg Living Magazine wants to do a special on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration article which will go to publication next week. We are in the process of working with their staff to provide historical information for the article.
- If the club decides to create a "Kiwanis Day" it is tentatively set for September 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Financials

- The Foundation Financial Report was approved. Total Foundation assets are \$85,531 allocate as shown below:

### Account Balances Reserves

#### Permanently Restricted

Children's Fund Endowment	\$34,511
<b>Total Permanently Restricted</b>	<b>\$34,511</b>

#### Temporarily Restricted

One Year Reserve, 15k per year	\$15,000
Vocational Scholarship	\$9,895
Dormire Scholarship	\$3,548
Jordan Strong Memorial	\$5,070
<b>Total Temporary Restricted</b>	<b>\$33,513</b>

<b>Unrestricted Funds Available</b>	<b>\$14,790</b>
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$85,631</b>
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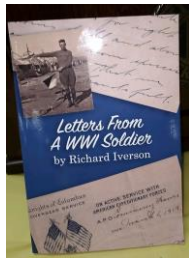
#### Other Business

- We will enquire with the San Francisco Kiwanis Club regarding attending their Christmas luncheon which in the past has always been the second Tuesday of December making the date of the luncheon December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be no board meeting for the month of December 2022, and we will skip the general Kiwanis lunch meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup>. We will resume club meetings January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Meetings

### Nov 1: Richard Iverson, Letters from a WWI Soldier

Richard recently became reacquainted with his father-in-law Ralph K. Chase, with the rediscovery of a stash of letters of written by Ralph during his service in World War 1 to his mother.



Richard has written a book, chronicling these letters in which Ralph described his experiences in France, "Letters From A WWI Soldier".

Richard introduced us to his father-in-law and summarized several interesting excerpts from the letters. One described a visit to an underground German bunker at the end of the war. The bunkers were living quarters for the German soldiers throughout the war and were equipped with all the basic necessities. The soldiers were very thankful that it was over.

Copies of Richard's book are in the Smithsonian and the Soldiers Memorial Military Museum in St. Louis.

### Nov 8: Dick Bugarske - The year is 1923. What is the origin story of Healdsburg Kiwanis?

Dick put together very interesting presentation of what was happening in 1923 and the origin of our club.

Great things were happening in 1923:

- Healdsburg Kiwanis is Accepted by Kiwanis International to Form a Club on July 10, 1923.
- Yankee Stadium opened on April 18, 1923.
- The Hollywood sign was erected in LA.
- Rosenberg's in Healdsburg advertised "Good Shoes at Unheard Prices", Ladies shoes, \$1.00, Men's Oxfords, \$3.95.
- Modern Cottages with garage rented for \$21 to \$34.

Healdsburg Kiwanis immediately became involved in civil affairs. August 1923 headlines: "Kiwanis Vote for closing on Friday", "Kiwanis out for Permanent Dam".

Here are some early explanations in the rather pompous language of the day of what Kiwanis is about:

According to its sponsors, Kiwanis is an organization of virile, progressive, right thinking, broad-minded business and professional men. Its membership is formed by the careful and discriminating selection of the most representative men in their particular calling---men who, by virtue of their talents can be relied upon cheerfully to cooperate with their fellow members in actively supporting the Kiwanis movement in its steady unfaltering march toward the attainment of its high ideals.

Kiwanis is more than a club; it is an attitude of mind; an application of that sane American spirit, which is what it is because it is constructive and not destructive, set in its purpose "to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before"; an American spirit of humanity; of generosity; of helpfulness; of good cheer; a spirit nourished by its belief in the home as the center of permanent social advancement.

### Nov 22: Dick Bugarske

Thanksgiving is a special holiday for many popular reasons—the food, the family, and football are just a few. Less well known, however, are the many fascinating facts behind the holiday's history, traditions, and myths. The truth is, for many of us, there's a lot we don't know about the holiday we celebrate every fourth Thursday in November. So before carving up your family's turkey this year, we are going to explore some of the many interesting Dick B Presented some Thanksgiving facts could find that we can use during Thanksgiving dinner conversation! Here are a few:

- The event commonly referred to as the first Thanksgiving was celebrated in October 1621. It was organized by Governor William Bradford of Plymouth, Massachusetts, to celebrate the recent immigrants' first corn harvest in the New World. While the meal lacked much of what is now common Thanksgiving fare - there's no record of turkey being served, for example - there were at least five deer carcasses present, and the event lasted a full three days.

- Two Thanksgivings were celebrated in 1939. Responding to lobbying by department stores, President Roosevelt issued an executive order moving Thanksgiving one week earlier. FDR's opponents objected moving the holiday from the traditional date and called it "Franksgiving". Several states ignored FDR's order and did not move the holiday. Some things never change – Republicans and Democrats cannot agree on anything.
- In a 2020 YouGov poll, tofu was the most unpopular element of a potential Thanksgiving meal.



Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Joanne Kolinski

### Special Birthdays



Richard Iverson, 96, Dick Bugarske, still 21 years younger, Jan Gianni, claims to be 50



Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Loretta Strong



Nancy Arsenault paid \$20 for us not to sing Happy Birthday to her



Anna Grant introduces her special guest Tito

Tito is 24 years old and has lived with Anna his entire life. He likes all the family except mom, expressing his dislike by hissing.

## Geyserville NSCLU Lighted Tractor Parade

The annual Geyserville Lighted Tractor Parade was held on November 26, 2022. This is a fun event drawing a large crowd of spectators lining the street, rain or shine! The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club entered in this year for the first time to kick off our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

About 20 of us gathered in Denny's driveway on Friday 11/25 and decorated the pickup truck for the parade. We put on tons of blue lights and banners announcing to the world that it is our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Our parade entry



Eric hangs a string, Rowdy supervises



Driver Eric

Anna charming the crowd



Plenty of help  
The beautiful "100 Years" sign made by Jim Schmidt is in place





## The Builder - - KIWANIS CLUB OF HEALDSBURG

### \$\$Happy/Sad\$\$

Several happy dollars welcoming Margie.

Loretta Strong, an after-party thankyou to Judy and Steve Everett for helping make the Halloween party great – Judy for food prep and Steve, an excellent bartender.

Cindy Brown happy her sister is doing well following open heart surgery. Home after only 4 days.

Eric Smith sad that a crabbing expedition to Albion yielded 0 crabs.

Bob Taylor happy to report that Troop 21 is doing well with 25 members.

Patti Robarts happy her son and granddaughter are visiting.

Jan Gianni was attacked by a peacock while playing golf on the Big Island. She screamed loudly just as Dan was teeing off. Dan asked for a Mulligan.

Denny Stead very sad that he left car in gear, and it rolled back down the driveway and rearended a redwood tree. \$3,000!

Rick Wood happy to be back after absence and to have a better gold story: Rick was hitting balls at 6 am when an elderly lady came along with a walker and hit the ball twice as far as Rick's and she said," That's how it's done:!

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
Saturday, May 6, 2023  
10am - 3pm

### Fire and Earthquake Preparedness Expo, Healdsburg



Join us at the community center for a day full of free activities!

Attend preparedness demonstrations in English & Spanish.

See the latest firefighting trucks, bulldozers, and equipment.

Pick up free go-bags, evacuation maps, and more!

**To support this event, contact us at:**

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