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### The second annual Merry Healdsburg Tree Lighting in the Plaza

The Merry Healdsburg Tree Lighting event was hosted by the City of Healdsburg Community Services in partnership with the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce. The main attraction of the evening was the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 pm, followed by live musical performances from Rocio La Dama de La Cumbia y Su Sonora and the Healdsburg Chorus. Other happenings included complimentary photos with Santa, complimentary Hot Chocolate provided by Costeaux French Bakery, complimentary Carriage Rides provided by Kiwanis, and Food and dessert vendors including the Kiwanis Mulled Wine sales pop ups.



The weather was super cold, but the Merry Healdsburg event was something to warm everyone's heart. Our Club's participation including our mulled wine sales and free Kiwanis sponsored horse drawn carriage rides went wonderfully well and were lauded by many local community members and a special thank you from Mark Themig, head of The City Community Services Department. The horse drawn carriage and our two popups were marvelous and the crew working was exceptional.



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

#### Meeting Dates:

**Jan 3:** No Meeting.

**Jan 10:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon, 100th anniversary planning.

**Jan 17:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Cindi Brown's Bees update

**Jan 19:** Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza.

**Jan 24:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Loretta & Jerry in Greece slideshow.

**Jan 31:** Evening Meeting at 6 pm Monthly social.

#### 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).

Happy  
New  
Year

Gross receipts from mulled wine, beer, soda and water totaled \$4,082. Estimated expenses were about \$500 leaving net proceeds of about \$3,500. We also received \$124 in Vocational Scholarship Tips. Special thanks to Bear Republic for supplying 8 cases of beer and Ted Draper for furnishing the horse and carriage for the deeply discounted price of \$400.



**The mulled wine sales team,  
Joanne, Diane, Liz**



**Anna greets the crowd**



**The Healdsburg Chorus**

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Richard Bugarske

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(Rowdy)

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**Happy Birthday**

Rich Norgrove – Jan. 8

Arnold Santucci - Jan. 12

Andrew Smith – Jan. 12

Darlene Prigmore – Jan. 28

Rick Wood, Jan. 26

**Kiwanis Anniversaries**

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

John Bippart - 1-4-94

Andrew Smith - 1-4-05

James Silveira -1-30-68

**The President's Message**

As we reflect on the year, we celebrate and share the memories of our family and friends. I think of the wonderful fun times we have all enjoyed being with our "Kiwanis Family". I would like to recognize the hard work and many talents we all have. Also, to thank the community who makes what we do possible.

Go forward in knowing that for 100 years, your Kiwanis Club has made a difference in many, many lives! Yes, we can say that. Be proud!

I wish you good health and peace of mind.

Denny

**The Mulled Wine Crew**

The mulled wine committee members shown in the photos met in the Senior Center kitchen to prepare the mulled wine for the Tree Lighting event. Under the direction of Darlene Prigmore, the team produced 10 gallons of mulled wine using Darlene's not so secret recipe. The mulled wine was a popular attraction, and all 10 gallons was sold out by the end of the evening.



## Board of Directors Meeting

There was no Board Meeting in December.

## Meetings

Dec 6: Tallia Hart, CEO of Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce.

Welcomed Tallia! Our Club has a long history working with the Chamber and it was wonderful to continue that history as well as finding out what topics are on the horizon for the Chamber.



Tallia spoke on the variety of committee programs and events offered by the chamber to business members.

She was also thankful to Kiwanis Club for the Carriage Rides and our popup Mulled Wine and Beer stand at the Merry Healdsburg Event.

Dec 13: Dick Bugarske, Christmas facts

Dick presented another interesting slide show that he prepared as part of his stroke rehab therapy. We discovered some things about Christmas that we might not have known. For instance, in our country's early years, it was illegal to celebrate Christmas. For over 22 years, you could get fined for making merry!

Several members traveled to San Francisco to attend the annual SF Kiwanis interclub Christmas lunch.



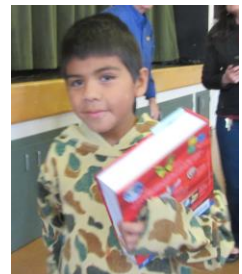
Dec 20: Annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon

The tree was lit, and our annual Christmas Party arrived! We were feeling a little cold (or a little old), but warmed up with good food, mulled wine and good cheer. We sang Christmas Carols and had a White Elephant gift exchange.



## First Book Project dictionaries distributed to third graders

The Healdsburg Kiwanis First Book Project for 2022 was completed during December. A total of 144 dictionaries were given to every third grader in Fitch Mountain Elementary, St. Johns, Alexander Valley, West Side and Healdsburg School. This marks the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the program with about 3750 dictionaries distributed since the program's inception.





### Key Club events

Over the December 10/11 weekend, four students worked at the Redwood Empire Food Bank while 4 others attended the 20/30 club event to help pass out toys to the Boys and Girls Club kids. Three students won accolades from the Garden Club for their contributions to Garden Club plant sales and one student won the award for writing the most cards to deployed servicemen.

A group of Key Clubbers visited the local toy store and spent \$400 in a few minutes on toys to donate to Toys for Tots.

For more Key Club information and the latest photos visit [healdsburghhighkeyclub.org](http://healdsburghhighkeyclub.org)



**Alex, Eloise & Sasha assist the 20/30 club Christmas Santa Program at the Boys and Girls Club**



**At the Toy Chest**



**Eric delivers the canned food collected during our December meetings to the Food Pantry manager**



**Key Clubbers Kaley Efram, Maggie Trebilcock, Owen Efram**



**Rowdy asked everyone to sing for his December 24 birthday**

## Six Objectives Award presented to Fire Academy student

Randy Collins delivered our club's Six Objectives Award to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Fire Academy on December 16. The award is peer based where the recipient is voted for by his/her fellow classmates. This Academy's recipient was Alec Dieke. Alec is a Sebastopol native who entered SRJC after graduating from Analy. His goal is to next attend the Paramedic program to which he was just accepted and upon completing the program, work as a Firefighter/Paramedic in Sonoma County.



**Randy Collins presents  
Six Objectives Award to Alec Dierke**

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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:**  
email: [clarkstead@aol.com](mailto:clarkstead@aol.com)

## Happy/Sad\$\$

Susan Sheehy sad to miss the Tree Lighting because she slipped on ice. Happy nothing broken, but several days on ice. (the other kind).

Darlene Prigmore sad she missed the Tree Lighting and selling her mulled wine.