

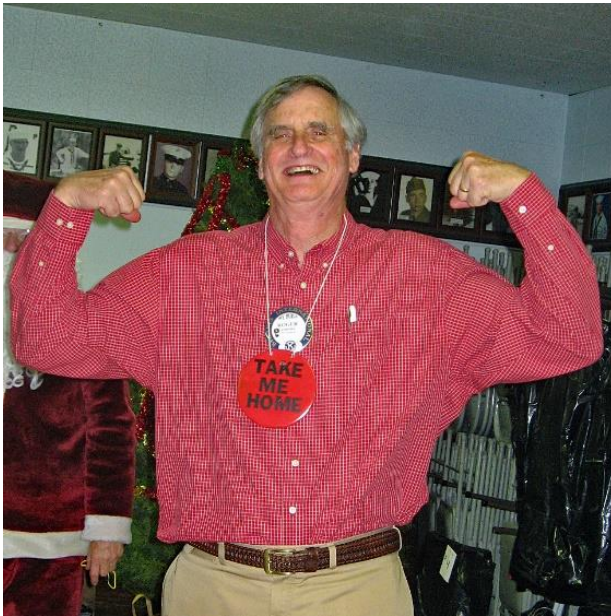


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Roger Dormire

We are truly sad to announce the sudden passing of our beloved Roger Dormire. He was full of life and larger than life. It is a huge loss to Debby and their close family but also to our entire community and beyond. We will pay tribute to Roger in the coming days and in the years to come. *Richard Yates, President*



There's the smile and the energy of the guy we all love - Susan Sheehy

The button award signifies that he was always the last one to leave the party. Well, he left this one too soon!

Roger was born in Michigan in 1947. As a young child, he moved to Arizona, followed by the family's move to California. On a basketball scholarship, Roger attended Southeastern Louisiana University, graduating with a BA degree in Business Administration. In 1978, Roger and his wife and two daughters settled in Healdsburg. Roger became involved in his church and so many community clubs and activities, it is hard to count them all. At the time of his death, Roger was President of Healdsburg Shared Ministries. He had guided the Healdsburg Food Pantry for many years, keeping it staffed and open, even during Covid-19. In 2018, the City of Healdsburg honored Roger with the Marie Sparks Award, as Volunteer of the year. Roger was typically the first to volunteer for any and all duties and service projects. Roger married Debby in 2001. He is survived by Debby and his two daughters, along with two stepdaughters and six grandchildren. A Celebration of Life was held and hugely attended on February 19th, at the Healdsburg Community church.

Our Healdsburg Kiwanis Club was so fortunate to have known and worked alongside Roger for many years. He joined the club in 2002 and was president in 2007. - *Jam Gianni*

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

Meeting Dates:

Mar 1: Regular Meeting at 12 noon.

Mar 8: Regular Meeting at 12 noon

Mar 15: Regular Meeting at 12 noon.

Mar 17: Board of Directors Meeting.

Mar 22: Evening Meeting. 6:30PM social, 7:00PM meeting.

Other March Dates:

Mar 5: Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District's Mid-Year Conference North. Flamingo Hotel, Santa Rosa.

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 Presidents Ricard Yates (431-2509) or Secretary Nancy Arsenault (949-257-6739).

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Tributes

It has been suggested and overwhelmingly endorsed, that our club establish a memorial scholarship honoring Roger.

Dick Bugarske: The precedent of naming a scholarship after a member was begun when the Club named two 8th grade scholarships after Bruno Rodella and Clarence Ruonavaara to allow more students to afford the trip to Washington DC. Naming one of our HHS Scholarships after Roger would be a wonderful tribute from our Club in his memory.

Randy Collins: This is truly a sad day for the club. Roger was one who while sometimes a bit rowdy, practiced the concepts of service, charity, empathy and benevolence in all he did and will be truly missed.

Susan Sheehy: So sorry to hear this news. Healdsburg will not be the same. I'm aware of his commitment to the Food Pantry and also to the treks to Africa to help with the clean water project. I'm sure that was just the tip of the iceberg. He was tall in stature, but humble in spirit. We need to encourage more of this in our community.

Diane Pierce: Oh my! This is the most saddest news. My heart goes out to his family. Perfectly said Susan!

Jim Schmidt: Healdsburg has lost one of the brightest smiles it will ever have. Roger was one of the most generous people I will ever meet. Always fun to be around and always ready to give everything he had. My heart goes out to his family that I know meant the world to him. I know he will be going to a good place, but I will still miss him dearly! Susan said it perfectly, "Healdsburg will not be the same".

Tom Rackerby: Truly a great person and a pillar of the community.

Jack Brandt: Roger was a Kiwanian that gave everything when it came to volunteering. I sat down at our picnic grounds and visited with Roger this last BBQ steak dinner. He was a perfect gentleman, and we discussed all the various activities he was involved in. Incredible I told Roger. But he loved everything he was doing. He was a great person that would do anything if you needed something done. A

very special high-class individual. I will miss Roger as a friend, client and common-sense great guy.

Todd Brandt: I'll miss that smile and laughing chuckle that he always gave. A scholarship is a great idea! Brandt Insurance would like to donate \$1,000 to get the scholarship started in the name of Rog.

Dan Maraviglia: Yes, absolutely (*scholarship*). A small way to hold Roger's love for his community in our hearts, and to respect his dedication and love of Kiwanis. God rest his soul.

Guy and Bev French: Roger's presence and energy filled every room and space. A memorial scholarship would honor the good works he did.

Jerry Strong: shares a fond memory of Roger. Jerry's ladder shifted and he was trapped on the roof. His cell phone was in his pocket, so he called Roger who came immediately to the rescue. Roger would always drop anything he was doing to help a friend, but after he rescued Jerry, he said: "next time call Randy, he's a fireman!"

Loretta Strong: I can actually say that I have known Roger for over 40 years when he was my mother's boss at Bank of America. He famously started a food fight at the annual B of A Holiday dinner and was banished forever from Chateau Souverain (now Coppola)! I am honored as Scholarship Chair to introduce in his memory a new award for "outstanding volunteerism and altruistic service". Roger was my dear friend and I feel his loss deeply.

Jan Gianni: Dan and Roger have played golf weekly for over 20 years. Along the way, I too played golf with the guys and became quite fond of Roger and his wife, Debby. We became very close friends. I always knew exactly who had called Dan's cell phone when Dan began to laugh after picking up! Both Dan and I are going to miss that wonderful and good man more than we want to believe. A Kiwanis scholarship in Roger's name is a perfect idea, and one that we hugely support!

Harry Jackson: The number and content of the above tributes speak volumes about Roger's character and his value to our club and the community. Roger was at his best when he was helping people.

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Happy Birthday

Lockie Gillies – March 12

Cody Thompson – March 20

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Jack Brandt -3-6-79

Harry Jackson - 3-16-04

Patti Robarts - 3-16-10

Cynthia Brown - 3-23-10

Judith Everett - 3-23-10

Lucy Lewand - 3-23-10

Susan Sheehy - 3-23-10

Deborah Doble - 3-27-12

Kathy Burgess – 3-31-15

The President's Message

The kick-off for the Healdsburg Kiwanis 100th Anniversary was just that: a big kick-off! Unbeknownst to our host, President-Elect Denny Stead, Anna Pirhana arranged an impromptu and surprise Taco Fiesta at Denny's place to kick-off the kick-off. The wine was flowing, and some tasty treats were added to the menu by club members. (Did you try Judy's pineapple 'sauté'?). Hats off to Joanne Kolinski for being a great hostess and keeping Denny in the dark. It did get a little wild but eventually, we got down to business and are on our way to a big 100th celebration.



The Kiwanis Mid-Year North Conference at the Flamingo in Santa Rosa is just around the corner (March 5th). This is a major event that will draw folks from Hawaii, Nevada and our surrounding area. The Healdsburg club has really stepped up with volunteers. We are continuing to fill needed slots and if you haven't done so, please do. Denny is coordinating volunteer sign-ups, Susan is running a generous 'wine caravan' of donated wines, Liz Bippart is preparing a creative 'Sweet Healdsburg' gift basket for the auction and our own Dick Bugarske is the Wizard of Technology for the event. See you there!

March 17th is the St. Patrick's Day Celebration, and we will once again sponsor the lunch time festivities that include Irish bands and school age Irish dancers. Our new Kiwanis 'pop-ups' will be on display, and we will be handing out Lucky Charm popcorn and chocolate treats thanks to Patti. Lucy Lewand has put in a lot of work fundraising for this event. Thank you, Lucy!

The Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, as prepared at the Villa in the past, is ON! (Palm Sunday, April 10th). We are dedicating this year's event to Roger Dormire. On Tuesday, Susan Sheehy and Jan Gianni held an initial committee meeting to get the ball rolling. A lot of work needs to be done. If you haven't been involved in club activities for a while, we need you! This is a good time to pitch in and get back into the Kiwanis 'groove' of volunteering for our kids. We had an impressive slide show presentation at Tuesday night's meeting from Scout Troop #21, that we sponsor, and they will be working alongside us at this event just as they have in past years.

Finally, we seem to all agree that the memorial service for Roger Dormire was a poignant and fitting remembrance for our dear friend. We miss you, Roger.

Rowdy Yates, President

Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Nancy Arsenault

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

Administration Management

Financials

- The Administrative Treasurer’s Report was approved.
- Total Administrative fund assets are \$14,688, allocated as follows: \$4602 Admin Fund \$10,000 Admin Fund Reserve and \$86 Charity Fund.

Other Business:

- A requested for \$128 to be paid for the DMV registration of the Kiwanis trailer was approved.
- The resignation of Randy Collins from the club was accepted. A motion to approve Randy as an honorary member of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club passed.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Financials

- The Foundation Financial Report was approved.
- Total Foundation assets are \$90,967, allocate as follows:

Permanently Restricted

Children's Fund Endowment	\$29,873
Total Permanently Restricted	\$29,873

Temporarily Restricted

Two Year Reserve, 15k per year	\$30,000
Vocational Scholarship	\$14,388
Jordan Strong Memorial	\$5,070
Total Temporary Restricted	\$49,458
Unrestricted Funds Available	\$11,636
Total Assets	\$90,967

Grants/Donations/Requests

- St. Patrick’s Day celebration – up to \$1,000 for dancers and the band in the plaza. We are

partnering with the city for the cost of a noon program in the Plaza and anticipate funds will be raised for this event from local downtown businesses, with help from Lucy Lewand and Mark McMullen.

- Support for the April 1st Corn Dog Drive-Thru for seniors - \$200 to purchase the necessary meal prep items to put on the event.

Committee and Events Update:

- Loretta Strong suggested that we design the Roger Dormire Memorial Scholarship with the scholarship recipients to exhibit the following characteristics:
 1. A minimum of 2.5 GPA;
 2. Willingly volunteer hours in our local community.
 3. Participation in faith-based organization.
 4. Two or more years participating in an organized sport; and
 5. A written recommendation from elders within the community or educational setting addressing applicant’s character formation.

A motion to direct Loretta to draft and finalize the qualifications for the Roger Dormire Memorial Scholarship was approved.

- Anna suggested we purchase a Water Monster to replace water bottles at events at a cost of approximately \$1,700. We will look into this concept and discuss at future meetings. Susan pledged to donate \$1,000 towards the water monster concept. Anna will do further research and report her findings to the board.

Other Business

- Elizabeth Bippart was approved to replace the open board seat vacated by Randy Collins for the remaining duration of the term.
- Denny, the president elect, is willing to volunteer to organize the Pancake Breakfast. We need to start a committee to prepare for the event, gather signs, work on ticket sales and advertising. The down payment for the event, which takes place April 10, 2022, is complete.

Fundraiser Planning Dates:

- St. Patrick's Day Foundation/Project Fund (March 17, 2022)
- Pancake Breakfast Foundation/Project Fund (April 10, 2022)
- FFA Fair Booth Admin Fund (May 25-28, 2022).
- Fitch Mt. Footrace Scholarship Fund (June 19, 2022).
- Brandt's Beach BBQ Foundation/Legacy Fund (Aug. 27, 2022).
- Safety Fair Foundation/Project Fund (Sept. 2022).
- HHS Hall of Fame Foundation/Project Fund (Nov. 13, 2022)
- Lake Sonoma Steelhead Festival/ Admin Fund (Feb. 11, 2023)

Bravo to Lucy

Our own Lucy Lewand has built into her business, Sonoma Samplers, our own Kiwanis Sampler baskets and each one sold brings \$5 to our Club. This is a very cool fundraiser for our Club and requires no work on our part.



Meetings

Feb 1:

Denny Stead debuted our new Healdsburg Kiwanis Pop-Ups that will be finding their way to many of our upcoming events. With the planned "opening back-up" coming soon, our Club is primed to get involved in a number of happenings.



Club members showing off one of the new pop-ups

Two identical 10 ft. x10 ft. pop-ups were purchased along with the banners promoting our 100th anniversary. The K logo and lettering as shown above are the same on all four sides.



Feb 8: Lunch was free. Call it 'Lunch on Roger'

At the Tuesday meeting at Brandt's Beach, we shared many fond memories we have of Roger. Here is one of them:



Roger cleaning up at the cemetery assisted by Jerry Strong

The photo shows typical Roger going at the work in a serious way. He never went about anything halfway. During a cemetery cleanup, Roger decided that a rotting stump had to go. He broke off some pieces and dug around it with a shovel but realized he didn't have the right

equipment, so he went home for his chainsaw, axe and pick, returned and went at it.

Leroy's Limericks

Presented at the beginning and end
of Roger's term as Healdsburg Kiwanis President
2006-2007

So here's our new pres, Mr. Dormier.
Under Kiwanis, he will light a fire.
An outrageous sense of humor there.
We'll miss that opening prayer.
With him leading, we'll fly even higher.

So here's to our now past president Roger.
From leadership, he was never a dodger.
His fines might split hairs
We'll miss his humorous prayers.
But his year is up. He is just another old codger.

Feb 15: Lunch meeting at Brandt's Beach

Rowdy regaled us with a trip back in time. He read some interesting excerpts from a book his father had written based on his extensive research on the Yates family history back to the first arrival in America in the 17th Century. The first Yates was an indentured servant from England arriving in Pennsylvania.

Feb. 22: Returning to the Villa for a night meeting with the Scout Troop's annual visit.

Troop 21 Scouts Owen Lucas and Kekoa Doyle along with their Scout Master, Matt Doyle updated us on their recent adventures, leadership and community service activities in a well-prepared presentation.



**Scout Master Matt Doyle,
Scouts Owen Lucas and Kekoa Doyle**

Adventures (partial list):

- Spring backpacking at Lake Sonoma, preparation for the 50 miler.
- Rafting on the American River. 106°!
- Annual 50 miler – one week in the John Muir Wilderness.
- 6th Annual Urban hike in San Francisco – 12 miles, 5 peaks (one was a building), exotic foods, public transit.
- Camp Rosenberg “Chillin” campout.
- Summer camp – one week at Wolfboro in the Sierra. Performed in camp service projects.
- Spelunking at Moaning Caverns.

Leadership:

- July 4 Pancake Breakfast Troop 21's largest fundraiser.
- Camp Rosenberg stewardship – cleanup and repair fire damage, built new benches and tables.

Community Service:

- Russian River Cleanup – Healdsburg Memorial Beach to Wohler Bridge, collected a record breaking 50 tires.
- Redwood Empire Food Bank
- Scouting for food – collecting food donations.
- Building owl boxes – made and sold 30 to vineyards and other agricultural for rodent control.

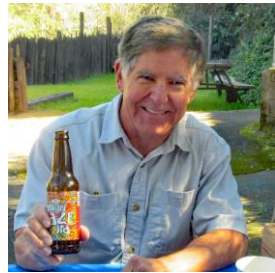


Building Owl Boxes

Birthdays



Randy Collins asked for a special birthday song from all the women



Liz Bippard asked Randy to sing her a happy birthday song



\$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

Randy Collins happy his daughter is coming to visit with boyfriend.

Randy Collins at his last meeting: Randy has sold his home in Healdsburg and is moving to Washington State. Randy and Darlene have rented a house in Tacoma for two months where they will live while searching for their new permanent home. - \$21 happy dollars for 21 happy years of fond memories as a Kiwanis member, \$21 sad dollars for

leaving us. Happy that Kiwanis has a strong presence throughout Washington.

Susan Sheehy, a happy \$5 for Randy wearing her dad's pin.

Patti Roberts \$10 from Rick. Rick by speaker phone: thanks for the song.

Rick Wood (attending evening meeting) thanks for prayers and visiting in hospital.

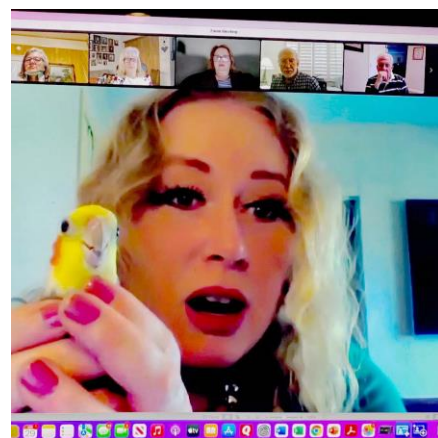
Jim Schmidt sad to pass on the news that Nanci Gunnerson has passed away. Our condolences to Lee and the family.

Many sad dollars for Roger's passing and Randy moving away.

DCM Zoom January 29



Healdsburg Pres Rowdy



Lt. Governor Anna with her four feathered friend

Patti and Lockie were raffle winners.

Cloverdale Kiwanis Great Eats Fundraiser

Kiwanis Prawn & Pasta Feed



Price: \$35/\$45 for dinner + bottle of wine

Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022

Time: Drive-Thru at the Cloverdale Citrus Fair
from 4 – 7 p.m.

Menu: Prawns, pasta with red sauce, salad,
garlic bread and dessert

Tickets may be purchased at:

- o Cloverdale Citrus Fair
- o (707) 328-2147



Great Eats!
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Proceeds to benefit Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale Foundation, and will be used for
a variety of community service projects

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