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### Two new members inducted in November



**New member Kelly Blanchard with her sponsor, Tom Rackerby, Membership Chair Loretta Strong, and President Susan Sheehy**

Kelly brings her youthful energy and enthusiasm for community service to our club, and can be seen putting in her time at the tree lot. Kelly and her husband are residents of Healdsburg, having purchased a home in 1913. She is employed by Paychex of Novato as a Core Rep. and also serves as a cross country and track coach.



**New member Rhonda Stengl with her sponsor, Susan Sheehy and Membership Chair Loretta Strong**

Rhonda holds a Master's degree in Education from University of San Francisco and is a retired educator and Sonoma County resident since 1969. She has participated in many volunteer, 4-H/FFA, sports and cultural arts activities in the Windsor area. She recently moved back to Windsor from Seattle WA where she consulted on educational and health diplomacy efforts which further global education and health development goals. Rhonda looks forward to participating in the Healdsburg Kiwanis club, supporting the local education sector and other community activities.

### Calendar

#### Meeting Dates:

**Dec 1:** Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex, Jon Haupt - Healdsburg Library Branch Manager

**Dec.8:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. - Margie Pettibone -Assistant Director of Advancement - Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa

**Dec 15:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Christmas Program.

**Dec. 17:** Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m. Round Table Pizza

**Dec. 22 & 29:** No meetings

#### Other December dates:

**Dec. 5:** Cloverdale Crab Feed.

**Dec. 8:** Interclub to SF Fairmont

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex 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 Susan Sheehy, President at 326-2712 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314

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Guy French  
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**Happy Birthday**

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  
Joe Alvarez – 12-10-13  
Darlene Prigmore – 12-9-14

**The President’s Message**

You joined Kiwanis to get involved in your community and “oh boy” you have had lots of opportunities this month. The Christmas Tree Lot Committee chaired by Jerry Strong and Rich Thomas has been working tirelessly in preparation for our largest fundraiser. There are still plenty of openings on their signup chart so stop by the tree lot and get your name on the list. Joining Kiwanis in November are our newest members Kelly Blanchard and Rhonda Stengl.

I sat down with Randy Collins, our President-Elect, and mapped out our goals for the year. One was to develop marketing tools to attract new members. Loretta Strong has done just that. In December we will have a new Healdsburg Kiwanis Brochure that we can give to potential members and newcomers to Healdsburg. It’s another way of reaching out to tell people who we are and what we do for the community. In an effort to increase Kiwanis interaction with the children of Healdsburg, I am working on putting together a Healdsburg Day at the Sonoma County Children’s Museum. We can sponsor and participate in field trips to this Sonoma County treasure.

The Key Club had their bake sale and raised over \$400 to donate to the Valley Fire effort.

In December we’ll have only three meetings on Dec. 1st, 8th and 15th. The 15th will be our annual Christmas Party luncheon with Santa and his elves bringing the laughs. There will be no meetings on the 22nd or 29th because of the holidays.

**Key Club raises \$\$ for Valley Fire Fundraiser**

Thanks to the generosity of our members, \$415 was raised at the November 10 meeting for the Key Club’s effort to help the victims of the Valley Fire. Key Clubbers prepared some very appealing baked creations for auction. Thanks to Loretta Strong for being our Auctioneer and to the folks below who opened their wallets:

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|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Liz Bippart   | Jim Schmidt  | Phil Luks       |
| John Bippart  | Susan Sheehy | Kelly Blanchard |
| Jan Gianni    | Guy French   | Rich Thomas     |
| Patty Roberts | Jerry Strong | Neal Bertrand   |
| Judy Everett  | Jim Colgan   | Bob Santucci    |



**Some of the Key Club’s  
baked creations**



**Key Clubber Sophie**



**Auctioneer Loretta**

## Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

The following are actions taken and items discussed during the Board meeting on Thursday November 19, 2015:

### Grant requests and expenditures

- Club Crime Insurance - \$225 for \$50,000 coverage.
- Worker's Compensation Insurance - \$485 to cover our tree lot workers. It would also cover workers on other projects.
- Two magnetic Kiwanis signs for the truck at the tree lot \$200.10.
- Requests for donations have been received from the Healdsburg Jazz Festival and SAY (Social Advocates for Youth). Representatives from both groups will be invited to speak at a lunch meeting to provide more information.
- Amoruso Printing - \$100 for a set-up fee plus \$210 for 1,000 Club brochures prepared by Loretta. Brochures to be given to prospective new members, distributed to interested parties at the tree lot, and possibly distributed at the Chamber of Commerce and at our fundraising events.

### Financials

- Admin Treasurer Brian Wells reported a \$792 profit for the Brandt's Beach pig roast and \$800 from Healdsburg Floors; and that annual fees have been paid to Kiwanis International.
- In the past the expense/profits of smaller projects have been grouped together, making the actual profits unknown. Projects Treasurer Ron Doble will prepare individual financial reports for small projects. This will clarify the worthiness of repeating those projects in the future.
- Ron will compile the club's donation history from the past year to facilitate annual planning for donations to make sure late requests can be anticipated and accommodated.

### Other action and discussion

- The joint social with Rotary will be put off until Spring.
- We are waiting for additional specifics in order to make a donation for the Valley fire fund.
- Funding field trips for Healdsburg children to the Sonoma County Children's Museum was

discussed. Each trip costs \$250 plus transportation expenses.

- In light of busy holiday schedules, the December board meeting was canceled.

## Meeting Programs

### November 3: Tracy Lanier 10,000 Degrees

Our guest speaker, Tracy Lanier, vice president of 10,000 degrees, described the programs and support services offered by her organization to students in need of guidance. Their mission is ". . . to achieve educational equity, and support students with need to access and complete higher education to positively impact their communities and the world."

The core program for high school students is the 10,000 Degrees Institute that provides the preparation and resources for low-income students to get to and through college. The program guides students through the financial aid and application process and includes a summer intensive dormitory experience, college advising and mentoring.

10,000 degrees provides about \$2,800,000 in undergraduate scholarships each year.

Success is demonstrated by the fact that 84 percent of the students who attend a four-year college graduate, compared to the national rate of 24 percent for students from low-income households.

10,000 degrees has been serving all high schools in Marin County since 1981. They have more recently expanded to Sonoma County and serve many of our schools.

### November 10: Maria Chesmore, Healdsburg High Athletic Booster President



This November marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Healdsburg High School Athletic Booster Club. The club was established in 1975 in response to the passage of Proposition 13 which severely reduced or eliminated school budgets for music, art, and athletics.

Last year the club provided over \$55,000 to HHS athletes. Each year the money raised is divided by the total number of athletes in each sport and each team gets that amount times the number of athletes they have. Over the past 9 years, the Booster Club has contributed over \$480,000 to the HHS sports program.

The Booster Club provides a stipend to the teams whose parents staff the Rec. Park snack bar

during football games. Annual scholarships for graduating seniors are also funded.

Sources of income include: the annual membership drive, a fall Golf Tournament, the football and basketball snack bars, EScript, sales of Greyhound Gear and Dave's World Famous Hand Dipped Corn Dogs at the FFA Fair.

**November 17: Beatrice Bostick, Alliance Medical Center (AMC) CEO**

AMC is a recognized leader in improving the health of our communities. Its mission is "to improve the health and wellness of our diverse communities, by providing accessible, caring and high quality health care services." Services include primary and preventive medical and dental care as well as a wide range of specialties.



Alliance Medical Center is the safety net for community healthcare. More than half of the patients receive government assistance with their healthcare costs. Without AMC, the only access to healthcare for thousands of families would be the emergency room at the local hospital, a costly alternative for both the family and the community.

**Nov 24: Emma McEnhill – Tech Trek**



**Emma McEnhill with her dad Don McEnhill and Beverly Liberman of AAUW**

Seventh grade student Emma McEnhill along with her dad, Don were our guest speakers at the November evening meeting. Emma shared her experience at the recent AAUW's Tech Trek camp held at Stanford.

"Girls find their passion for high-tech careers at AAUW's Tech Trek camps. Through hands-on problem solving and encounters with women role models in science, technology, engineering, and

math (STEM), Tech Trek helps girls see their futures while having nonstop fun."

During the week-long program, the girls participate in a number of classes, hands-on workshops and other activities involving math or science. Emma found the forensics class most interesting and it has rekindled her interest in science.

The local AAUW chapter selects nine seventh grade girls from local schools each year to send to the camps. The total cost of sending one girl to camp is \$1000, with only \$50 coming from the girl's family and the remaining \$950 coming from sponsors and donors. Our club has been sponsoring one girl each year.

**November birthdays**



**Members over 82 sing special happy birthday to Jerry Strong**



**Members under 65 sing special happy birthday to Jan Gianni**



**Birthday girl Loretta**



**Another one for Neal**

**Christmas Tree Lot opens November 27**



**The first load on November 23**



**First day chaos**



**Organizing the Norman Firs**



**A young customer makes a selection**



**Hunt sells a beautiful Noble Fir**



**Denny sells a truck load**

**\$\$Happy/Sad\$\$**

Lee Gunnerson happy to celebrate his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Judy Everett happy for the great Halloween party and the many interesting costumes.

Roger Dormire sad that he was called to attend tree lot committee meeting and the caller didn't show up.

Jerry Strong sad he couldn't show up because he was saving his stranded son.

Bob Santucci Happy to celebrate his mother's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday.

John Bippart was happy that Tar Heels were rated No.1 even though they hadn't played a game.

Denny Stead happy for Jerry Strong and Rich Thomas stepping forward to manage the Christmas Tree Lot.

Harry Jackson sad to miss the November 16 meeting because he was at California Pacific Hospital in San Francisco where his wife, Mary was undergoing shoulder replacement surgery. The procedure went well but recovery is challenging.

**Dennis Gary is ailing**

Dennis Gary has been ill and was at the Grove Street Skilled Nursing Center. A November 25 message from Denny Stead noted that Dennis has been moved to Memorial Hospital and is slowly improving. Our thoughts and prayers for his full recovery from his fellow Kiwanians.

**A thank you from Diana Blakeley**

Unfortunately I didn't get my "thank you" in this edition (October) to the crew who did such a "great" job for 20 of us at the Pig Roast. Please be sure and express my sincere "thanks" for everyone's efforts in making this event one we all enjoyed. Hopefully we can do it again next year.

Diana Blakeley



**Key Club work Party painting the Little League storage bunkers. Taylor Vanvranken, Sophie Ammerman, Kristen Beth, Siera Montenegro, Dick B., Dave Miller, Little League.**

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