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A visit to the Children's Museum

Our Kiwanis club is sponsoring trips to the Sonoma County Children's Museum in Santa Rosa for local school children. On January 25, Susan Sheehy, with granddaughter Lily in toe, led a group of 28 kids and parents of the Healdsburg Community Nursery School on a museum visit. Here are a few photos showing the kids enjoying the many exhibits and activities.

Museum visits for other local schools are planned in the near future. Transportation costs (bus) are being provided by another donor, so there are sufficient funds in our budget to cover all children.



Photos by Susan Sheehy

Calendar

Meeting Dates:

Feb.2: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex, Caitlin Childs - Communications Manager - Social Advocates for Youth

Feb.9: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. – Paul Kelley, Div. 32, Lt. Governor

Feb. 16: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex - Members of the Lytton ARC share life stories

Feb. 21: Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m. Round Table Pizza.

Feb. 26: Evening Meeting 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex. Susanne Esquivel – Graduation Celebration

Other February Dates:

Feb. 13: Steelhead Festival at Lake Sonoma. 10AM-4PM

Feb. 27: Mid-year conference in Sacramento

Save the Date:

Mar. 20: Pancake breakfast

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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Happy Birthday

Mario Lucchesi – Feb. 1
Charles Reichel – Feb. 7
Edgar Deas – Feb. 8
Randolph Collins – Feb. 11
Liz Bippart – Feb. 19
George Clough – Feb. 26

Kiwanis Anniversaries

*Congratulations to the following members
who joined the Kiwanis Club during the
month of February*

Arnold Santucci - 2-21-84
(First Inducted May 1950 and
was member to 1965)
Mario Lucchesi - 2-1-00
Ken Scharer - 2-18-03
Ken Rochioli - 2-28-06
Bob Santucci - 2-2-10
Vern Losh - 2-1-11 (reinstated)

The President's Message

It's been a busy start to the New Year. We heard from the Healdsburg Police Department, HHS Scholarship Center, Oak Mound Cemetery Restoration Project and about the upcoming Jazz Festival. Our Kiwanis Board gave a grant for up to \$2000 to pay the admission fee to the Children's Museum of Sonoma County. So far four classes of Healdsburg pre-schools and kindergartens have experienced this great museum firsthand.

On February 13th Healdsburg Kiwanis will participate in the Steelhead Festival at the Lake Sonoma Fish Hatchery selling our famous corn dogs and garlic fries. It looks like enough have signed up. Now let's all show up! Feb 27th will be our Mid-Year Kiwanis Conference in Sacramento. Let me know if you would like to attend.

Your Kiwanis Board is taking a deeper look at the donation requests that we receive annually in an effort to be sure that we serve all the children of Healdsburg. We realize that there are still people who don't know who we are and what we do. We often hear from the same folks each year for requests and I'd like to be sure that our hard earned monies are spread out to all who need our help.

Save the Date of April 26th for a social mixer with the other service clubs of Healdsburg including Rotary, Sunrise Rotary, Soroptimists, our City Council and our Lt. Governor, Paul Kelley. We'll be doing this at the Robert Young Estate from 6:00 to 8:30 similar to our Halloween Party, but without costumes! This will be a fun evening to show our fellow Healdsburg friends we are all in this together serving the needs to our town.

Susan

Happy Birthday Arnold



A special birthday song for Arnold Santucci's 96th.
The club leadership sings happy birthday



Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the Board meeting on Thursday January 21, 2016:

Grant requests and expenditures

- Kiwanis International dues - \$1727. The payment includes \$19 for each of our 83 members (\$1,577) plus \$150 for the District Key Club annual fee.
- Salvation Army ARC - \$4,176.37 for the purchase of a new portable salad bar for the Litton Springs kitchen improvement and dining area. The price includes a salad bar plus various accessory pieces for a full service unit. The board discussion centered on the appreciation we feel for our relationship with SA. Their help at the tree lot is just one of many ways that we benefit from our connection.
- Aprons for club events – not to exceed \$300 for 18 aprons requested by Patti Robarts.
- E-filing fee for Kiwanis tax return - \$50.88 as requested by admin treasurer Brian Wells. It was noted that Brian has spent over 30 hours collecting and collating data plus preparing the tax return. Brian's work was much appreciated by the board.
- Requests from Healdsburg Jazz Festival and SAY were tabled pending presentations at future meetings.
- Requests from Key Club and Key Leader were postponed for a future meeting pending the budget report.
- Donation for the Valley Fire relief has been tabled.

Other discussion and action

- Rick Norman offered to create a budget using historical data to assist in future planning for annual request payments for gifts, donations, school group needs, and sponsorships. The intention is to plan and have funds available for 'late requests' from groups to whom we usually provide yearly support.
- Susan Sheehy proposed April 26th as the date for a joint social with Sunrise Rotary, Healdsburg Rotary, and Soroptimists clubs. It was suggested that city council members also be invited. The event will be held at the in the beautiful home of Susan's late father, Robert Young in Alexander Valley.
- Susan and Loretta will talk to Oak Mount Cemetery to gather additional information about our club adopting a section.

- Raising the cost of pancake breakfast ads from \$60 to \$75 was approved. The price has not been increased in many years and accounts for approximately \$4,000 of the proceeds.

Meeting Programs

January 5: Matt Jenkins - Healdsburg Police Department Lieutenant

Lt. Jenkins joined the HPD in 2002. He currently serves as the resource officer and is in charge of day to day operations.



The Healdsburg Police Department takes Pride in Protecting our Community with Integrity, Excellence and Professionalism. Their motto is: "Our Community, Our Commitment". The Police Department is typically the line of contact that the public has with the city. Therefore, the department must perform its duties within the context of the City's Mission, Vision, and Values Statement. The core values of HPD are intended to help guide actions and demonstrate commitment to the profession both on and off duty. The HPD members subscribe to Excellence, Integrity, Professionalism and Pride. (www.ci.healdsburg.ca.us/149/Police)

Lt. Jenkins discussed HPD's challenges in staffing and the various day to day issues. There has recently been a high turnover rate of police officers. Ten new officer replacements have been hired in the last 3 years. There are currently 18 authorized officer positions with 2 vacancies. Given the core values of HPD, the pool of qualified applicants is limited and these slots have been difficult to fill. The applicants must be a "good fit for the community".

The main day to day issues are related to auto, pedestrian and bicycle traffic. There were 457 traffic stops last year, about one third of which were DUIs.

Youth issues involve vandalism and alcohol and marijuana. Gang related problems have greatly decreased compared to recent years.

January 12: Elaine Watkins - HHS McCord Scholarship Center

Elaine Watkins, our January 12 speaker, is the scholarship coordinator at Healdsburg High school. She is a certified high school English and history (AP) teacher with extensive experience working with college-bound students. She leads the McCord College and Career Center at HHS.



Ms. Watkins and the staff guide students through the challenging process of selecting a college, the application process, scholarship applications, and financial aid applications. A large number of scholarships are available. Last year about 300 scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors with a total amount of about \$600,000. There are many local scholarship donors including our Kiwanis Club. The McCord Trust provides about \$140,000 each year.

The Career Center resources include:

- An excellent library for research on career topics: Choosing a major, choosing a school, writing the perfect admissions essay, and schools with great financial aid.
- SAT/ACT materials including practice books and packets, deadlines, registration packets.
- Computers for students use for online applications for college and financial aid.
- Essay help from Ms. Watkins and other staff.
- Brochures and printed materials.

www.hhs-healdsburgusd-ca.schoolloop.com/McCordsScholarshipCenter

January 19: Jim Dreisback & Holly Hoods - Our Ancestors, Our Future

Our January 19 guest speakers, Healdsburg Museum Curator, Holly Hoods and volunteer Jim Dreisback described the ongoing clean-up and restoration of the historic, non-endowed section of Oak Mound Cemetery. This ambitious project, headed by Jim Dreisback, began in February 2015 and Phase 1 of the effort has been completed.

Phase I involved removal of overgrown vegetation, general cleanup and an inventory of gravestones and monuments needing repair and restoration work. Spraying of spraying to control poison oak, vines and other invasive vegetation has been completed and grounds maintenance will be much more manageable. Many local businesses have committed to making important contributions, including Gardenworks, Eddinger Enterprises, The Welding Shop, Domenichelli Masonry and Stan Johnson Pool Construction.

The before and after photographs below show the results of Phase 1.



Photos from Healdsburg Museum newsletter



The Phase 2 effort, beginning this year, will include restoration of gravestones, markers and monuments, and final cleanup. An important part of this effort is the fountain restoration project. The fountain has not been working for many years and is in a much deteriorated condition. The "Leda and the Swan" top ornament disappeared many years ago. A replacement is being cast and is expected to arrive soon. Domenichelli Masonry is attempting to find matching materials to repair the rock work that surrounds the fountain. The necessary repairs will be completed and the beautiful fountain will be working in the spring of this year.

Along with the restoration effort, museum volunteers are updating the on-line data base archive "Find A Grave".

To further highlight the importance of our historic cemetery, the museum has opened a new exhibit, "Discover Oak Mound Cemetery." This exhibition showcases recent efforts to revitalize the cemetery and highlight some fascinating characters and vivid history buried there. Pioneer town builders, women of strength and character, local heroes, leaders and a few scoundrels are featured. Their stories are enlivened by historical and contemporary photos, artistic grave rubbings and colorful artifacts. The museum will also offer guided cemetery tours to accompany the exhibit on weekends starting in February, weather permitting.

www.healdsburgmuseum.org/

January 26: Evening Meeting - Jessica Felix - Healdsburg Jazz Festival

Healdsburg Jazz Festival Artistic Director Jessica Felix presented an interesting and informative description of the jazz music education programs that the Festival sponsors in local schools each year. Healdsburg Jazz places great emphasis on music education and on creating programs that expose youth to jazz's history and values.



Jessica receives a thank you

Operation Jazz Band, over the past 15 years has introduced thousands of grade 5 students to the living tradition of jazz by bringing professional musicians into their classrooms. Students learn about music in general, jazz in particular and are encouraged to take up an instrument. Professional musicians, led by Bay Area percussionist and educator *Babatunde Lea*, spend an intense week in six area schools. Two groups of musicians each visit three schools a day for consecutive days each spring, and all meet up at the Raven Theater for a fifth day of combined performance and engagement. Beginning with percussion and continuing through rhythm, melody and vocals, every fifth grade student in the area learns about the history and fundamentals of jazz.

The Black History Month Program is a four part program created in 2012 for students in grades 3-6. It includes nine school lecture-demonstrations with a concert field trip, after school Student Choir and Band, Freedom Jazz Choir, and a free culminating community concert at the Raven Theater on February 26, 2016. The Festival engaged bassist-composer Marcus Shelby to conduct Civil Rights-themed workshops at eight Healdsburg and Geyserville schools. Shelby blends music and other media to present in-depth but accessible portraits of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman and other relevant themes that empower students to fulfill their role in society's ongoing struggle for full equality.

www.healdsburgjazzfestival.org

New Kiwanis Club in Division 32

The new Kiwanis Club of North Bay will hold their Charter Night Celebration in Rohnert Park on February 6. This new evening club was started by PennyLee Christensen, the first president, to fill the gap for people in the Petaluma area who can't make the day meetings.

There has not been a Charter party in Division 32 since March 2, 2006! (Almost 10 years!). See invitation on back page.

Happy Birthday to:



Ron Puccioni

Ron asked everyone under age 75 to sing a special happy birthday



Darlene Prigmore and Rick Wood

Liz Bippart Visits Southeast Asia

Liz joined her sister Carolyn who is currently teaching 4th grade at a British school in Myanmar. Their travels also took them to Thailand and, Cambodia (Angkor Wat and elephant sanctuary).

\$\$Happy/Sad\$\$

Marty Silge happy to see Rich Iverson back.

Rich Iverson happy to be back after knee surgery. The surgery didn't go well, but he is now recovering nicely.

Veronica Velez sad to pay a fine for ringing telephone. She had turned off her phone, but forgot that her new watch also rings.

Susan Sheehy happy to assist in nursery school children's field trip to the Sonoma County Children's Museum.

George Clough happy to see Vern Losh after a long absence.

Jan Gianni happy for all the rainfall here and that it did not rain in Hawaii.

Dick Bugarske happy that both the girls' and boys' basketball teams are doing well.

Rich Thomas sad he will miss the next meeting. Happy he will be steelhead fishing on the Umpqua River.

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