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### HHS Key Clubbers visit with Sweets for the Sweet Spring Bling Sweets Auction



**Key Club bakers: Emma Tremont, Diego Garcia, Grace Vanden Heuvel, Sirena Licea Auctioneer Loretta Strong**

The four HHS Key Club members above were guests at our February 21 meeting. They brought 14 plates of various baked items prepared by Key Clubbers for auction. Auctioneer, Loretta Strong, encouraged the brisk bidding and raised a total of \$350 to help fund the Key Leader Program for HHS students. Caterer Patti Roberts generously supplemented the auction by donating a basket containing fortune cookies left over from the lunch.

The students introduced themselves to the club and told us about their interests and goals.

**Emma Tremont's** favorite classes are Journalism and history. By 2027, she hopes to have gone to Italy to eat pizza and to be writing for a magazine.

**Diego Garcia** is the Key Club President. His interests are engineering and band. In 2017, he hopes to have a career in computer science or mechanical engineering, after serving in the Air Force as a pilot.

**Grace Vanden Heuvel's** favorite classes are history and art, especially ceramics. In 2027, she hopes to have a career in costume design.

**Sirena Licea** is interested in world history and leadership. In 2017, she will have graduated college and have a successful career, yet undecided.



### Calendar

#### Meeting Dates:

**Mar 7:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. - Carol Eber and Melissa Kelley - Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation. Special corned beef lunch, wear green or pay a fine.

**Mar 14:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Joe Collins, Healdsburg Bulldogs Football.

**Mar 16:** Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Round Table Pizza.

**Mar 21:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex.

**Mar 28:** Evening Meeting at Villa Annex. 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting

#### Save the Date

**Apr. 9:** 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 Randy Collins, President at 433-7759 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314

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**Happy Birthday**

Dorothy Anixter – March 15

**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 Roberts - 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  
Rachelle Jackson – 3-31-15



**The President’s Message**  
**Pancakes & Traditions**

As you have heard at recent meetings, our annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser is just around the corner on April 9<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) and Vern Losh, our Committee Chair has been circulating the sign-up sheet to fill the various positions for the event with tickets soon being available for us to sell. While I write these words, I cannot help but reflect on the tradition it represents for our club. When Dick Bugarski shares some of our history, it is remarkable to think that we have been a positive force for change in Healdsburg for close to 100 years and 61 of these have included this tradition we not so ceremoniously call “Pancake Day”. Having served as Chair last year, I am very aware of all the work Vern is doing to make it a success of which active participation from all of you is key. Hence the reason for devoting this month’s column to the event.

Once the “heavy lifting” is completed by Vern, it is quite remarkable how most of the activities required for it almost seem to happen on their own. That of course stands as a testament to your dedication as club members to step up and do what’s necessary to pull it off. That is one reason, the event will be “traditionally” run much the same as it has in the past including shift sign-ups, the menu, advertising and ticket sales. There are however, a few slight changes you might notice. The first is the price of an Adult ticket has been raised from the current \$9 to \$10. After receiving this recommendation from Vern, the Board voted to approve this at the February meeting for a couple of reasons. First, it was revealed most other non-profit’s pancake breakfast’s charge this amount so it was in line with what is considered the “going price”. In addition, a good argument was made that paying with a \$10 bill was in many ways easier than having to dig up a five and four ones or for our cashiers to have constantly make change. The last addition was the unanimous agreement by the Board to include a 50/50 raffle as a means to raise additional funds (need not be present to win) which Patti Roberts was gracious enough to head. It should be mentioned that although considered by the Board, a suggestion to serve mimosas was declined due to the traditional family nature of event.

In a previous occupation, I served, we would often jokingly use the slogan “100 years of tradition unimpeded by progress”. While I cannot help but grin at some of the parallels I find with everyday life (including this breakfast), we can be proud of our “tradition” of serving the community and the role this event plays achieving it.

Randy



**Randy requested a special birthday song from all past presidents**



## 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 for February 2017:

### Grant requests

- *Healdsburg Jazz Festival* - \$1,000 to support The Festival's music education programs in Healdsburg schools.
- *Santa Rosa Symphony League* - \$1,000 to support the Symphony's music education programs. Contributed with the caveat that the funds be earmarked for "Free Concerts for Youth".
- *Fresh Water to Kenya* – The requested \$2000 grant to support a program to provide water for people in a drought stricken area in Kenya was denied. There was concern of distance as well as no guarantee that the full amount would be raised - not the best use of our money.
- HHS Boosters – Deferred until March

### Money Matters

- Administrative Fund – There is a consistent monthly shortfall of income from dues, the fine box, lunches, and lotto. The annual expenses for our club are approximately \$47,725 but our income is only \$33,600. The Fund balance as of 1/31/17 was \$7,387.92.

The sub-committee proposed the immediate option of printing on our Pancake Breakfast ticket the following: "A portion of the receipts may be used for Kiwanis administrative expenses". This would provide an immediate backstop for Admin Fund shortfalls. The Board approved adding the language to the tickets.

- Project Fund – the checking account balance, as of 1/31/17 was \$29,892. The Christmas tree lot net proceeds are currently \$43,437 with most bills paid.

### President's Report

- One of Randy's goals has been a Safety Fair at Fitch Mountain Elementary School. A date has been penciled in for October. After meeting with the school administration to schedule the event, he was cautioned about having uniformed police present as the majority of the students are Latino and they are fearful of possible deportation so he is reconsidering the scope of the event and will come back with possible amendments at the March meeting as he wants to "get his ducks in a row".

- Three 2x2 foot signs showing artwork of Kiwanis' good works will be displayed at our events to educate the public about our club. The quote from Healdsburg Signs is \$239.24 and will be paid from the Project Fund.
- Randy has begun updating our by-laws.
- Kelly Blanchard has begun updating our Facebook page.

### Committee Reports

- Christmas Tree Lot – one extra FT person was added that increased expenses by \$1,600. Tree prices increased significantly in 2016. In spite of these increased expenses the overall profit was good. An amount of \$35,109.46 will be transferred from the Christmas Tree Lot Fund to the Project Fund to maintain a reserve of \$50,000 for 2017 tree lot set-up expenses.
- Pancake Breakfast – the following wording will be added to the Pancake Breakfast tickets: "A portion of the receipts may be used for Kiwanis administrative expenses".

The ticket price will be raised to \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

A 50/50 raffle or an Easter basket is being considered.

- Admin Fund Subcommittee – Suggestions for raising funds are being considered:

By asking a winery to donate wine, supply hors d'oeuvres, charge \$25, and invite all service groups for a gathering.

Sponsoring an event at the Villa with wine, food and music or a comedy night and bar-b-que.

### Other Business

David Jones letter of resignation was accepted

Lt. Mabie will be invited to a Tuesday meeting with one of the men in the ARC program so we can thank them for our many years of meaningful relationship. Randy will write a letter to the editor to acknowledge The Salvation Army and Kiwanis.

## Meeting Programs

**February 7:** SMART Train Community Education and Outreach

Our February 7 guest speaker, Smart representative, Matt Stevens provided a summary of the status of the effort to begin the train passenger service and some of the issues the agency is facing.





The hoped for starting date suffered a major delay when a design flaw was discovered in the engine crank shafts. The engine manufacturer is replacing all 14 of SMART's engines under warranty prior to starting service. The initial operating segment of the track, the 43-miles between downtown San Rafael and the Sonoma County Airport, is expected to start service in the late spring of this year. Currently, system wide testing is underway to improve crossing gate performance.

Initial operation will entail up to 30 trains per day (15 in each direction) operating at top speeds of 79 miles per hour. Six two-car train sets will be in service.

The San Rafael to Larkspur segment will be going out to bid soon. Completion of the entire system to Cloverdale will depend upon obtaining funding. Rough cost estimates of the remaining segments are:

- Airport Blvd. to Windsor - \$38.5 Million
- Windsor to Healdsburg - \$65 million
- Healdsburg to Cloverdale - \$100 million

Since people are not accustomed to seeing trains, which have not been running in the area for many years, SMART is making a major effort to educate the public in safety awareness. Key safety tips include:

- Always expect a train
- Stay alert around train tracks: Stop, look both ways and listen for train.
- Only cross the tracks at a designated railroad crossing.
- Wait for bells and lights to stop, and wait for the gate to rise before crossing.



<http://main.sonomamarintrain.org>

**Feb. 14:** Santa Rosa Symphony.

Jane Shelly of the Santa Rosa Symphony in a very informative presentation described the "Music for our Schools" and other music youth education programs provided by the Symphony.



**Thank You, Jane**



**Jane plays the recorder**

"Music for our Schools" includes Free Concerts for Youth, Elementary Music Listening Program, In School Performances, It's Elementary, Simply Strings, Youth Discovery Cards, and School and Teacher Resources.

Free Concerts for Youth: The Symphony presents six concerts per year at the Green Music Center's Weill Hall, serving 6,000 Sonoma County elementary students, teachers and chaperones. In addition to experiencing the grandeur of the concert hall, children are encouraged to view orchestral music as an integral aspect of artistic expression. This is often the child's first exposure to classical music.

The Elementary School Listening Program delivers a CD and script kit for daily classical music listening to be implemented in the classroom.

Simply Strings: children beginning in second grade receive daily intensive ensemble instruction two hours a day, five days a week after school.

Youth Discovery Cards: Every student in participating schools receives a free season pass admitting him/herself and an adult to all seven of the season's 2:00 pm Saturday afternoon casual performances at the Green Music Center as well as all of the Youth Orchestra performances.

<http://srsymphony.org>

**Feb. 28:** Graduation Celebration-Susanne Esquivel

Susanne Esquivel, a guest at the February 28 evening meeting discussed the Healdsburg High School Graduation Night Event and showed a video of students enjoying the 2016 event. The party is now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year and will again be held at the Rohnert Park Driven Raceway. About 125 out of a graduating class of 150 are expected to attend.

Driven Raceway is a family entertainment facility providing indoor cart racing, mini bowling, mini golf and arcade features with a variety of video and redemption games. The Hot Rod Café provides pizza, drinks, and assorted snacks.



The total budget for the event is about \$22,000. Our club has been providing the transportation (3 buses) for a number of years.

**Interclubs**

Several members of Healdsburg Kiwanis attended Geyserville Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on February 5.



crew, headed by Denny Stead, worked no-stop until food supplies were exhausted about 3 pm. Denny noted that there were always about 50 people waiting in line. The only longer line was at the adjacent beer booth which emptied 10 kegs of beer.



The Morning Crew: Randy Collins, Patti Roberts, Liz Bippart, Terry Kemp, Jerry Strong, Ron Puccioni, Denny Stead

Gross sales totaled \$2192, expenses were \$664 (Including a \$100 donation to Friends of Lake Sonoma) for total proceeds of \$1528.

### March Interclubs

Interclub visits scheduled for March are listed below.

- Wednesday, March 1, **Windsor Kiwanis** – 6:30 pm at Round Table Pizza.
- Friday, March 3, **Sebastopol Kiwanis** 12:15 pm at the Sebastopol Community Center.
- Saturday, March 11, **Windsor Kiwanis** Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at Windsor Grange, 6 pm cocktails, Dinner 6:30 pm. If interested in participating, contact Susan Sheehy or Terry Kemp.
- Saturday, March 25, **Petaluma Kiwanis** Oyster Feed and DCM, meeting at 9 am, Oyster feed 12:30 pm. If interested in participating, contact Susan Sheehy or Terry Kemp.

### Steelhead Festival

Richard Thomas has the task of ordering good weather for the annual Steelhead Festival at Lake Sonoma. This year he did an excellent job. The weather was perfect and about 8000 people enjoyed the festivities and the sales at our food, booth serving dogs and garlic fries, were brisk. The

### Richard Thomas receives prestigious award

Our own Richard Thomas, received the Sonoma County Winegrowers 2017 Nick Frey Community Contribution Award, presented at the annual January Winegrowers meeting.



“In being honored with this Community Contribution Award, Richard was recognized for the second time by Congress for putting Sonoma County winegrowing on the global map. It is rare to receive a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition ever in a lifetime. Because of Congressman Mike Thompson’s acknowledgment, Richard’s accomplishments were once again read into the congressional record in Washington, DC and are part of American history.” \*

\* *Cloverdale Reveille, February 1, 2017.*

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

Rich Thomas happy to receive the award from the Sonoma County Winegrowers even though he does not grow grapes. (see above)

Susan Sheehy happy to be going to Costa Rica for a family reunion.

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

Judy Everett happy to have entertained 17 guests, in and out, over the last 3 weeks.

Denny Stead happy visit Yellowstone for a week with a National Geographic .

Vern Loch happy to be expecting a grandson in July.

Jerry Strong happy to be a new great grandfather of a 8 lb.- 6 oz., 21 inch baby boy.

LeRoy Steck happy to no longer be taking Warfarin, and can now shave with a blade.

Randy Collins happy his daughter is on the honor list at Humboldt State U.

Terry Kemp happy that she was not arrested during a trip to Las Vegas and that she came home with money.

Cindy Brown happy to have attended a retreat in New Mexico. Sad that it was in a remote area and she could not find a postcard.

Patti Robarts happy to see Darlene's mom, Lee at the evening meeting. Lee will be celebrating her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday in April.

**Post Cards**

Jan & Dan Gianni – Maui



**Yellowstone in Winter  
It can be brutal**

*from Denny Stead via phone*

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