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Healdsburg Community Mixer held at Robert Young Estate



Our April 26 evening meeting was replaced with a Healdsburg community mixer held at the Robert Young Estate in Alexander Valley, hosted by President Susan Sheehy. Kiwanians were joined by members of Rotary, Sunrise Rotary, Soroptimists, Chamber of Commerce and Healdsburg City Council, in a festive evening filled with a vast array of appetizers, fine wine and other beverages and interesting conversation. About 130 people filled the beautiful patio and pool area, provided with three overflowing appetizer tables and two wine bars. Susan and Lt. Governor Paul Kelly gave short welcoming talks.



Susan and Paul welcome the guests



A bountiful spread



Marty and Ellen select their wine



Rick welcomes Rotarians

Photos by Rick Tang. More on page 6

Calendar

Meeting Dates:

May 3: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Chris Vanden Heuvel, Superintendent HUSD

May 10: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Michael Irvine, Boys & Girls Club

May 17: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. HHS Students of the Year Celebration

May 19: Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m. Round Table Pizza.

May 24: Evening Meeting 6:00-8:00 p.m.

May 31: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Carla Howell, Executive Director - Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce

Other May Dates

May 1: Geyserville Wine Country Rib Off

May 8: Cloverdale Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

May 15: Division 32 Banquet at Robert Young Estate – official governor's visit

May 26: FFA Parade

May 26-28: FFA Fair

Save the Date:

Jun 19: Fitch Mountain Foot Race

Sep. 14: Golf Tournament

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

Brian Wells- May 2
Joe Alvarez – May 6
Jim Silveira – May 10
Bob Santucci – May 19

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Lindsay Wurlitzer: 5-15-79
George Diebold: 5-25-04
Don Marshall: 5-14-04
Richard Norman: 5-25-04
Loretta Strong: 5-16-06
Eric Smith: 5-25-10

The President's Message

April has been another busy month for Kiwanis. A crew of Kiwanians, led by Jerry Strong, helped cleanup Oak Mound Cemetery in support of the Cemetery Restoration. We'll be doing this on a quarterly basis to keep it the plots in good shape.

Plans for the Fitch Mountain Footrace are going forward thanks to all the work done by former chairperson David Jones and now under the reigns of Vern Losh. It's coming together!

Rich Wood is firing up the grill for the annual Rib-Off in Geyserville on May 1st. By the time you read this, there may still be time to go and support our club and have a great meal too.

Our fundraising goes to support our community and this month was no exception. \$6000 went out to the Scouts, \$1000 for the YWCA Safe House to shelter women and children, \$300 for HHS Baseball, \$500 for art programs for kids through the Center for the Arts and \$500 to support our local Prune Packers.

Rick Anixter has hatched a new fundraiser idea. A New Year's Eve Party at the Villa will hopefully bring in resources equal to the Tree Lot, but in one day rather than one month. A dedicated committee is working on this event already.

We ended the month with a great party where Kiwanis invited all of the other service groups in Healdsburg to the Robert Young Estate. It was a night of celebrating the fact that Healdsburg is Healdsburg because of the many dedicated individuals who make it their home. Thanks everyone for coming!

Susan

Coming in May



Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the Board meetings for March and April 2016:

Grant requests and expenditures

- Healdsburg HS Graduation Celebration - \$1,200 for bus transportation.
- Key Leader - \$500 for two scholarships to be awarded to Healdsburg High School students. Susan Sheehy sponsored one scholarship at the March 15th membership meeting and the members passed the hat to contribute another scholarship. Both scholarships were presented to Rich Fuller of Windsor Kiwanis.
- PSST (Public School Success Team) - \$2,263 for their annual insurance.
- Healdsburg Community Church - \$320 for 500 water filter spigots in support of Roger Dormire's mission trip to Guinea-Bissau.
- Roger Dormire - \$125 for 20 soccer balls to be given to the children at local schools and orphanages.
- Prune Packers - \$500 sponsorship. The donation will be listed on the Prune Packer website, on a quarter page program ad, and on a banner displayed at each game.
- YWCA House in Santa Rosa - \$1,000 for women and children escaping domestic violence.
- Healdsburg HS Baseball - \$300 for new uniforms and field maintenance.
- Boy Scout Troop 21 - \$6,000 for 2016 funding goals that include charter costs, Clary Hall rent, camperships, and supplements for the high adventure tool kit.
- Students of Month honorees - \$402 for 20 boxed pen sets.
- Healdsburg Center for the Arts - \$500 requested for on-going programs at the center.
- Cloverdale Kiwanis - \$100 for their Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast newspaper ad.
- Santa Rosa Kiwanis - \$100 for an All Star Games advertisement.
- Kiwanis Distinguished Service Award -\$150 for a plaque. Susan Sheehy will select the honoree.

Treasurer's Reports

- Admin Treasurer Brian Wells reported the Admin Fund March 31 closing balance of \$6796.74. The expenses in February exceeded the income, typical for the second month of the quarter. Exceptional expenses included gifts to the Salvation Army, Valley Fire and Northbay Kiwanis

totaling \$1,020.

- Project Treasurer Ron Doble reported that the Pancake Breakfast net proceeds are currently \$8,332.41. The expenses to date for the Kiwanis New Year's Eve party total \$7450, covering costs for catering, entertainment and site rental.

Other discussion and action

- Rita Loskill was approved for associate membership.
- Vern Losh has taken leadership of the Fitch Mountain Foot Race scheduled for June 19th (Father's Day). He is getting up to speed and will be calling on members to assist.
- The Board approve the use of Eventbrite for ticket purchasing for our upcoming, "Midnight in Time's Square" New Year's Eve party.

Meeting Programs

April 5: David Mickaelian, Healdsburg City Manager

In his presentation at the April 5 meeting, Healdsburg City Manager David Michaelian brought us up to date on happenings at city hall, focusing on three major issues: budget, the roundabout project and housing.



The; annual **budget process** is currently underway. The process began in January with the Measure V Survey and will be completed in June when City Council goals and the budget are adopted. In addition to operating budgets, Capital Improvement Projects (CIP's) are a major part of the overall budget. This year the largest CIP's are the Roundabout Project and City Hall rehabilitation. Street, water and wastewater, parks, and community projects are also considered in the budget.

The **Roundabout Project** will consist of extensive improvements to be undertaken in the area of Mill Street, Vine Street and Healdsburg Avenue. Major components of this project include: reconstruction of the Foss Creek culvert under Mill Street; placing all overhead utilities (electric, cable and phone) underground in the project area; major upgrades to sanitary sewer, water and storm drainage in the area; construction of the new roundabout to replace the five-way intersection and new pedestrian improvements including enhanced sidewalks, seating areas, landscape and mini-plazas. The project will create major disruptions to traffic moving through the intersection. Two alternatives are being considered for scheduling and street closure: 1) completely closing the streets to traffic for 7 months (June – November) or 2) allow limited traffic through the

intersection during construction. The latter option would add about one year to the schedule and about \$400,000 to the cost.

Following consideration during their April 18 meeting, the City Council chose the latter option. Construction will begin in early May.

In response to expressed community concerns, the Community **Housing** Committee has begun working with residents to update City policies and prepare a Housing Action Plan to reflect changing economic conditions as well as community housing needs and priorities.

April 12: Mark Themig, Director-Healdsburg Community Services

Mark comes to us from Minnesota and has been on the job as the Director of the City's Community Services Department for about one year.



“The Community Services Department is responsible for managing and caring for the City's parks, open space areas, and recreation facilities and for providing quality, affordable recreational opportunities for residents of all ages.”

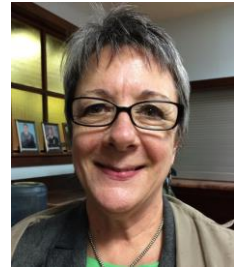
The Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT) is assessed to visitors staying in all lodging within the city limits. The rate is 12%, with 10% designated to community services fund and the remaining 2% to the General Fund. Community Services receives no other General Fund subsidies.

Mark discussed a number of facility improvement projects underway or to be undertaken soon.

- Study for adaptive reuse of the Cerri building. Options include: remove or renovate the building, partially remove and add shade structure and parking lot, or other options to be considered.
- Development of the Fitch Mountain Management Plan. The plan will consider recreational use, public access and administration. The park will be open to the public by November 2017.
- Community Center synthetic turf, a \$3,000,000 project to be completed in 2018.
- Rec Park outfield turf replacement.
- Rec Park fencing to protect University Avenue from home run balls.
- The new 36 acre Saggio Hills Park development.
- ADA improvements at city parks.
- Updating the Open Space Plan.

April 19: Cindi Brown-The World of Non-Profits

Cindi has been a member of our club since 2010 and recently retired after 42 years in the banking industry. Not one to sit knitting on the porch, and having a need to somehow use her talents and experience to be of service, she soon found a way. She was offered a position at Westwater Financial, Inc., a Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) affiliated with the Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, where she oversees all aspects of operations, including lending, technical assistance, and financial management.



Westwater's primary mission is to improve the financial situation of Dry Creek Rancheria tribal members who have been traditionally underserved by conventional banks. This is accomplished by providing financial education and access to credit via credit-builder and other consumer loans, as well as small and micro business loans.



Randy Collins and Dick Bugarske were recognized for their efforts in making the pancake breakfast a huge success. They were presented with new battery chargers so they can continue their good work

Interclubs

A “ladies day” contingent of Jan Gianni, Cindy Schwartz Judy Everett and Dee Whitehall visited the Sonoma Plaza Club on April 13. They enjoyed a very impressive presentation by a group of high school students talking about their mission to Nicaragua.

A Work Day at the Cemetery

As part of the ongoing clean-up and restoration of the historic, non-endowed section of Oak Mound Cemetery, our club has volunteered to take on the ongoing maintenance of an assigned portion of the historic section. Spraying to control poison oak, vines and other invasive vegetation has been completed and grounds maintenance will be manageable with a reasonable amount of effort.

On Saturday, April 23 a hardy crew of 8 Kiwanians spent the morning raking, hauling debris, removing rotting stumps, and performing other necessary maintenance. The crew consisted of Loretta and Jerry Strong, Dorothy and Rick Anixter, Randy Collins, Roger Dormire, George Clough and Harry Jackson.



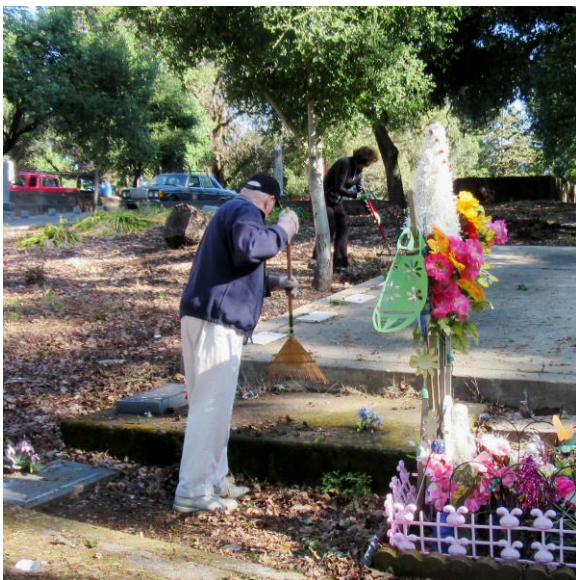
Roger cuts up



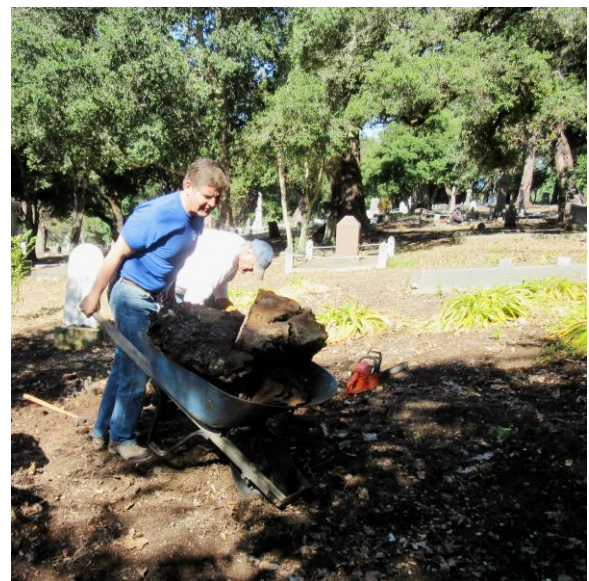
Jerry and Rick remove debris, Randy directs



Jerry and Roger load up



George rakes up leaves and fallen branches



Randy hauls it away

No selfie of photographer Harry Jackson who also broke a sweat.

More Mixer Photos

Mixer photos by Rick Tang





The Jan Gianni Foursome: Lanny Langdon, Kerry Zontek, and Will Langdon and at the Santa Rosa Country Club on April 20

The above golfers were the winning team at the last Kiwanis golf tournament held last August. Part of prize was a day of golf at the Santa Rosa Country Club. A good time was had by all!

Troop 21 Sponsorship

President Susan Sheehy presented a check for \$6000 to Scout Troop 21 on April 27. The annual sponsorship covers 2016 funding goals that include charter costs, Clary Hall rent, camperships, and supplements for the high adventure tool kit.



Troop 21 scouts with their check

\$\$Happy/Sad\$\$

Loretta Strong happy for the Healdsburg Kiwanis Lady's night thanks to hostess Liz Bippart.

Jan Gianni happy that Liz can cook.

Dick Bugarske happy for Loretta Strong's leadership and good works of the scholarship committee.

Jerry Strong happy Roger Dormire's good works in Africa.

Curt Hahn happy to be a mentor at his alma mater USC.

Liz Bippart happy to present a check for \$50 raised during her ladies night party to the Food Pantry.

Marty Silge happy to present a birthday check for \$77, \$49 representing his age and \$28 extra.

LeRoy Speck happy to celebrate his youngest great granddaughter's 9th birthday.

HEALDSBURG KIWANIS FITCH MOUNTAIN FOOTRACE



Pre-registration Information (By June 18, 2016)

Adults (13-59) \$30.00
Seniors (60+) \$25.00

Children under 12 years of age are FREE
or \$8.00 with a T-shirt
All pre-registered runners receive a
commemorative T-shirt.



Raceday registration (after June 18, 2016)

Adults (13-59) \$35.00
Seniors (60+) \$30.00

Children under 12 years of age are FREE
or \$8.00 with a T-shirt
All Registered runners receive a
commemorative T-shirt.



SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2016 - 8:00AM

The run takes place in the Heart of Sonoma County's Wine Country in Healdsburg. Both courses start and end at the Historic Downtown Plaza. Come and enjoy a day in the wine country with great restaurants, world class wineries and the beautiful Russian River. Course meanders through quaint neighborhoods and out around Fitch Mountain bordering the Russian River.

All Registration Forms and Fees Should be Mailed to: Online Registration: www.fitchmountainfootrace.com

Healdsburg Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Fund

Brian Wells

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*Mailed entries deadline is June 15th

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