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### Spooktacular Halloween Bash, a fun evening enjoyed by many spooks, witches, pirates and other strange characters



Some of the guests enjoying wine, appetizers and conversation

In her first official act as new Healdsburg Kiwanis president, Susan Sheehy directed that the regular monthly evening meeting in October would be replaced by a Halloween party to be held at the Robert Young Estate. The party was held on the evening of October 27 in the beautiful home of Susan's late father, Robert Young in Alexander Valley. About 70 members and guests of the Healdsburg, Cloverdale, Windsor and Santa Rosa Kiwanis clubs attended, most in some very amazing costumes. Guests brought appetizers to share and wine was provided from the Robert Young cellars.

After everyone was well fed and thirsts were quenched, costumed guests paraded before judges who determined award winning costumes. The judges were the current and past Lt. Governors. The winners were:

- Most Original - Cindy Martin, guest of Jan and Dan Gianni
- Most beautiful - Veronica Velez
- Best Homemade - Richard Fuller, Windsor Member
- Funniest - Dick Bugarske



Susan Sheehy  
Hostess #1



Kelly Keller as the White Rabbit served wines from the Robert Young Cellars



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### Calendar

#### Meeting Dates:

**Nov 3:** Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex, Kim Mazzuca, 10,000 Degrees

**Nov 10:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Maria Chesmore, Healdsburg High Athletic Booster President. Key Club bake sale.

**Nov 17:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Beatrice Bostick, AMC CEO

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

**Nov 24:** Evening Meeting at Villa Annex, 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Theme

#### Future dates:

**Dec. 5:** Cloverdale Crab Feed – see back page.

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**

Jack Brandt – Nov. 1  
Richard Bugarske – Nov. 2  
Richard Iverson – Nov. 2  
Jan Gianni – Nov. 7  
Jerry Strong – Nov. 10  
Hunt Conrad – Nov. 14  
Loretta Strong – Nov. 22  
Neal Bertrand – Nov. 23  
Dan Maraviglia – Nov. 28  
Jim Colgan – Nov. 30

**Kiwanis Anniversaries**

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

Dennis Gary -11-7-95  
Neal Bertrand - 11-8-07  
Ron Doble - 11-13-07  
Lee Gunnerson -11-14-91  
Ron Puccioni - 11-16-10  
Jesse Whitely - 11-16-10  
Dan Gianni - 11-26-96  
Beverlee Laird 11-4-14  
Cindy Schwartz 11-4-14

**The President’s Message**

Thank you to all for your encouragement and support during my first month. When I said “Carry on” with your good work, you did.

Never ones to turn your backs on a new opportunity to raise funds, a mighty crew of ten Kiwanians lead by Denny Stead fired up the kettles and served garlic fries, beer and wine at the Brass on the Grass at Lake Sonoma. By the end of the week another crew was serving fries at Memorial Beach for Rocktober Fest. Where do we get this energy? It comes from the satisfaction we get from serving others. So, when the call came for help with Cloverdale’s Marathon, Healdsburg Kiwanis sprinted into action. We finished up the month with dictionary distribution to all third graders in Healdsburg schools.

Healdsburg Key Club is off to a great start too with over thirty students signed up and enthusiastically serving. They have packed food at the Redwood Food Bank, sold pizzas in the HHS food court, held a bake sale for the Valley Fire victims and got fire upped with other Key Clubbers at their Fall Rally at Six Flags Discovery Park in Vallejo. What great kids and future Kiwanians!

Our Halloween party at the Robert Young Estate brought together Cloverdale, Windsor and Santa Rosa Kiwanis for a spooktacular night of fun and costumes. I know my dad was there in spirit! Maybe this should be an annual event!

We are welcoming two new members into the club, Kelly Blanchard and Rhonda Stengle and another potential member is in the wings. Please welcome them and ask them to join you on a project.

“Carry on”  
Susan

**Key Clubbers pitch in**

Members of the Healdsburg Key Club pictured here helped pack 480 boxes at the Redwood Empire Food Bank on Saturday, Oct. 10th. On Sunday, another group of Key Club members and advisor, Nina Adams, helped park cars at the "Brass on the Grass" fundraiser at Lake Sonoma. A busy weekend for all.



**Key Clubbers rest on their work.  
Diego Garcia, Grace Vanden Heuval,  
Sophie Ammerman, and Taylor Vanvranken**

## Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

The following are actions taken and items discussed during the Board meeting on Thursday October 15, 2015:

### Grant requests and expenditures

- Kiwanis House - \$250. A motion was passed to include a letter stating that this is a donation and we are not paying the dues.
- A motion to purchase a stand-up Kiwanis flag to be used for promotion at events was passed.
- A request for \$850 from Techtrek to sponsor one girl to attend the science and math camp was tabled. The request will be considered following a presentation from a student who attended a previous camp.

### Financials

- Administrative Treasurer, Brian Wells, reported a fiscal YTD shortfall of \$4,800. Kiwanis' 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year expenses are the primary reason for the deficit. However, the funds received from Brandt's Beach and the golf tournament kept the loss relatively low.
- Project Treasurer, Ron Doble reported, that the Project Fund, net of reserves, has approximately \$15,100 in its checking account and in excess of \$11,700 in its money market fund.

### Other discussion and action

- Susan Sheehy proposed a joint social event with Rotary Club of Healdsburg. It was suggested that other local groups (Rotary, Soroptimists) could be included.
- A discussion began about providing better communication with Associates and Corporate members. Since Associate members may attend only one meeting each month, they don't always hear about all the required responsibilities of working fundraisers. Each member needs to sign up for and work at least three shifts at the Christmas tree lot or pay a \$30 fine for each uncompleted shift. Rich Thomas will contact Associate members to be sure they understand the policy. Corporate membership is often shared by several people but they represent one business and only need to fill three shifts. This applies to Bank of the West and Salvation Army membership.
- There are currently 5 inactive members in Healdsburg Kiwanis. A motion was passed to ask the inactive members to re-activate or

resign. Phil Luks will be consulted as to the by-laws implications.

- Kelly Blanchard was voted into membership.

## Meeting Programs

**October 6** – Joan Silva - Money Counselor, Author, Speaker.

Joan Silva's topic for her presentation at our October 6 meeting, was "How tidying up affects your money and your life". Tidying up and removing clutter is a first step in improving emotional and financial health. She posed the question: "If your clutter could talk, what would it say about you?"

Joan shared some pointers for tidying up and removing clutter. She suggested an order of tidying from the easiest to the more difficult:

- Clothing
- Books
- Papers
- Miscellaneous
- Sentimental items



Focusing on individual items, ask yourself:

- Do I want this?
- Do I need this?
- Can I do without it?

**October 13** - Dr. Lori Rhodes – HHS Principal.

Dr. Lori Rhodes, the new Healdsburg High School Principal has an impressive record as teacher and school administrator. In her first Principal's message she wrote:



"What has stood out to me is the enthusiasm and flexibility of our teachers, the levels of involvement and compassion of our parents, and the incredible positivity and spirit of our students. Healdsburg High School is a special place with tremendous potential to help all children succeed both in college and in the workplace."

In her presentation on October 13, she discussed the school's objectives and approach in preparing students for college and careers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The three areas of concentration are: Rigor, Relevance and Community.

**Rigor:** Advanced placement classes (additional classes are planned). A 7 period schedule which allows for more classes, more electives, and more time. Dr. Rhodes showed an impressive list of the colleges attended by HHS graduates.

**Relevance:** The award winning internship program. Career technical education programs

(CASA, engineering and computer science). Chromebooks will be available for all students soon.

Community: Instilling a sense of community. Community service clubs include Key Club, FFA, MAYO, and Science Alliance.

**October 20:** - Madeleine O'Connell - YWCA

Madeleine O'Connell, CEO of the Sonoma County YWCA, our guest speaker on October 20 described YWCA's domestic violence services. The YWCA mission is "to provide resources and support to victims and their families so they can heal, become self-sufficient, and create productive, healthy lives."

The YWCA confidential safe house offers refuge for women and children fleeing domestic violence. The house is currently at maximum capacity, with nearly 30 women and children needing protection.

YWCA, Sonoma County "A Special Place" Therapeutic Preschool provides counseling and a sound preschool education to children ages 3-5 who have witnessed or are living with violence in the home.

**Third Grade Dictionaries Distribution**

The Healdsburg Kiwanis First Book Project began on October 23, with the distribution of 108 dictionaries to all third graders at Fitch Mountain Elementary school. A total of 210 dictionaries were given to every third grader in all of the local elementary schools. The other schools are St. Johns, Alexander Valley, West Side and the Healdsburg School.

This marks the 14<sup>th</sup> year of this program. Over 2800 dictionaries have been given out since the program's inception.

The dictionaries are obtained from Costco at a significant discount (\$14.65 vs. \$22.95 list price). The total cost to the project fund was about \$3078, an excellent investment in the future.



**108 Fitch Mountain third graders with their dictionaries**

Program chair Denny Stead has no problem finding volunteers to help with the distribution, since

this is one of our most enjoyable events for both the third graders and the distributors.



**Liz Bippart presents dictionaries to happy third graders**

**Kiwanians support local fundraisers**

Kiwanis crews led by Denny Stead prepared and sold garlic fries, corn dogs and Polish dogs at two fund raising events during October.

**Brass on the Grass**

The Brass on the Grass vintage auto show, a fundraising event for the Friends of Lake Sonoma was held at Lake Sonoma on October 11. Denny's hard working crew included Jerry & Loretta Strong, Jordy Strong, Richard & Louisa Yates, Patti Roberts, Rick Wood, Brian Wells, Ron Puccioni, Rich Thomas Judy Everett, Roger Dormire, Phil Luks, Susan Sheehy, Dick Bugarske and LeRoy Steck.

Because of light attendance, the gross sales were only \$538. After deducting expenses, the net proceeds were \$92.



**The crew sets up**



**Kiwanians enjoy a fantasy ride in a vintage Cadillac - Susan Sheehy in the driver's seat, Loretta and Jerry Strong, Roger Dormire**

### Rocktober Fest at Memorial Beach

Rocktoberfest, an event for the benefit of the Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation was held at Memorial Beach Park on October 17. The Kiwanis crew included many of the same characters as the Brass on the Grass Crew, joined by Rick and Dorothy Anixter.

Attendance was also light at this event and the gross sales were only \$252 and the net was about \$100.

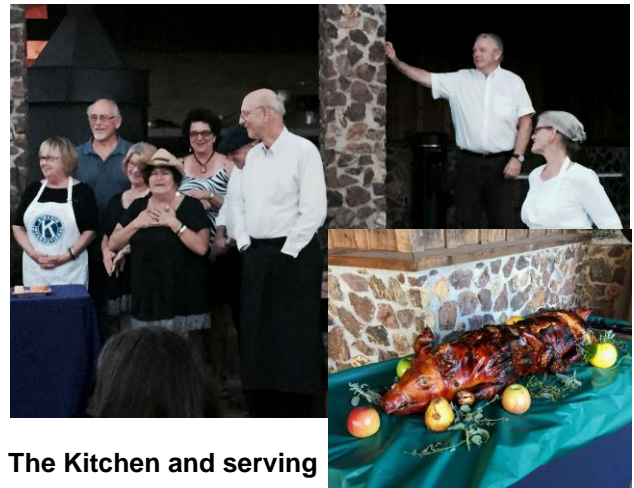


**Jerry stirs in garlic, Dorothy samples**

### Pig Roast

One of the bid items at the Brandt's Beach BBQ was a pig roast for 24 people prepared by a Kiwanis crew led by Patti Robarts. The winning bid was by Diana Blakeley for a bid of \$1200. The event was held on October 17 at the Pezzi King Winery. The effort was led by Denny Stead, chair and Patti Robarts, executive chef. Other crew members included Rick Wood, Jerry & Loretta Strong, Jordy Strong, Phil & Charlene Luks, Cindy Schwartz, Darlene Pigmore, Brian Wells, Liz Bippart, Judy Everett, Ron Puccioni, Rick and Dorothy Anixter.

Net proceeds for the admin. fund were about \$610.



**The Kitchen and serving crew**

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

Dan Gianni happy to relinquish the sheriff's badge to Susan.

Patti Robarts happy that Sharon Gallagher helped make 1000 salads for the Cloverdale Octoberfest.

Rich Thomas, will be sad until the tree lot schedule has been filled.

Denny Stead happy for the great crew at the Brass on the Grass and Rocktoberfest events. Also doubly happy for the loan of Phil Luk's truck and that Phil did not show up.

LeRoy Steck happy to be feeling better after 150ml of fluid was removed from his knee.

**Best Costumes**



**Most Original - Cindy Martin**



**Funniest – Dick Bugarske**



**Most Beautiful – Veronica Valez**



**Best Homemade - Richard Fuller  
With all the other pirates**

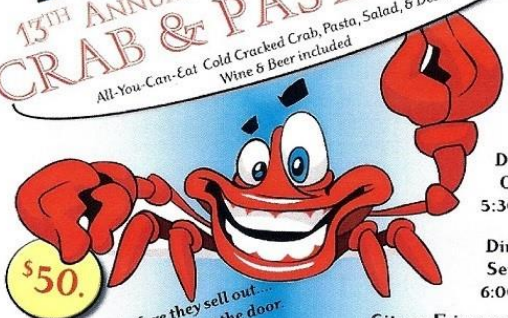






**Retiring club officers Judy Everett (Board of Directors) and Phil Luks (Secretary), unable to attend the installation dinner, belatedly received certificates of appreciation.**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CLOVERDALE KIWANIS CRAB & PASTA FEED**  
All-You-Can-Eat Cold Cracked Crab, Pasta, Salad, & Dessert  
Wine & Beer included




Doors Open 5:30pm  
Dinner Served 6:00pm  
Citrus Fairgrounds Auditorium, Cloverdale

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The Kiwanis club of Cloverdale is a group of volunteers dedicated to improving our community. We perform many hands-on service projects and raise funds to support our schools, scholarships, boys & girls club, 4-H, scouting and many other worthy causes. Proceeds from this event will be used to support our local community. Contributions to the Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) organization, are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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