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Texas-Hold'em in our future

During our October 3 meeting, Susan Sheehy and Nancy Arsenault described their recent visit to the Woodland Kiwanis Club and their observations during the Club's Texas Hold'um poker tournament fundraiser. From \$10,000 to \$15,000 is raised each year and it all goes to helping kids. Everything is donated (venue, tables, chairs, food, prizes) so there is very little expense.



The buy in is \$100 which buys \$1,000 in chips. When players lose all their chips, they are allowed to buy an additional \$500 in chips for \$50, one time. They can fill up to 13 tables with 8 players each. So do the math!

Susan and Nancy were very impressed with the event and are proposing that our club also take on a Texas Hold'um tournament. This would be a replacement for the Fitch Mountain Foot Race that we have been considering giving up because of the challenges of running this large event with our limited resources. All profit would be allocated to our Memorial Scholarship Fund. The proposal was endorsed by our Board of Directors at their October 19 meeting.

Initial planning is underway. Susan's cousin Bob Young and Woodland Kiwanis Texas Hold'em organizer Steve Harris, who offer their 16 years' experience of holding the event, have generously offered their assistance and a Zoom meeting is planned for early November. Planning activities will involve purchasing chips, felt or other type of table covering and other supplies, finding lenders of tables and chairs, publicity, soliciting sponsorships and donations for prizes, and with the help of our Woodland friends, learning how to run the tournament.

A show of hands indicated that only a few of our members are familiar with Texas Hold'um, so we will need to learn the rules and strategies of the game and hold practice sessions. Here is a good reference:

<https://poker.com/poker-games/texas-holdem-rules-an-idiots-guide/>

Thanks to Lockie's connection, Longboard Vineyards has generously offered their large barrel room for our Hold'um venue, free of charge.



Longboard's large Barrel Room offers seating for a variety of events

5 Fitch Street, Healdsburg, CA

Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa.

Meeting Dates:

Nov 7: Regular Meeting at 12 noon - **Bianca Nicastro**, Starting a new business.

Nov 14: Regular Meeting at 12 noon – Mandatory Kiwanis International Youth Protection Policy Update.

Nov 16: Board of Directors Meeting- Round Table Pizza, 5:30pm.

Nov 21: Regular Meeting at 12 noon - **Jerry Strong & Dick Bugarske**, The US Navy Then and Now.

Nov 28: Evening Social Meeting at 5 p.m. – Friendsgiving, Texas Hold'em seminar and practice.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon 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 Co-President Loretta Strong (431-8052) or Secretary Liz Bippart (707-227-4314).



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Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Officers 2023-2024

Co-Presidents – Loretta Strong (Q1)
Susan Sheehy (Q2),
Richard Bugarske (Q3)
(Q4 open)

President Elect - Open

Secretary – Liz Bippart

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Project Treasurer - Ron Doble

Past President – Dennis Stead

Board of Directors

One Year Term

Barbara Erickson Susan Sheehy
Darlene Prigmore Joanne Kolinski
Jan Gianni Brian Wells

Two Year Term

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John (Jack) Brandt Randy Collins

Ron Doble Guy French

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Happy Birthday

Jack Brandt – Nov. 1

Richard Bugarske – Nov. 2

Richard Iverson – Nov. 2

Jan Gianni – Nov. 7

Joanne Kolinski – Nov. 7

Jerry Strong – Nov. 10

Hunt Conrad – Nov. 14

Nancy Arsenault – Nov. 17

Loretta Strong – Nov. 22

Dan Maraviglia – Nov. 28

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Margie Koetzner 11-1-22

Joanne Kolinski 11-2-21

Ron Doble - 11-13-07

Lee Gunnerson -11-14-91

Dan Gianni - 11-26-96

The President's Message

Dear Kiwanians:

Well, October has passed, and we look forward to November! Being a November baby, I love this time of the year the most. The acre we live on is crowded with trees which cause Jerry to do battle with his rake, while I enjoy tromping through the piles. He says I'm anti-productive; I say I'm re-living my childhood! Our acre is within the city limits, but you'd never know it! We have neighbors on either side, but you can't see their houses. It's like living in a park in downtown Healdsburg and reminds me of "the old days". Being fourth generation, people always ask me what has changed? I can tell you what hasn't changed: the circle of life.

At last Tuesdays' meeting, we were treated to an excellent speaker presentation by Don Anderson. He's only been in Healdsburg for two years, but his great grandparents came here to visit in 1908. He was accompanied by Joanne Taeuffer, whose younger sister was best school chums with my first cousin and whose father was an old prune farmer like my own. Their connection? The Healdsburg Museum, which is presided over by Kiwanis' own Susan Sheehy, whose father Robert Young was the first local prune farmer to pull out orchards and plant grapes. He did so at the behest of UC Davis which was looking to diversify Sonoma County agriculture. That was in the late 60's. My Dad was still farming prunes and pears on Hassett Lane. The ranch next door grew hops for brewing beer. But the kingmaker had arrived! As they say, the rest is history! And our local wines are now drunk throughout the world.

Our beloved Kiwanis Club has become a cross-section of the rich diversity of Healdsburg. We consistently bring in new members and invariably, they are transplants. Some came to join local government and in short time served as President, like Anna. Another, Danielle Maraviglia, came to join a prestigious law firm and also volunteered to lead. Through it all, our Club has evolved to meet the challenges. Much smaller, but still mighty, we live on to fight another day! And in fact, with an exciting new fundraiser on the horizon, Healdsburg Kiwanis will again make its imprint on our vibrant community.

Sincerely, Loretta



Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the October 2023 Board meeting:

Administration Management

Financials

- The Administrative Treasurer’s Report was approved. Total Administrative fund assets are \$41,632 allocated as follows:
 - Admin Fund, \$30,975
 - Admin Fund Reserve \$5,000
 - Set Aside \$5,000
 - The Charity Fund: \$657

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Grants/Donations/Requests

- All 3rd grade students in the community – \$25.00 to for Scholastic book buying, replacing the dictionaries donated by our club in the past. Dick will work with schools for the process.
- Key Leader Weekend - \$2000 from Charter Donation previously set aside to send at least 3 Key Club students to this event.

Financials

- The Foundation Financial Report was approved. Total Foundation assets are **\$88,899** allocate as shown below:

Foundation Account Balances Reserves 10-19-23

Permanently Restricted

Children's Fund Endowment	\$38,373
Total Permanently Restricted	\$38,373

Temporarily Restricted

One Year Reserve, 15k per year	\$15,000
Jordan Strong Memorial	\$5,070
Dormire Scholarship	\$3,548
Vocational Scholarship	\$1,724
Total Temporary Restricted	\$25,342
Unrestricted Funds Available	\$25,184
Total Assets	\$88,899

President’s Update:

- The North Bay Kiwanis Club sent a Save the Date notice for the March 9, 2024 “Mardi Gras Madness” DCM (District Council Meeting).

Club Presentations, Correspondence, Service:

- A motion was passed to approve discontinuing hosting the annual Fitch Mountain Foot Race and reach out to the City and the Chamber of Commerce to see if they will take up the project.
- A motion was passed to explore the possibility of our club hosting a “Texas Hold’ Em ” tourney for a fundraiser, replacing the Fitch Mountain Foot Race.
- A motion was passed to continue to participate with a booth at the annual Steelhead Festival, but to explore a different menu as the fry burners are too much manual and physical labor.

Other Business and Service:

A motion was passed to accept the following fundraiser planning dates and use these as a tool for the upcoming year:

- 3rd Grade Books (Oct – November 2023)
- Geyserville Parade (November 25, 2023)
- Merry Tree Lighting (Dec 1, 2023)
- Lake Sonoma Steelhead Festival/ Admin Fund (February 10, 2024)
- HHS Hall of Fame /Foundation Project Fund (February 25, 2024)
- St. Patrick’s Day/ Foundation Project Fund (March 17, 2024)
- Pancake Breakfast /Foundation Project Fund (March 24, 2024)
- HHS Scholarship Night (May 2024)
- Students of Month (May 2024)
- FFA Fair Booth/ Admin Fund (May 2024)
- Junior High School Graduating 8th Grade Pancake Breakfast/Foundation Fund (June 2024)
- Brandt’s Beach BBQ /Foundation Legacy Fund (Aug 2024)

Meetings

Oct 10: Holly Hoods, Healdsburg Museum – Museum activities and current exhibit **We are not strangers here: African American Histories in Rural California and Healdsburg**

In a very interesting PowerPoint presentation, Holly talked about the current museum exhibit and early African American residents of Healdsburg.

After California statehood in 1850 settlers in Healdsburg came from many eastern and southern states. Many southerners brought their slaves with them, and they were allowed to hold them in bondage even though California entered the union as a “free state.” So many early African American residents were slaves. There were two Methodist churches in Healdsburg, a Northern (abolitionist), Branch and a Southern Branch (slave holding). African Americans were welcomed at the Northern Branch.

One such slave holder was Willian Tombs from Missouri. One of his slaves attempted to escape aided by Northern Branch members. The federal fugitive slave laws were in effect until the Civil War, so she was caught and returned to Tombs.

But there were also many “free persons of color”.

Sarah Harper, arrived in Healdsburg in the mid-1850s and established a laundry, and was ready “At All Times, to attend to the wants of the community at large in this line”.

Alexander Dennison, a barber also showed up in Healdsburg in the mid 1850’s. He later served in the Union Army during the civil war.

The William and Mary Scott family arrived in 1866. William opened a “Shaving & Hair Dressing Saloon” at the Sotoyome Hotel.

Ivan Seawell, a child born in 1887 was adopted by the Seawell Family.

Most of us are familiar with Smith Robinson’s story. Smith relocated with his family to Healdsburg in early 1920 and was a member of the only resident African American family in town until his death in 1963.

“Smitty earned national recognition in Reader’s Digest and Time Magazines and a dramatic surprise presentation on Ralph Edward’s NBC-TV program: This is Your Life” because of his constant work in making things better for others in his home town.

Always a tireless civic worker, Smitty’s biggest accomplishment was inspiring his fellow townsmen to

“adopt” the First Battalion of the U. S Army Seventh Infantry Regiment while it was on war duty in Korea. After the town adopted the battalion, Smitty was named chairman of the committee to make the adoption work.

He personally organized shipments of candies, cookies, wash cloths and toilet articles to the men on the Korean front and he regularly supplied the soldiers with a chatty newsletter, “Smitty’s Scoops” which he wrote without aid. (by Gary Rosenberg, Healdsburg, 1998).

Wednesday, Nov. 8 has been designated Smith Robinson Day of Community Service.

Oct 17: Meet the new Principal of Healdsburg High School, Francisco Manriquez.

Francisco was born in Mexico and immigrated to the US with his family as a young child, finally settling in Sebastopol.



In high school he became a champion wrestler and shared some memories with us of competing as a Ukiah Wildcat vs the Healdsburg Greyhounds. Selecting a college was an easy choice because UC Davis was close to home, and he was offered a wrestling scholarship. Upon graduating, he went on to Sonoma State for an advanced degree and obtained his teaching credential. His education career journey took him from a Cardinal Newman Spanish teacher and included stops at Analy and Sonoma High Schools before recently moving to Healdsburg High Vice Principal and Principal this year.

Oct 24: Don Anderson - A time-travel back to 1908 via a wonderful slide presentation from the Healdsburg Museum.

This summer as part of their community outreach efforts the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society established the “Docents in the Plaza” program chaired by Museum Board of Directors member Joanne Taeuffer. On Saturdays, a team of docents sets up the Museum popup in the Plaza and provides historical information to Plaza visitors. At each session, a docent delivers a prepared presentation on various local historical topics. Our guest speaker, Don Anderson is one of those docents.



Don joined us to relive his great grandmother’s 1908 journal. Rhoda Roberts and her husband arrived in Healdsburg in 1908 to visit their daughter. Staying for

only a month, Rhoda took meticulous notes, and her journal captures a bit of what Healdsburg was like back then.

The journal details their trip by rail from their home in Indiana arriving at the Oakland Mole, traveling by ferry to Tiberon and boarding the NWPRR to Healdsburg.

Automobiles were very recent arrivals in Healdsburg in 1908 with only 45 owners. Rhoda describes many auto trips throughout the area, marveling at the agricultural and spectacular scenery. Having never seen an ocean, a notable trip was to the coast via Guerneville, that took 5 ½ hours and involved opening and closing many livestock gates. She was amazed by the vastness of the Pacific, learned about tides and ocean life and had abalone for lunch.

Other highlights were attending concerts in the plaza and purchasing a flat of apricots for 50¢.

1908 was the year Henry Ford launched the Model T, the Wright Brothers proved to the world that they had mastered the art of flight, Teddy Roosevelt decided to send American naval warships around the globe, and the Chicago Cubs won the World Series! (Dick's research).



Key Club at the Food Bank Oct. 14

by Dick Bugarske

Nancy, Eric, Dick and 8 Key Clubbers joined other high school students and we estimate that we packed over 5,000 pounds of potatoes Saturday morning.



Lots of "spud" and "eyes" jokes were shared and Nancy had us each try to find our largest potato for the picture. (Hannah Sellards is holding one of the 3-pound bags we packed.) Eric was joined by his wife Lorry who took this picture. Always great fun and a worthy way to spend a Saturday morning. We will let you know when the next "Mash-up" will be so keep your "eyes peeled"! (Sorry, I couldn't help myself.)

Birthdays



Denny requested a happy birthday song from Brian, Rowdy, Liz, Joanne and Jerry



Dan Gianni asked Loretta to sing to him ala Marilyn Monroe

Another birthday



Patti requested that everyone sing Happy birthday doing the Hula

\$\$Happy/Sad\$\$

Rowdy Yates happy to visit family in Montana.

Susan Sheehy happy that Sterling purchased a house in San Rafael.

Dick Bugarske a tip of the cap to Denny for his leadership in our 100th anniversary year.

Susan Sheehy happy that Abby, age 8 is looking forward to serving at our pancake breakfast with 4-H.

Dick Bugarske, a humbling experience to watch an aircraft carrier with 6000 sailors pull away from the dock in San Diego.

Darlene Prigmore happy that Bianca is back.

Bianca happy to be back. Sad that our friend Ginni is in the hospital and not doing well.

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