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Susan Sheehy receives Distinguished Service Award



Susan at the 2020 Virtual Pancake Breakfast

Hi Susan:

I'm very sorry to be presenting this to you this way (*by snail mail*). I wanted to make it very special and show our entire Division what an amazing lady you are! Even though...I'm pretty sure everyone already knows that! ☺ **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH** for all you have done, and all you continue to do to make our Division 32, and the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club so special! **THANK YOU ALSO** for being so generous with your family home, your resources, and your time during my two years as Lt. Governor, and all the other times as well. **You are truly wonderful!** I couldn't have found someone who deserved this Distinguished Service Award more! I look forward to the time we can celebrate together, yet in the meantime...**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Hugs & much love,

Pennylee



Calendar

All meetings subject to change depending on Covid19 issues.

Meeting Dates:

Dec 1: - Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon - Alex Dominguez & Yasmin Villa, 2019-20 Key Club Co. Pres.

Dec 8: Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon – Samuel R. Wallis, M.S. Community Alert & Warning Manager Sonoma County Department of Emergency Management

Dec 15: Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon – Christmas Party Zoom with a visit from Santa.

Dec 22 & 29: No meetings.

No Board of Directors meeting, in December

Our 2020 Healdsburg High School Athletic Hall of Fame has been canceled. We will be back in 2021.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex except the last Tuesday of the month is an evening meeting, 6:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting.

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact Anna Grant, President at (707) 836-1615 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314.

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Happy Birthday

Anna Grant: Dec.6
Terry Kemp Dec. 9
Vern Losh: Dec. 22
Richard Yates: Dec. 24

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Hunt Conrad - 12-4-07
Martin Silge - 12-4-07
Nancy Arsenault – 12-19-17
Darlene Prigmore – 12-9-14

The President’s Message

The Holiday season is here and though our ability to celebrate in the traditional form may not be an option, I hope that you all will continue Holiday traditions with a few changes in place to keep yourself, and your loved ones safe.

Being a huge Christmas elf myself, I deeply miss having us all together. Although I have not been a member for as long as many of you , I have fond memories of holiday celebrations at the Villa; a delicious lunch served up by Patti, a visit from Santa (he has the most unique gifts for us), caroling at Healdsburg Senior Living, and the inter-club lunch at the Fairmont SF Tonga Room all come to mind. I will be holding these warm-hearted memories close as we enter the next few weeks.

There is a message floating around on social media that I feel sums it all up, “We celebrate this year apart, so that we may celebrate next year together”. I wish you all the merriest holiday season, and hope that you are able to take time to celebrate the moment in creative new ways...with the hopes that we can all be together celebrating again face to face, laughing, singing and sharing soon.

Sending you all big virtual hugs and love,

Anna the Piranha



A Day to Celebrate Volunteers

Kiwanis Update Newsletter

International Volunteer Day is Saturday, December 5 — and it’s the perfect way to acknowledge the awesome work you’ve done with your club during an especially difficult year. Whether you commemorate with a socially distanced project or join together for a social hour over Zoom, don’t forget to give yourself a round of applause for bettering the lives of kids everywhere.

How much is your time worth? A United States membership organization says each volunteer hour is worth US\$27.20. With Kiwanis volunteers contributing nearly 19 million hours of service every year, that’s more than US\$516 million! That’s a lot of pancake breakfasts, backpacks and safety lessons for children in communities around the world.



Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

Administration Management

Financials

- The Admin Fund holds \$10,220 (including \$230 from the last incomplete lotto) plus Terry Kemp's Presidential Fund of \$453. Dues have brought in just over \$1,400.
- We have a bill from the Lt. Governor for \$1,400.
- \$45 per member for dues is currently sustaining the club.

New Business

- The 2021 Steelhead Festival has been cancelled.
- FFA booth is pending for May 2021.
- Anna hopes to make a virtual toast at the SF Kiwanian's 100th anniversary at the Tonga Room in the Fairmont Hotel.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Grants/Donations/Requests

- Boy Scout Troop 21 - \$4500. Among the expenses that need funding: Rent for Clary Hall, \$3,500; Troop re-charter fee, \$900-\$1,100; Camping equipment, \$1,250; Sponsor 2 scouts for Leader Training, \$600; Scout Class B Uniform shirts, hats, neckerchiefs, \$600; 2 Camperships at \$475 each; Awards for Advancement Badges, \$500. Troop 21 led by Doug Price has had an impressive year (See Nov. 10, Doug Price, page 4).
- Funding for Distance Learning in Healdsburg will run out in January when \$350,000 will be needed. Children are dropped off at the Community Center at 7 AM on weekdays. The program uses 9 rooms and there is a waiting list. 42 staff members are employed.
- \$4,500 has been set aside for dictionary distribution.

Financials

- The Project Fund has \$17,143 remaining available to give for this fiscal year. The new Children's Legacy Fund now contains \$11,600. (Updated, see below)

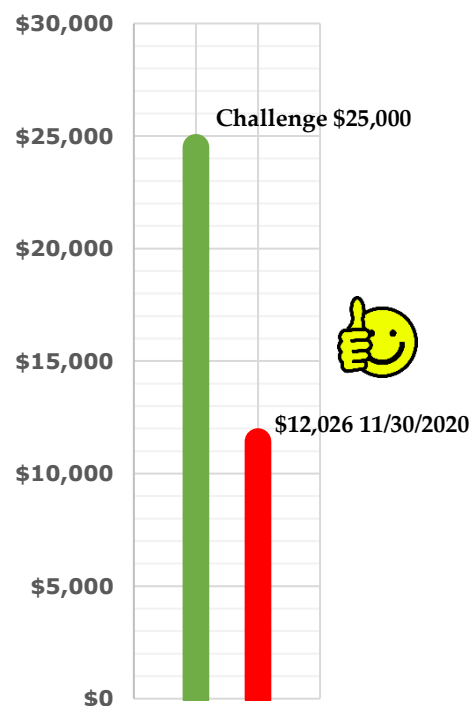
Committee Reports

- Interclub update – Anna to host a possible 30 minute gathering to toast the SF Kiwanis 100th Anniversary in the virtual Tonga Room.
- Foundation/Project Fundraisers –
 - Hall of Fame (November 2020) is cancelled
 - St. Patrick's Day, 3/17/2021
 - Pancake Breakfast, 3/28/2021
 - Safety Fair, 9/2021
- Legacy Fund
 - Brandt's Beach, August 2021

Children's Legacy Fund \$25,000 matching grant challenge

Our Club has been challenged to match a \$25,000 anonymous gift by Dec. 24, 2020 for the Healdsburg Kiwanis Legacy Fund.

Thank you for supporting the Healdsburg Kiwanis Children's Legacy Fund with your tax-deductible gift. Here are the total donations to date:



Level 1 - \$1,000 and above

Jane Rosenburg & Steve Deas
Susan Sheehy Denny Stead
Randy Collins Roger Dormire
Vern Losh Lindsay Wurlitzer

Level 2 - \$500 - \$999

Liz Bippart Harry & Mary Jackson
Richard Iverson Judy & Steve Everett
Jim Schmidt Richard Thomas
Brandt Insurance

Level 3 - \$300 - \$499

Jim Silveira Richard Yates

Level 4 - \$100 - \$299

Carolyn Bippart Lucy Lewand
Leroy Steck Arnold Santucci
Hugo Bauer Anna Grant
Darlene Prigmore

Level 5 – up to \$99

Dick Bugarske Kathy Kellet
Diane Pierce Sharon Barbee
Cindi Brown

If you are not on the above list, please consider a donation - it's not too late! The challenge closes when Santa comes. No amount too large or too small! If you are shy and wish to remain anonymous, your investment will be included in the total match.

The mission of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Children's Legacy Fund is to develop resources that transform the goodwill and vision of Kiwanians into programs that serve the children of Healdsburg. Emphasis for use of the Children's Legacy Fund includes supporting youth education/training for careers in nursing, first responders, fine arts, the trades and environmental stewardship.

For more information, please visit our Club website at *HealdsburgKiwanis.org*.

Tuesday Zoom Meetings

Nov 3: - **Kim Bender**, Executive Director and **Hanna Scramaglia** - Healthcare Foundation of Northern Sonoma County

The Healthcare Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, that raises funds in support

of all those who live and work in our region, from northern Santa Rosa to the Mendocino border. "Every person – young and old, rich and poor, sick and healthy – deserves access to and work. good healthcare – right here, close to home, where we live."

The Healthcare Foundation focuses our investments in three areas: Healthcare Access, Mental Health and Early Childhood Development.

Kim's presentation focused on healthcare needs under the current pandemic crisis. Childhood mental health is especially critical. Surveys show that 75% of high school students are depressed and poorly motivated and many are failing. She also discussed the Team Success Program a Healdsburg and Windsor High Schools which focus on crisis intervention.



Kim Bender

<https://healthcarefoundation.net>

Nov 10: – Scout Master **Doug Price** of local Scout Troop 21

We welcomed Doug Price of Troop 21 to our Zoom meeting on November 10. The origins of Troop 21 began in Healdsburg in 1912 and in 1914 the "Owl Patrol" was formed. One of it's leaders was our own Harold Miller who in 1923 would become our first Kiwanis President.



Doug Price

Doug described the troop's activities and accomplishment during the past year with many challenges.

Troop 21 had a great year in 2020 despite the COVID, the Scouts worked hard on advancement we have a great group of boys working hard at developing their leadership and outdoor skills.

Eagle Scout rank was awarded to 4 scouts in 2019/20:

- Samuel Norgrove – Bicycle Repair Stations in conjunction with the City of Healdsburg. Sam

constructed two Stations to provide repair equipment for cyclists.

- Kevin Trebilcock – Construction of outside grilling structure at St. John’s Church for use in community events.
- Chris Hall – Construction of portable podiums for the Windsor Regional Parks.
- Masimo Tuscany – Healdsburg Cemetery Repair, Restoration and Maintenance.

Scouting is a lesson in how to adjust to challenges. The Troop took on these challenges, adjusting to social distancing as well as COVID protocols and maintained the robust activity agenda. We were able to provide for the Scouts the following activities.

- Whitewater River Rafting on the American River
- Summer Camp at Camp Rosenberg
- Building Owl Nesting Boxes
- Back Packing to the Palisades
- Snow Camping in Bear Valley
- Drive through Pancake Breakfast – (best in Healdsburg!)
- 64 Mile Wilderness Back Packing trip in the High Sierra, summiting Mt. Whitney
- Russian River Clean Up with the help of Rivers Edge
- Holiday Food Drive
- Urban Hike
- Healdsburg Library Book Sale support
- Steelhead Festival Parking Crew

Nov 17: Duskie Estes Executive Director - Farm to Pantry www.farmtopantry.org

In 2008 Farm to Pantry was launched to serve a need in our local community to provide a continuous supply of fresh, healthy produce to our most vulnerable neighbors who lack access to it by cultivating a community of growers and volunteers.



Duskie Estes

“Farm to Pantry is a win, win, win: getting food that would be wasted, harvested by volunteers, to those in need.” – Duskie Estes

Here are some impressive numbers from the Farm to Pantry website:

- Since inception in 2008, gleaners have rescued over 250 tons of surplus nuts, fruits, and vegetables. That’s over 2 million servings.
- About 2000 – 4000 pounds of produce are rescued a week, delivering weekly to over 30 locations in Sonoma County.
- Over 100 types of healthy produce have been recovered – picked, sorted, weighed, boxed and delivered by over 100 volunteer donors.

But as Duskie discussed, these numbers have been eclipsed by this year’s efforts during the pandemic crisis. Since restaurants are the main customers of local farms and since restaurant services have been severely restricted, crops remain unharvested in the fields. This year gleaning teams worked 6 days a week, performing 3 to 5 gleanings per day and have gleaned over 175,000 pounds of healthy produce. That’s equivalent to 1.5 million servings. Teams consist of a wide variety of volunteers including many teens and younger children who glean, sort box and deliver to many distributors including the Healdsburg Food Pantry.

Nov 24: Sally Mackin, HEF

The mission of the Healdsburg Education Foundation is to bring our public schools and community together to promote and invest in programs and initiatives that have the greatest impact on student learning, and that help equitably prepare our students for college, career, and citizenship.

Your gift supports:

- College & Career Readiness
- Climate & Culture Initiatives
- COVID Capital Needs

We welcomed our own Sally Mackin, Executive Director of the Healdsburg Education Foundation to our evening Zoom meeting. Sally joined the conversation and gave us an update on HEF and the recent virtual fundraiser.



Information on the various Healdsburg Education Week (November 16 – 20) programs is presented in:

<https://healdsburgeducationweek2020.swell.gives>

The “Team up” tab shows information about the “Home & Away” teams that engaged in a peer-to-peer fund raising competition to raise money for our HUSD schools and students. The Home team was made up of HUSD Alumni, parents the teachers. The Away Team included Healdsburg residents passionate about education. A total of about \$37,000 was raised with the Away Team besting the Home Team by about \$2,000.

The Shop & Dine tab lists the 15 local business sponsors who offered special promotions during the week in support of our Healdsburg public schools. This program raised about \$50,000.

Contributions from members

Save the Healdsburg Tribune

By Dick Bugarske

Our local paper has roots dating back to 1878. In 1950, our own Arnold Santucci purchased the Tribune and was the publisher for over 12 years. The history of our Club can be found in the paper’s archives. But small town papers are disappearing all of over America and the Tribune and Sonoma West Publishing are challenged by the disappearance of local advertising, so a group of us has created a new 501c3 nonprofit (the Sonoma County Local News Initiative) to support our local newspapers and local journalism. More information visit: <https://www.socolocalnews.org>

Lucy Lewand

Hi All!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday although I know for most it was a quiet and very different celebration. I miss all of you, the in-person meetings and the Christmas Tree Lot. So much has changed!

I’ve been hard at work on a new business – check it out at <https://www.sonomasampler.com>.

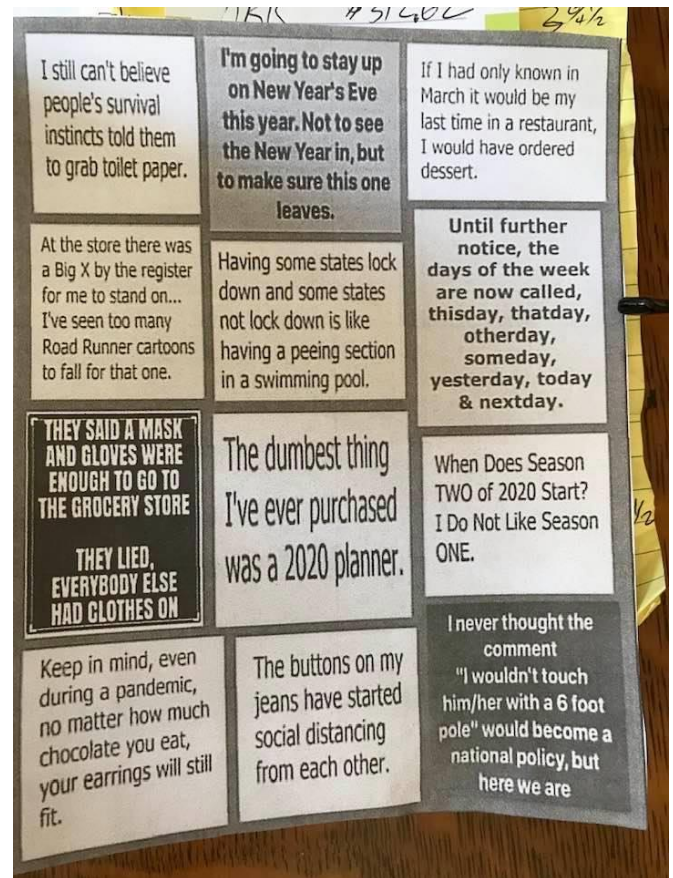
We also are offering Afternoon Tea-to-Go every Friday except Christmas in December from my chef, Hila, and the Camellia Inn. Just email or call if you’d like to know more. A great way to enjoy a special treat for yourselves or give to a friend.

Anyway – I’m keeping busy and wish everyone a very wonderful holiday and literally can’t wait to see you again!!!

Best,

Lucy

Thoughts for 2020



 **Drive Thru**

Cloverdale Kiwanis Club
CRAB & PASTA FEED



18th Annual

Saturday, December 5th

- Drive Thru at the Citrus Fair open 4-7pm -
Dinner Ticket (\$45) includes 3lbs cracked crab, pasta, salad, dessert
VIP Ticket (\$55) includes full dinner plus a special (*awesome*) surprise!

Tickets must be purchased in advance and will sell out
Get yours today at the Cloverdale Chamber, Cloverdale Citrus Fair,
online at kiwaniscrabfeed.brownpapertickets.com
or call 707-328-2147.



Kiwanis - Changing the world, one child and one community at a time.
The Kiwanis Club of Cloverdale is a group of volunteers dedicated to improving the 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. Contributors 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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