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New Club Officers Installed During Festive Evening



The house applauds new President Liz Bippart following her installation

In a festive evening bash, club officers for the 2025-2026 year were installed by Lt. Governor Richard Della Maggiora on September 30 at the Villa Annex. Taking the gavel from outgoing president Eric Frost was Liz Bippart, who will serve as president for the year. Serving with Liz will be Barbara Erickson, president Elect; Melanie Taylor, secretary; Ron Doble project treasurer; Dick Bugarske administrative treasurer, and Eric Frost, immediate past president.

Incoming Board of Directors members installed were Loretta Strong, Jerry Strong, Jan Gianni, and Susan Sheehy, Completing two years of service was retiring Board member Debby Dormire.

Outgoing president, Eric Frost was cruising the Magdalena River in Colombia with his wife Lorry, In Eric's absence Liz presented a debunking of Eric's year as our Club president. Eric had a wise approach to the presidency: *Don't mess it up*, which is like the familiar saying: *If it ain't broke, don't fix it*.

Eric's year was productive and fun. He initiated the pie fund raising event that netted \$1000 and started an outreach to Corazon Healdsburg. In addition to his many duties as our president Eric had a side hustle, serving on the Sonoma County Grand Jury and he gave us an interesting summary of the Jury's findings when their annual report was published. A fun part of our meetings was Eric's creation of "Two truths and a lie."

President Liz had invited Tim Tuscany to attend and speak about his experience in attracting new membership during his presidency in 2002. He described

Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa Chanticleer Annex.

Meeting Dates:

Oct 7: Regular Meeting at 12 noon - Corazon Healdsburg and El Dia de los Muertos Celebration

Oct 14: Regular Meeting at 12 noon - Committees/Club Business.

Oct 16: Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza

Oct 21: Regular Meeting at 12 noon - Teresa Mangiapaini, Publisher, Healdsburg Living - Local People - Local Stories - Local Businesses.

Oct 28: Kiwanis Halloween Party, Robert Young Winery, 5:30 pm.

Other October Events

Oct 26: El Dia de los Muertos Celebration - Noon to 6 pm on the Plaza.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon except the Last Tuesday of the month is an evening social meeting, 6:30PM

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact President Liz Bippart 707-227-4314. or Secretary Melanie Taylor 707-



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how he himself became a member: someone asked him, which is the way most of us became members. So, his message was simple: ASK SOMEONE!.

At the end of the evening, there was a surprise announcement: Our new President, Liz Bippart welcomed two new members to the Club, David Troia and Claudia Bugarske.



New Club President Liz Bippart addresses the membership



New Board Member Caroline Wright, Lt. Governor Richard Della Maggiora, New Secretary Melanie Taylor



Membership Chair Loretta Strong, new members Claudia Bugarske and David Troia, Lt. Governor Richard Della Maggiora, new Club President Liz Bippart



Retiring Board Member Debby Dormire, Dick Bugarske

Brandt's Beach Barbeque



The annual Brandt's Beach Barbeque was a fun-filled evening enjoyed by about 50 members and guests including four members of the Geyserville club led by Lt. Gov. Rick Della Maggiora, and several from the Santa Rosa Club. It was a beautiful warm evening filled with great food, excellent company, and general merriment. With the change in date, attendance was a bit lower than prior years, but the good feelings and good cheer remained high!

Kudos to the absent Denny Stead for organizing and planning the event and a fantastic group of workers who took up the slack while Denny was getting a new hip in Oklahoma. And many thanks to the Brandt family for being so gracious in letting us use their fantastic recently remodeled venue and to the Brandt family members who helped with the setup.

The feast was prepared by the kitchen crew led by Susan Sheehy with Lockie Gillies' friend Marc Dym, chef and part owner of the Little River Inn at the fire grilling steaks and chicken assisted by Lockie. Several members provided an overflowing table of appetizers.

Jan and Dan Gianni collected and served about 10 gallons of wine. Thanks also to all the other hard-working volunteers too numerous to list (and the fear of forgetting someone).

Brandt's Beach BBQ preliminary estimated net proceeds totaled about \$7,000 to supplement the admin. Fund..



Checking in with Liz & Claudia



Head Bartender Loretta



Dan Jerry & Eric



Eric & Rowdy



Joandell & Jane discuss something important with Jim



The Kitchen Crew, Debby, Liz & Susan



Chef Marc Dym, shows off a perfect steak



Enjoying the appetizers



The Geyserville group with Lt. Gov. Rick Della Maggiora, Right

Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Officers 2024-2025

President – Liz Bippart
President Elect Barbara Erickson
Secretary – Melanie Taylor
Admin. Treasurer- Richard Bugarske
Project Treasurer - Ron Doble
Past Presidents Eric Frost

Board of Directors

Loretta Strong Jerry Strong
Susan Sheehy Jan Gianni

Memorial Scholarship Board of Directors

Dan Maraviglia, Chair
John (Jack) Brandt Dennis Stead
Ron Doble Guy French
Dan Gianni Richard Yates

The Builder

Harry Jackson, Editor

Happy Birthday

Dennis Stead – Oct. 7
Tim Tuscany – Oct. 11
Chrystal Silva – Oct. 18
Lucy Lewand – Oct. 21
Dan Gianni – Oct. 27
Patti Robarts – Oct. 27
Debby Dormire – Oct 28
Barbara Erickson – Oct. 29
Lee Gunnerson – Oct. 30

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Dana Burwell - 10-20-92
Liz Bippart – 10-22-13
Rick Wood - 10-23-12
Charles Reichel - 10-24-74
Jan Gianni - 10-27-09
James Luchessi - 10-30-01

The President's Message

Something we all know is that there is tremendous strength in our Healdsburg Kiwanis organization. As I approached my new position, I was uplifted by the many who expressed that they were here to support me.

Dick suggested I read old newsletters to give me ideas for the monthly message. I followed his direction and located my father, John's presidency that turned out to be 25 years ago...super cool! I hope Dad is proud up there.

While many aspects of the club are the same as they were 25 years ago, many are different. We are still here to fulfill our mission to support the children of Healdsburg. Many thanks to Eric Frost for his fine example of leadership this past year. And thanks to each member for their unique experiences in life that make our club rich and deep.

Liz Bippart



September Birthdays



Cindi Brown asked for a special birthday song with men singing loudly and women harmonizing



Bob Taylor asked for a special birthday song from everyone who had joined the club before he had (1985) No one had so he settled



Eric Smith – just a regular



Board of Director's Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the September Board meeting held at the Villa following our lunch meeting on September 9:

Administration Management

Financials

- Historically the Admin Fund is in good shape but there has been a downward trend over recent years. We expect income from upcoming events that will replenish the account.
- Recent expense: flagpole for the Brandt compound, \$1,596. A motion was approved to give the proceeds to the Admin Fund.

Other Business:

- Eric reported that Corazon has invited us to participate in El Dia de los Muertos on October 26th. We would have a 10 x 10 booth. Eric envisions a caldron with dry ice and a game (fishing eyeballs out of the caldron) for the children. A motion to support the event passed.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Financials

- No report this month,

Grants/Donations/Requests

- Non in September.

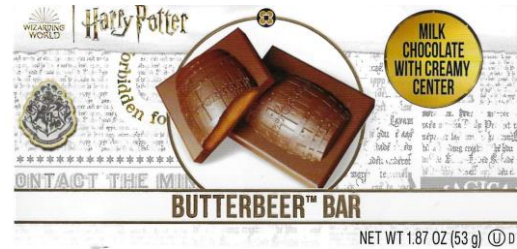
Projects

- Eric reported that the PIE sales will begin at the first October meeting. Delivery of the pies will be November 4th.
- All expenses for the September 20th Foss Creek Clean-Up event will be paid by the Foundation Fund. A motion to set aside \$300-400 for lunch supplies was approved.
- We intend to simplify Merry Healdsburg by only serving mulled wine. We would like to simplify food for the Steelhead Festival. The FFA Fair booth will be a joint event with the new high school food truck.

Meeting Summaries

Sep 2: Committees

We spent some time learning more about what goes into the many committees and events that are the core of our Club. President Eric asked several members to stand, and he awarded each one a Butterbeer Bar in with thank you for early response to his request for their committee assignments.



Sep 9: Joseph Franco – CEO/IT Consultant -"in the cloud IT"

In The Cloud IT empowers businesses with secure, scalable, and reliable IT solutions. From managed services and cloud migrations to cybersecurity and business continuity, we take a proactive, client-first approach to simplify technology and drive growth. Our mission is to make IT a true enabler of success, not a hurdle. Founded in 2017.

- We provide Network Security & Protection
- We specialize in Business Continuity / Disaster Recovery.
- We're experts in Cloud Services
- Comprehensively Managed IT Services.

<https://inthecloudit.com/>

After describing the various services that his group provides, Joseph focused on data protection. The bad guys are becoming more and more creative in generating nefarious scams to take our money or steal our personal data.

Phishing is the use of emails, texts, or pop-up messages that ask for personal or financial information. Phone text scams, known as smishing, are deceptive messages designed to steal personal information or mine trusted entities like banks or government agencies. Common tactics include fake package delivery alerts, urgent virus issues, bogus prize notifications, and phony job offers, often containing suspicious links to fake websites.

We must be very attentive and careful to protect ourselves from these villains.

- Never click on suspicious links within emails.

- Never enter personal information in a pop-up screen.
- Protect your computer with Spam filters, anti-virus/anti-spyware, and a firewall and keep them up to date.
- Only open email attachments if you are experiencing them and know what they contain.
- If someone contacts you and says you've a victim of fraud, verify the person's identity before providing personal information.
- Job seekers beware. Some phishers target people who list themselves on job search sites.
- Be suspicious if someone contacts you unexpectedly and asks for your personal information.

Sep 23: Jodee Anello, owner "Organized Wine Country" and Christee Styles

Jodee and Christee spoke about their company and the services they provide; their goal is to simplify your everyday lifestyle. They strive to understand your personal needs and then set out to transform and create an environment that brings functionality, purpose, beauty, and joy.

'We're more than a service - we're a steady presence during life's most sensitive transitions. Whether managing an estate, relocating a loved one, or overseeing complex logistics - we bring calm to chaos, clarity to clutter, and compassion to every circumstance.'

organizedwinecountry.com

Services include:

- Home Organizing
- Move Management
- Downsizing & Transition Support
- Supportive Cleanouts
- Property Preparation
- Vendor Coordinatio

Other September Events
An International Interclub in Portugal



Susan Sheehy, Paul Kelley
Seated: Loretta Strong, Cindi Brown

Lt. Governor Installation

Six Healdsburg Kiwanis members attended the new Lt. Governor's installation on September 11 in Geyserville.



2025/26 Division 23 Lt. Governor
Richard (Rich) Della Maggiora



Susan Sheehy, Liz Bippart, Barbra Erickson,
Eric Frost, Jerry & Loretta Strong`

Foss Creek Cleanup

Foss Creek is a tributary of the Russian River which serves as a home to species protected by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The creek also funnels stormwater runoff from the City to the Russian River.

On Saturday morning September 20 our club aided by HHS Key Club members provide lunch for participants working with the City of Healdsburg.

Liz, Patti, Anna & Mike, Larry, Susan, and Dick served lots of good food to the cleaners including Cub Scout Troop 21 members. The Cubs were the winners of the Crud Cup. In past years, both our Kiwanis Club and our Key Club have been Crud Cup winners. Always a great event.



Points to Ponder

Thanks to Dick Bugarske

Kiwanis friends provide essential physical, mental, and motivational benefits as you age, promoting longevity, boosting happiness, and reducing risks like heart disease, stroke, and dementia. Strong social connections help combat loneliness, stimulate cognitive function, and offer a vital support system for daily life and challenging transitions. Friendships can also provide a sense of purpose and belonging, leading to higher life satisfaction in later years.

\$\$Happy/Sad and other stories\$\$

Liz Bippart sad that her mother's ashes cannot be found.

Jerry Strong happy that Loretta is on her way home. I'm hungry!!

Jane Farkas happy she sold her old car with 180,000 miles for \$6,000.

Cindi Brown happy to *rescue* 2 kittens that are hell on rats.

Karen Tappin sad that her 12-year-old cat is near death with cancer.