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A Festive Installation Celebration at River Rock



**Lt. Governor Adam Lamarre installs 2024/25
Healdsburg Kiwanis President Eric Frost**

In a festive evening shindig club officers for the year, 2024/2025, were installed at our September 24 evening meeting. About 40 members and guests attended the event held at River Rock Casino, including the present and past Lt. Governors Adam Lamarre, Diane Anthony, Pennylee Christensen, and our own Anna Grant.

Taking the gavel from outgoing Co-President Loretta Strong was President Elect Eric Frost. Serving with him will be the following returning officers: Secretary – Liz Bippart, Admin. Treasurer, Richard Bugarske, Project Treasurer, Ron Doble, and Past Co-Presidents, Susan Sheehy, Richard Bugarske, Loretta Strong and Jan Gianni. Board of Directors members installed are Barbara Erickson, Susan Sheehy, Jan Gianni, Debby Dormire. Brian Wells is retiring from the board.

Outgoing Co-President Loretta Strong in her yearend remarks summarized some of our major accomplishments during this last year, especially recognizing and thanking Susan Sheehy for her efforts in creating and managing our very successful First Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament. "We got it Done"

Eric, in his acceptance remarks, expressed his appreciation for the good things our club has accomplished and encouraged continued participation. He talked about goals for the coming year including his personal goal: "Don't mess it up". He also spoke about a new fundraiser he has proposed to kick off in October – selling pies for a handsome profit. (see Board minutes summary, page 4).

During the social hour, a large TV showed a continuous loop PowerPoint slide show "Year in Review", a pictorial account of our various fundraising activities, services to the community, and fun events. Major fund-raising events during the year included: Mulled wine sale at the Christmas Tree Lighting - \$3,500, Steelhead Festival - \$1,000, Pancake Breakfast - \$4,000, FFA Fair Food Booth - \$10,00, Texas Hold'em Tournament - \$6,000, and Brandt's Beach Barbeque - \$6,500.

Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa Chanticleer Annex.

Meeting Dates:

Oct 1: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, **Chris Vanden Heuval**, Superintendent – Healdsburg Unified School District. Measure R (construction, repair, replacement, and acquisition of school facilities).

Oct 8: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, KI Youth protection Week Presentation.

Oct 15: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, **Mike Roa** - The STEAM Showcase on 3/24/2025 - "Restore, Revive, Empower, THRIVE!"

Oct 17: Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza.

Oct 22: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, **Anna Grant** - The Joys of Backpacking in Yellowstone.

Oct 29: Halloween Themed Evening meeting (Maybe Bingo - Scariest Movies of All Time) Play at your own risk!

Save the Date

Jun 1, 2025: Second annual Texas Hold'em Tournament.

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 President Eric Frost (559-802-6297 or Secretary Liz Bippart (707-227-4314).

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Past Lt. Gov Diane Anthony presents long awaited Distinguished Service Award plaque to Susan Sheehy. (Plaque was lost in the mail and recently delivered by pony express)



From rt., Eric Frost, wife Lorrie and her parents Ken & Arlene Dalton. (Arlene hidden by Anna's big head, sorry Arlene!)



Diane retires 2023/24 Co-Presidents Jan Gianni, Ricard Bugarske, Loretta Strong & Susan Sheehy



Dan, your friendly bar tender



Retiring Board member Brian Wells with wife Kitty



Rowdy Yates, Eric Smith and friend



Lt. Governors Diane Anthony, Adam Lamarre, Pennylee Christensen & friend

Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Officers 2024-2025

President Elect – Eric Frost
President Elect (TBD)
Secretary – Liz Bippart
Admin. Treasurer- Richard Bugarske
Project Treasurer - Ron Doble
Past Co-Presidents – Loretta Strong,
Richard Bugarske, Susan Sheehy,
Jan Gianni

Board of Directors

Debby Dormire Barbara Erickson
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 Roberts – Oct. 27
Barbara Erickson – Oct. 29
Lee Gunnerson – Oct. 30

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago. - Warren Buffett.

As we start a new Kiwanis year, let's be grateful for the good things that happened this past year: Our support for two youth leadership programs, namely, Healdsburg High's Key Club and our Healdsburg Scout troop. Scholarships totaling over \$25,000 for graduating high school students. Numerous events such as Brandt's Beach, Texas Hold-em, Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, St. Patrick Day's games and fairy houses, Merry Healdsburg's Carriage Rides and more.

Let's remember that we offer something others need: friendship and a way to serve. As the website, Facebook page and our new efforts in Instagram and Linked-In occur, like and share those pages so others know that we are engaged in supporting youth and children. Others need what we have.

Finally, thank you for letting me be your president this year. We will have fun. The work of serving a community can be the bright spot of our week. Let's share this fun with others.

Eric Frost

P.S. Warren Buffett reminds us that planting trees and doing service will provide someone with relief.



Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the September 2024 Board meeting:

Administration Management

Financials

- The Administrative Treasurer's Report was approved. The Admin account balance is in excess of \$36,000.

Admin Business and Service

- The following expenditures were approved:
 - \$480 for a full-page Kiwanis ad in the HHS Football Program and program printing. Dick is creating the program to be available at Homecoming.
 - Up to \$250 to supply hot dogs/buns, chips etc. for volunteer lunches at the Foss Creek Clean-up.
 - \$600 for the horse-drawn carriage at Merry Healdsburg on Friday, December 6th.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Financials

The Foundation Financial Report was approved.

- Total Foundation assets are \$53,800+ including contributions in honor of Edgar Deas. Almost \$30,000 is available to give away in the upcoming fiscal year.
- Funds are available after installing Jordy's bench crafted by Jim Schmidt. Loretta and Jerry would like to establish an annual scholarship in honor of Jordy's love of geology, environmental science and ecology. The current balance can fund the first scholarship in Spring 2025. Loretta and Jerry will perpetuate the scholarship starting in 2026.

Grants/Donations/Requests

- Robert Ferguson Observatory - \$300 to aid in improvements to accessibility at the observatory. They have child-focused programs serving Sonoma County. It was suggested that we have one of our meetings at the observatory in the next few months.

Presentations:

- Eric Frost shared a delicious strawberry rhubarb pie from The Pie Company. He proposes a fundraiser to kick-off on October 15th. A minimum order of 100

frozen pies is required with delivery to our meeting on November 12th. Pies cost \$12 and we will sell them for \$20 each. Eight flavors available. Our order must be placed with The Pie Company one week prior to delivery. Eric will provide flyers and order forms to the club. The proposed fundraiser was approved. Sell Pie!!! Give Pie!!! Eat Pie!!!

Meeting Summaries

Sep 3: Kathy Birdsong. Healdsburg Center for the Arts.

Healdsburg Center for the Arts (HCA) is a multidisciplinary **501 (c) (3)** non-profit organization recognized as a cultural anchor in Healdsburg and for the surrounding communities.

HCA provides audiences of all ages, orientations, and ethnicities a place to imagine, connect, learn, explore, and provides access to experiences that inspire and transform! The HCA mission is to be the community catalyst for inspiring discovery and exploration of the arts.

Healdsburg Center for the Arts, in collaboration with the City of Healdsburg, will be holding the 2024 Healdsburg Arts Festival on September 28th at the Plaza. The event is a juried festival celebrating three artistic disciplines: visual arts, performing arts and culinary arts with over forty artists selling their amazing work. Enjoy music, entertainment, good food and wine. Plan for a great day of strolling through the Plaza while you shop for artisan made goods and fine art, including ceramics, woodwork, jewelry, printmaking, photography, painting, textile arts, and glasswork.

Sep 10: Stephanie Derammelaere, Robert Ferguson Observatory programs and funding support.

Many of us were unaware of a nearby treasure, the **Robert Ferguson Observatory** located in Sugarloaf Ridge State Park near Kenwood.

The Robert Ferguson Observatory is owned, staffed and operated by The Valley of the Moon Observatory Association (VMOA) that consists of volunteer amateur and professional astronomers and other volunteers, and a small supporting staff. The VMOA functions as a nonprofit organization under the auspices of the California State Parks System, and in cooperation with our local state parks.

The observatory's mission is "to offer educational programs about science and astronomy for students, the public, and in support of educators.

<https://rfo.org/>

Our purpose is to give the public a place to foster their interest and passion in astronomy and space.

We aim to inspire young people to pursue further education or careers in astronomy or related STEM fields to help meet the growing future demand for individual in these industries."

Programs at the observatory include:

- Public Stare Parties
- Variety of on-site classes
- Bring Your Own Telescope class
- Observacion de Estrellas
- Private Star Parties (observatory rentals)
- Daytime Programs/Guided Planet Walk Tours
- Solar Observing
- Family Programs

Programs off-Site include:

- School Visits
- Private star parties
- Museum visits
- Outreach programs
- Young Astronomers

Sep 17: Claire O'Neill, Healdsburg Museum – Josefa Carrillo Fitch.

Each summer, the Healdsburg Museum's docents present History Talks in the Plaza on Saturday mornings at the gazebo. Claire is one of those docents and she has prepared the story of Josefa Carrillo Fitch for *History Talks* that she shared with us.

Josefa was the daughter of the Josquin Carillo family of San Diego. In 1829 she eloped with Captain Henry D Fitch, an American merchant sea captain. Fitch had become a Mexican citizen and converted to Catholicism so they could be legally married, but there were other complications that created a scandal and took several years to resolve.



Captain Fitch obtained several land grants from the Mexican government including the 48,000-acre Rancho Sotoyome. He was planning to move with his family to the Rancho from San Diego.

"I am more anxious than ever to move my family to Sonoma. It seems that they have discovered quite a lot of gold about a day's ride

away. They say there is also gold and silver on the ranch, so I think it is better to work there. . ."

Josefa moved to the Rancho from San Diego in 1849 with her 9 children after the sudden death of Captain Fitch.

The years following 1849 were tumultuous with the land overrun by the thousands of 49ers seeking gold and many squatters occupied Rancho lands. Eventually, Josefa was forced to sell the Rancho lands at auction to settle debts. One of the land purchasers was a squatter, Harmon Heald who purchased his claim and laid out the future city of Healdsburg.

Josefa was literate in Spanish, impressive for a Californio woman of her era. She also learned to speak to the native Americans on the Rancho in their language.

Birthdays



Bob Taylor asked the men to sing Happy Birthday. Cindy Joined in!

\$\$ Happy/Sad & other stories \$\$

Denny Stead sad that Joanne returned to Florida. Will be going to Florida to visit in October.

Jim Schmidt happy to celebrate his 20-year membership in our club.

Barbara Erickson sad to have missed Brandt's Beach BBQ.

Lucy Lewand happy for an enjoyable Alaska cruise. Off to Bhutan soon.

Jan Gianni – happy for her favorite trip ever. (Cruising the Danube).

Susan Sheehy a happy \$20 that the Healdsburg Museum's History Lives event sold out (attendance of 173). The net profit was \$118,000.

Foss Creek Clean-up volunteer day

Healdsburg Kiwanis and the HHS Key Club served lunch to over 100 of the troops who showed up on September 28 to clean up Foss Creek. The winners were the Healdsburg School kids and parents. Congratulations!



Good Job Key Club

**Healdsburg Kiwanis Club
2024-2025 Events Schedule**

Merry Healdsburg on the Plaza	Dec. 6, 2024
Steelhead Festival at Lake Sonoma	Feb. 8, 2025
HHS Hall of Fame at Villa Annex	Feb 23, 2025
St. Patrick's Day on the Plaza	Mar. 17, 2025
Pancake Breakfast – Villa Chanticleer	Apr 13, 2025
Twilight Parade	May 22, 2025
FFA Fair Booth at Rec Park	May 22-24, 2025
Texas Hold'em at Longboard	Jun. 1, 2025
Brandt's Beach BBQ	Aug. 27, 2025
Other events to be determined	