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Kiwanis CLUB OF HEALDSBURG

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Dia de los Muertos. celebration in the Plaza.

Each year, on the last Sunday of October, the Healdsburg Plaza gazebo becomes a community altar of shared remembrance, filled with bright marigolds, flickering candles and photos of loved ones who have passed away. Healdsburg's annual Día de Muertos is a beloved local tradition that invites everyone in our community to connect with our ancestors, with new and old traditions, and with one another. There is a community altar where all are invited to add a loved one's picture, as well as free kid's activities, live music, a car show, food available for purchase and lots more!

Our Club was there with fun games and prizes for the children.

Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa Chanticleer Annex.

Meeting Dates:

Nov 3: TBD

Nov 10: TBD

Nov 17: TBD

Nov 25: night social TBD

Save the Date:

Dec 4: Merry Healdsburg in the Plaza.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon except the Last Tuesday of the month is an evening social meeting.

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact President Robert Taylor 707-953-7242. or Secretary Melanie Taylor 707-953-7240.

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Howl-o-ween night meeting

A large group of Kiwanians and friends showed up in scarry and not so scarry costumes for the Howl-o-Ween evening meeting at the home of Judy and Steve Everett. Zombies are not invited!

We enjoyed an overflowing table of goodies including 3 pots of different chili and plenty of good wine. And lots of costumes and good fun.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Officers 2026-2027

President – Robert Taylor
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Secretary – Melanie Taylor
Admin. Treasurer - Richard Bugarske
Project Treasurer - Ron Dobley
Past President – Liz

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Susan Sheehy
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Liz Bippart
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The Builder

Harry Jackson, Editor

Happy Birthday

Anna Grant - Dec.6
Eric Frost – Dec. 18
Karen Tappin Dec. 20
Richard Yates - Dec. 24

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Viola Scruto – 12-9-25
Nancy Arsenault – 12-19-17
Darlene Prigmore – 12-9-14

The President's Message

Thanks to the Everetts for hosting a fantastic Halloween party. There was great food, drinks and interesting costumes. Audrey Hepburn was there with her cat (Breakfast at Tiffany's), the Grim Reaper stopped by and a street walker with her pimp was working the room. I'm sure all that attended had a good time.

Pies, Pies and more pies. The contract has been signed; we need to have orders for at least 100 pies by December 8th for delivery at the December 15th meeting. So, fill out those order forms and put the strong-arm on your friends and neighbors to buy pies.

Bob

Board of Directors Minutes Summary

There was no Board meeting in October.

Meeting Speakers

Oct 6: Committees.

With no scheduled speakers, Rowdy Yates stepped up with his thought for the day and gave us a history lesson on fingerprinting.

The first record of the use of fingerprinting was in 1650 BC in Babylon; Fingerprints were embossed on clay tablets for business transactions. In the Indus Valley Civilization, fingerprints were embossed on seals, indicating their significance for identification. A Chinese clay seal dating to no later than the third century B.C. is considered the oldest known document in the history of fingerprint identification.

The modern fingerprinting practice began in the late 19th century, evolving into a crucial forensic tool by the early 20th century. In the 1890's scientists demonstrated that fingerprint patterns were unique to each individual.

In 1892 the first successful use of fingerprint identification in a murder that occurred in Argentina. Investigators found a bloody fingerprint at the crime scene of two murdered children. A woman accused her ex-husband of murdering their two sons, but the fingerprints identified the woman herself and she confessed. She killed her sons because her new lover did not want children.

The use of fingerprinting by law enforcement and other identification advanced rapidly in the 20th and early 21st centuries with the development of modern equipment and techniques.

Oct 13: **Susan Sheehy** takes us along to Europe.

In a wonderful slide show and great stories Susan took us from Barcelona to Frankfurt, Germany.

Susan led 80 Robert Young Wine Club members on a Mediterranean Sea cruise in early October. The group met in Barcelona where they boarded their ship and got underway. First to Toulon, followed by Monte Carlo, Livorno, Porto Santo Stefano, Olbia Sardinia, Trapani, Salerno and ending in Civitavecchia where club members caught their flight home.

During port stops the group visited the Monte Carlo area including the Casino and many of the well know communities in Italy including Florence, Rome, Vatican, Salerno and others.

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Susan had shipped several cases of Robert Young Wines to the Barcelona port. While at sea the group enjoyed comparing the Young wines with some of the local Italian wines. The shipboard accommodations were fabulous!

At the end of the cruise, Susan flew to Frankfort Germany to visit her best friend.

Oct 20: Pie Order Day.

The Pie Company started baking pies in 2008 and they were originally sold at an Ace Hardware store in Ripon, CA. It grew from there to many other Ace stores in California and parts of Nevada including Garret's in Healdsburg. Their collection of handmade pies offers 15 flavors. Frozen pies with the "take and bake" option are offered as well as already baked pies in several retail locations.

The Pie Company has a fundraiser program for non-profit and other organizations. Orders of frozen pies are delivered to the groups for their resale. Many Kiwanis clubs in California, including Healdsburg are participating in this program.

Key Club News

By Dick Bugarske

Big "tip of the cap" to Loretta, Joandell, and Eric F. who spent their Saturday at 6 Flags with thousands of Key Clubbers from Northern California and Nevada. It was one of the warmest Fall Rally's in memory, but we all survived and thanks to our Kiwanis Club, our

Healdsburg High Clubbers had an air-conditioned bus ride home.

Great spirit and getting students together is pretty special.

Our local group
at one of two rallies in the amphitheater.

Happy/Sad & other stories

Eric Frost sad to loose the Healdsburg Chorus director, but happy a new one is on board. Expecting great music. Tickets can be obtained from the Raven website.

Patti Robarts: good job leading the meeting Joandell.

Liz Bippard, some very sad news: after a long struggle, Nancy has discontinued all cancer treatment.

Lucy Lewand happy to be asked by Rotary to be auctioneer at their crab feed. Uncertain about how she will be received as a Kiwanis member.

Prune Packers News

By Dick Bugarske

Dear Packer Nation,

We gave some exciting news to share! Former Healdsburg Prune Packer Andrew Vaughn is headed to the 2026 world Series with the Milwaukee Brewers! Vaughn, who played for the Packers in 2016 is now part of the Brewer's first World Series appearance since 1982!

Andrew's success is a wonderful reminder of why we do what we do here in Healdsburg: give exceptional young baseball players the opportunity to develop their talents, pursue their dreams, and see just how far the game can take them.

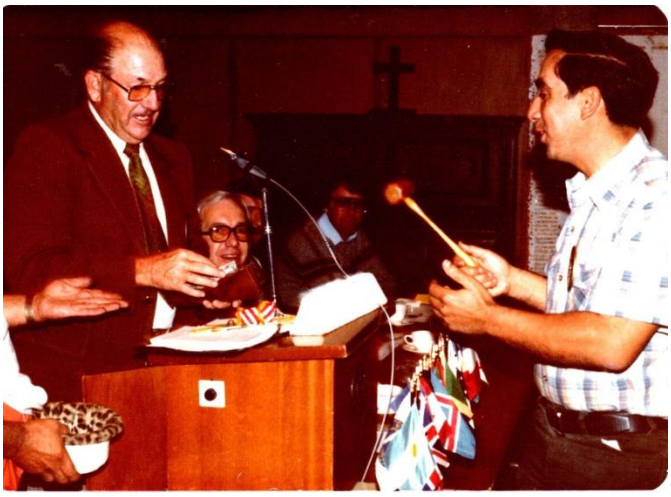
prunepackers.org

November Birthdays

Denny Stead
asked Liz Bippart to sing to him

Liz needed backup singers and was joined by Jerry, Dick, Andy (hiding) and Eric

Healdsburg Kiwanis History Discoveries



Looks like my dad, Robert Young, is paying a fine to Edgar Deas, or maybe dad is paying a fine to get the gavel back from Edgar. It looks like dad is at the podium so maybe he was president that year.

Susan Sheeh

Robert Young - 1980, Edgar Deas - 1981

OFFICERS *Kiwanis' new officers in 1958, with a giant gavel recognizing their formation in 1923.*

100 years ago – July 5, 1923

Organization of Kiwanis Club Is Completed Here

About fifty business and professional men of Healdsburg attended a luncheon at the Plaza hotel today, when organization of the Healdsburg local of the Kiwanis Club was completed. The meeting was the largest attended since the first steps to bring a Kiwanis Club into being here were taken by a group of business leaders.

Eight members of the Napa Kiwanis were present to see the local organization completed. The Napa

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