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Kiwaniis Halloween Party, Robert Young Winery



Great fun and a howling good time was had at the 2025 Halloween party held at the Robert Young Estate Winery Sion House tasting room in Alexander Valley hosted by Susan Sheehy. The party was held on the evening of October 28 in lieu of our monthly evening meeting. About 40 members and guests attended, most in some very amazing costumes.



Grazing board by Field and Farm



Our hosts, Dave, Susan, Lilly & Kelly



Pick your Poison

Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa Chanticleer Annex.

Meeting Dates:

Nov 4: Regular Meeting at 12 noon – Professor Sue Ashford discusses her book, "The Power of Flexing", (Also Pie Day for the Club)

Nov 11: Regular Meeting at 12 noon – Committees and Service Meeting.

Nov 18: Evening Meeting – "Friendsgiving" a Thanksgiving Themed Celebration.

Nov 20: Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza

Nov 25: No Meeting - Thanksgiving week observance.

Other November Events

Nov 2: 1st Responders Luncheon, Villa Annex, 12-2 pm.

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 707-953-7240





Dia de Muertos Celebration



Healdsburg's annual celebration of Mexico's All Saints Day happened on the plaza on Sunday October 26. Live music, food vendors, a car show and a dance demonstrated the culture of Dia de Muertos.

The event was co-hosted by Corazón Healdsburg and the City of Healdsburg with thanks to sponsors, including Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce, Stay Healdsburg, Comcast, Hotel Healdsburg, Marquis & Farwell Real Estate Group and Hansel Auto. In spite of the rainy day, about 2500 showed and enjoyed the event

Our club was invited to support the event by Corazón. We set up our popup on the north side of the plaza and provided fun games with the kids with fabulous prizes!

The three games are shown in the photos below:



Scooping floating eyeballs out of a boiling cauldron

Eyeballs were numbered 1-5 for prizes
Illusion of smoke created by dry ice.

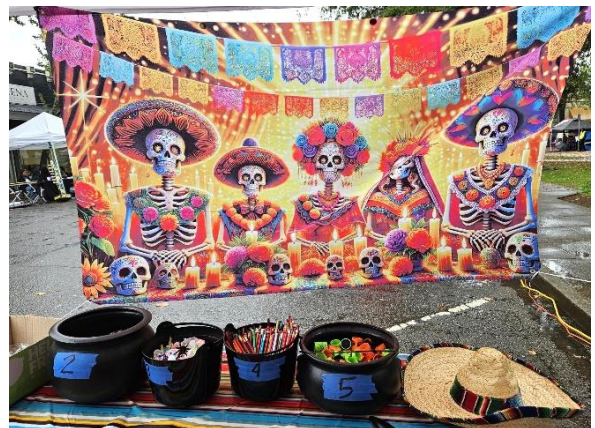


Catching fish for a Prize

Fish numbered 1-5 for a prize



Ring toss



Fabulous prizes

More photos on page 4

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

Jack Brandt – Nov. 1
Richard Bugarske – 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 November:

Margie Koetzer 11-1-22
Joanne Kolinski 11-2-21
Jane Farkas – 11-19-24
Ron Doble - 11-13-07
Lee Gunnerson -11-14-91
Dan Gianni - 11-26-96

The President’s Message

Though twas a dark and stormy afternoon for El Dia de los Muertos, held at the Plaza on October 26th, children swarmed our pop-up to ‘fish’ for eyeballs from a smoky cauldron. Susan Sheehy and Eric Frost took charge of the spooky creation that will surely be revised next year. We are happy to be establishing a relationship with Corazon.



We’re ushering in November with a festive “First Responder’s Luncheon” at the Annex on the 2nd. It’s all gratitude and the blessings of cooperating with the American Legion who hosts the event. Lots of smiles come through the door and we are there to welcome and serve.

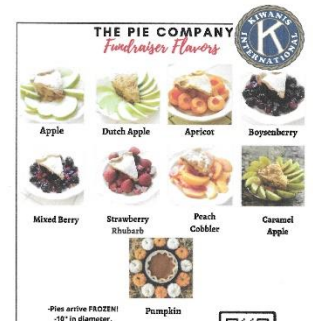
“Friendsgiving” will be on our Tuesday, November 18th lunch meeting. Sign-up for potluck items at the early November meetings or call Nancy Arsenault at 949-257-6739.

Merry Healdsburg will be here before we know it...Friday, December 5th. It’s an “all hands-on deck” event with phrenetic warm mulled wine (Darlene’s old family recipe) sales and very cheerful crowds filling the Plaza for the official tree lighting and holiday spirit. Please join us!

Happy Holidays,
Liz Bippart

Pie Day

Pies are on the way and will be available for pickup at the November 4 meeting. A total of 142 pies were sold and the net proceeds were \$887.



Board of Director's Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Melanie Taylor

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the October 14 Board meeting

Administration Management

Financials

- Lt. Governor Richard Della Maggiora submitted the Proposed District 32 CNH budget for 2025-2026 for the Club's approval. A motion to approve the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget was passed.

Other Business:

- None

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

No October meeting.

Meeting Summaries

Oct 7: Erica Gutierrez, Corazon Healdsburg

Corazón Healdsburg works to create a more just and compassionate community for all. Corazón operates a bilingual family resource center and offers family-centered case management, as well as a cradle-to-career approach to education for all ages. We amplify the local Latin-American voice, and host community events, trainings and discussions to promote and celebrate diversity, equity, and inclusion.



Our staff works with hundreds of low-income families from the communities of Healdsburg, Windsor, Cloverdale, and Geyserville. The individuals and families we support are 100% low-income, 95% are Latin American and approximately 75% are monolingual Spanish speakers.

<https://www.corazonhealdsburg.org>

Erica spoke about the upcoming Dia de Muertos Celebration on Sunday Oct. 26th.

Honor our ancestors and connect with our community at this year's Día de Muertos on the Healdsburg Plaza.

- Community altar
- Live music performances
- Classic car show
- Face painting
- Games, crafts and free activities for kids.

Our club was invited to participate in a space with some fun activities for children. See Page 3.

Oct 14: Committees/Club Business.

Our Club embarked on our first Committee focused meeting of the month.

Three preselected committees met for about 15 minutes to discuss planning and other issues relevant to the committee's task. The committee leader then presented a brief report summarizing committee activities.

- Dia de Muertos Celebration, Eric Frost: Planning for games and activities for the kids.
- Social Events, Nancy Arsenault: Planning for the monthly evening social meetings. October, Halloween Party at Robert Young Winrey. November and December, holiday celebrations.
- Merry Healdsburg Eric Smith & Denny Stead. Darlene's mulled wine sales. Denny is arranging for the carriage rides.

Oct 21: Teresa Mangiapaini, Publisher, Healdsburg Living – Local People – Local Stories – Local Businesses.

Teresa visited about two years ago and introduced us to Healdsburg Living Magazine that she had recently purchased. Today she gave us an update.

The magazine circulation has had remarkable growth in the last two years, and Teresa has set ambitious goals for future growth.

The magazine content is positive – all good news. It contains a variety of local news of interest arranged in the following sections:

- Cuisine – Savor a world of flavors from exotic dishes to comforting classics
- Aesthetics – The art of beauty and self-care.
- Adventure - Explore charming destinations, insider tips, and wanderlust-inspiring tales
- Homestead - home-related topics and tips.
- Fruit of the Vine - Articles, testimonies, and spiritual reflections for a deeper connection with God.
- Wellness - Articles to equip readers with informed perspectives on their health and well-being.
- Features - An eclectic mix of stories about everything from financial, real estate, and parenting tips to pet care to holiday entertaining inspiration, and more.

Key Club Report

By Dick Bugarske

On Saturday October 18, hundreds of Key Clubbers from California and beyond arrived at 6 Flags in Vallejo for the Fall Rally. It was a day for the students to "Experience motivational programs, hold a Spirit Rally, meet new people, support the Pediatric Trauma Program, show your Key Club spirit, and have fun!



Our Club was represented by 6 students, and our Division was represented by our own Lt. Gov., Ava Wolske. A wonderful day and our Division donated hundreds of dollars to the Pediatric Trauma Program.

Bravo to them!!



**Key Club students from our Division in Sonoma County
Healdsburg students Kneeling in front with Ava holding her sign**

Interclubs

Northbay October 22: Celebrating North Bay Club's 10th anniversary and their Key Club's 1st anniversary. Installations of club officers for 2025/26.



Brain, Liz, Barbara & Rowdy

Geyserville Corn and Steak Dinner



**Healdsburg Kiwanians attending:
Susan, Barbara Erickson, Loretta and Jerry Strong, Diana Blakely, Lucy Lewand, Judy and Steve Everett, Barbara and Dan Reid, Ken and Teeth Rochioli, Joandell Hahn**

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

Jan Gianni happy to visit her 98-year-old parents in Iowa. They are living in their home taking care of each other and going strong!

Rowdy Yates happy to welcome Denny and Joanne back.

Melanie Taylor sad her sister was in a serious auto accident and had 3 surgeries on her leg.

Eric Frost sad to be evicted because owner had other plans for house. Happy to soon find another rental nearby.

CNH Division Rose Bowl Float

We're delighted to invite you to feed our "Hungry for Service" Hippopotamus family as we join the 2026 Tournament of Roses Parade under the official theme "The Magic in Teamwork." Our Kiwanis float theme, "Happy Together," will showcase how clubs from California, Nevada, and Hawaii unite in joyful service—proving that when we band together, our impact blooms brighter than any single flower.



October Birthdays



Denny Stead
Denny asked everyone to sing
a Happy Birthday song
Also celebrating Denny's new hip



Patti Roberts, Lucy Lewand, Barbara Erickson, Debby Dormire, & Dan Gianni
requested a Happy Birthday Song from
everyone while dancing the hula