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Welcome new member Debby Dormire



Substitute Sponsor Dick Bugarske, new member Debby Dormire, Membership chair Loretta Strong, President Denny Stead

Roger and Debby on vacation

Debby has attended many more of our meetings than the three needed to qualify for membership. She was a frequent visitor with her husband Roger. Roger passed away suddenly last February, and we all miss him greatly. Debby requested that Arnold Santucci be her sponsor, but Arnold was unable to attend. Dick Bugarske substituted for Arnold, and in his introduction, described Debby as a person well suited to carry on the spirit of what Kiwanis is all about. Debby said that she really missed the friendly faces and fun at meetings since Roger's passing, and it was time to join.

Welcome Debby!



Dick holds a cake observing Arnold's 103rd birthday on January 12 with Debby and Jan holding a gift for Arnold Sadly, Arnold left us on January 19 (see following Page)

Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa unless noted otherwise.

Meeting Dates:

Feb 7: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Eric Smith, final prep for Steelhead Festival.

Feb 14: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Key Club Bake Sale

Feb 16: Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza.

Feb 21: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Barbara Walsh, Sonoma County Grand Jury.

Feb 28: Evening Meeting at 6 pm Monthly social at the Robert Young Scion House.

Other February Dates

Feb 11: Steelhead Festival.

Save the Date

Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day parade and celebration in the Plaza.

Apr 2: Pancake Breakfast.

May 6: Fire and Earthquake Expo.

May 25-27: Annual FFA Twilight Parade and Fair.

Jun 18: Fitch Mountain Foot Race.

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 Dennis Stead (433-6503) or Secretary Nancy Arsenault (949-257-6739).

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Richard Bugarske

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(Rowdy)

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One Year Term Two Year Term

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The Builder

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Happy Birthday

Charles Reichel – Feb. 7

Edgar Deas – Feb. 8

Randolph Collins – Feb. 11

Liz Bippart – Feb. 19

George Clough – Feb. 26

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Chrystal Silva - 2-5-19

Arnold Santucci - 2-21-84

(First Inducted May 1950 and
was member to 1965)

Vern Losh - 2-1-11 (reinstated)

The President's Message

I want to say thank you to the members who take the time to come to our weekly meetings. Our average meeting attendance is about 25. We have 60 active members. I realize many of you cannot come on a regular basis, but please come when you can.

We have a busy year in front of us. It is our one hundredth celebration. We are in the process of fundraising for our "bigger and better" annual events. This year we will give a gift to the residents of Healdsburg. The Kiwanis club is sponsoring on May 6, at the community center and grounds a fire and earthquake expo. It will bring the community all together in one place at one time. This event will inform, educate and equip our citizens with all the tools they need to safe during an actual emergency. We need "all hands-on deck" to do this. Please be part of it.

Denny.

Arnold Santucci

With a heavy heart, we report the passing of Arnold Santucci on January 19 at the incredible age of 103 years and 7 days. Arnold was one of a kind and he will be missed by us all.

Arnold was a 50-year member of our club and editor of this newsletter from 1999 to 2012. His many other contributions to the club and his lifetime of services to our community are enormous and will be described in a supplemental Builder edition to be completed in February.



Ernie Franssen

Sadly, we lost another friend in the same week. Ernie Franssen, a founding member of the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club, passed away on January 18 at the age of 92. He was a frequent visitor to our meetings and events, and a big spender at our Brandt's Beach auctions.



Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Joanne Kolinski, typed by Nancy Arsenault

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the January 2023 Board meeting:

Administration Management

Financials

- The Administrative Treasurer's Report was approved.
- Total Admin. Fund assets are \$13,988 allocate as shown below:

December 2022 balance	\$8,641
Administrative Reserve Fund	\$5,000
Rowdy Yates Charity Fund	\$218
Denny Stead Charity Fund	<u>\$129</u>
Total	\$13,988

- The Healdsburg Tourism Improvement District funds after money out is currently at \$8981.

Admin Business and Service:

- The American Legion has been given back the management of the Villa Annex. This means we will be paying \$100/meeting rent to the Legion each week.
- A motion was approved to allow \$200 to purchase a Distinguished Service Award for a club member.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Grants/Donations/Requests

- Dick Bugarske \$405.26 Reimbursement for the purchase of Toys for Tots by the Key Club in December 2022.
- Healdsburg Jazz Festival - \$750 for support of their youth music education programs.

Financials

- The Foundation Financial Report was approved. Total Foundation assets are \$83,664, allocate as shown following:

Account Balances Reserves

Permanently Restricted

Children's Fund Endowment	\$34,669.
Total Permanently Restricted	\$34,669

Temporarily Restricted

One Year Reserve, 15k per year	\$15,000
Vocational Scholarship	\$10,997
Dormire Scholarship	\$3,548
Jordan Strong Memorial	\$5,070
Total Temporary Restricted	\$34,615

Unrestricted Funds Available	\$14,360
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Total Assets	\$83,644
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- Dick Bugarske suggested an Arnold Santucci Scholarship to be considered in the future.

Update on event planning

- Steelhead Festival: Eric is working hard on this event which is progressing very smoothly. This is the first festival since the COVID shutdown that caused lower vendor attendance than normal.
- St. Patrick's Day: Susan created a beautiful flyer for the St. Patrick's Day event. Fairy houses will be available for the kids to create on site. Wood is needed for this craft. Susan will contact Cody and Denny to access their wood piles. Mini bagels with green cream cheese will be served along with Lucky Charms and popcorn by Patty.
- Pancake Breakfast: Susan rented a Wendell the Rabbit costume for a lucky Key Club volunteer to wear the morning of the pancake breakfast. This wabbit will sit on a bench underneath a rented white flowered arch for photos with the kids. He will also be at the plaza the day before the event to advertise the breakfast. Those wucky kids. Also, Warm Springs 4H Club will be having a Pancake Breakfast Poster Contest judged by Kiwanians with the winner earning a free pancake breakfast. The posters will then be distributed around town a week or so before the

event. Anna is working on the ABC liquor license to get permission to serve Mimosas as well. An Easter Basket could possibly be created (by Darlene Prigmore?) to be raffled off at the breakfast.

Meetings

Jan 10: 100th Anniversary Planning

Harry Jackson shared a working draft of the Kiwanis 100th Anniversary Celebration booklet being prepared to pass out on March 17th.



Harry shows the front cover

The booklet will contain articles about our club, including history, fund raising projects, youth organizations we support etc. and recognize our sponsors and supporters along with advertising they have purchased. A page is devoted to each of our anniversary events.

Jan 17: Cindy Brown, Bees

The January 17 speaker was our own Cindi Brown a skilled apiarist. She shared some interesting facts about honeybees, their care and the challenges of taking care of her bees during the last few drought years.



Humans have been practicing apiculture (bee keeping) for a long time. There are images that are 10,000 years old that show honey being collected from bees. Egyptian art shows evidence of domesticated bees 4,500 years ago.

Cindi described the bee's life cycle and the swarming process. The workers prepare a nest for the queen to lay her eggs and eventually a new queen is born. When the new queen has matured and ready to take over, the old queen leaves the hive, taking some of the bees with her. The swarm usually lands in a nearby tree. Cindi tries to keep

them before they move on by luring them into a bee trap and transferring to a new hive.

The drought years were hard for the bees. Cindi's hives were reduced from 6 to 4. There was not enough nectar in the flowers to feed the bees and they suffered greatly from the lack of water.

A healthy bee population is very important for our agriculture and bees need our help. We can help bees by planting pollen producing shrubs and flowers, providing water and using non-toxic pesticides.

Jan 24: Loretta and Jerry Take a Trip!



Loretta and Jerry delivered Chapter 2 of their Mediterranean cruise adventure in a very interesting slide show. Loretta described the second leg of their cruise, following their sail down the Dalmatian Coast. They sailed on to the Greek Islands, first visiting Corfu in the Ionian Sea, then sailing on to Cephalonia, Santorini, and Crete, and finally ending their adventures in Athens.

The nation of Greece is a peninsula surrounded by the Ionic, Mediterranean and Aegean Seas with about 3000 islands, 227 of which are inhabited.

Loretta described the many interesting scenic and historic sites visited including 3500-year-old olive trees planted by the Phoenicians on Corfu, beautiful bougainvillea, and the whitewashed buildings in Santorini. They visited many Orthodox churches, interesting for their architecture, interior décor, art, and religious imagery much different from Roman Catholic churches familiar in the western world.

In Athens they visited the many historic sites, highlighted by Jerry's climb to the top of the Acropolis, an awesome achievement for a gentleman of 89.

Jan 31:

January's social evening meeting was hosted by Dan and Jan Gianni with a blind wine tasting and charcuterie prepared by Patti that were enjoyed by

all. The evening ended with a raffle of unique wines going to the winners.

Club receives large donations of wine

In the past year, thanks to Denny's Cloverdale connections and to Lucy Lewand's generosity we have had two large donations of bottled wine. It was decided that we share some of the wine through a "free" wine raffle drawing at each meeting. Upon arrival at each meeting, attendees will get a raffle ticket and sometime during the meeting there will be a drawing for 1 or 2 bottles of donated wine.

We make no judgement as to the quality of the "raffle wine" and hope that it will be a fun moment at our meetings.



**The first winner, Bob Taylor
Magnum of 1985 Simi Cabernet
Sauvignon in its own wooden box.**

Dictionaries

By Susan Sheehy

Loretta Strong and I, representing Healdsburg Kiwanis, delivered new dictionaries to the 3rd graders at Alexander Valley School today. The kids were delighted. Kiwanis has been debating whether we still should be doing this in the age of Google and computers. But Mrs. Flores said that there is still value in having a real book which they

get to keep and take home. These are really beautiful and engaging dictionaries with thousands of illustrations. The excitement in the classroom was worth it.



**Loretta explains about our
Kiwanis Club and what we do.**



Interclubs

Windsor, January 25

A group of ladies from our club attended a fundraiser for Windsor's Kiwanis Club at the 6th Street Theater in Santa Rosa. Our newest member, Debby Dormire, attended this Interclub activity.



**Nancy Arsenault, Susan Sheehy,
Jan Gianni, Debby Dormire**

Key Club events

The Key Club met for the first time this year to discuss their baking preparations for their Valentine's Day Bake Sale to the Kiwanis Club on February 14th. Please come by on that particular day to help bid on auction items to support our kids. Proceeds probably will be donated to their Senior Grad Night this year, a worthy cause.

Key club members continue to volunteer on regularly scheduled date at the Redwood Food Bank. Our Kiwanis members are encouraged to come along and work side-by-side with the youth to properly learn how to sling a carrot into a netted bag effectively. We can glean a lot from these youthful kids.

\$\$Happy/Sad\$\$

Denny Stead sad he injured his Achilles tendon and will be hobbling around with a boot for a ??time and cannot drive.

Dick Bugarske sad that Joanne must drive. Happy to welcome Debby to the club and for Cindi's interesting presentation about beekeeping.

Debby Dormire happy to finally be a Kiwanis member.

Loretta Strong sad that her mimosa tree fell on their boat during the storm, but happy there was little damage.

George Clough happy for being here.

Susan Sheehy sad for loosing Arnold and Ernie.

Debby Dormire happy to be a member, not a guest.

Wishing Liz a speedy Recovery

Liz Bippart is rehabbing at home following major surgery on her lower leg. The rehab is going well, and we are hoping to see her back soon.

We miss you, Liz!

Healdsburg Kiwanis support recipient achieves success



Anamaria Morales, the College Confectionista, achieved her goal of baking her way through UC Berkeley with a cheesecake business. She graduated last year with no debt. Now she's back in Sonoma County, building her business and gaining national attention. The food Network has tapped her for a new show, "Bake it 'til you Make it."

Anamaria visited us a few years ago as she was entering UCB, asking for our support. Those of us who were at the meeting will recall the huge decadent cheesecake that she brought for all to enjoy.

It is gratifying to note the "no debt" part of the above that our club played a small role in.

A much appreciated letter of thanks and support

The following page contains a letter from Suzanne and Andy Esquivel congratulating us on our 100th anniversary and thanking us for our support of the youth of the community.



Dear Healdsburg Kiwanis,

Congratulations on 100 years of service! Truly each individual member and the club collectively have been integral to creating the Healdsburg community that we love so much. Thank you for dedicating your time, your talents, and your resources. Thank you for supporting families and individuals in need, or frankly just enhancing our lives. From garlic fries to Christmas trees, from scholarships to the support you give again and again – Healdsburg has been so fortunate to have Kiwanians in their midst.

There are so many things we appreciate about Healdsburg Kiwanis! The list is long, but here are some highlights that come immediately to mind.

- Your generosity to Graduation Celebration has been invaluable over many years. Not only were Kiwanis members founders of the event, but your annual support allowed generations of Healdsburg High School students to celebrate safely and without regard for financial means. Those kids, now adults, grew up in a community that loved them and celebrated them.
- Boy Scout Troop 21 has proudly raised and mentored amazing men who have gone out into the world prepared to do good things, to enjoy and protect our planet, and to serve their communities. Thank you for your dedication to Scouts.
- Thank you also for supporting Healdsburg athletes in infinitely many ways – volunteering, sponsoring equipment and uniforms, cheering on the athletes, etc... etc....
- Student of the Month and Key Club at HHS – you had an impact on students with these programs. The recognition they received from you inspired them to achieve and to continue doing well after high school. Your financial support was incredible, but even more meaningful was the encouragement you gave them at every opportunity. You showed them what it meant to be part of a community, to serve others, and to be grateful.
- Your humbleness and kindness were recognized in the moment, and in the precious memories many, many people have of growing up or raising families in Healdsburg.

We thank you personally for your support and encouragement of our three children – Drew, Elisabeth, and Emma. All were recipients of your generosity and your spirit of service. At each milestone and at so many moments in between, Healdsburg Kiwanis was there for them.

So on behalf of the Rotary Club of Healdsburg Sunrise, the Esquivel Family is honored to be a part of your 100 Year Celebration through a gift for sponsorship by the Sunrise Club.

Congratulations and Thank you again and again!

Susanne and Andy Esquivel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susanne and Andy", is written over the printed name.

The Builder - - KIWANIS CLUB OF HEALDSBURG



FIRE AND EARTHQUAKE SAFETY EXPO 2023

Saturday, May 6th 10 AM to 3 PM
Healdsburg Community Ctr. and Grounds
1557 Healdsburg Ave, Healdsburg, CA 95448



- Visitors will learn about the City evacuation map and how to best evacuate
- Free giveaways and lunch, while supplies last
- Activities for kids and the whole family!
- Attend Preparedness Workshops in English and Spanish
- Learn how to protect your home and pets during emergencies
- See Henry 1 helicopter in action
- Meet and interact with emergency responders
- See disaster simulations and live fire suppression demonstrations
- Learn about radio towers, fire cameras and drones
- Much more!



FireEarthquakeSafetyExpo2023

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AT THE FFA PARADE

THURSDAY MAY 25, 5PM - 8PM

LOOKING FOR REPRESENTATION FROM ALL D.32 CLUBS AND ALL 10 CLUBS THAT HEALDSBURG KIWANIS HAS FOUNDED AT THE ANNUAL FFA PARADE IN HEALDSBURG.



To register and participate with us contact
Loretta Strong at (707) 953-6283 today