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Every Hat Has a Story!

Wide-Brim, Sun, Fedora, Panama, Boater, Visor, Beret, Beanie, Newsboy, Bucket, and Felt are just a few of the types of ladies' hats in this world and our own Judy Everett has a wonderful selection of many if not all these types of hats and more!

Assisted by her husband and hats manager, Steve, Judy brought part of her large hat collection to our January 16 meeting. 35-40 hats of a variety of types were displayed on two tables. Each hat had a story and Judy told us about each one as she modeled it, the type, description, origin, where and how she obtained it. She bought many hats in San Francisco, locally and on many journeys to Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Panama, Paris, New York, and other locations.

The birthday hat in the photo was made with the help of friends and weighs 3 pounds including a battery pack. It is uncomfortable to wear for very long and requires attention to posture and balance to keep it on, as do several others she modeled.

Several hats that she modeled were simply named "Fascinator" for obvious reasons.

Judy's collection totals 265 of which 39 are Fedoras.



See the following page for more of Judy's hats.



Judy's 70th birthday hat

Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa.

Meeting Dates:

Feb 6: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Loretta Strong, Tales from the Burg, early 1960's.

Feb 13: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Kaley Efram (Key Club Pres.) HHS Model UN Club & Valentine's Day Sweet's Auction

Feb 15: Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza.

Feb 20: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Healdsburg Kiwanis Futures (Let's Peer Into Our Futures as a Club)

Feb 27: Evening Meeting at 6 pm Monthly social. When Irish Eyes Are Shining

Other February Dates

Feb 10: Steelhead Festival.

Save the Date

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

Mar 24: Pancake Breakfast.

May 23-25: Annual FFA Twilight Parade and Fair.

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 Co-President Richard Bugarske (707-540-1237) or Secretary Liz Bippart (707-227-4314).

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Judy's Hats



Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Officers 2023-2024

Co-Presidents – Loretta Strong (Q1)
Richard Bugarske (Q2),
Susan Sheehy (Q3),
(Q4 open)

President Elect - Open

Secretary – Liz Bippart

Admin. Treasurer- Richard Bugarske

Project Treasurer - Ron Doble

Past President – Dennis Stead

Board of Directors

One Year Term

Barbara Erickson Susan Sheehy

Joanne Kolinski Jan Gianni

Brian Wells

Two Year Term

Debby Dormire

Memorial Scholarship Board of Directors

Dan Maraviglia, Chair

John (Jack) Brandt Randy Collins

Ron Doble Guy French

Vern Loch Dennis Stead

The Builder

Harry Jackson, Editor

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

Debby Dormire 2-7-23

Vern Losh - 2-1-11 (reinstated)

The President's Message 2024

(Some thoughts from 2014 reprised.)

As our lives become busier and the years seem to pass faster, we must always look to each other to help keep our Club strong and moving forward. Our focus remains on strengthening our community and building the relationships within this extremely dynamic Healdsburg Kiwanis Club we have created. Together as a collective team we have the talents, knowledge and willpower to help create a better future for this great community of which we are a part.

Our Club possesses all the qualities necessary to reach farther and deeper to reach the goals we have set for ourselves. Our members are our strength so we should continue to grow as a Club. However, we must keep the common thread of friendship, comradery, and the unpredictable humor that is the backbone of our Club.

Being a member of Healdsburg Kiwanis means getting involved. It's energizing, gratifying, uplifting, and necessary. Being a member lets us all feel that Club heartbeat that makes us special and propels us forward. We survive and grow through our "teamwork" ... and have a lot of fun doing it. Life is short, do things that matter!

Key Club Happenings

We had 5 new students join our Club at the January 29 meeting and they are excited to learn how to do Community Service. Eric and Dick let them know that we Kiwanians know all about that!

Key Clubbers have planned a workday at the Food Bank on Saturday, Feb. 3rd from 9-12 and are inviting any Kiwanians to join them. Kaley Efram, our Key Club Pres. has already set aside reservations, so you just need to show up.

The Key Clubbers have also signed up to help at the Steelhead Festival.



♥ happy ♥
Valentine's
♥ day ♥



Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

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

Administration Management

Financials

- The Administrative Treasurer’s Report was approved. Total Administrative fund assets are \$33,875 allocated as follows:
 - Admin Fund, \$23,875
 - Admin Fund Reserve \$5,000
 - Set Aside \$5,000
 - The Charity Fund: \$619

Admin Business and Service

- Leaves of absences for Pauline Rogers and Carol Feldner were approved.
- Dick reminded us that “Life is short. Do stuff that matters.”
- Dick and Susan will be meeting with a representative from ENZO to discuss future potential.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Grants/Donations/Requests

- Fitch Mountain Elementary School - \$382, for two 5th grade students to visit Walker Creek Ranch from March 4-7, as requested by Principal Erika McGuire.
- Hall of Fame - \$900 available to cover expenses.
- St. Patrick’s Day Celebration - \$2,400 available to cover expenses.

Other Club Business

- The Board discussed hanging a Pancake Breakfast banner on Hwy. 101 again this year. Given the new City requirements, it was decided to forego that option and look for another banner location.

Financials

- The Foundation Financial Report was approved. Total Foundation assets are **\$93,508** allocate as following:

Permanently Restricted

Children's Fund Endowment	\$42,157
Total Permanently Restricted	\$42,157

Temporarily Restricted

One Year Reserve, 15k per year	\$15,000
Scholarship Fund	\$6,525
Jordan Strong Memorial	\$5,070
Total Temporary Restricted	\$26,595

Unrestricted Funds Available **\$24,756**

Total Assets **\$93,508**

Meetings

Jan 9:

With the Lake Sonoma Steelhead Festival just a month away, we took a fresh look at this gem we have in our backyard.

- In 1937, the Russian River experienced extremely heavy flooding that prompted Congress to authorize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to study the feasibility of constructing dams on the river to help control flooding and provide a water supply.
- In 1941, the USACE issued its findings, recommending dams at Coyote Valley in Mendocino County and Dry Creek in Sonoma County.
- It took another 21 years before Congress authorized construction of Warm Springs Dam, and five more years passed before ground was broken in 1967.
- The project had some initial public opposition and Ballot Measure A in 1979 opposed construction of the dam. The measure was soundly defeated by a 3-1 margin.
- Warm Springs Dam was finally completed in 1983 at a cost of \$330 million.
- Today Warm Springs Dam and Lake Sonoma are key assets to the livelihood of Sonoma County. In addition to providing flood control and a supply of water for more than 600,000 people served by the Sonoma



County Water Agency, Lake Sonoma is the largest freshwater recreational area in the North Bay and annually contributes nearly \$12 million to the region's economic base.

One of the main movers in our community during the early years of the project was Milt Brandt. Milt was a Chamber of Commerce Director in 1968 and in the 70's he helped form the group of *Citizens for Community Improvement* and became the Chairperson. He became the point person for building the Dam. The Steelhead Festival, to be held on February 10 this year, supports the Milt Brandt Visitors' Center at Lake Sonoma.

From NOAA:



Steelhead trout are a unique species. Individuals develop differently depending on their environment. All wild steelhead trout hatch in gravel-bottomed, fast-flowing, well-oxygenated rivers and streams. Some stay in fresh water all their lives and are called rainbow trout. Steelhead trout that migrate to the ocean typically grow larger than the ones that stay in freshwater. They then return to freshwater to spawn. Steelhead trout are vulnerable to many stressors and threats including blocked access to spawning grounds and habitat degradation caused by dams and culverts.

NOAA Fisheries is committed to conserving and protecting steelhead trout. Our scientists and partners use a variety of innovative techniques to study, learn more about, and protect this species.

Jan 23: Bob Taylor – Measure H

Bob Taylor, with the support of Healdsburg Fire Chief Jason Boas discussed Measure H which is on the ballot for the March 5th Primary election. Jason is one of our members that we rarely see because he is a very busy guy.



The following information was obtained from a Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association flyer:

The Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association has invested significant resources into exploring a signature-qualified initiative for the March 2024 ballot. The new initiative was written by local firefighters and fire chiefs, who believe the measure addresses a critical need facing Sonoma County and reflects their knowledge of the challenges and needs for fire protection.

The Primary Goal: "Provide for more efficient, effective, and sustainable fire response, paramedic services, and wildfire prevention and response capabilities that protect the health and safety of Sonoma County residents, business owners, and visitors"

The regional plan is based on population density, call volumes, station coverage and special hazards to advance a comprehensive long-term strategy that will:

- Reduce the strain of responding outside of existing boundaries.
- Increase the overall strength of the system.
- Reduce dependence on larger fire agencies.
- Increase capacity for the fire prevention/vegetation management effort with the vegetation.
- Provide management allocation directed towards the fire service,
- Improving recruitment and retention of firefighters county-wide.
- Includes funding for: REDCOM, Lexipol, Red Flag & Winter Storm Upstaffing, and other countywide expenses (e.g. technology), improved paramedic services.

The 1/2 cent sales tax is estimated to generate \$60 million annually to address funding challenges and increase effective firefighting forces available countywide using National Fire Protection Agency standards with a key goal of 3 local firefighters per engine.

Jan 30: Evening social

The comedian Rodney Dangerfield was famous for his snappy one-liners. "I like to hold hands at the movies, which always seems to startle strangers." We paid Homage to Rodney at our January evening social playing a "One Liners" Bingo game designed by Dick Bugarske. All players were winners and took home numerous bottles of wine from our collection.

See back page for Bingo card with one liners.

Bingo Card ID 022

One Liners

Why don't sharks eat clowns? Because they taste funny.	I have kleptomania but I'm taking something for it.	When I was younger I felt like a man trapped inside a woman's body. Then I was born	The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live	My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I am right
A cheese factory exploded in France. Da brie was everywhere.	Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.	What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One's pretty heavy and the other's a little lighter.	I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you	I like Jesus but he loves me, so it's awkward
I tried to catch fog yesterday. Mist.	I used to run a dating service for chickens, but I was struggling to make hens meet.	As a kid I was made to walk the plank. We couldn't afford a dog	Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back	I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting larger. Then it hit me.
What do you call Santa's helpers? Subordinate Clauses.	What do you call a boomerang that won't come back? A stick.	I'm a devout athiest, I don't go to church every Sunday	I was going to tell you a joke about boxing but I forgot the punch line.	If we shouldn't eat at night, why do they put a light in the fridge?
I was very naive sexually. My first boyfriend asked me to do missionary and I headed off to Africa for six months	I was addicted to the hokey pokey, but then I turned myself around.	I had a neck brace fitted years ago and I've never looked back since.	Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt	I like to hold hands at the movies, which always seems to startle strangers.

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

Jerry Strong on the way to Shastina, heavy rain all the way, 7 ½ hours, Fair weather while there, Back home, heavy rain all the way, 7 ½ hours. Went to visit grandchildren, same story.

Debby Dormire happy that her granddaughter Taylor, a volleyball star at Windsor High School, has signed her letter of intent to play volleyball for Lewis and Clark State College in Idaho,

Loretta Strong happy Dick will follow her with number 4 and for Dick's excellent Lake Sonoma and Milt Brandt program.

Judy Everett happy to finally put away her Santa collection for another year, all 1900+ of them.

Cindi Brown happy to be traveling to Mexico to visit son, wife, and granddaughter.

Susan Sheehy happy to discover an unknown cousin living nearby on Ancestry.

Denny Stead sad that Joanne has moved to Florida to care for her sister.

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