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### "Souper Bowl" Supper



**Cindi, Jerry, Loretta & Joandell mark their Bingo cards**

About 30 Lively Kiwanians and invited folks enjoyed a fun evening of soup and socializing at our January 28 evening meeting hosted by Lucy lewand. The \$20 "Souper Bowl" charge included a soup bowl to take home and enjoy and 3 delightful homemade soups: Vegetarian Potato by Diana Blakeley, Beef Barley by Dan & Jan Gianni, Mission Ham & Bean by Lucy Lewand. Plus Artisan Sourdough Bread donated by Debby Dormire and Salad and desert by Patti.

After we enjoyed the meal Lucy called numbers for a Super Bowl Trivia Bingo Game. Melanie Taylor was the first with a full card and Susan Sheehy and Bob Taylor shared second and third.

The event was a mini fund raiser for the Admin. Fund with proceeds as follow:

Souper Bowls	\$610
Raffle	81
Happy/Sad \$\$	<u>41</u>
Total	\$732

The raffle prize was won by Lt. Gov. Adam Lamarre.

Super Bowl Trivia				
Vince Lombardi (Packers SB 1 & II)	Miami & New Orleans	Steelers & Patriots (6 each)	Patriots & Broncos (5 losses each)	Desmond Howard - Packers (1997)
M*A*S*H series finale	Alabama & Purdue	Patiots (11)	Doug Williams	1.3 Billion
Franco Harris (354 Yards-4 Games)	New Orleans	Seven Pounds	Green Bay Packers	Minnesota Vikings
Tiffany & Co.	New England Patriots	Tom Brady (7)	Jim & John Harbaugh	Ken Stabler (1977)
Jets, Bears, Saints, Seahawks, Eagles	Beyonce in 2013	Rihanna (2024)	Tom Brady (Over 500 yards)	Oakland Raiders

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Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa Chanticleer Annex.

#### Meeting Dates:

**Feb 4:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon - Loretta Strong, Farming Pre-Grapes.

**Feb 11:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon -Harry Jackson, trip to Nepal for hydroelectric project.

**Feb18:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon - Fran Schierenbeck & Susan Sheehy

**Feb 20:** Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza 5:30pm gather, 6:00pm Call to order.

**Feb 25:** Evening Social Meeting – TBD.

#### Other February Dates

**Feb 8:** Steelhead Festival at Lake Sonoma.

**Feb 23:** HHS Hall of Fame at the Villa Annex.

#### 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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**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**

Charles Reichel – Feb. 7  
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 February:

Chrystal Silva - 2-5-19  
Debby Dormire 2-7-23  
Vern Losh - 2-1-11 (reinstated)  
Ken Rochioli - 2-28-06 (Reinstated 5/14/24)

**The President’s Message**

Dear Kiwanis Family,

February is the month of love. Not only romantic love but February can be the month of love of community and fellow man. Let’s celebrate the love of our fellow man—a love that drives us to serve, uplift, and make a difference in the lives of those around us. Whether through a kind word, a helping hand, or our ongoing projects, every act of kindness contributes to a stronger, more connected community.



Several upcoming projects that embody this spirit of love and service will be here soon. Mark your calendars for the Steelhead Festival this coming weekend, where we will come together to celebrate our local salmon. Your participation will not only support this great event but also foster camaraderie among our members and the community.

Shortly thereafter we have:

- Valentine’s Bake Sale by the Key Club during our club meeting
- Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Additionally, don’t miss the chance to test your luck at the Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament in June! This fun-filled event promises fun and excitement, all while raising funds for local scholarships. Grab your friends, hone your poker skills, and join us for an evening of fun and philanthropy.

Let’s come together to make our projects a success. Your dedication and enthusiasm are what make Kiwanis a force for good in our community.

President Eric

**Super Bowl Trivia Bingo Players concentrating on the game**



## Board of Director's Meeting – 1-20-2025

*Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart*

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the January 2025 Board meeting:

### Administration Management

#### Financials

- The Administrative Treasurer's Report was approved. The Fund assets are \$27,682. Expenses this month included the annual Kiwanis International dues of \$7,900 and Merry Healdsburg expenses of nearly \$4,000.

### Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

#### Financials

- The Foundation account contains \$107,440. Nearly 6K will be available for a memorial engineering scholarship to Edgar Deas. About \$14K is available for donations this year. A motion was approved to give Ron the authority to open money market accounts for the two CDs that matured last week.

#### Grants/Donations/Requests

- Fitch Mtn. School –\$802 to sponsor 2 students to attend Science Camp at Walker Creek Ranch in March.
- High School Graduation Celebration - \$500.
- Second College scholarship for former HHS student, Sasha Turic – Will be considered along with other scholarships this Spring.
- Kids Scoop Newspaper – Tabled.
- HJH Run for Funds – Declined. Continue the Pancake Breakfast for Seniors.
- Heartizens – Declined.
- St. Patrick's Day – Board passed on the Plaza celebration and will provide craft programs such as fairy houses at the elementary schools instead.

#### President's Update

- Key Club member, Ava Wolske was elected as Lt. Governor at the recent DCM.

#### Note:

Members attending the January 7 meeting voted to increase our quarterly dues to \$55 a quarter. Our website reflects that change and you can pay now the new amount. Please email or text Dick if you have any questions about your dues.

## Meeting Summaries

**Jan 7:** We look back at our lives and our Club 50 years ago.

In 1975:

- The World Population was 4 billion.
- John Mitchel, H. R. Halderman and John Ehrlichman were found guilty of the Watergate Cover-up.
- Gerald Ford was President.
- The Steelers won the Super Bowl, the Reds won the world series, the Warriors won the NBA.
- Popular TV shows:
  - All in the Family.
  - Laverne & Shirley.
  - Bionic Woman.
  - Sanford & Son.
  - Wheel of Fortune debuts.

Dick requested that members send a short sentence or two about our lives in 1975. He included the vignettes in an interesting and educational slide show. Some Examples:

- Susan was teaching in Calistoga. "We bought our first house in Healdsburg on Fuchsia Way for \$33,000".
- Loretta's beloved youngest brother Bob graduated from HHS. He and Jane Rosenberg Deas were co-Valedictorians!
- Harry and Mary were married and moved into their recently purchased flats at 1628 Noe St., San Francisco. Rented out the lower unit and became a landlord – not fun!

**Jan 14:** Dick Bugarske, AI today (Artificial Intelligence) and what it's like to take a ride in a driverless Waymo taxi.



Dick has researched the history and development of the digital transformation that we are living through and prepared PowerPoint summarizing

the advancement of AI since the 1940's and 50's. Here are some of the highlights:

- In 1943 Warren McCarthy and Walter Pitts created the first mathematical neural of a neural network, laying the foundation for later neural network research.
- The term "Artificial Intelligence" was coined by John McCarthy in 1956 for the Dartmouth Conference and is considered the official birth of AI as a Field.
- In 1966 Joseph Wetzenbaum developed ELIZA, one of the first chatbot programs, which simulates conversation by recognizing keywords in input sentences..
- In 1969 Shaky the Robot was developed at the Stanford Research Institute, being one of the first mobile robots to combine perception, reasoning, and action in a unified manner.
- In 1973 The U. S. Government terminated its AI funding, leading to what is later called the "First AI Winter". This period was marked by skepticism due to AI Systems' inability to meet ambitious expectations.
- In the 1980's AI experiences a resurgence through the development of Expert Systems, which mimic human expertise in specific domains.
- In 1997 IBM's Deep Blue defeats world chess champion Garry Kasparov, a significant milestone in AI's ability to handle strategic problem-solving.
- In 2008 Google's self-driving car project began.
- In 2015 Tesla introduces Autopilot, a semi-autonomous driving system showcasing how SI can revolutionize the transportation industry.
- By 2023 advancements continue in fields such as robotics, healthcare, autonomous systems and creativity.

Dick also shared a video, and we took a virtual drive in a Waymo Jaguar.



**Jan 21:** Staff Sgt. Joseph Ladd, US Army Recruiter.

In a very interesting and informative presentation our speaker, US Army Staff Sgt. Joseph Ladd spoke about his life and today's US Army.



Sgt. Ladd was a troubled youth from a dysfunctional family. During his teen years he was continuously in an out of jail for fighting, drugs and other offences. At age 18 he woke up to the reality that he would spend life in prison if he did not make some better choices. After much weighing various choices an Army recruiter persuaded him to join the Army.

His initial assignments following basic training were in supply, spending several years in various supply portions, learning the jobs as they came. Locations included several bases in the US, Germany and Afghanistan and finally back to the Monterey Presidio.

He is now an Army recruiter in Santa Rosa, leading a team of 7 recruiters in Sonoma County. He said that this is the toughest of all jobs he had in the Army. The high school kids are hard sell with negative opinions based on much false and misleading information.

**Jan 18, 2025:** Div 32 DCM

President Eric Frost, Judy Everett, Denny Stead and Susan Sheehy accompanied by HHS Key Club sophomore Eva Wolske, attended the Div 32 DCM on January 18 at the Santa Rosa Salvation Army.

Denny won the orchid raffle and Judy won two raffle prizes. Eva was elected the Lt. Gov for Key Club División 32.

A **Red-Letter Day** all around!



**Judy, Eva, Denny with his orchid, Eric & Susan**



**\$\$Happy/Sad & other Stories**

**Dick Bugarske** happy 2 grandchildren are visiting from Texas.

**Denny Stead** sad to tell Joanne goodbye at the airport at 3am.

**Anna Grant** happy to be over 40 and still make it up the hill.

**Loretta Strong** happy to see narcissus blooming by Jordy'a bench.

**Susan Sheehy** happy to welcome guests Joandell and Chrystal, both prospective new members.

**Patti Robarts** happy Ricks Kidney transplant prospects are looking good and should occur within 6 months.

**Rick Wood:** "I appreciate everyone rooting for me."

**Healdsburg Kiwanis Club  
2025 Events Schedule**

<b>Steelhead Festival at Lake Sonoma</b>	<b>Feb. 8, 2025</b>
<b>HHS Hall of Fame at Villa Annex</b>	<b>Feb. 23, 2025</b>
<b>Pancake Breakfast – Villa Chanticleer</b>	<b>Apr. 13, 2025</b>
<b>Twilight Parade</b>	<b>May 22, 2025</b>
<b>FFA Fair Booth at Rec Park</b>	<b>May 22-24, 2025</b>
<b>Texas Hold'em at Longboard</b>	<b>Jun. 1, 2025</b>
<b>Brandt's Beach BBQ</b>	<b>Aug. 23, 2025</b>
<b>Other events to be determined</b>	