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Kiwanis Update Newsletter Kiwanis International
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THE BEST THING WE DO

One of the biggest impacts we can make on kids and adults today is through our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs): K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K International and Aktion Club. They're often said to be the best thing Kiwanis does.

WHAT'S NEW WITH OUR PROGRAMS

Even during a global pandemic, members in our student programs have developed their leadership skills and helped others in a time of need. Here are a few of their latest projects:

- **Global Leadership Certification.** This free pilot program allows Key Club and CKI members to take courses and earn certification in civic responsibility, strategic leadership and applying their personal passions to volunteering for causes.
- **Virtual meeting kits.** Since September, we've released 10 virtual meeting kits with agendas and activities for K-Kids, Builders Club and Key Club members to use — regardless of whether they're meeting in person or virtually. Topics range from anti-bullying to hunger insecurity to mental health awareness.
- **Networking opportunities.** To prepare CKI members for the workforce, CKI hosted a virtual Kiwanis family networking event with Kiwanians and CKI alumni in various industries.
- **Clean water projects.** Key Club has teamed up with partner Thirst Project to raise money all February long to end the global water crisis. CKI has set a challenge of raising US\$40,000 this year for its WASH project (water, sanitation and hygiene) in collaboration with UNICEF.



Calendar

Meeting Dates:

Mar 2: - Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon – Mark Themig,
Director of Community Services,
City of Healdsburg.

Mar 9: Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon – Tallia Hart
Chamber of Commerce CEO

Mar 16: Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon – Kevin Barr,
Redwood Empire Vineyard
Management.

Mar 18: Board of Directors
meeting
Zoom, 6:00 pm.

Mar 23: Evening meeting,
Zoom 6:45 pm

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex except the last Tuesday of the month is an evening meeting, 6:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting.

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact Anna Grant, President at (707) 836-1615 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314.

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OFFICERS 2019 – 2020

President – Anna Grant
CO-Presidents Elect – Two Richards,
Thomas and Yates (Rowdy)
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Admin. Treasurer- Richard Bugarske
Project Treasurer - Ron Doble
Past President – Terry Kemp

Board of Directors

Harry Jackson Susan Sheehy
Nancy Arsenault Jerry Strong
Jan Gianni Eric Smith
Richard Thomas Barbara Erickson

Memorial Scholarship

Board of Directors

Dan Maraviglia, Chair
John (Jack) Brandt Randy Collins
Ron Doble Guy French
Vern Losh Dennis Stead

The Builder

Harry Jackson, Editor
Arnold Santucci, Sr. Advisor
Richard Iverson, Member

Happy Birthday

Lockie Gillies – March 12
Dorothy Anixter – March 15
Cody Thompson – March 20

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Jack Brandt -3-6-79
Harry Jackson - 3-16-04
Patti Roberts - 3-16-10
Cynthia Brown - 3-23-10
Judith Everett - 3-23-10
Lucy Lewand - 3-23-10
Susan Sheehy - 3-23-10
Deborah Doble - 3-27-12
Kathy Burgess – 3-31-15
Rachelle Jackson – 3-31-15

The President’s Message

March marks 1 year since the COVID and the Shelter in Place Orders changed our way of living. With the death toll from the virus surpassing 500,000, and many of our friends and family having personal experiences with COVID, it is oftentimes hard to think of the positives, but there are some.

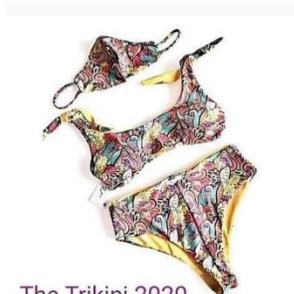
The first positive was we never stopped meeting. We went from the Villa to Zoom, a historical first – and sprinkled in a few socially distanced meeting days at Brandt’s Beach too. Our club has made some positive changes to how we are fundraising in an effort to meet his moment. The Sonoma Sampler boxes that were debuted over Valentine’s Day were a success and will continue. Keep your eyes open for the St. Patrick’s Day and Easter editions, the perfect gift to treat yourself, or send to a friend. Our annual pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday at the Villa might not be on the immediate horizon, but rest assured the Future Planning Committee is working on new dinner for two to-go meals that will be coming to a kitchen near you in the late spring. These fully cooked meals will be packaged for two, and menu items under discussion this moment include a rib dinner, and a peel and eat shrimp dinner. See’s Candy is also a route that the committee has discussed, so get ready for bridge mix and creamy chocolates... I understand the calories don’t count if its chocolate from fundraising, right? Details on all these projects are still being discussed, and you are invited to be a part of the Future Planning & Fundraising meeting, Monday, March 1, 6 pm.

Lastly, I had the joy of volunteering this weekend Feb 27, 2021 at the Alliance Medical COVID vaccine clinic with Terry Kemp (Nancy Arsenault and Henry our key Club President were there too). Over 600 people including seniors, agriculture workers, and even a few Kiwanians were there to receive their second shots. It was a happy occasion, and the feeling in that cold windy parking lot was that things are about to get better and SOON.

Hang in there everyone, we will get through this, and we will come out even stronger.

Anna

Denny’s dumb jokes



The Trikini 2020

DUE TO MY ISOLATION. I FINISHED 3 BOOKS YESTERDAY. AND BELIEVE ME. THAT’S A LOT OF COLOURING.

QUARANTINE DAY?????
TODAY, I MELTED AN ICE CUBE WITH MY MIND JUST BY STARING AT IT. IT TOOK A LOT LONGER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD.

**I’m having a quarantine party this weekend.
None of you are invited**

**HOW MANY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS ENDING IN 2 WEEKS AND YOUR LIFE IS BACK TO NORMAL? RAISE YOUR HAND.
NOW SLAP YOURSELF WITH IT**

Board of Directors Meeting January 2021

Summarized from minutes by Barbara Erickson.

Administration Management

Financials & other Business

- The Admin Fund In bank: \$3,763.62,
- Dues need to paid by some members
- Hoping for “Brandt’s Beach” to happen in August.
- Terry will donate her Presidents’ Fund of \$453. To Admin Fund.
- Chamber of Commerce Membership due - \$160 annually. It was agreed that the Chamber is important . By being a part of the Chamber we have an opportunity to meet possible new members! A motion that we continue our membership was passed.

Barbara suggested that we let our membership know we are members of the Chamber & what it entitles us to. It was suggested that we sponsor a “Networking Meeting” when we’re safe from Covid 19

- Division 32 - A Bill has been received from Lt. Governor Laurie Kneeland for \$1,424 for transportation expenses to attend the various club meetings. In the past, the club has paid \$24 per member. Because no one is traveling now, this amount seems too high. Dick will speak to Laurie regarding this issue.
- Update our By-Laws – Our By-Laws need to be changed to reflect the change to \$45 per quarter dues during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dick will have done the change by next Board Meeting for approval.
- Zoom account – It is absolutely necessary that there be another person on the account in case Dick is unavailable. The annual cost will increase from \$90 to \$150.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

President’s Update

Valentine’s Day Fundraisers

- Lucy’s Sonoma Samplers

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Kiwanis profit</u>
Small	\$25	\$5
Large	\$95	\$10

Samplers can be shipped all over the country. We, Kiwanians, can pick them up to deliver locally. Dick will send out a flyer to the membership.

- Future Fund Raising
 - Possible Fitch Mountain Race
 - Possible FHA Parade & hotdogs
 - Possible Brandt’s Beach

Foundation Financial Reports & Business

- 2020 – 2021 Budget
 - Jordy’s Memorial Fund \$4,970 – Loretta & Jerry will decide what to do with it. Loretta is checking on the price for a bench & placard at Giorgi Park.
 - The Fall Pledge Drive raised \$14,369. Waiting for Liz for decisions as to what to do with the money.
- Requests for Donations/Funding
 - Boys & Girls Club – it costs \$250 per week, per child. Our club has been intermittently supporting the Boys Club since 1950’s. Our members redid and refreshed the gym at that time. We are looking at partnering with them more consistently. CHILDREN WILL BE NEEDING LOTS OF HELP
- Key Club – 20 kids showed up for Key Club on 1/28/21
- Other fund raisers
 - Oliver’s Market - Susan Sheehy is joining their Community Club. If you join the Community Club - 3% of the dollars you spend will come back to Healdsburg Kiwanis.
 - Amazon Smile - Money is paid out quarterly.

Committee & Event Update

- DCM - 50 + attended from Northern & Southern California. ANNA WILL BE NEXT YEARS LT. GOVERNOR!
- Foundation Legacy Fundraisers
 - St. Patrick’s Day - March 17, 2021 (Project Fund)
 - Pancake Breakfast - March 28, 2021 (Project Fund). Boy Scouts only made 50% of what they normally make. Cloverdale is doing theirs free / make a donation. Possibly doing it in our Plaza; having a box with all the goodies to make your own pancake breakfast!
 - Brandt’s Beach BBQ - August 2021 (Legacy Fund)
 - Safety Fair - September 2021 (Project Fund)

Board of Directors Meeting February 2021

Summarized from minutes by Barbara Erickson

Administration Management

Financials & other Business

- The Admin Fund currently holds \$4,591.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

President's Update

Anna announced that K members who would like to volunteer with local vaccine coordination/distribution/appointment calls can contact Anna by text at 619-307-9006.

Foundation Financial Report

- The Club's checking account balance is currently \$85,975. The Reserve Fund contains \$45,000 for the next three years at \$15,000 per year.
- The Children's Legacy Fund drive raised \$16,081 that will be matched dollar for dollar.
- The Scholarship Fund had a very good investment outcome last year, earning over 13% for the portfolio that now contains \$523,809. The Scholarship Committee approved \$15,000 for this year's scholarships.

Committee Work

- The recent fundraiser by Sonoma Sampler, provided by Lucy Lewand, raised \$140 for Valentine's Day baskets. Lucy will continue the project with St. Patrick's Day baskets, as well as Mother's/Father's Day baskets.
- Denny Stead is working on bringing See's Candies to a Healdsburg location. He and Anna will meet to confirm plans for sales in a local storefront. The sales will benefit our club and hopefully increase traffic for the store. More information to come.
- Brainstorming meeting regarding Drive-Thru meals: Monday, March 1st at 6 PM. Anna will send the Zoom invitation.
- FYI: Brandt's Beach proceeds will now support the Children's Legacy Fund.
- The Safety Fair will support the Project Fund.
- Pancake Breakfast may be pushed to May.
- Our club will sponsor a corn dog drive-thru for Friends of the Healdsburg Senior Center on April 1st. A number of members have already volunteered to assist with the operation.

- Dick/Nancy and the Key Club will meet at Giorgi Park on Wednesday, March 3rd for a park clean-up.

Tuesday Zoom Meetings

Feb 2: - Garrett Perdigao, Recreation Supervisor, City of Healdsburg Community Services

Garret is the City's director for the CampHBG 2.0 Distance Learning Care program. The program provides Support for Working Families During COVID-19. Students in grades TK-5 are given the opportunity to complete their virtual learning in a supervised environment and parents can return to work, assured that their children are in the right place.



The program:

- Began August 19, 2020.
- Partnering with Healdsburg Unified School District and Corazon Healdsburg.
- 110 participants enrolled, 13 area schools.
- Requires coordination between school administration, teachers and program staff.
- Staffing (part time) - 44 program staff, 5 faculty attendants.
- Close collaboration and contact with Sonoma County Health Department.

Here is some feedback from program participants:

Elizabeth Solorzano and Ruben Sanchez, parents of a child in the program:

"Jacob's dad and I have to work and being able to trust the place we send Jacob each day gives us a peace of mind that we could not know what to do without. We are so grateful for Camp HBG 2.0 and truly hope that it will continue to be a place for Jacob to thrive until school can be reopened safely."

Alexa Mondragon, age 9 and participant in the program:

"I like coming because it's fun and the staff can help us with our homework when we need help."

CampHBG Distance Learning is made possible thanks to generous support of community

businesses, service clubs (including Healdsburg Kiwanis) and individuals. \$362,000 was raised for the summer and fall program.

Spring semester 2021 began January 4 and a fundraising campaign is underway. Goal– The campaign is currently \$82,000 short of goal of \$150,000 but working toward a \$20,000 match.

Feb 9: – Laurie Kneeland, Division Lt. Gov.

Laurie closed the Cloverdale Mail Center on June 30 of last year and looked forward to slowing down and enjoying her retirement and the time for put off pursuits. But that did not last! Pennylee’s second term as Lt. governor was ending and no candidates had stepped forward for her replacement. If our Division could not field a Lt. Governor, it would be split up and each club would be assigned to other Divisions, a troubling possibility. So, Laurie was persuaded to accept the challenge.



Lauri talked about the challenges of the office during COVID pandemic – the limitations of Zoom, not being able to meet with members face to face etc. She also discussed what other clubs are doing during the pandemic. Cloverdale had their December Crab feed in a drive thru format. Both the Cloverdale and Ukiah Clubs are planning drive thru pancake breakfasts. Our club fund raising plans were also discussed.

Feb 16: – Jeff Kay, Healdsburg City Manager

We welcomed Jeff Kay, our new Healdsburg City Manager and, we learned about Jeff’s background, his journey to Healdsburg and his vision for the future of Healdsburg.



Jeff joined the City of Healdsburg staff in January 2021. He previously worked for the City of San Leandro, a City of 90,000 residents, 435 employees and an operating budget of \$190 million. In 11 years in San Leandro, Jeff served as Economic Development Manager, Assistant City Manager, and City Manager for the final three years.

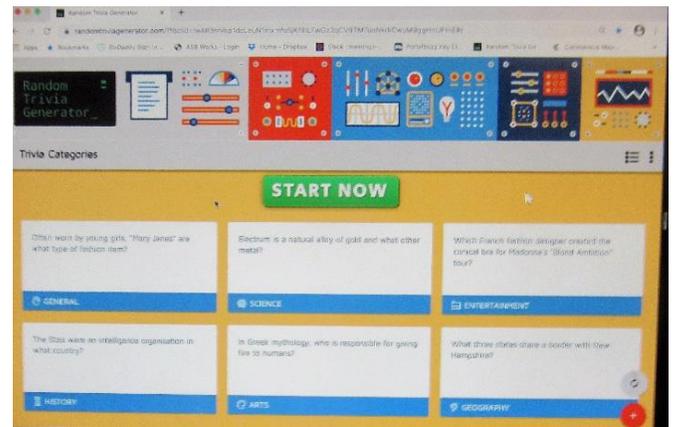
Jeff holds a bachelor’s degree from Vassar College and a master’s degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

As City Manager, Jeff routinely received many recruiting flyers from other cities. But the photo on Healdsburg’s recent flyer “really grabbed me.” Upon visiting he was impressed by the hospitality of the community and city staff and “the quality of the things going on.”

Jeff’s immediate challenges are dealing with wildfire and pandemic issues and the budget. Financial challenges are temporary because of reduced TOT revenue during the pandemic compared to permanent structural problems in other cities. Otherwise, Healdsburg’s budget is relatively stable. Jeff has developed a comfort level with the conduit between the City Council and staff.

Feb 23: - Evening Zoom

With no scheduled speakers or other pressing business, the meeting was spent with a trivia quiz competition led by Dick Bugarske.



Men and women teams competed, and the women’s team triumphed with Anna demonstrating her vast trivia knowledge.

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