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# St. Patrick's Day Celebration Bigger and Better Celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



#### Kiwanis had something for everyone

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration hosted by the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club and the City of Healdsburg on the downtown plaza in Healdsburg was a fun-filled event with something for everyone. An estimated 900 to 1000 folks showed up to enjoy the festivities featuring live music by Tempest, a high-energy Celtic rock band from the San Francisco Bay Area and two performances by the West Shiloh Step Dancers.

Adding to the merriment and shenanigans were Gaelic games with prizes, Irish storytelling, face painting, fairy house building kits for children and more. Free 'lucky charm' popcorn, Irish green bagels with cream cheese, and green apple juice, were all provided by the Healdsburg Kiwanis club as part of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Thanks to the Healdsburg schools for dismissing students early so many of the kids enjoyed the activities. One of the favorites for the younger kids was the creation of fairy houses. Susan Sheehy created this craft project, collecting all the material and managing the event. She was happy to report that all the 160 logs that her helpers collected and cut into 8" lengths to form the building core were used.

More Photos on following pages.



Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa unless noted otherwise.

#### Meeting Dates:

**Apr 4**: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Pancake Breakfast Followup Meeting.

Apr 11: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Jennifer Sawhney, Columnist for the Press Democrat. Apr 13: Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza.

**Apr 18:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Bobbi Barnett, Volunteer Coordinator, The Living Room.

**Apr 25**: Evening Meeting at 6 pm Evening with Scout Troop 21. Become a scout for the night!.

# **Other April Dates**

Apr 2: Pancake Breakfast.

# Save the Date

May 6: Fire and Earthquake Expo. May 25-27: Annual FFA Twilight Parade and Fair.

Jun 18: Fitch Mountain Foot Race.

Aug 26: Brandt's Beach BBQ

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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The Tempest Celtic rock band



The West Shiloh Step Dancers





Jan & Loretta celebrating



Face painting



The Fairy House creation shop



Barbra & Nancy

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#### **Happy Birthday**

Martin Silge – April 14 Gary Plass – April 16 Paulene Rogers – April 20 Guy French – April 24

## **Kiwanis Anniversaries**

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

John Dayton: 4-2-91 Todd Brandt: 4-7-01 Richard Norgrove: 4-7-96 Dan Maraviglia: 4-8-97 Guy French: 4-12-05 Dennis Stead: 4-13-99 Brian Wells: 4-20-10 Richard Yates: 4-20-10

### The President's Message

As I am sitting here writing the President's message, we are preparing for our 68th Pancake Day. A big one it will be! Jan has been working as busy as a rabbit getting ready for a "bigger and better" one. (A thread running through all our events during our 100th year celebration.) Meanwhile, we are coming off a whiz banger of a March Madness Month. The BIG



deal was our St. Patrick's Day celebration in the Plaza. It was super big and super fun. The city "Bosses" even said it was the best ever! We also had a coming out party that day, our 36-page Anniversary Celebration Booklet. Wait till you see it. It is a beauty. Harry is as proud of it as a new dad...and he should be!

We had a visit from our Governor. We started a new program called 100 Acts of Kindness. You will hear more about this later. Nancy and the Key Club collected enough socks to fit every homeless person in the County with 2 pair.



Last, but not least, was a real fine "Social Night", put together by Lucy at Costeaux's Bakery on Tuesday night. If you were not there (45 were), you missed a great evening. We were the guests of the Will Seppi family.

That's about it for now, hope I see you at breakfast!

President Denny





# **Board of Directors Meeting**

Summarized from minutes by Nancy Arsenault

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

#### Administration Management

#### <u>Financials</u>

- The Administrative Treasurer's Report was approved. Total Administrative fund assets are \$31,942 allocated as follows:
  - ➢ Admin Fund, \$26,461
  - Admin Fund Reserve \$5,000

$\triangleright$	The Charity Funds:	
	Rowdy Yates	\$218
	Denny Stead	\$263

- The Healdsburg Tourism Improvement District fund is currently at \$8,675.
- There is \$133 due by 3/31/23 for the registration of the trailer.

#### Admin Business and Service

- A motion was approved to donate \$100 to support the Healdsburg Police Officers' Association
- Lucy Leward shared a proposal for the 2023 Public Relations and Promotion Update. A motion was approved to consider this Public Relations Promotion Update during the month of March and reconvene at the April meeting to discuss the contents.

#### **Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation**

#### Grants/Donations/Requests

- Rotary \$500 to support their Climate Fest Earth Day at the plaza on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Wine Country Radio \$2,800 for the balance due to advertise for the Safety Fair Expo Event.
- KRVC is giving us \$1,200 airtime for the Expo which in turn will get them advertising for the Expo.

**Financials** 

• The Foundation Financial Report was approved. Total Foundation assets are **\$79,256** allocate as shown below:

#### 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	\$11,212		
Dormire Scholarship	\$3,548		
Jordan Strong Memorial	\$5,070		
Total Temporary Restricted	\$34,830		
Unrestricted Funds Available	\$9 <b>,</b> 757		
Total Assets	\$79,256		

#### President's Update:

- We have been fundraising for the Expo and the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary.
- 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary sponsorship requests have been sent out to Kiwanians with \$9,150 donated and packets were sent out to local businesses with \$3,700 received for a total of \$12,850 to support our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events.
- Expo sponsorship request packets were sent with the total amount raised of \$15,250.
- The May 5th Fire Expo food will be hot dogs provided by Rotary Club and bowls of chili provided by Kiwanis Club. Water and extras will be donated from Safeway and other businesses.

#### Update on Events

• **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. Mini bagels with green cream cheese will be served along with Lucky Charms popcorn by Patty. Games with prizes and a face-painting station will be available from 10:30- 2:30. A band along with the Shiloh dancers will perform from 12:00-1:30.

- The 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. We also will ask a 4H Club student or boy scout to consider being Wendell the Rabbit at the plaza the day before the event to advertise the breakfast. Those wucky kids. Also, Warm Springs 4H Club had a Pancake Breakfast Poster Contest judged by Kiwanians. The winner earned a free pancake breakfast for each member of his family. Congratulations! The posters will be distributed around town a week or so before the event. Anna and Leslie from Milestone Management (managing the Villa) are working on the ABC liquor license to get permission to serve Mimosas. Two Easter baskets will be created by Darlene Prigmore to be raffled off at the breakfast.
- Expo Safety Fair: We continue to receive applications for vendors to attend the event. Parking, monitors, and other details continue to be worked on. The superintendent is giving permission to use the high school parking lot as an overflow lot to shuttle people to the event. The county will donate 2 buses to transport guests to the event to run every 15 minutes from the school to the community center with starting and ending times to be determined.
- **FFA Fair**: This month we should get approval for a mobile 40' stage, musicians, games, prizes, and children's events. Information for the parade itself was sent to other clubs to participate along with us. The FFA counsel will gather to choose a new Grand Marshall in the near future and an announcement will be made.
- Fitch Mountain Footrace: We are fundraising currently. We are meeting next Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon to continue work on this event.

# Meetings

Mar 7: from Reach for Home, Angie Escudero

Director of Development

Reach for Home's programs provide opportunities and support for participants to work toward selfsufficiency, independence and permanent housing. Participants team with a case manager to help resources and access services that will help





them make necessary changes in their lives. Furthermore, the program offers participants the opportunity to gain self-confidence and to become self-sufficient. Participants live in Windsor, Healdsburg, Cloverdale and Geyserville.

The Reach for Home Program is based on three main pillars: Street Medicine and Outreach, Housing and Eviction Diversion. The goal of the programs is for clients to create a path to find long-term housing, generate income, and build functional life skills.

**Mar 14**: Kristine Loomis, Sonoma County Water Agency

Kris Loomis, senior program specialist for the Sonoma Water District, presented an overview of how current rainfall impacts the drought status in our community and state.

After a series of atmospheric river storms in January 2023, our region's water supply reservoirs are near full. This is especially exciting after three years of low rainfall and diminishing surface water resources at Lakes Sonoma and Mendocino.

While it is important to celebrate this positive change and applaud our community's water saving efforts, it is also important to recognize that drought will continue to be a regular occurrence in California. Our communities must continue to apply lessons learned from drought years if we are going to achieve the needed balance between water for people, for fisheries, and for other essential

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environmental and economic services that our waterways provide. The path to get us there includes continued efficiency gains and the elimination of wasteful practices. In fact, if there is a single take away lesson from the last few years, it is the reminder that during drought, or during years with abundant rain, there is never enough to waste.

**Mar 21:** Club Business - Update St. Patrick's Day Event and Pancake Breakfast Planning

The 100th Anniversary Booklets were made available and offered for a \$10 donation. A total of \$420 was raised for the Scholarship Fund. Over 100 kids got their faces painted and over 150 fairy houses were made. A professional photographer took about 100 photos which are available to view on our Healdsburg Kiwanis website. It was a wonderful day!

Dick Bugarske assembled the photos and showed them in a PowerPoint show at the meeting.

**Mar 28**: Evening Meeting at Costeaux Fresh Bakery and Cafe - Social meeting and opportunity to discover a local treasure.



A crowd of about 45 enjoy the party



A spread of delicious treats



The Strongs and Giannis always enjoy a good party



Marte & Ellen Silge visit with Nancy Arsenault

Thank you Lucy Lewand for organizing the party and our hosts, Will Seppi and his family for a great evening.

# Patti Robarts Receives the Distinguished Service Award

Nominated by President Denny Stead, Patti Robarts received the Healdsburg Kiwanis Distinguished Service Award in absentia at the recent CHN Governor's visit.



Patti was nearly(?) speechless when Denny surprised her with the Award at our Costeaux's party



Patti holds a photo of Governor Valarie Brown-Klingelhoefer presenting the award

# Scholarships



The 2022 Vocal Scholarship winners

It's almost that time of year for our scholarship committees to be receiving and evaluating scholarship applications from HHS graduating seniors.

### Socks!



Reach for Home volunteers accept our donation of over 100 socks for the homeless

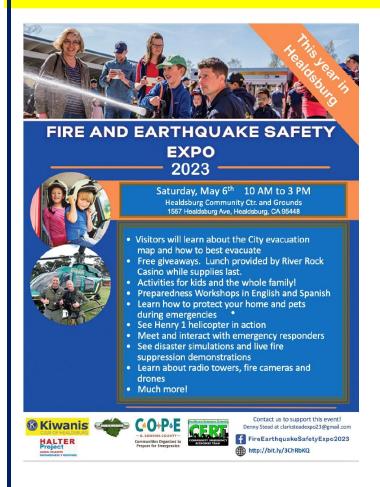
# \$\$Happy/Sad\$\$

Liz Bippart happy to be getting her new leg.

Loretta Strong a happy \$10: have never seen an event like the Bigger and Better St. Patrick's day celebration.

Harry Jackson happy for testing COVID negative on St. Patrick's day morning and staggering down to the plaza to enjoy the festivities.

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