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St. Patrick's Day Celebration 2024 Kiwaniis had something for everyone



Lucy, Lockie and Denny award prizes to the game players

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. Hundreds of families showed up to enjoy the festivities featuring live music by the Irish News Boys' band and two performances by the Shiloh Step Irish Dancers.

Adding to the merriment and shenanigans were Gaelic games with prizes, 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.

Denny Stead obtained over 500 toys from Toys-for-Tots for the game prizes and nearly all of them were won by the game playing kids.

For the second year, the younger kids enjoyed the creation of fairy houses. Susan Sheehy created this craft project, collected all the material, and managed the event. She was happy to report that about 200 happy kids were pleased with their creations.

Great thanks to our partner, the City of Healdsburg, for their support. And thanks to the many attendees for expressing their appreciation and filling the tip jar with over \$400.

More photos on the following page.



Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa.

Meeting Dates:

Apr 2: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Warm Springs 4-H - Government Presentation.

Apr 9: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Warm Springs 4-H - Leadership Presentation.

Apr 16: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Harry Jackson - A Journey Through the Generations - Family Stories, Part 2.

Apr 18: Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza.

Apr 23: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Drs. David Anderson & Walt Maack - Challenges of Opiates in society and locally.

Apr 30: Monthly evening meeting at the Raven Theater as part of HHS Scholarship Night. (Time TBD).

Save the Date

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

Jun 2: 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 Co-President Susan Sheehy (707-326-2712) or Secretary Liz Bippart (707-227-4314).

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Pancake Day 2023



The 69th annual Healdsburg Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast was held on Palm Sunday, March 24 at the Villa Chanticleer. An estimate of about 400 hungry people enjoyed all-you-can-eat pancakes (plain, chocolate chip or blueberry) with real maple syrup, sausage, scrambled eggs, pineapple, juice and coffee.

This year's event was chaired by Debby Dormire and Liz Bippart who did a wonderful job of putting it all together. They were assisted by an army of hard-working crew of many mixers, cooks and servers working in two shifts. Also, pitching in were members of HHS Key Club, Warm Springs 4-H, and Scout Troop 21.

Major donations of supplies were furnished by Starbucks (coffee), Big John's Market (eggs, sausage, pancake mix, orange juice), and Anna and Michael Grant (pineapple). Bob's Signs again donated their expertise of updating our banners that are placed at Bell's Ambulance, Garrett ACE Hardware, and new this year at Rec Park.

Mimosas were prepared and served by expert bartenders Jan Gianni and Kelly Keller.

A gift basket raffle was again arranged by Darlene Prigmore. Lucy and Darlene each made and donated beautiful 2 raffle baskets for a total of four. Raffle tickets were sold at the door and the proceeds of \$405 supplemented the event income. The pancake breakfast remains a major fund raiser. Total net proceeds from the event are estimated at \$3,600. Tip jars at the main table and the mimosas bar yielded \$266.

Wendell the Rabbit, portrayed by a Scout volunteer sat on a bench underneath a white flowered arch for photos with the kids.

The Warm Springs 4-H Club Pancake Breakfast Poster Contest only had two entries. Pancake breakfast. Tickets were awarded to both.



The early shift flippers Eric, Tim & Ron



The Wendell the Rabbit helps out



Denny & Nancy serve pancakes

More Pancake Breakfast photos by Susan, Debby & Harry.



**Harry has the messiest job
You should see the apron at end of shift**



Michael slices and dices pineapple



Loretta and Jerry serve it up



Anna serves pineapple



4-H kids help Lucy at the Basket Raffle



**Jim flips at the inside chocolate pancake
griddle (the rotary griddle crew refused the
chocolate)**

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 Dennis Stead

Ron Doble Guy French

Dan Gianni Richard Yates

The Builder

Harry Jackson, Editor

Happy Birthday

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 to the Troops

We have had a busy March with two fantastic, well received events. How do we do this? We all agreed that this St. Patrick's Day was the best yet. The only thing lacking was better publicity in the local paper and Barbara Erickson is on it. She contacted the paper and is hoping that the squeaky wheel technique gets them to recognize that St. Patrick's Day was more than just a parade. A lot was happening on the Plaza. The bottom line is that we are doing it for the kids and their smiles were really all we needed, and we got lots of those.



The count of guests at the Pancake Breakfast was a little over 400. Lots of rave reviews on the food. We had several kinds of pancakes: blueberry, chocolate chip and plain. The Boy Scouts and Warm Spring's 4-H kids are such good helpers. It's a team effort and we do it well.

This coming month we will need your help in gathering raffle items, finding dealers and players to sign up for our first ever Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on June 2nd. If we do this right, we could make up to \$15,000.

Jim Luchessi is the guy to contact if you know of someone who could be a dealer. We will have a practice/learning session soon for those who want to try. The top 8 players get to pick from the fabulous raffle items you are going to find. Bring the gift certificates or contact info to Nancy Arsenault or me.

All hands-on deck!

Susan

Kiwanis evening at Robert Young Winery

Our March evening social hosted by Susan Sheehy was held on March 26 at the Robert Young Winery Scion House. About 30 members and guests enjoyed the pleasant spring evening, friendly conversation, fine Robert Young wine, and delicious potluck treats.



More photos on back page.



Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

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

Administration Management

Financials

- The Administrative Treasurer's Report was approved. Total Administrative fund assets are \$34,618 Allocated as follows:

Admin Fund	\$24,382
Admin Fund Reserve	\$10,000
President's Charity Funds	<u>\$236</u>
	\$34,618

Dick commented that while last year, the unique 100th celebration, thanks to Denny, going forward looks to be stable and straight forward.

Admin Business and Service

- Carolyn Wright, Melanie Taylor, and Larry Unsworth were approved to become new members.
- The nomination of Eric Frost for 2024/25 Club President was approved.
- The purchase of a \$100 "business card" ad for the Healdsburg Chorus annual program was approved.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Financials

- The Foundation Financial Report was approved. Total Foundation assets are **\$87,891** allocate as below:

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	\$6,696
Jordan Strong Memorial	\$5,070
Total Temporary Restricted	\$27,067

Unrestricted Funds Available \$18,667

Total Assets **\$87,891**

Grants/Donations/Requests

Payments of \$250 to each of the four following requests were approved:

- HJH Run for Funds
- Alliance Medical Center
- Graduation Celebration
- AV Film Scholarship

Other Business

- A payment of \$144 for trailer space at the FFA Fair was approved.
- Susan reported that dealers and a pit boss are needed for the Texas Hold 'Em event.
- The club will provide a pancake breakfast for 100 HJHS 8th Grade graduates on June 6th. Loretta will once again organize the event.
- Loretta shared a photo of the beautiful carved bench created by Jim Schmitt for the Jordy Strong Memorial. A motion to pay Jim Schmitt \$3,500 for the project was approved.

Meetings

Mar 5: Harry Jackson – A Journey Through the Generations - Family Stories.

Harry is in the process of developing the story of his family ancestry. The chronicle includes separate stories of each of his grandparents, one of his great grandmothers, and his own parents. His power point presentation showed photographs from family albums, other family information, and several anecdotes from the separate stories. Here is one of them about great grandmother Minnie Hansen:

Minnie's journey: In 1879, Minnie was engaged to Duran Boynton, a member of a Ferndale dairy family, and she traveled to San Francisco to buy her wedding dress. While there she met and married Charles Henry on December 14, 1879.

At some point, the couple left San Francisco and traveled to Fresno where daughter Etta (Harry's grandmother) was born in May 1881. Soon after, Minnie and Charles separated, and Charles was not heard from again. Minnie returned to Ferndale with Etta, and they lived with Minnie's parents for several years.

Duran Boynton eventually forgave Minnie, and they got back together and were married on February 17, 1890. They had a son and daughter and lived together for over 40 years on the family dairy farm near Ferndale until Minnie's death in 1933.

Harry discussed the unanswered questions about the mysterious Charles Henry and unsuccessful attempts (so far) to find more information. More on this on April 16.

Mar 12: Tim Madura, American Legion - Boys and Girls State.

The American Legion Boy's and Girl's club is among the most respected and selective education programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of local, County and state government. Boy's and Girl's State has been a program of the American legion since 1935 when it organized to counter the Fascist inspired Youth Pioneer Camps.

American Legion California Boys & Girls State Program offers a hands-on, realistic experience in civic responsibility to high school students prior to entering their senior year of high school. As our leaders of tomorrow, we attempt to instill in them the privileges, responsibilities, and duties of American Citizenship. The program became co-ed in 2023.

<https://boysstatecalifornia.org/>

Tim discussed the local Post 111 Legion's roll in the Boys and Girls State program. Last year the Post sent 13 Healdsburg and Windsor juniors to the program and hope to send at least that number this year. The students are selected from recommendations of their teachers.

This year's program will be held on June 15-22 at Sacramento State. The cost per student is \$500 that includes the \$50 registration fee, accommodations, and meals.

Mar 19: Celebrating 99th Anniversary of Key Club (Originated in Sacramento, CA in 1925)

We welcomed our speakers of the day, Key Club President and Sect./Treasurer, Kaley Efram and Sasha Turic. In a prepared Power Point presentation, they talked about their experiences at HHS as students and as Key Clubbers, with slides listing their activities year by year. Both are seniors and have applied for admission to 10-12 colleges, and they described the grueling application process. They have both received acceptance letters from most but are waiting for other responses.

Division Council Meeting (DCM)

Denny Stead and Harry Jackson represented our club at the March 9 Division 32 DCM.

The Mardi Gras Madness themed event was held at the Chop's Teen Club in Santa Rosa, a modern, 21,000 square foot facility open to all Sonoma County 7th - 12th grade students after school and on weekends.

During the roll call of clubs, each club representative reported on their recent club activities and upcoming events.

Speakers included:

- Melissa Stewart, Chops Teen Club

Chop's Teen Club is a free choice facility where teens can experience any number of different program areas during their time here. The mission of Chop's Teen Club is to provide a safe, fun and productive place where Sonoma County teens engage, connect and discover their true potential.

- Sue Bryne, 6th Street Playhouse

Sue is a founding member of the 6th Street Playhouse and has served on the Board of Directors since it opened in 2005. She described the function and the various programs offered. The playhouse offers a program for youth interested in theater and it is available to members of Chops. The theater is across 6th street from Chops.

- Luca Matei, Luca's Sweets & Treats

Luca, a young man of 12 who started his business at age 9 making hot cocoa bombs, then expanding to chocolate truffles. He is a 6th grader at St. Rose School, Favorite subjects are English and math. He loves water polo and making chocolate truffles. Boxes were for sale.

- Adam Lamarre, Comedian & VP of North Bay Kiwanis

Adam started pursuing a career as a professional standup comedian last December. He treated us to one of his acts.

Key Club Happenings

Several Key Clubbers volunteered for the St. Patrick's Day celebration and to help at the Pancake Breakfast. Some students did face painting.

At the March 4 Key Club meeting, we captured our initial group of students who are interested in being next year's leaders. All main Officer positions have at least one student who signed up to run for each office. We will have a new slate of officers for next year by the end of March.

Scholarships

Dick Bugarske recently visited Shelly Anderson at the Healdsburg High Career Center and discussed our 2024 Kiwanis Scholarships. Several applications have been turned in so far.



The Senior class is small this year compared to previous years when classes were 2-3 times larger. So, we won't have the 30-40 applications like we once had. We should be receiving the applications soon and we will be able to begin our selection process with Loretta at the helm.

Our club's April 30 evening meeting will be held at the Scholarship Awards Ceremony at the Raven.

A note from Pennylee:

Anna had fun at Santa Rosa Kiwanis' 6th Street Playhouse fundraiser Wednesday evening. "Million Dollar Quartet." There was dancing both in seats and out! Past Lt. Governor Laurie Kneeland gave Anna & Penny a run for our money! Fantastic show and fun night! President Dave Kronberg shared a beautiful dedication to Diane Norgrove, with all of Diane's daughters and her sister in the house.



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

Debby Dormire happy that grandson Freshman Tanner is on the Windsor High Golf Team and off to Chico for a tournament.

Cindi Brown happy that cancer is out of her body. Will be undergoing radiation treatments.

Loretta & Jerry Strong encountered an alligator on their Mississippi Delta cruise.

Anna Grant happy to be back after successful surgery.

Patti Robarts happy that Rick received a favorable report from his cardiologist.

More evening at Robert Young Winery Photos

