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Third Graders create Fairy Houses

by Dick Bugarske



Susan explains how to build the Fairy Houses

Last night our grandchildren were all excited about the "Blood Moon" and then this morning we gave a nod to PI Day (March 14th). Then in the early hours of the morning, a few of us arrived at Fitch Mt. School in the rain and unloaded the back of Susan Sheehy's car. By 8:10 am, we began 4 delightful hours helping over 80 third graders make Fairy Houses. Susan, Joandell, Lucy and I were joined by two Friends of Kiwanis and the magic began. Major tip-of-the-shamrock hat to Susan for gathering all the materials. A labor of love for sure. So, leaning into the "Luck of the Irish", each child walked away with a unique Fairy House, and we can't wait to hear their stories.

This year we decided to bring the St. Patrick's Day celebration to the children rather than the party at the Plaza. We also left over 100 toys for the school to distribute. We were there today because the schools are on Spring Break next week.



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Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa Chanticleer Annex.

Meeting Dates:

Apr 1: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Harry Jackson – Nepal, Khimpti Hydroelectric Project.

Apr 8: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Lucy Lewand – "Habits".

Apr 15: Regular Meeting at 12, noon – Open

Apr 17: Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza 5:30 pm gather, 6:00 pm Call to order.

Apr 22: Regular Meeting at 12 noon. Jane Farkas – Fashion Show in China.

Apr 29: Evening Meeting – Scholarship Night

Other April Dates

Apr 6: Pancake Breakfast – Villa Chanticleer.

Save the Date

May 22: Twilight Parade

May 22-24: FFA Fair Booth at Rec Park

Jun 1: 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.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Officers 2024-2025

President Elect – Eric Frost
President Elect (open)
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

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 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

One of my favorite quotes is attributed to Sir Isaac Newton when he said:

“If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.”

All of us are the beneficiaries of those that have gone before us. Someone paved the way for us so that our today is better than it might otherwise have been. This sentiment is reflected in the anonymous quote of:

“Those who have gone before us have paved the way, their sacrifices and wisdom lighting our path, reminding us that we stand on the shoulders of giants.”

More than 100 years ago, members of our club attended a meeting in the Annamay Team Room, a room above the storefront of the old Rexall Drug Store at 507 4th Street, in Santa Rosa. From that meeting the Kiwanis Club of Santa Rosa was born. For over 100 years the efforts of our former members have benefited a wonderful group of people in our neighboring city.

In a similar way, Dick Bugarske has reminded us that all the parks in Healdsburg have some connections to Kiwanis and Kiwanians. Maybe this legacy will give us today a spark to look for future ways to benefit our local parks. But there will be more to come about this.

For the moment, we are focused on our Pancake Breakfast on April 6. This will be a great time to invite friends and family to come enjoy a community breakfast. Without a doubt, many will come, many will help, and all will feel better for it. It is great to be a Kiwanian and stand on the shoulders of giants.

President Eric

We welcome a new member, Joandell Hahn

Joandell was installed as our latest Healdsburg Kiwanis member at our March 18 meeting by her friend and sponsor Loretta Strong who was also serving as president for the day.

Joandell is no stranger having frequently attended our meetings with her late husband Kurt who passed away in 2017, and recently with her friends. So, she needed no orientation to Kiwanis and is eagerly looking forward to helping with our activities.



Board of Director's Meeting – 3-20-25

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

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

Administration Management

Financials

- The Administrative Treasurer's Report was approved. The Fund assets are about \$18,808.
- Incoming funds for the last month included \$2,899 for proceeds from the Steelhead Festival with expenses of \$1,937. Admin also paid \$1,300 for Villa rental.

Guests

- Ryan and Alyssa of HHS Skills USA, a nationwide organization that empowers students to develop career-ready skills through hands-on competitions in fields ranging from skilled trades to leadership and technical industries. This year, 36 students from the HHS chapter have qualified for the state competition.

Other Business

- Dick reminded us of that annual DMV tags for our nasty trailer cost \$140. Debate followed about using the trailer v. pop-ups at FFA Fair.
- Dick proposed purchasing smaller fryers from Amazon and will learn more about the features compared to the large fryers we've been using.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Financials

- The financial report was approved. The total assets in the Foundation Fund are \$105,385, consisting of total current assets \$56,459 and 'other' assets \$48,926.

Grants/Donations/Requests

- The Skills USA – \$2,000.
- Healdsburg Chorus -\$100 for a business card sized ad in their Spring Concert program.
- Kids Scoop Newspaper — \$325 for "Classroom Partner".

Meeting Summaries

Mar 4: Gail Jonas, Beaver Believers.

In a very interesting presentation, Gail explained how reintroducing Beavers to the Russian River watershed can help improve our local hydrology.

**BRING
BACK the
BEAVER**
to the
Russian River
Watershed



The North American Beaver, the original "ECOSYSTEM ENGINEER" is the best dam builder. These dams, which were built on nearly every stream and river in the United States before the beavers were trapped to near extinction in the 1800s, slowed and spread the water, which helped prevent flooding, replenished the groundwater and provided the ideal habitat for many fish species and other wildlife.

Given our current water woes—droughts and atmospheric rivers are increasing due to climate change—we need to learn more about the important ecosystem services BEAVERS can provide.

Curious? Check out the booklet:

"Beaver in California, Creating a Culture of Stewardship"

<https://oaec.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/0AEC-Beaver-in-CA-4.0.pdf>

Mar 11: Jan Gianni,

Jan took us back a few years to share some of her experiences as a TWA Flight Attendant (Stewardess). She shared a great story about one particular flight.

Jan's mom recently sent Jan a letter that Jan had written to her parents in 1971 that was a detailed description of one of her first flights on TWA. The flight chartered by the New York Gun Club was on a new Boeing 747 from JFK to LAX. The return flight was a total nightmare with the obnoxious drunk New Yorkers harassing and making unreasonable demands on the cabin crew and consuming all the alcohol on the plane. The flight was short-staffed with only 3 of the usual cabin crew members so they were completely exhausted. Jan slept for 12 hours after landing in NY.

Jan retired after 18 years' service.

Mar 18: Regular Meeting at 12 noon – Kevin Dog Walker

Kevin Denney, MSE is the Founder/Owner - Russian River Dog Walkers & Pet Sitting. He is originally from Wheaton, Illinois, just west of Chicago and is a graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Kevin was invited by our member, Margie Sokolis to speak about his group's mission to bring communities together through service to pets and their owners.



“ - - - RRDW is all about bringing the community closer together. We will do that through dog walking, providing the best possible dog/pet related information to our clients, partnering with other small businesses, and developing other amenities to be of service to the pets and owners of our community.”

<https://russianriverdogwalkers.com>

Mar 25: Evening Social Meeting, Texas Hold'em practice

Susan Sheehy sent the following invitation to all members and participants in last year's tournament:

“Join us this Tuesday evening, March 25th, at the Villa Chanticleer Annex from 5:30-7:30 pm for a little practice game and social hour. This is just for fun and not for money, but there will be a few raffle prizes. Light refreshments and the bar will be open.”



It was a fun evening enjoyed by 23 folks including several guests who will probably participate in the tournament and wanted to learn more about the event and how it is played.

Photos on page 5.

Santa Rosa Kiwanis Club celebrates 100th Anniversary.

By Dick Bugarske

On Sunday, March 8th, 8 of our members joined the Santa Rosa Kiwanis Club at the Bennett Valley Golf Course as they celebrated their 100th Anniversary. On February 16, 1925, 34 Healdsburg Kiwanis members arrived in Santa Rosa and conducted the Club Charter meeting for Santa Rosa. We talked about that day, Eric read a Proclamation and Susan presented their Club with a commemorative 100th Anniversary gavel. A special time for all.



Front, Bob & Melanie Taylor, Back from It. Dick Bugarske, Eric Frost, Susan Sheehy, Barbara Erickson, Rowdy Yates, Liz Bippart



\$\$Happy/Sad & other Stories

Dick Bugarske and Susan Sheehy happy to thank all the folks who helped the kids make fairy houses.


Barbara Erickson “sad I missed it!”



Recently completed painting by Jim Schmidt for a Texas Hold'em prize, paired with a Wheelbarrow of Booze



The Builder - – KIWANIS CLUB OF HEALDSBURG

Kiwanis Meetngs 2025		
	PROGRAMS	GREETERS
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Mar. 4	Gail Jonas •• Beaver Believers	Melanie & Bob T.
Mar. 11	Jan Gianni- "A Letter Sent Home"	Liz B.
Mar. 18	Kevin - Dog Walker (Margie S.)	Jim S.
Mar. 25	Evening Meeting (Texas Hold'em)	
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Apr. 1	Harry J. •• Nepal Water Project	Liz B.
Apr. 8	Lucy L. "Habits"	Jan & Dan G.
Apr. 15		
Apr. 22	Jane Farkas - Fashion Show in China	
Apr. 29	Evening Meeting Scholarship Night	
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May. 6		Liz B.
May. 13	Students of the Month	Melanie & Bob T.
May. 20		Jim S.
May. 27	Evening Meeting (TBD)	
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Healdsburg Kiwanis Club 2025 Events Schedule

Pancake Breakfast – Villa Chanticleer Apr. 6
 Twilight Parade May 22
 FFA Fair Booth at Rec Park May 22-24
 Texas Hold'em at Longboard Jun. 1
 Brandt's Beach BBQ Aug. 23
 Other events to be determined