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## Work Days at City Parks



### The Georgi Park Crew

**Randy Collins, Anna Grant, Susan Sheehy, Judy Everett,  
Dick Bugarske, Denny Stead, Harry Jackson, Eric Smith**

A hearty group of energetic Kiwanians met at Giorgi Park on Tuesday April 13 for a community service workday. This was an in-person service opportunity to help keep one of Healdsburg's most family friendly and heavily trafficked parks looking its best. During the pandemic, the City staff dedicated to park maintenance has been reduced to two individuals to take care of all city parks. So, the parks need a lot of help! The group split-up to perform various tasks that included painting picnic tables and benches, raking/sweeping wood chips, and weeding.

On Tuesday, April 27 another energetic group made up of some of the same characters and some others, met at the Community Center at 5:45 PM to tidy up the grounds. The crew attacked out-of-control shrubbery with clippers and pruners, raked and swept up. After about an hour of hard work, the group adjourned for drinks and dinner at El Farolito.



**The Community Center crew  
Susan Sheehy, Unidentifiable dude  
with mask, Barbara Erickson,  
Nancy Arsenault, Judy Everett,  
Terry Kemp, Randy Collins**

## Calendar

Starting May 4, regular Tuesday meetings will be held at Brandt's Beach, see President's Message for details.

### Meeting Dates:

**May 4:** - Regular meeting,  
12:00 noon

**May 11:** - Regular meeting,  
12:00 noon

**May 18:** - Regular meeting,  
12:00 noon

**May 20:** Board of Directors  
meeting, Zoom, 6:00 pm.

**May 25:** - Evening meeting,  
6:00 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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Thomas and Yates (Rowdy)  
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Past President – Terry Kemp

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Bob Santucci Eric Smith  
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**Memorial Scholarship  
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**Happy Birthday**

Brian Wells- May 2  
Jason Boaz – May 2  
Jim Silveira – May 10  
Bob Santucci – May 19

**Kiwanis Anniversaries**

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

Anna Grant: 5/1/18  
Cody Thompson 5-14-18  
Lindsay Wurlitzer: 5-15-79  
George Diebold: 5-25-04  
Don Marshall: 5-14-04  
Loretta Strong: 5-16-06  
Eric Smith: 5-25-10

**The President’s Message**

Over the last month we have been polling members and the Board asking if they are ready to return to in person meetings. The answer was a loud and clear YES – especially if those meetings are held outdoors. We will try to have hybrid models where individuals can zoom in and/or meet in person but understand we will need to work out the method, so the first few meetings might have a few kinks to work through.

Beginning Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> we will return to in person meetings at Brandt’s Beach with a catered lunch by Patti. Meetings will have COVID specific rules that we as Kiwanians will need to follow such as health screenings, distancing, and most importantly, making your reservations to attend BEFORE the meeting.

The reservation system will serve a dual purpose and your participation will be your ticket to attend the meetings in person. When making a reservation you will first sign up to let us know you are on the guest list (aka: the contact tracing tool per COVID rules) and secondly your advanced RSVP is a reservation for lunch giving Patti a chance to get all the orders in to begin the meal prep.

We will ask that you plan starting May 4<sup>th</sup> to RSVP for the whole month of May (let us know what weeks you will be joining or missing out) and be prepared to pay Patti up front for your meals, cash or check. A monthly menu will be available for you to select from on May 4<sup>th</sup> to make planning easier for everyone. Of course, you can still come if you are not eating lunch, but you will need to rsvp before so that we can have a comprehensive guest list.

I will be emailing our group with all of these details, and for the first meeting an email response RSVP and lunch order will be needed to attend.

Many thanks to the Brandt family for allowing us to use their beautiful space to meet safely outside. Looking forward to seeing you soon, and not from a screen.

Anna the Piranha



Dear Kiwanis Friends,

It is with great sadness to share news that our own Cindy Schwartz was recently diagnosed with cancer. As you know, she lost her beloved husband Wayne, just a few short months ago. Cindy truly loved hearing from so many of you when Wayne passed away. I know she would love to hear from you again at this time. Please share your thoughts and prayers. We all love Cindy so much!

Jan Gianni

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## **April Board of Directors Meeting**

*Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart.*

### **Administration Management**

#### Financials & other Business

- With an influx of dues, the Admin account is now over \$5,000.

### **Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation**

#### Foundation Financial Reports & Business

- The Foundation checking account contains \$97,491. The Children's Fund is composed of \$7,025 of restricted endowment funds, \$5,070 for the Jordan Strong Memorial, \$32,387 from the Fall Matching Funds event.

#### Grants/Donations/Requests

- Prune Packer's - \$2,500. Dick presented the request from the Prune Packers, who are creating a video production program for their summer baseball games in collaboration with HHS Career Technical Department's Video Production students under the direction of John Chevalier, the Audio/Video Production teacher. Equipment for this project is expected to cost \$12,000. The Kiwanis grant funds 3 high end video cameras.

The Prune Packers want to provide opportunities to our HHS students that will allow them to pursue rewarding careers that strengthen their lives, our community and the economy.

#### Committee Work

- BBQ Drive Thru – possibly a “Twilight Tri-tip”.
- Brandt's Beach – could happen this year.
- Safety Fair (September) – a possibility.
- Holly Hoods, the curator of Healdsburg Museum is creating a Pomo Indian exhibit with a soft opening mid-May with restricted hours/days. This exhibit will provide outreach to local children. We can expect Holly to speak with us soon.

#### Correspondence

- Anna received a thank you note from the Senior Center for the April 1<sup>st</sup> Corndog Day.

## **Tuesday Zoom Meetings**

**Apr 6 - Felicia Smith, Healdsburg Utility Analyst**

We need to prepare for the impacts of drought conditions. So far this year, Sonoma County has received only 35 percent of typical rainfall and Lake Mendocino, which supplements Healdsburg's drinking water, is 45.4 percent of its target storage.



Felicia presented some useful information on what water use restrictions can be expected and ways to save water.

Healdsburg and Sonoma County will move to mandatory measures in the upcoming weeks in order to sustain our drinking water supply. The following measures can be expected:

- Restricted irrigation schedules.
- Restricted water uses such as pools and car washing.
- Expanded and improved conservation incentives.

Ways to save outdoors:

- Remove lawns. Install drought tolerant plants.
- Water between 12am and 6am to reduce evaporation and improve retention,
- Inspect and tune-up irrigation system.
- Use a broom, not a hose.
- Cover pools and hot tubs.

Ways to save indoors:

- Find and fix leaks.
- Replace old toilets.
- Yellow Mello.
- Install faucet aerators and low flow shower heads.
- Upgrade to front loader clothes washer and/or run with a full load.

Ways to save – advanced:

- Use a bucket to capture cold shower water.
- Install a recirculation pump in bathroom sinks.
- Install a grey water laundry to landscaping system

- Install rainwater capture systems (for next year)

Ways to save \$\$\$

Healdsburg's Utility Department offers rebates for water conservation measures:

- \$1 per square foot for lawn removal.
- \$150 for a front loader clothes washer.
- \$110 for toilet replacement
- \$100 for irrigation improvements and smart irrigation controllers.

Reduced water use will result in on-bill savings for water use and sewer fees.

#### **Apr 20 – Kevin Burke, Healdsburg Police Chief**

Chief Burke spoke about his career in law enforcement and the current political and social climate surrounding policing.



The formative part of Chief Burk's career was with the Los Angeles Police Department where he experienced the Rodney King Riots as a young police officer. After 20 years in LA, he was feeling the milage and found a very different environment in Healdsburg.

He contrasted the Rodney King Riot with the current George Floyd Protests. Although Rodney King did not die, and George Floyd did, the earlier riot was very intense and chaotic for an extended period of time. Whether or not there was a use of force on Rodney King was debatable. No video.

The George Floyd situation was more focused, intense for a relatively short time and then over. The protesters were much more main-stream and had broad support. Chief Burk's visit was on the day of the Floyd verdict, but before it was known. He stated that he believed there is no question of guilt.

The Chief discussed coming and ongoing changes in policing. He suggests that there should be a dedicated social worker on the police department staff to advice police on handling of different situations. The officers should be trained to be conscious of the situation at hand and recognize how to react. Also, the public should be better educated

on services that the police department provides and what they do not and how they can help police do their job.

Diversity of police departments is important, but recruitment is difficult. Police work does not appeal to many women and minorities, reducing the diverse pool of potential officers.

After 11 years with the HPD, the chief is ready to retire and become a normal resident of Healdsburg.

#### **Scholarship recipients named**

HHS conducted their limited attendance Scholarship Awards Night at the Raven Theatre on April 28th. And the 2021 Healdsburg Kiwanis Scholarship Winners in alphabetical order are:

1. Fiona Affronti, Communications Major, school undecided (at the time of application).
2. Nayceht Castro, Law, School undecided.
3. Claire Conrad, Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis.
4. Aleah Gonzalez, Pediatrics, School undecided.
5. Jesse Graves, Fish/Wildlife Ecology, Montana State.
6. Julian Lepiz, Economics, San Luis Obispo.
7. Mercedes Lugos, Business/Marketing, San Francisco State.
8. Maira Mesa, Pediatrics, Dominican College.
9. Edgar Ortiz, Kinesiology, Sonoma State.
10. Safalta Purkuti, Business, San Francisco State.
11. Isaias Ruiz, Computer Science, undecided
- Owen Smith, Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis.
12. Owen Smith, Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis
13. Charles Sommer, Economics, UCLA.
14. Jack Vanden Heuvel, Psychology, school undecided.
15. Henry Waterman, Pre-Med, Ohio State.

Each recipient received \$1,000. The winners represented 2 Key Clubbers, 1 Scout, 8 First

Generations and 2 non-US-born recent arrivals from Mexico and Nepal.

Congratulations to the resilient and successful class of 2021!!

### **\$\$Happy\$\$**

Denny Stead happy for finishing shots with no reaction.

Barbara Erickson unhappy for being a klutz. She tripped over a portable curb and fell flat on her face. Has a cast on right arm with break below elbow.

Susan Sheehy happy for an enjoyable trip to Yosemite with grandchildren.

Dick Bugarske happy for Denny's acceptance speech. Happy that the baseball Hounds are 7 and 0. Happy Birthday to Dick's baby son who is 47.

### **Dumb Joke of the month**

A Lexus mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the engine of an LS460 when he spotted a well-known cardiac surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiac surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in, and when I finished, it worked just like new. So how is it that I make \$48,000 a year and you make \$1.7M when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiac surgeon paused, leaned over and whispered to the mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running."

### **Georgi Park Crew**



**Dick rakes up chips**



**The painters, Judy & Eric**



**Randy the weeder**

**Georgi Park Crew**



**Weeding & raking up**



**Community Center work**



**Out-of-Control shrubbery**



**Susan & Denny get the job done**

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