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Healdsburg High School Scholarship Night



2024 Healdsburg Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Winners

The Raven Theater rocked on Tuesday April 30 night with Healdsburg High School graduating seniors eagerly anticipating scholarship awards. In lieu of our monthly evening meeting, several Kiwanis members were in attendance to cheer as our President, (with help from Lucy Lewand) presented 21 - \$1,000 Healdsburg Kiwanis Scholarships to deserving HHS graduates. Kiwanis scholarships recipients are selected considering the following criteria: Must reside within the limits of the HUSD. Based on GPA, post-secondary plans, extracurricular activities, employment, volunteer experience and community service hours.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Winners

Natalie Alvarez Vielmo
Wyatt Dugan
Leslie Garcia
Jordan Holland
Milly Rich
Yanet Pacheco
Natalie Pile
Brenna Scott
Alissa Sommer
Sasha Turin
Hailey Webb

Cristina Dominguez
Kaley Efram
Victoria Gartner
Mariana Maya
Virginia Onate
Eloise Parr
Hadley Rueter
Isabel Smith
Roberto Torres,
Edwin Vasquez

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Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa.

Meeting Dates:

May 7: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Program TBD.

May 14: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Program TBD.

May 16: Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza.

May 21: Regular Meeting at 12 noon. Welcoming Students of the Month.

May 28: Monthly evening meeting social TBD.

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

Save the Date

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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Scholarship Night (continued)

It was an incredible night for our students, families, and our community! The Raven was nearly filled with students, family members, presenters, school staff, and other well-wishers.

The HHS scholarship program is huge! Each scholarship season over \$550,000 is awarded to around 75 seniors and alumni! (not including Doyle Scholarships) Shelly Anderson, HHS Scholarship Coordinator does an outstanding job advising the students, helping them with scholarship applications, and putting Scholarship night together.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Scholarship History

By Dick Bugarske

In 1931, our Club held its first fundraiser for a college scholarship for a worthy HHS Senior. The Club presented a show for the Community at the High School Auditorium to raise funds. The Show was titled, "The Pasha or in a Turkish Harem" (*Turkish harems date back to the Ottoman Empire of the 1500's!*) The Show featured lots of comedy elements and featured folks like Byron Gibbs and a young Art McCaffrey acting and even singing. From 1931 on, our Club has given scholarships to HHS Seniors and from that single scholarship in 1931, we grew to awarding 21 scholarships this year.

Students of the Month

On May 21st we will be welcoming our 2024 Students of the Month. 20 outstanding Seniors, many of whom are Kiwanis Scholarship recipients.



Brenna Scott*
Milly Olch
Victoria Gartner*
Hadley Rueter
Sasha Turic*
Kaley Efram*
Amelia Swicegood
Leslie Garcia*
Jordan Holland*
Vanessa Rea

Alex Fitzpatrick
Leo Nieto
John Willmore
Alexis Lopez
Miguel Naranjo
Roberto Torres*
Wyatt Dugan*
Thomas Petersen
Tomas Flores
Lucas York

* Scholarship winners



Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Officers 2023-2024

Co-Presidents – Loretta Strong (Q1)
Richard Bugarske (Q2),
Susan Sheehy (Q3),
(Q4 open)

President Elect – Eric Frost

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

Brian Wells- May 2

Jason Boaz – May 2

Jim Silveira – May 10

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

Loretta Strong: 5-16-06

Eric Smith: 5-25-10

The President's Message May 2024

Fasten your seatbelts, folks. May is going to be a busy month and Texas Hold'em is just around the corner.

Lucy and I passed out 20 \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors on April 30th at the HHS Scholarship Night at the Raven Theater. This was the result of our hard work and the graduates too.



Coming up on May 21st we will be honoring the Students of the Month and their families.

Loretta is organizing our Healdsburg FFA Parade float for May 23rd. There will be room for you to ride on the trailer. Let's advertise our Texas Hold'em with our cool banners and tee shirts. Tee shirts sell for \$20 at the meeting if you want one.

Denny will pass around a sign-up sheet for help at our Fair Booth. So, clear your calendar from Wednesday, May 22nd for set-up of the trailer, and May 23, 24 and 25 to work in the booth. We will be serving garlic fries, hot dogs and polish dogs, chips, sodas, and waters. No corn dogs this time.

We have a new Lt. Gov for Div. 32. He is Adam Lamarre from North Bay Kiwanis. Please come out to support him Saturday, June 1st at Lake Sonoma Warm Springs Dam Picnic Area. Check in 10:00 am, Meeting starts 10:30 and lunch at 12:30. Hosted by Cloverdale Kiwanis.

Texas Hold'em is the next day, Sunday June 2nd, at Longboard Vineyard's Barrel Room. At this reading we still have tickets to sell, but I hope to sell out at 104 players. That's 13 tables of eight players at \$100. If we all pull this together, we can make this our biggest and most profitable fundraiser to date. We have gathered fabulous prizes which will be on display on our website soon.

Our club is now in its 101st year, and just because we are getting old, that doesn't mean we have to slow down. We still have what it takes!

Your fearless leader...

Susan

Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

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

Administration Management

Financials

- The Administrative Treasurer's Report was approved. Dick reported that we have a "pretty healthy" Admin Fund with \$33,134 total assets.

Admin Business and Service

- Susan asked to send a member to the Kiwanis International Convention on July 3-6 in Denver. A motion was passed to send Eric Frost with a stipend of \$1,000-1,500 to cover expenses.
- FFA update: 3 spaces have been reserved at Rec Park for our trailer and fee has been paid for the parade. We will serve garlic fries and hot dogs. No corn dogs this year. Additional precautions will be taken to prevent excessive oil spillage on the field.
- The following sponsorships were approved:
 - A \$150 'hole sponsorship' for the HHS Booster golf tournament on May 17th.
 - A \$500 level sponsor for a Prune Packer "Rookie".

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Financials

- The Foundation Financial Report was approved. Total Foundation assets are \$92,733 allocate as below:

Permanently Restricted

Children's Fund Endowment	\$45,163
Total Permanently Restricted	\$45,163

Temporarily Restricted

One Year Reserve, 15k per year	\$15,000
Scholarship Fund	\$7,525
Jordan Strong Memorial	\$5,070
Total Temporary Restricted	\$24,095

Unrestricted Funds Available **\$23,475**

Total Assets **\$92,733**

Grants/Donations/Requests

None in April

President's Update

- Debby and Liz reported on the Pancake Breakfast outcome. Although the event was a success for the community, the net income was only \$1,300. If we want to have the 70th Pancake Breakfast, Debby and Liz feel the venue should be changed to substantially reduce the overall expenses, thus increasing income for Foundation gifts. The Annex is available to us for ZERO cost.
- Susan reported at we have 5 of the needed 13 dealers for the Texas Hold 'Em event.
- On May 21st the Student of the Month recipients and their parents will attend our weekly meeting.

Meetings

Apr 2: Warm Springs 4-H – Government Presentation

We welcomed 6 Club's Officers and 3 parents from the Warm Springs 4-H Club.



Sidney Sheehy – Editor, David Collin – Reporter, Lucas Greaves – Secretary, Harper Kiff – Treasurer, Maysen Munselle - VP, Membership, Maren Neumiller – President

Adult leader Dana Grande in a power point presentation described various club activities and showed photos of the 4-H'ers at work.

Each of the officers described the requirements and responsibilities of their office and told us about their projects. Their projects include arts and crafts, pottery, hiking, and animal raising. Animal raising projects include sheep, goats, swine, and steers. The three members who are raising swine say that the pigs are easier to handle. The young pigs are purchased at about 60 pounds and grow to 250 pounds.

It was also a time for us to thank them for all their support during our Pancake Breakfast.

Apr 9: Warm Springs 4-H – Leadership Presentation.

We welcomed a second group of Warm Springs 4-H'ers joining us to talk about their Government/Civic Engagement Projects



Tatum Kiff, Georgia Miller, Jack Reichel, Sidney Sheehy, Henry Page, and Ava Rotlisberger
Several moms joined us as well.

These club members have been working on selected topics that impact our community, and have interviewed our City, County, State and School officials about the work that our government is doing to address these important issues. Their selected topics included: homelessness and mental health, school safety, and natural disaster safety and preparedness.

- Homelessness and mental health

Concerns are rising housing prices in Sonoma County, homelessness shelters at max capacity, and getting people off the streets, mental health, and addiction.

- School safety

Topics investigated include drills/awareness, weapon safety and drug prevention. HHS has a fire/earthquake drill in the fall and a lockdown drill in the spring. The students have suggested to school staff, that the lockdown drill should be done early in the school year.

- Natural disaster safety and preparedness

The passing of Measure H will provide much needed funds for firefighters. Funds have been spent on vegetation management. Early warning technology has been put in to detect earthquakes. The best thing to do is not to panic.

Apr 16: Harry Jackson – A Journey Through the Generations - Family Stories, Part 2.

In a continuation of his March 5 presentation. Harry talked about the process of writing the chronicle of his family history. The process involved retrieval of information from the family archives, and internet searches including Wikipedia, Google Maps, find a grave, and Ancestry.

One of the challenges was finding information about Harry's great grandmother Minnie Hansen's first husband Charles Henry who disappeared from the record soon after Harry's grandmother Etta was born. Cemetery records identified a William Robert Henry as Minnie's first husband and Etta's father. However, an Ancestry search found an 1879 page in Oakland Tribune showing the marriage of Minnie Hansen and Charles Henry, which was also confirmed by Lutheran church records. Little other information about Charles can be found so far.

Other searches also yielded contradictory information.

Harry read a few stories about his family members. Here is one about his father, Percy:

In 1918, Percy's favorite uncle, Shedrick Oharra was in the army at Fort George Wright, Spokane, Washington when he became a victim of the 1918 "Spanish Flu" pandemic and died on the army base. Later Percy also caught the flu. He would have been 16 or 17. He was quarantined in an upstairs bedroom and cared for by his grandmother.

When he recovered enough to come downstairs and rejoin the family, his teen age sister Christina started to cry and said: "Oh he looks just like Uncle Shedrick when the army sent him home in a box". Uncle Shedrick must have looked very bad because in 1918 it may have taken a week or more to ship him by rail from Spokane to Eureka.

Apr 23: Drs. David Anderson & Walter Maack and Bobby Choate – Challenges of Opiates in society and locally.

Dr. Dave introduced the topic by quoting the alarming opioid numbers for Sonoma County. In 2022:

- There were 95 opioid overdose deaths in the County.
- The prescription opioid dispensing rate was 29.9 per 100 people.

- There were 256,492 opioid prescriptions.
- Naloxone (NARCAN) dispensing rate was 0.6 per 100 people in California.
- Bells Ambulance administered NARCAN 34 times in Healdsburg and Windsor.

Dr. Walt commented on the recent solar eclipse and recalled traveling to see the eclipse in Oregon several years ago. Sadly, upon returning home he found his son dead of an opioid overdose. He described in detail his son's long struggle with the disease, with several rehabs and periods of recovery, the final relapse, and the devastating effect on his family.

Bobby described the use of NARCAN and the importance of having it readily available.

Naloxone (NARCAN) is a Life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids – including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications – when given in time. If a person is having a medical emergency that is not an opioid overdose, administration of NARCAN will not harm them. Anyone can purchase and/or carry NARCAN to help respond to an overdose.

The group discussed positive ways to support families who have been challenged by heartbreaking pain and loss in their lives.

Key Club Happenings

Thanks to Denny Stead's use of his President's fund, our Key Club members have received their t-shirts.

Healdsburg High



75 Years

The Club raised over \$100 at the Food Court selling pizza and homemade cookies.



Key Club 2024 Food Court

The Key Club elected new officers during April and are closing out the year and getting ready for '24-'25. The new officers are:

Co-Presidents: Jasmine Hernandez and Eric Nielsen

Vice President: Sophia Turic

Secretary: Ava Wolske

Co-Treasurers: Kira Nielsen, Ryan Nielsen

Media Coordinators: Hannah Sellards and Thea Meyer

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

Liz Bippart happy to celebrate her granddaughter's first birthday.

Jim Schmidt happy for the ladies who took over the pancake breakfast.

Eric Frost happy to announce the Healdsburg Chorus performance on April 27 & 28 at the Raven,

Dan Gianni happy to win a bottle of wine that was actually drinkable - a 12-year-old Cab.

Susan Sheehy happy for Patti for getting more food to feed the large crowd for the 4-H presentation.

Patti Robarts happy that Big John's Market is close by.

Judy Everett happy for spending a week in Detroit with her daughter.

Loretta Strong happy that she and Jerry, the world travelers, spent two nights in a tent at Safari West. Now off to Santa Lucia.

Denny Stead happy to have visited Joanne in Florida. Went wine tasting where the charge was 75¢!

