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Healdsburg High School Scholarship Night at the Raven

The Raven Theater rocked on Thursday night with applause and cheering for the Healdsburg High School graduating seniors being awarded scholarships. A nearly full house of happy students, parents and supporters made joyful noise as several hundred Scholarships were awarded to deserving graduates.

Our Club awarded 43 scholarships to 43 of Healdsburg High's finest.

Here they are:

Carla Barriga Vazquez	Jacob McWilliams
Lucy Behrens	Lourdes Mejia
Claire Berry	Jonathan Meza Ledesma
Vanessa Carapia Olvera	Robert Morris
Kathleen Casero Arriaga	Callan Munselle
Vanessa Castro Cid	Liliana Nieto
Niles Cobb	Karen Nuño
Amairany Cruz Herrera	Isabelle Osborn
Hayley Davis	Arthur Perez
Anette Dehesa Patiño	Mason Radelfinger
Christofer <i>Gutierrez</i>	Anifer Rescalvo Piedra
Alexander Harms	Liliana Reyes Hernandez
Henry Herrod	Estrella Vivian Santiago Hernandez
Ashley Jenkins	Siena Sbragia
Tatum Kiff	Giovanny Serrano Juarez
Michelle Lopez Sanchez	Henry Smith
Amelia Low	Addison Terhune
Rodrigo Madrigal	Milo Timmsen-Miller
Guadalupe Martinez Sancen	Julia Vega Gallardo
Liliana McAtee	Amelia Wickersham

Jasmine Hernandez	Roger Dormire Scholarship
Josefine Mork	Jordy Strong Scholarship
Isaac Bermejo Lepiz	Edgar Deas Scholarship

Healdsburg Kiwanis scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors residing within the limits of the school district. Awards are based on GPA, post-secondary plans, extracurricular activities, employment, volunteer experience, and community service hours.

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Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa Chanticleer Annex.

Meeting Dates:

May 5: Committees and FFA Fair Planning

May12: Annual Students of the Month luncheon

May 19: Taya Levine - "When the Time Comes" a new program at the Senior Center - designed to help residents navigate end-of-life planning and support.

May26: - Evening Meeting - Alicia Panza Clark - The School of Rock, a local youth band.

May 28: Twilight Parade

May 28-30: FFA food booth

May 31: Texas Hold'em Tournament.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon except the Last Tuesday of the month is an
For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact President Liz Bippart 707-227-4314. or Secretary Melanie Taylor 707-953-7240.



Loretta presents Jordy Strong Scholarship to Josefine Mork



The 43 Healdsburg Kiwanis Scholarship awardees following the presentation

Congratulations Susan Sheehy, winner of the Marie Sparks 2026 Volunteer of the Year Award



Award Presentation at City Hall April 6, 2026

Marie Sparks was a woman who embodied the generous and unselfish spirit of volunteerism in Healdsburg. Upon her death in 1995, the Healdsburg City Council wished to remember Marie's giving and unselfish spirit with the Annual Marie Sparks Memorial Volunteer Award.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Officers 2024-2025

President – Liz Bippart
President Elect - Barbara Erickson
Secretary – Melanie Taylor
Admin. Treasurer - Richard Bugarske
Project Treasurer - Ron Doble
Past President - Eric Frost

Board of Directors

Loretta Strong Jerry Strong
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

Brian Wells- May 2
Jason Boaz – May 2
Joandell Hahn – May 7
Jim Silveira – May 10

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Anna Grant: 5-1-18
Cody Thompson 5-14-18
Lindsay Wurlitzer: 5-15-79
Loretta Strong: 5-16-06
Eric Smith: 5-25-10

The President’s Message

Hello Kiwanians,

Things are ramping up this month...a lot going on and a lot of fun to go with it.

But first, a shout out to our Key Club that sent eight young women to a conference in Sacramento. They were infused with spirit and new ideas. Joandell and Loretta drove the girls and acted as chaperones. Many thanks to Dick for an unexpected rescue operation! It’s always great to hear Dick’s weekly updates. Our Key Clubbers are developing leadership skills that will last a lifetime.



Scholarship Night was just days ago at the packed Raven Theater. Loretta, Dick and Eric were on stage to present the envelopes to 43 scholars for amounts of \$500 and \$1,000 and included the memorial scholarships for Roger Dormire, Jordy Strong, and Edgar Dias. What an amazing night for HHS students to receive over half a million dollars from our community of Healdsburg.

Now for the lovely month of May...Our Lt. Governor, Rich Dellamaggiore and the Geyserville club will host the Governor’s visit this Saturday at Trentadue Winery. We have 15 members attending and it should be a rousing good time.

I’m personally thrilled with what will happen at the FFA Fair this year. We will partner with the HHS culinary class, who will be constructing several kinds of pizzas in their new food truck (built by Todd Sheehy’s industrial arts class) and then baked in the recently arrived mobile wood-fire pizza oven! At 1,200 degrees, the oven can bake 100 pizzas an hour which translates to 800 slices an hour. Love that 5th grade math! Those crazy hours after the FFA Parade will test their skills. I’m guessing that HHS students will be sampling a lot of pizza this month as the chefs practice with their new equipment.

Please remember to invite your friends to sign up for Texas Hold ‘Em on Sunday, May 31st. Susan and Nancy are gearing up to make it a great day at the Longboard Tasting Room. All skill levels are welcome!

Happy Spring!

Liz Bippart, President



Board of Directors Minutes Summary

Summarized from minutes by Melanie Taylor

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the April 2026 Board meeting:

Administration Management

Financials

- The Administrative Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Admin Fund	\$19,343
Admin Fund Reserve	\$8,404
Pres. Frost Charity Fund	\$195
Pres. Bippart Charity Fund	\$482
Total Assets	\$28,424

Other Business:

- Loretta Strong reported that she has a new member Pattie Murray, who will be installed at next Tuesday’s meeting. Patty worked at the Pancake Breakfast and attended the meetings required.

Correspondence:

- Kiwanis International sent information and Nomination Form for this year’s Distinguished Service Award. Nominations are due April 18th

New Business:

- Dick reported that he will order the Student of the Month mugs, approx. \$300.
- Kiwanis clothing was discussed. A motion was approved to provide a clothing allowance of \$30 per member to members who have joined over the last four years.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Grants/Donations/Requests

- Kids Scoop Newspapers - \$200 for Healdsburg Classrooms.
- Boys and Girls Club - \$1000 for Summer Program
- Healdsburg Jr. High PTO – \$200 for “Fun Run” event.
- Healdsburg Junior High - \$200 “Graduation Breakfast” for food supplies
- Children’s Museum - \$250 for Dino-Trax vent sponsor.
- Robert Ferguson Observatory - \$100

- HHS Band - \$500 for Trip to Disneyland.

President’s Update:

- President Liz thanked Past President Eric Frost for standing in for her the past two meetings while she was under the weather.

Correspondence:

- A Certificate of Appreciation for our donation was received from Mike Roa for the Walker Creek 5th Grade Outdoor Education program.

Other Business:

- Good of the Order: Dick Bugarske and Eric Smith attended High School Carnival Day held in the Gym to see what clubs were doing . Our Key Club girls were working the Tic-Tac-Toe game and winners received a small rubber duckie.

Financials

- The Foundation Financial Report was approved. Total Foundation equity is **\$104,935**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings	\$49,581
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Other Assets

Chas Schwab/Fidelity	\$55,373
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Total Assets	\$104,954
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Permanently Restricted

Children’s Fund Endowment	\$55,373
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Retained Earnings	\$5,872
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Temporarily Restricted/Reserves

Deas Scholarship	\$5,000
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Future Spending	\$15,000
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Jordan Strong Memorial Funds	\$2,500
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Roger Dormire Scholarship Fund	\$6077
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Total Temporarily Restricted/Reserves	\$30,147
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Unrestricted Project Funds	\$17,748
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Net Income	-\$4,188
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TOTAL EQUITY	\$104.953
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We welcome Pattie Murray our newest member to Kiwanis



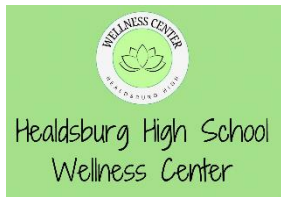
Membership Chair Loretta Strong, Lt. Gov. Richard Dellamaggiora, Pattie Murray, sponsor Liz Bippart

Pattie is a retired attorney, law partner with her husband and most recently a Superior Court Judge. In retirement, she has been seeking volunteering opportunities. She initially thought that there was no need to join any organization to volunteer, but then she met our Prez Liz who invited her to our Kiwanis meeting. She has been a regular guest for several weeks and has recognize the value of working together with a like minded group of friends.

Meeting Summaries

Apr 7: Kimberly Harris - Wellness Center at Healdsburg High.

The HHS Wellness Center provides a safe and calm space for students to take a break, recharge, and regroup when they need it. We know that students are coming to school juggling a variety of external and internal stressors that can impact students' ability to learn and enjoy their time while at school. A wellness center can help alleviate some of the pressure students are facing, and provide resources and education to students throughout the year on a variety of issues. The drop in space has multiple areas where students can rest, decompress, and use art supplies to help regulate and relax throughout the day.



<https://hhs.husd.com>

Here us what the students themselves have to say about the Wellness Center and why it is important:

- Kids know kids best.
- A space for people to talk about what they need.
- A voice for things that aren't always talked about.
- Breaking the stigma of mental health.
- Address other issues like academic stress, substance use support, home lire or friendship struggles.

Goals for School Year 2025-2026:

1. Mental health awareness campaigns
2. Peer mentoring/coaching
3. Collaborating with elementary schools more frequently.
4. Developing stronger teacher/student relationships.

Apr 14: Loretta Strong - The Journey - A mother and son.

Loretta's son Jordy was one of a kind and Loretta put together a slideshow titled, "A Mother's Tale, My Life with Jordy."

Loretta's tale was a funny and heartwarming slide show showing photographs of some of the major events in Jordy's life.

Jordy lit up the room with his infectious smile, gorgeous, good looks and comedic sense of humor.

Jordy was a graduate of Healdsburg High School and spent the following 7 years at Chico State University perusing several majors and finally graduating with a B.S. in Geology.

He was an avid outdoor enthusiast excelling in snowboarding, wake and surfboarding learned from his friend Lockie Gillies, archery and dirt biking in the mountains near the family properties in Lake Tahoe and Lake Shastina.



A young Jorgy



**Jerry with the two Kats
fiancee Kat 2 lower left**



**Janice Kern
delivers an impromptu presentation
First time (?) in club history that a meeting
guest has volunteered to do so**



**Apr 21: Andrew Bailey, Founding Director and Chief
Executive Officer of Anova**

Since 2000, Anova has been an established leader in Education and specifically within the Autism Community. Anova serves over 200 students daily on two campuses, and provides services in 15 counties across the state, helping over 400 families throughout Northern California. They are proud to have served over 5,000 families to date.

Unfortunately, Andrew had a family emergency and could not attend.

Coincidentally, Susan’s guest Janice Kern whose grandson is on the autism spectrum, provided an impromptu presentation. John, now 17, was diagnosed with autism at age 6, attended public school to 6th grade and then entered the Anova program. He is academically gifted but with awareness issues. Janice is very pleased with Anov services, and her grandson’ progress. He has blossomed during his stay.

Key Club News

By Dick Bugarske

Eight of our Key Club students and two brave chaperones (Joandell and Loretta) spent the weekend at the Key Club District Convention in Sacramento. Approximately 900 Key Clubbers from California, Nevada and Hawaii gathered to display their talents, their leadership skills, make new friends and share their visions of the future. The Healdsburg High Clubbers were outstanding and will be a force for the future, not only for our Healdsburg High Club, but Sonoma County and beyond. We are so very proud of them.



**Bella, Fiona, Ava, Sana, Ivy, Keira,
Brooklyn, and Siena**

Happy/Sad & other stories

Cindi Brown happy to have a new granddaughter.

Lucy Lewand - looking forward to a cruise to Alaska.

Susan Sheehy happy for her friend Janice's impromptu presentation.

