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## Celebrating the annual FFA Twilight Parade and Fair



This year we made some major changes saying goodbye to our tired old trailer after 18 years of service and setting up the booth similar to the Steelhead Festival model, cooking and serving from our pop-up tents.

We have pared down our menu and simplified our prices. We prepared and sold Giant Dogs, Chili, Mac & Cheese, Garlic Fries for \$5 with chips, soda and water for \$2. We used our two gas grills for the dogs, chili, mac & cheese and 6 recently purchased Air Fryers for the fries (8-quart convection ovens). Sorry, no corn dogs this year, but they could be purchased at the Boosters Booth. Special Thanks to Big John's Market for furnishing all food and supplies at a significantly reduced profit margin,

We overcame a significant downturn in Fair participation and pending final accounting hope to clear \$3000. Low Fair attendance could be at least partially attributable to a traffic accident on Highway 101 south of Dry Creek Road that closed the southbound lanes at a critical time and detoured all southbound traffic through the City. Also, we changed an 18-year-old custom of having a trailer and changing deep oil fryers to air fryers. We learned that our fundraising paths going forward need to adapt as we all get older.

But we gave back to your community, made a positive impact, and connected with our community and with each other. We accomplished something hard by working together.

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Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa Chanticleer Annex.

### Meeting Dates:

**Jun 3:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Donald Laird - Sky Perspective Photos, Putting Drones to Work.

**Jun:** 10: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Mary Blaustone, "For The Love of My Enemy".

**Jun 17:** Regular Meeting at 12, noon – Program to be determined.

**Jun19:** Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza 5:30 pm gather, 6:00 pm Call to order.

**Jun 24:** Evening Social Meeting

### Other June Dates

**Jun 1:** Second Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament.

### Save the Date

**Aug 23:** Brandt's Beach BBQ.

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.





Even the Prez pitches in!



Chef Michael tends the dogs



Susan makes a sale



Anna and Denny



Ana and Susan serving customers



A real Dog – Anna's best friend

## 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

Diana Blakeley – June 2  
James Schmidt – June 22

### Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Tim Tuscany - 6-3-97  
Melanie Taylor – 6-4-24  
Tom Rackerby - 6-16-92  
Robert Taylor - 6-24-86  
Carol Feldner – 6-29-21

## The President's Message

A June Jest from Your Kiwanis Prez – Ogden Nash Style

Oh, June has come with projects done,  
We've had our pancake fun – oh, what a run!  
Flipping, drizzling, syrup galore,  
And the Future Farmers Fair – who could ask  
for more?

Scholarship Night – kids with dreams so bright,  
Made us all feel warm and just right.

But wait! There's more – don't take a nap,  
Santa Rosa's 100th – clap, clap, clap!  
Their big bash with District Governor Doug Frost on the scene,  
July 12th – mark it, be keen!  
Support our Sister Club, cheer them loud,  
They've been around a century – standing proud.

So here's to us, to laughs and cheer,  
Healdsburg Kiwanis – best of the year!  
We serve with giggles, gusto, and grace,  
And put a smile on every face.

Eric



## \$\$Happy/Sad\$\$ & other Stories

**Susan Sheehy** - thank you to everyone who collected or donated Texas Hold'um prizes and filled the booze wheelbarrow. Also happy to be walking every day and losing 6 ½ pounds so far..

**Pennylee Christensen** looking forward to Texas Hold'um and being the Pit Boss.

**Lockie Gilles** happy he could cancel his workload for the rest of the week and free to work at the food booth.

**Melanie Taylor** happy to become the American Legion National President – “The opportunity of a lifetime.”



Happy Birthday Joandell



## Board of Director's Meeting

There was no formal Board of Directors meeting in May. A telephone poll of Board members resulted in Board approval of a donation of \$1000 to the Boy's and Girl's Club to provide for a youth in need to attend a month of Boys and Girls Club Summer Camp.

The camp offers a safe, supportive environment filled with learning, outdoor adventures, mentorship and fun providing a summer of growth, connection, and unforgettable memories.

## Meeting Summaries

**May 6: Matt Doyle**, scoutmaster Healdsburg Scout Troop 21.

For 95 years our Club has been the sponsor of Troop 21. The second donation ever given by our Club was to the local Scout Troop in 1923. The first ever was to the Red Cross in Nov. 1923.

Two of the scouts were scheduled to accompany Matt and present a PowerPoint they had prepared showing their past year's activities and community services. However, they discovered that their final exams were scheduled for the same time. So Matt was on his own and promised that the Scouts would visit us soon.

Matt briefly described the troop's activities and talked about his responsibilities as Scoutmaster.



- The Scouts have a campout every month, sometimes two.
- Every year the Scouts go on a 50-mile urban hike in San Francisco, ending in Chinatown.
- Last year for the first time, the troop assisted firefighters at controlled burns.

Scoutmasters guide their troop members in three areas:

- Developing live skills,
- Community Service,
- Leadership.

"The mission of Scouting in America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in the values of the

Scout Oath and Law: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."

<https://www.scouting.org/>

**May 13:** We welcomed our 2024-25 Students of the Month

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**May 20:** – Meeting conducted by ChatGPT

Dick provided a prompt and ChatGPT created the meeting program. The prompt said: "create a 10-slide show extolling the virtues of volunteerism". GPT responded: "This is a 10-slide presentation extolling the virtues of volunteerism designed to be inspirational. Each slide includes a suggested title and bullet points".



**Slide 2: What is volunteerism?**

Title: Defining volunteerism

- The act of giving time and skills freely for the benefit of the community.
- Involves community service, advocacy, mentorship.
- Driven by compassion, not compensation.

**Slide 9: How to get involved**

Title: Start Today

- Identify your passions and available time.
- Join local nonprofits, schools, or faith groups.
- Use platforms like VolunteerMatch, etc.

Slide 10 summarized and offered to create a PowerPoint presentation, but at additional cost, so the presentation ended.

In the discussion that followed, members expressed their appreciation for learning more about AI and some said they were very inspired to get involved.

**May 27:** Formal Evening Meeting Canceled.

The meeting was canceled to allow hardworking members to recuperate from their FFA food booth efforts. A few of our members met at the Plaza for the 2025 opening night and enjoyed the Norteno style band, Los Cadetes De Memo Cavada.

## Honoring our 2025 Healdsburg High Students of the Month



**Alexandria Espinoza\***



**Melissa Casas Gatica\***



**Cristal Angel Rincon\***



**Natalia Soriano Ruiz \***



**Ruby Leffew\***



**Gianna Domenichelli**



**Nadia Pelayo Garcia**



**Leo Kluse\***



**Declan Whitlock\***



**Kaeden Anderson**



**Ross Fitzpatrick**



**Abhik Thapa\***



**Grahame Highfield**



**Perla Perez Gopar\***



**Sierra Anderson\***



**Dylan Kandarian\***



**Andrew Greene**



**Nova Perrin II**



**Jonathan Vazquez  
Mondrago**



**Julian Johannsen  
Guiffre\***

\* Scholarship Recipient

On May 13th we welcomed our 2024-25 Students of the Month, twenty outstanding Seniors, many of whom are also Kiwanis Scholarship recipients. We presented them with individual gifts (with great quotes) and got to know them and their families. A wonderful annual celebration which our Club began in 1926!

A male and female student is honored for each month of the school year for a total of 20 students. Some of the students were accompanied by parents or other family members making for a large crowd. Each student was asked to introduce themselves and accompanying family, and tell us about highlights of their HHS career, their most influential teacher(s), internship assignments,

and plans for next year. They were also asked to tell us who they would like to talk to way back when.

They will soon be off on the next phase of their life journeys. Many of them will be attending one of our California universities and colleges or other local schools. Others will be attending schools further away including Notre Dame and Virginia Tech.



# The Builder - - KIWANIS CLUB OF HEALDSBURG

## FFA Twilight Parade

*photos, thanks to Pennylee*

Our float this year was a joint venture between North Bay and Healdsburg Kiwanis clubs. Truck and trailer and lead car furnished by North Bay, Hay bales and signage by Healdsburg.



## Healdsburg Kiwanis Club 2025 Events Schedule

Texas Hold'em at Longboard	Jun. 1
Brandt's Beach BBQ	Aug. 23
Other events to be determined	