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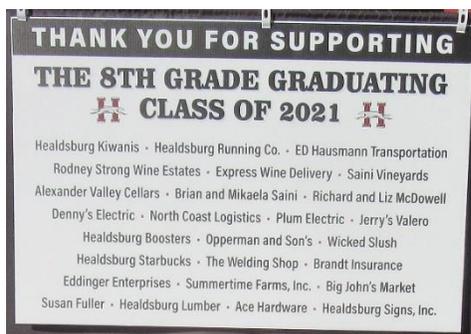
### Breakfast for Graduates



Thursday June 10 was graduation day for the Healdsburg Junior High School eighth graders. The day kicked off with an awards presentation, recognition, and gift raffle for the Graduates in the morning with the graduation ceremony occurring later in the day. Our club members joined the celebration and prepared and served breakfast to about 90 of the 120 graduates. Kiwanian/firefighter Eric Smith was the head pancake flipper at the mobile trailer mounted grill on loan from the Healdsburg Reserve Firefighters Association. Dan Gianni cooked the sausages to a golden brown and Harry Jackson assisted by Diane Pierce mixed 25 pounds of batter to the proper and mostly lump free consistency. A large contingent of Kiwanians helped set up, cleanup, and all other necessary tasks including working the serving line. Thanks to all for the hard work and the HJHS kitchen staff for cheerfully putting up with us and helping clean up our mess. Also thank you to the HJH parent's committee for donating \$500. (More photos on pages 6 & 7).



**HJH parent's committee and Dick Bugarske with \$500 check**



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### Calendar

Regular Tuesday meetings at Villa Chanticleer Annex.

#### Meeting Dates:

**Jul 6:** - Regular meeting, 12:00 noon

**Jul 13:** - Regular meeting, 12:00 noon. Key Club Student of the Month recognition.

**Jul 20:** - Regular meeting, 12:00 noon. High School Student of the Month celebration

**Jul 22:** Board of Directors meeting, Round Table, 6:00 pm.

**Jul 27:** - Evening meeting, 6:00 pm

#### Save the Date:

**Jul 18:** - Governor's Visit, Vine Ridge Senior Living, Cloverdale.

Jul 22: Kiwanis Night at the Prune Packer's game.

**Jul 26:** - Senior Citizen Hot Dog Dinner Night - 5:30pm, Senior Center.

**Aug 28:** Brandt's Beach BBQ.

**Sep 25:** - K Serve Lunch @ Foss Creek Clean Up Event - 11:30am, Community Center.

**Oct 9:** - Fire Prevention Day at Hbg. Fire House.

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.

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**Happy Birthday**

George Diebold – July 1  
Harry Jackson – July 1  
John Dayton – July 2  
Tom Rackerby – July 8  
Carol Feldner – July 9  
Todd Brandt – July 10  
Kathy Burgess – July 16

**Kiwanis Anniversaries**

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

Richard Bugarske - 7-1-03  
George Clough - 7-14-98  
Richard Iverson - 7-15-86  
Edgar Deas - 7-22-86



**The President’s Message**

We have been out of the fundraising game due to the pandemic, but I am here to tell you all...WE ARE BACK! Our application is IN to the City to be a food vendor for this year’s Tuesday Concerts on the Plaza. This year will be a nine-week concert series that begins on Tuesday, July 6. Our Club has applied to be a vendor starting Tuesday, July 13 – Tuesday, August 31.

It is a big commitment, but the reward can be equally big for our legacy fund. Currently we are the only local food vendor that will be out, AND the only local nonprofit selling on the Plaza. That said, besides having the best hot dogs and other handheld treats on the street – we will be the only vendor that 100% of the proceeds go right back to the youth of Healdsburg.

We can’t succeed without your help. Please see Denny Stead and sign up for as many dates as you can manage. Denny will need a crew of seven Kiwanis per concert, and the more the merrier. I can’t wait to write you all next month with a report of our success at the halfway point.

There are several very important events, socials, and happenings in July. And introducing the K-Fit Walking/Hiking Club, a fun way to get fit, meet friends, and socialize with fellow Kiwanis from Sonoma County.

Please mark your calendars and if needed RSVP for the following:

- Sun. July 11 – K Fit Hike, Alamere Falls.  
(see Anna for more info, all are welcome)
- Thur. July 15 – Board Meeting.
- Sun. July 18 – Governors Visit.
- Thur. July 22 – Kiwanians Night at the Prune Packers Game.
- Sun. July 25 – Ladies K-Fit Walk. Forestville to Graton with Brunch halfway. (See Anna for more info, all ladies are welcome to join in the fun)
- Mon. July 26 – Hbg. K Cook & Serve the Hot Dog Dinner at the Senior Center for Senior Citizen Potluck Club (I need 5 helpers to make this happen).
- Tue. July 27 – No formal Night Meeting – Concert Social on the Plaza
- Sat. July 31 – C.L.E. (Club Leadership Education) Training at the Healdsburg Senior Center,

And looking ahead to August: Brandt’s Beach BBQ will be on Saturday August 28.

Anna “the Piranha” Grant

**Cindy Schwart**

Our dear friend and fellow Kiwanian, Cindy Schwartz, passed away on June 11 after a brief battle with lung cancer. Cindy’s husband Wayne died last December after a long battle with cancer. Both Cindy and Wayne were cared for by Cindy’s loving sisters, Jacque and Barb.

Jan Gianni

## **Welcome to our newest member, Carol Feldner**



### **Membership chair Loretta Strong, President Anna Grant, Carol Feldner**

Carol has been a recent regular guest at our meetings and a participant in our activities. Sponsored by her neighbors Jan and Dan Gianni, she was welcomed into full membership at our June 29 evening meeting at Brandt's Beach.

Carol and the Gianni's have been next door neighbors for 20 years but had not become particularly close until COVID hit and changed community dynamics. Carol accompanied the Gianni's volunteering at the food bank and was sold on Kiwanis.

Carol is originally from upstate New York near Woodstock. She is a retired accountant and in her words is still in recovery. She now has the time and opportunity and is very happy to be part of a community that supports children.

**Welcome Carol!**

## **May Board of Directors Meeting**

*Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart.*

### **Administration Management**

#### Financials & other Business

- The Admin Fund balance is just over \$8,000. The Fund is currently meeting our financial needs and no need to increase the present dues of \$45 per quarter is anticipated.
- Dick negotiated with the Villa to avoid a price increase, we will be required to set-up and take down tables and chairs for meetings. The rental

will stay at \$100. Meetings will resume at the Villa in July.

- Dick also recommends that meals by Patti will be \$16 with a guarantee of 20 meals per meeting. The Legion bar will be open for lunch and dinner meetings. Those proceeds will be split with our club and the Legion.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents gave Kiwanis \$500 after a very successful fundraising event. Dick suggests we use those funds to pay for extra lunches for our Student of the Month luncheon on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation**

#### Requests for Funding

- American Legion Fireworks have been cancelled this year and we will ask for a refund of our support funds.

#### Foundation Financial Reports & Business

- The checking account balance is \$94,952. \$5,110 is still available for community support donations. We received \$40 from Amazon.

#### Committees

- The K Governor's visit will be at a DCM on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Susan will donate wine for a raffle basket. Other items are needed for the basket contents. A motion to spend up to \$40 for the basket was passed.
- Brandt's Beach BBQ will be in August 2021. The first \$5,000 raised will support Admin expenses. The balance will endow the Children's Legacy Fund.
- Safety Fair – A motion to combine our Safety Fair with Fire Prevention Day on October 9<sup>th</sup> was passed. Randy will chair the event. Kiwanis will provide lunch.
- Fitch Mountain Footrace: Ron and Debi are waiting on approval for Father's Day, 6/19/22. Ron will break down areas where volunteer help is needed.

#### Other Business

- Foss Creek Clean-up – September 26<sup>th</sup>. Kiwanis will provide lunch for volunteers.

- Anna suggested serving hot dogs to seniors on Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. A motion to approve \$250 for this project was passed.

## **Tuesday Meetings**

**Jun 1:** - Coconut Chinese Chicken Salad.

Continuing our get to know our members sessions, Susan Sheehy told us her life's story.

Susan was raised on the family prune farm in Alexander Valley. She attended Alexander Elementary School and Healdsburg High School. During Susan's high school years, she participated in foreign exchange programs, and she formed long lasting friendships with the exchange students. She was a bride's maid for the Mexican student and still communicates with her counterpart from Japan.

At the University of Pacific she continued her interest in foreign exchange and participated in the Latino -American program where the native English speakers took courses in Spanish and the native Spanish speakers took their courses in English.

When she met her future husband Wes, his big attraction was for fishing on the three lakes on the Young property. Wes and Susan were married in 1970 and moved to Cost Rica where Wes was employed by Coca Cola International. They returned to the US in 1971 and their first born, Kelly arrived in 1975.

By 1997 the Young family property had transitioned from prunes to grapes and the winery was established.

**June 8:** Patti's Deluxe BLT. Side potato chips and Chocolate CHUNKY cookies.

Anna summarized the City Council's action at the previous night's Council meeting regarding the water shortage. Here is the latest update from the City on June 11, 2021:

New water restrictions are in effect. Take steps now to ensure continuity of water supply to the community. Inform family and friends within the city limits. The use of sprinklers and drip irrigation is banned -- shut off controllers today.

Take three steps towards water security:

- Save water and reuse it.

- Shut off running taps.
- Hand-water gardens from your daily allowance. The daily allowance is 74 gallons per person per day.

**June 15:** Summer Style BBQed Sausages.

**June 22:** Reuben on Rye.

Continuing our get to know our members sessions, Randy Collins told us his life's story.

Randy was born in New Haven Connecticut. His family moved frequently to advance his father's academic career to places including the Bronx in New York City, Oxford, England, and finally settling in Santa Barbara.

Randy's eventual career choice may have been influenced by a childhood misadventure. He and his friends shared interests in building models. One summer day they were flying their model airplanes and they loaded one of them with firecrackers. They lit the fuse as the plane was launched and when the firecrackers went off, the plane crashed and started a brush fire. The young criminals quickly went on the lam but soon returned to the scene of the crime to observe the firefighting. Fortunately, firefighters arrived promptly, and little damage was done.



Randy attended Humboldt State University in Arcata and graduated in 1965. While in school, he joined the Arcata Volunteer Fire Department. Following graduation, he continued his firefighting career, first in Mountain View and eventually moving to Healdsburg. He joined the Healdsburg Department as an engineer and eventually became the Fire Marshall and later Fire Chief.

One Christmas season he discovered that the City Hall Christmas tree had deteriorated and was a serious hazard, so he ordered it removed. He decided to demonstrate its danger and lit it on fire in the parking lot. But he did not know someone had called a reporter and his picture with the tree on fire appeared in the paper with the caption: Healdsburg Fire Marshall burns City Hall tree.

After retiring from the Fire Department in 2010, Randy was instrumental in establishing the Santa Rosa Junior College Firefighter Academy where he taught until 2020.



**Healdsburg Firefighter guests heckle and fact check Randy's story**

**June 29:** Night meeting (6pm) Groovy Dinner on the River BBQ Steak or chicken dinner.

The event was a celebration of the 60's. Members showed up wearing their most GROOVY far-out outfits.



**Some of the far-out outfits**



**The winner - Elvis.  
Is that Randy Collins under the wig?**

## **Special Birthdays**



**Rowdy, Denny & Susan sing a Happy Birthday song to Rich Thomas**



**Carol, Jan, Dan & Randy sing a Happy Birthday song to Roger Dormire**





**Leroy Steck delivers his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Limerick**

The pandemic years have bored me to tears  
It has not been one of my favorite years  
But thanks to the Lord Almighty  
I am thankfully turning ninety  
So I got my two shots and got rid of my fears



**Happy Birthday Jim Schmidt with Nancy Arsenault**

Nancy emceed Jim's birthday celebration with a version of Jim's life story, some parts true and other parts ridiculous and needing Jim's correction.



**Diane Pierce reacts to a happy birthday song from the group**

### **HJH Grad Breakfast photos**



**Eric the Flipper**



**Harry & Diane stir things up**



**Dan the sausage chef**



**Eric & head honcho Denny**



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

Anna Grant (June erratum) happy that my mother is getting to visit on the 10<sup>th</sup> – sad that she had a recent fall – but she doesn't call it a fall, she says it was a faceplant! 😞

Denny Stead sad that he went swimming with his cell phone at a birthday party for his great grandson.

Susan Sheehy happy for a fun outing with kids on the Skunk.

Randy Collins - although on a trip to Oxnard for a funeral, happy for other activities including visiting a Simi Valley Kiwanis meeting. Sad that Reagan Library and Senior Expo were closed.

Judy Everett sad that her dog caused her to backflip down the stairs.

Anna Grant sad for missing Susan's story. Happy for seeing a bear at Lassen and guiding some frightened people away from the bear.

Hunt Conrad a happy \$20, \$0.01 per pound, for catching a 197-pound blue fin tuna. (\$0.03 change due).



Anna Grant happy for mom's visit plus mom's brother and sister who had not seen one another for a long time. 1 case of wine in 1 ½ days.

Denny Stead happy for all working together again for the HJH breakfast.

Lucy Lewand happy Prune Packers are doing well.

Randy Collins happy/sad not watering lawn is diminishing the value of house and it is off the market. So, we are stuck with Randy for the duration.

Susan Sheehy sad that her rabbits succumbed to the heat. Happy to be off to Costa Rica for three weeks.

Terry Kemp happy to spend time with her grandchildren for the first time since COVID – at Blue Lakes.



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