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## The Healdsburg Kiwanis Second Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament - So Ya Wanna Play some Poker, Do Ya?



### The tournament gets underway with 64 players on 8 tables

Photo by Rich Tang

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament held at the Longboard Barrel Room on June 1 was again a roaring success. Sixty-four players on 8 tables competed for 8 fabulous, donated prizes that had a total value of over \$10,000.

Dick Bugarske kicked off the fun promptly at 11:00 am, welcoming the players and explaining why we are all here:

"On behalf of our Healdsburg Kiwanis Club, I want to welcome you all to our Second Annual Texas Hold'em Scholarship Fundraiser.

One hundred years ago, the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club began a tradition of recognizing and honoring Healdsburg High Graduates.

Ninety-four Years ago, our Club began raising money for Healdsburg High Scholarships. A young Art McCaffrey and Byron Gibbs created a song and dance-show that raised enough money for two HHS Scholarships.

In the past 10 years alone, our Club has given 210 Scholarships to Healdsburg High grads totaling over \$200,000 and this year we gave Scholarships to 43 grads.

Thanks to all of you today and our sponsors and donors, we know we can continue this legacy for our local students.

I want to let you know who this year's supporters are." (see Page 3).

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Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa Chanticleer Annex.

### Meeting Dates:

**Jul 1:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Griselda, Admin Analyst II City of Healdsburg - Senior Housing in Healdsburg.

**Jul 8:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Eric Frost - Grand Jury Report.

**Jul 15:** Lunch Meeting at Riverfront Park off Eastside Road in conjunction with the Healdsburg Senior Center.

**Jul 17:** Board Meeting (If necessary), Round Table Pizza 5:30 pm gather, 6:00 pm Call to order.

**Jul 22:** Regular Meeting, Susan Sheehy - The Young of Alexander Valley, from Alsace to Alexander Valley.

**Jul 29:** Evening Social Meeting at Longboard Vineyards

### Other July Dates

**Jul 10:** Love of the Land Celebration of the Young Family.

**Jul 12:** Gov. Visit in Santa Rosa with our Club presenting one Distinguished Service Award and one Community Service Award.

**Jul 12:** Our Club is hosting a Division Key Club Officer Training Day from 1-3 pm at the Villa Annex with our own Key Clubber and Division Lt. Gov. Ava Wolske presiding.

### Save the Date

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

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon except the Last Tuesday of the month is an evening meeting, 6:30PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting.



**The winners! Tim Kuckuk (\$22,000), Daniel Reeder (\$16,800), Jim Morris (\$15,800), Dennis Thompson (\$8,000), Paul Kelley (\$5,500), Chris Thompson (\$3,400), Roy Saunders (\$3,100), Brian Dimantini (\$2,700)**

*Photos by Rich Tang*

The buy in was \$100, which bought \$1,000 worth of play money chips. Players were permitted supplemental purchases of \$500 in chips for \$50 when they ran out before lunch break. Play started promptly at 11:00 am, broke for lunch at noon and resumed at 12:30. Pit boss Pennylee Christensen called the game promptly at 3:30 pm. The players remaining counted their chips and the 8 prize winners (photo above) were determined by chip count.

Thanks to our event leadership led by Susan Sheehy and assisted by Nancy Arsenal, and other members who helped and/or played. Special thanks to our major sponsors, Longboard for the great venue and wine, Agave for the delicious lunch, and Fogbelt for beer, as well as our other sponsors listed on page 3.

The total net proceeds from the event were about \$6,000, earmarked for our Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Everyone had a great time for a great cause!



**The Welcoming Committee**



**Pit Boss Pennylee, her wonderful self, with handcuffs dangling from her belt. Not someone to trifle with!**

More photos by professional photographer, Rich Tang are posted on our club website.



## A big shoutout to our sponsors and supporters!

Ace Hardware

Acorn Café

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Baci Café

Catered by Patti and Friends

Costeaux Bakery

Dot Wine

Downtown Bakery

Dry Creek General Store

Hank's Creekside Restaurant

John Bippart Bodega Harbor Beach House

Jim Schmidt (Artist)

Ken Rochioli Books

Little River Inn

Lo and Behold

Nothing Bundt Cakes

Park Point Health Club

Piatti Restaurant

Piazza D'Angelo Restaurant

Robert Young Estate Winery

The Madrona Hotel

The Setting Wines

Transcendence Theatre

Windsor Golf Club

And a Very Special Thank You to Oded Shakked and Longboard Vineyards who donated this beautiful venue, and their very helpful staff.



## 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

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 July:

Richard Bugarske - 7-1-03  
George Clough - 7-14-98



**Karen with her membership sponsor Loretta**

## The President's Message

*"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." – Mark Twain*

As members of Kiwanis, we subscribe to some lofty goals and objectives. The objectives are:

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.

Now I doubt that any of us are always square with these objectives, but the question is whether or not we 1) recognize these six objectives as things we want to follow; 2) periodically remind ourselves of the objectives; and, 3) take inventory on how we can better put to practice these objectives.

I encourage you this month to think about the six objectives of Kiwanians. To help, I have a little handout that I will bring to our first meeting in July. Until then, be grateful to be a Kiwanian. - Eric Frost

## Welcoming new member Karen Tappin

Loretta formally introduced Karen at our June 10 meeting and presided over the official installation ceremony. Loretta has a long personal history of friendship with Karen and in her introduction shared that Karen was Miss Mendocino County at age 19, tactfully omitting the year.

Karen has spent a lifetime of volunteerism and public service. She has served on boards and advisory committees, worked with national and local nonprofits such as the United Way, Sonoma County Social Services, and the Healdsburg Unified School District.

Karen received the Marie Sparks Memorial Volunteer Award in 2003. This annual award was created in 1995 by the Healdsburg City Council, after the inspiring volunteer's death. To be considered for the award, the recipient must be a resident of Healdsburg, show leadership qualities, give freely of their time and energy, have vision for the betterment of the community, and share their talents in diverse endeavors. Karen meets and exceeds all these qualifications.

Karen perfectly fits into the Kiwanis objectives!



## Board of Director’s Meeting

With no urgent business, the June Board Meeting was cancelled.

## Meeting Summaries

**Jun 3: Donald Laird** - Sky Perspective Photos, Putting Drones to Work.

We welcomed Donald Laird, the founder of Sky Perspective Photos Company that uses drones to photograph the world around us. Donald is a local kid who has recently retired as the Dept. Chair of the Computer Sciences Dept. at SRJC. He remains a part-time lecturer and teaches only the courses of his interests and wants to teach. Donald is the founder and president of the Sky Perspective Photos Company.



“Sky Perspective Photos, located in Sonoma County, California is a provider of drone-related services. Our FAA licensed team has gears of experience in the industry. We capture breathtaking images from the sky to help our clients showcase their properties, events and projects in a unique and captivating way. We pride ourselves on delivering high-quality results and exceeding our clients’ expectations.”

<https://www.skyperspectivephotos.com>

Donald dazzled us with some of his spectacular drone videos taken for clients. Clients include real estate agents and developers, city planners, construction contractors, and many others.

He also showed videos of drone misuse or accidents that were amusing but could cause serious damage or injury. Most were due to pilot error.

**Jun: 10: Mary Blaustone**, "For The Love of My Enemy".

We welcomed Windsor resident Mary Blaustone who talked about her debut novel titled, "For The Love Of My Enemy".



From Mary’s Facebook:

“I like to think of myself as a late bloomer. I’m someone who has always loved to write, whether filling up scads of journals, or keeping up the occasional internet blog. Yet, it was in the second half of my life that I decided to take the plunge, to step off the high

dive, if you will, and into the deep satisfying realm of writing fiction.”

Many people are unaware that during World War II there were many German POW camps located throughout the US and one of them was in Windsor. The conscripted German soldiers were army deserters who correctly believed that they would be better off in an American POW camp and happily surrendered. Mary did extensive research to assure the historical accuracy of her book. But the romance part was Mary’s fictional creation.

*“In the midst of World War 2, nineteen year old Nurse Adina Robbins desires more than her small town nursing life in Northern California. An unexpected encounter at Camp Windsor introduces her to Daniel Christensen, a young conscripted German soldier with a deep hatred of Hitler. Their growing connection to one another challenges Adina to confront her deepest fears... as well as her father’s secrets.”*

**Jun 17: Rescheduled Evening Meeting** – a night at the ballpark

A contingent of 10 Kiwanis members ventured out to Rec. Park to support our home team playing their longtime rivals the Humboldt Crabs. These teams are two of the oldest and longest-running summer teams in the country, and every meeting between them brings real fire.



The good guys overpowered the Crabs with a score of 11-6, improving their season record to 8-0 overall and 2-0 in the Pacific Empire League. The Crabs and the Packers are PEL members, so the contest was especially exciting. As of June 29, records were a very respectable 14-2 overall and 7-2 PEL



**Some big numbers on the score board at the end of the 7<sup>th</sup>. The Crabs scored 3 more in the 8<sup>th</sup> but it wasn’t enough**



**Liz and Rowdy, 2 of the biggest fans.  
The Strongs, Giannis and Karen Tappen left  
at the end of 7 and missed the photo op.  
*It ain't over til its over!***

Jun 24: Anna Grant - A Journey into the Grand Canyon.



In a very entertaining presentation, Anna talked about backpacking with 5 friends on the most difficult traverse in the Grand Canyon. Their trek was not over a trail but a "route", meaning a very rough unmarked narrow pathway sometimes clinging to a cliff face. They trekked a total of 43 miles with an 8-mile daily average. Anna carried a forty pound pack.

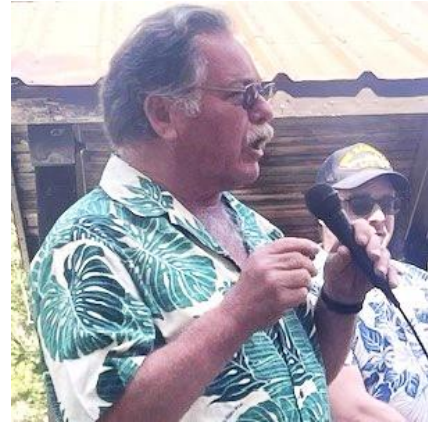
The route descended from the South Rim for 4650 ft., then up and down for 1100 to 1650 ft. legs and finally topped out at Grandview Vista Point.

Anna explained their many challenges in detail, including pooping and disposal of same.

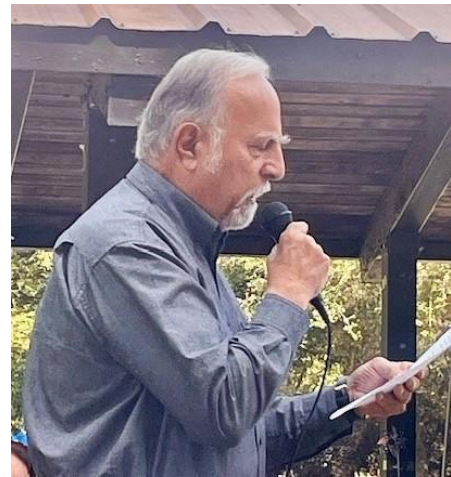
## Summer DCM

*thanks to Pennylee*

Healdsburg was represented very well at the summer DCM at Lake Sonoma! Dick gave a fabulous thought of the day And Susan's contributions to the Governor's visit are fantastic! Everyone is so appreciative!



**Richard "Rich" Della Maggiora,  
Lt. Gov. Elect**



**Dick delivers the Thought for the Day**



**Susan and friends**

## Pancake Breakfast for Healdsburg Junior High School 8th grade graduates

Thursday June 5 was graduation day for the Healdsburg Junior High School eighth graders. Our club members joined the celebration and prepared and served breakfast to 110 graduates before sending them on their way to celebrate their special day.

A contingent of Kiwanians helped set up, cook, work the serving line, cleanup, and all other necessary tasks. Thanks to all for the hard workers and the HJHS staff for their help and cheerfully putting up with us.

Special thanks to Frank and Carol Teuschler and the American Legion for loaning the Legion's pancake grilling machine including early morning delivery to the school and pick up after it cooled.

Murphey's Law, "If anything can go wrong it will" was tested. An early morning panic occurred when it was discovered that the propane tank was too cold and the American Legion's big rotating griddle took too long to heat up, so we had to improvise. We cooked the pancakes in the school's kitchen and in one of the classrooms that was set up for a culinary class. But it all worked out and the kids were so polite thanking us for everything. Teachers did a great job teaching them good manners.



**Dick saves the day**



**The servers: Jan, Melanie, Debby, Nancy & Susan (selfie)**



**Harry, Eric F., Dick, Eric S. & Bob waiting for pancakes to turn brown. It never happened**

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

**Dick Bugarske:** kudos to Susan and many members for pulling off a very successful Texas Hold'em event.

**Jerry Strong** is happy to have all new windows and doors. It cost lots of \$\$ but worth it.

**Debby Dormire** is sad that the Longboard Winery dog peed on her son-in-Law's leg.

**Eric Frost and Lorrie** are happy that he has 2 very expensive balloons. (Stents)

**YOU ARE FORMALLY INVITED TO  
DIVISION 32 GOVERNOR'S VISIT**

**Saturday, JULY 12, 2025**



**GOVERNOR DOUG FROST  
& FIRST LADY JUNE FROST**



**Howarth Park Gazebo, near Old West Town  
630 Summerfield Rd, Santa Rosa**

**Check-In & Social Hour – 9:00 am to 10:00 am  
Club President's meeting with Governor - 9:15 am  
Program & Presentation of Distinguished Service Awards  
Infamous Pancake Brunch – 12:00 pm  
Featuring Santa Rosa Kiwanis' Famous Pancake Machine  
Sonoma County Pomo Dancers  
Founded by Joe Salinas**