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Jordy Strong

Hans Jordan "Jordy" Strong, precious son of Loretta and Jerry Strong, was taken unexpectedly on December 7, 2019, while at the home of his beloved fiancée in Tiburon. Jordy was scheduled to fly to North Carolina to join Kathryn and meet her parents for the first time and was so very eager to embrace the future with her and start a family. He was a graduate of Chico State University with a B.S. in Geology and looked forward to working full time in his chosen field in 2020.



Our shooting star, ever so bright, ever so brief

Commissioned by Healdsburg Kiwanis and Loretta and Jerry Strong

After Jordy's passing, our Kiwanis Club received over \$5,000 in donations in his honor. Loretta and Jerry recently commissioned our very own Jim Schmidt to craft a Memorial Bench which he has just completed. It was unveiled at a special ceremony on July 11th, Jordy's 35th birthday, at 4:00 pm at the Villa Chanticleer followed by a champagne reception catered by Patti.

The bench is located at the base of the General Eisenhower Tree across from the Villa Annex.

One time referred to as "Old Stovepipe", in July 1972 it was officially named the "General of the Army Eisenhower Tree" in honor of America's World War II military leader and 34th President of the United States.

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Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa.

Meeting Dates:

Aug 6: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Gianni's Slideshow #1 from Europe Trip

Aug 13: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Eric Frost - Kiwanis International Convention, Denver, July 13th.

Aug 15: Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza.

Aug 17: (Saturday) First Responders Family Picnic with Legion, Noon-2 pm. Need a few volunteers.

Aug 20: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, program TBD.

Aug. 24: Brandt's Beach BBQ

Aug 27: No Meeting.

Save the Date

Jun 1, 2025: Second annual 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).



Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Officers 2023-2024

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

President Elect – Eric Frost

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Happy Birthday

Ron Doble – August 3

Judith Everett – August 4

James Lucchesi – August 4

Susan Sheehy – August 17

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Diana Blakeley – 8-6-13

Jason Boaz – 8-9-16

Barbara Erickson – 8-14-18

Lockie Gillies - 8-28-12 (5-14-02)

Ginni Ruppel – 8-18-23

The President's Message

Happy summer days, dear members!

On Saturday, July 20th, our CNH (California, Nevada, Hawaii), Governor Carole Farris, attended the official Governor,s visit, hosted by the Lakeport Kiwanis Club. Dan and I made the trip along with Susan Sheehy, who did not know that she would be the recipient at the event, for our Distinguished Service Award! It was a pleasure to honor Susan for so many reasons. She gives tireless hours of service for our club and has for years. This year however, Susan went over-and-above to plan and execute a brand-new fundraiser called Texas Hold Em! She spent hours and months preparing the rest of us for this day. The event was a happy and huge success! We look forward to this event, already scheduled for next year. Congratulations to Susan!

Many of our club members have had busy travel schedules this summer. It's always good to welcome you back to our lunches and meetings. Next up; Brandt's Beach BBQ...Hope to see many of you there!

President Jan



Edgar Deas

Fifty-year Kiwanian, Edgar Deas died on July 1 after a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease. born in Cuba, Edgar moved with his family to the US at age 7 in 1943. Shortly after moving to Healdsburg in 1955, Edgar and his father Mario founded E & M Electric. The business has evolved to accommodate the changing needs of the community for products and services and continues to thrive, led by the third and fourth generations.

Edgar was our club president in 1981 and was known for assessing the largest fine in club history when he fined his brother-in-law Pete Peterson \$2,000 for a serious, but long forgotten infraction. The exact amount of the fine or if it was actually collected cannot be verified. In recent years, Edgar was unable to attend our meetings and events, but remained one of our Honorary Members.



**Edgar Deas
1936 - 2014**



Board of Directors Meeting

There was no Board meeting in July.

Meetings

Jul 2: Kiwanis Night with the Prune Packers.

Who knew that at game time, the temperature would be slowly coming back down from a high of 110 degrees. The attendance was light because many felt the temperature was too daunting or too dangerous and gave the game a second priority. But a contingent of 10 members and guests ventured out into the heat, to celebrate our Club, pay homage to the Senior Center and our own Anna Grant, and cheer on the 19-2 Packers.

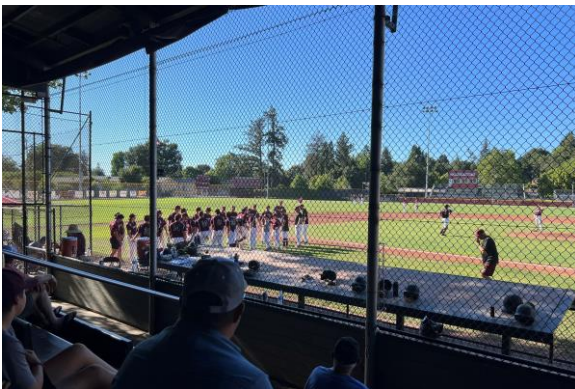


Our intrepid Anna, representing both our club and the Senior Center, got things started by throwing out the first pitch – not quite a strike.

The good guys overpowered the West Coast Kings with a score of 8-1, improving their season record to 20-2 overall and 11-2 in the Pacific Empire League.

Our Club got to know the team at our next regular meeting, see below.

Go Pack Go!



**Look who came for a visit!
Joanne & Denny**

Jul 9: Prune Packers 2024.

Our own Dick Bugarske, Board President of the Healdsburg Prune Packers told us all about the Packer’s history and this season’s team.

Some history: The Healdsburg Prune Packers are a historic baseball club, established in 1921 and spread its roots deep into the town’s culture during the Roaring 20’s and the Fabulous 50’s. In the remainder of the twentieth century, community interest shifted to softball and the Prune Packers were on a long hiatus. In 2012 the Prune Packers returned to Healdsburg.

This year we have created and are joining the new Pacific Empire League. League members for the first season are:

Humboldt Crabs (Arcata)	Lincoln Potters
Medford Rouges	Solano Mudcats
West Coast Kings	Prune Packers

The league is expected to welcome new members in years to come.

The current roster of 35 includes players representing colleges throughout the US with about 15 California schools and the remainder from as far as the University of Virginia and Michigan State.

Coach Joey Gomes celebrated his 10th year as the General Manager and Head Coach of the Healdsburg Prune Packers in 2023. Under his leadership, the team boasts a remarkable 310-100 record and has clinched the CCL Championship in 2021, 2022, and 2023. Much of the team’s success has been due to Joey’s ability to recruit quality players through his contacts with college coaches established during his professional baseball career.

The Packers completed their very successful season on July 28 with a win over the Alameda Anchors, and winning records of 37-6 overall and 22-5 PCL.

The 2024 PCL League Championship Series is now underway. The Packers should do well but they are now handicapped because several of their quality players have signed major league contracts and were immediately outa here to join their new teams.

Jul 16: An evening of music, food, and raffle items at the Senior Center Evening Social.

About 12 of our members showed up at the senior center on Tuesday afternoon and enjoyed the excellent array of appetizers prepared by Patti, music of the Tom Shader Trio, and camaraderie.



Denny, Anna, Joanne & Jan



The Tom Shader Trio



Barbara with a friend

- Over 700 volunteers supply 325,000 meals to more than 4,000 Sonoma County neighbors.
- Our Registered Dietitians customize the program to meet specific nutrition needs, and ensure the base diet is heart healthy and diabetes friendly.
- We bring healthy groceries, vitamins, and nutrition education to pregnant people and their families.

<https://fftfoundation.org/>

Jul 30: Guy French, Softball Pitcher Extraordinaire!

We took a gentle walk down memory lane, learning a bit more about one our own members, Guy French.

Dick Bugarske presented a wonderful PowerPoint describing Guy's unique fastpitch softball journey as gleaned from the newspapers of the time.

Guy was an accomplished Santa Rosa baseball player and a San Francisco State University tennis player.

He traveled to Guyana in the Pease Corps and taught in in secondary schools throughout the country.

He trained to become a schoolteacher, earned a couple of masters degrees and became a public schools principal, living and working in the Peninsula.

Guy was beginning to fund other things to occupy his time. In a 1967 Press Democrat article, a young Guy French was touted as a San Francisco pitching star!

A little side personal note: During my last two years in the service, I played on an Army fastpitch softball team. I moved to Santa Rosa and began a life in Sonoma County and fastpitch softball was all the rage. The reigning team was the Guanella Brothers and one of their arch rivals was the LeBlanc Barons of Sunnydale led by some great players, one of whom was a Guy French!

From 1972 to 1977, Guy spent many a weekend wearing a LeBlanc Barons or Guanella Brothers uniform.

Like a Marvel superhero, Guy was considered the top fastpitch softball pitcher in America. He continued to pitch into his 40's.

Over his softball career Guy won Multiple Tournament Championships and Multiple Tournament MVP's.

Jul 23: Food For Thought

Joining us today were Helen Myers, Director of Community Engagement, and Michelle Gleed, Community Engagement Coordinator.

Fostering health and healing with food and compassion, Food For Thought is a nonprofit organization dedicated to meeting the nutritional needs of people living with serious medical conditions and at risk of malnutrition and food insecurity.



- Services are free to people and their families, regardless of income.
- We value the unique needs and perspectives of every person to make individual food choices.

CalNevHa Governor's

On Saturday July 20 the Lakeport Club hosted the CalNevHa Governor's visit meeting and outing. Representatives of all Division 32 clubs except Ukiah were present. Representing Healdsburg Kiwanis were Susan Sheehy, and Jan and Dan Gianni. Our own Susan Sheehy was presented the Distinguished Service Award for 2024 by our Governor.

Well deserved Susan!



Lt. Governor Diane Rappold, Governor Carol Ferris, Jan Gianni, Susan Sheehy holding award



Susan enjoying a Pontoon Ride on Clear Lake

One of the attendees brought his boat and took a group out for a tour of the lake. Clearlake is the oldest lake in North America, and it has a bigger perimeter than even Lake Tahoe.

Birthdays



Harry requested a Happy Birthday song from everyone older than him, but it left only Jerry who needed help from all the other past and present club presidents

Geyserville Steak and Corn Feed

Six Healdsburg Kiwanians enjoyed this fun calorie infusing event on Thursday evening July 25.



Bob & Melanie Taylor, Jan Gianni, Susan Sheehy, Nancy Arsenault, Dan Gianni

\$\$ Happy/Sad & other stories \$\$

Denny Stead happy that Joanne arrived for the July 2 Prune Packer game and will be visiting for the month of July.

Jan Gianni happy she and Dan are celebrating their 42nd anniversary and will be enjoying a few days in Mendicino. Dan on jury duty and not so happy.

Cindi Brown: Marte was very ill and is now at peace.

Eric Frost happy to be going with grandchildren to climb Cinder Cone.

Susan Sheehy a happy \$12 for Lillie's birthday.

Jan Gianni happy deliberations will probably start Thursday. Dan is an alternate and may not be needed.

Dan Gianni very happy the trial is over!!

