



**August 2025**

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## Taking a Break

No projects or public service events were Scheduled in July, so we took a break and rested up for next year's activities.

## Lunch at Riverfront Regional Park

We enjoyed being outdoors at Wilson Grove, Riverfront Regional Park at our regular noon meeting on July 15. The meeting was a combined occasion with Senior Center members, with their staff let by our own Anna Grant cooking for us.



## Evening social at Longboard

Twenty members showed up at Longboards Winery on August 29 with plates and trays filled with a variety of interesting and delicious appetizers. The well-fed group enjoyed Longboard wines, and comradery.



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Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa Chanticleer Annex.

### Meeting Dates:

**Aug 5:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon - Lucy Lewand, Lucy's Life Journey Continues.

**Aug 12:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon, - Page Mazzoni, CEO Canine Companions.

**Aug 19:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon, - Joseph Franco - CEO | IT Consultant, "in the cloud IT".

**Aug 23:** Brandt's Beach BBQ. - Food, Fun, Camaraderie.

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.

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact President Eric Frost 559-802-6297 or Secretary Liz Bippart 707-227-4314.



**Hostess Cindi Brown**

## Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Officers 2024-2025

President – 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

Ron Doble – August 3  
Margie Koetzner – August 3  
Judith Everett – August 4  
James Lucchesi – August 4  
Jane Farkas August 11  
Susan Sheehy – August 17

### Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Diana Blakeley – 8-6-13  
Larry Unsworth – 8-7-24  
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

Last month, I met with our District Governor, Doug Frost, and he commented that we have the largest Kiwanis Club in the county. But you have to ask what could we do better to improve our club and the community.



To work together effectively and maximize our efforts, I want to encourage our club to return to the past and begin working in committees much more than recently. Here are several reasons to work in committees:

1. **Shared Responsibility and Collaboration:** Committees allow us to divide tasks, share responsibilities, and leverage diverse skills and perspectives. This teamwork leads to more innovative ideas and efficient execution of projects.
2. **Focused Expertise:** Different committees can concentrate on specific areas—such as youth programs, community service, fundraising, or public relations—enabling members to develop expertise and deliver higher-quality results.
3. **Increased Member Engagement:** Participating in committees encourages members to become more involved, fostering a sense of ownership, commitment, and camaraderie within the club.
4. **Effective Planning and Execution:** Committees facilitate better planning by allowing members to work on detailed aspects of projects, ensuring nothing is overlooked and that initiatives are completed successfully.
5. **Leadership Development:** Serving on committees provides opportunities for members to develop leadership skills, prepare for future roles, and contribute meaningfully to the club's mission.
6. **Sustainability and Continuity:** When many members are involved across committees, the club becomes more resilient, ensuring that projects and initiatives continue smoothly despite individual changes.

In essence, committees should be the backbone of our club's success. They enable us to work more effectively, foster leadership, and make a lasting difference in our community. Shortly, each of you will be asked to serve on committees again. Respond to the invitation and we can continue the long success of this wonderful club.

Eric Frost



## Board of Director’s Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Nancy Arsenault

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the July 2025 Board meeting:

### Administration Management

#### Financials

- The Administrative Treasurer’s Report was approved. Total Administrative fund assets are \$28,356 allocated as follows:

- Admin Fund \$17,830
- Admin Fund Reserve 10,000
- Presidents Charity Fund 526

#### Admin Business and Service

- New officer training will be on July 26<sup>th</sup> at Healdsburg Senior Center.
- Loretta is asking members to fill Board positions.

### Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

#### Grants/Donations/Requests

- Warm Springs 4-H Club - \$1,000 to help fund the youth archery program for 6–18-year-olds that will empower children through hands-on learning.
- 20/30 Club - \$250 for a Bronze level gift for Barn Dance funds engineering scholarships.

#### Financials

- Unrestricted Funds \$25,716
- Foundation checking account \$57,511
- Schwab account \$51,518
- \$1,500 was paid out to two scholarship winners who have already forwarded their college schedules.

### Slate of 2025/26 Club Officers

Loretta presented the proposed Slate of Club Officers at our 7/22 meeting. The vote for final approval will take place at our 8/5 meeting.

- President - Liz Bippart
- President Elect = Barbara Erickson
- Secretary – Board will appoint one of their members
- Admin. Treasurer- Richard Bugarske (continuing)
- Project Treasurer - Ron Doble (continuing)
- Past President – Eric Frost

### Board of Directors

Barbara Erickson, Susan Sheehy, Jan Gianni, Jerry Strong, Loretta Strong, Caroline Wright  
Retiring from the Board - Debby Dormire

## Meeting Summaries

**Jul 1: Griselda Villarreal**, Admin Analyst II City of Healdsburg - Senior Housing in Healdsburg.

Griselda is the first the Administrative Analyst II City of Healdsburg in this recently established group.

Griselda discussed her responsibilities in her new position, emphasizing Healdsburg’s senior housing support. Over 10% of households are residents 65+ living independently. The city’s goal is to support these people by:

- Expand healthcare access
- Increase accessible housing
- Enhance senior focused programs and facilities.

Many housing developments in Healdsburg are currently in various stages of development. Most contain affordable housing and senior housing elements.

The city is considering a policy requiring “Universal Design Considerations” in all projects. The Universal Design approach makes housing usable by everyone – regardless of age or ability – throughout their lives.

#### Key features:

- No step entries, wider doors, roll-in showers
- Lever handles, adjustable countertops.
- Non-slip flooring, clear signage, grab bars.

**Jul 8: Eric Frost** - Grand Jury Report.

Eric shared with us his experience as a member of the Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury and summarized the recently published Grand Jury Annual Report.

The Sonoma County Grand Jury is:

- A citizen watchdog function authorized by the California State Constitution.
- An investigative body: an “arm of the Court” – Assesses action and performance of local government entities.
- A group of 19 citizens serving a 12-month term. Every California County has a civil grand jury.

California and Nevada are the only states today with standing Civil Grand Juries.

The Civil Grand Jury Report contains descriptions of the issues investigated, findings and recommendations:

- Animal Services: Are governments fulfilling their responsibilities for our local dogs and cats?
- Evacuations: Is there a plan when disasters come? Is the county fully prepared?
- Airport development: Is Sonoma County's Airport preparing for greater air travel? Is there parking?
- Affordable Housing: Does any government in Sonoma County have success in creating affordable housing?
- City Fees: What are the laws governing local government fees? Are they being followed?
- Permit Sonoma: The County has many building permits to issue. Are they keeping up, particularly after the fires?
- County Surplus Property: What happens to surplus property when it is not needed by Sonoma County? Is it put to good use?

**Jul 22: Susan Sheehy** - The Alexander Valley Youngs - from Alsace to Alexander Valley.

Alsace is a region on the border between northeastern France and western Germany. Now a part of France, its history is marked by frequent shifts in sovereignty between France and Germany.

The first Youngs immigrated to the US in the early 1800's, settled in New York state and started their farming activities.

In 1849 news of the discovery of gold in California reached New York and two of the Young brothers caught gold fever and set off for California. They sailed from New York to Panama, crossed the isthmus on foot or horseback and caught another ship to San Francisco.

Apparently they had some success finding gold, and they were able to purchase some land from Cylus Alexander in Alexander valley. So, it was the beginning of the Young's Sonoma County farming. After developing the land for planting they first raised wheat and prunes, and later in the 20<sup>th</sup> century planted wine grapes and established the Robert Young Winery still run by Young descendants today.

## Young Family receives Farm Family of the Year Award

Love of the Land mid-summer celebration was held on July 10, 2025. The annual event honors agricultural award winners who are leading the way to preserve Sonoma County's rich farming heritage.

The evening's special awards included Farm Bureau Hall of Fame, Farm Family of the Year, Luther Burbank Conservation Award, and Friend of Farm Bureau. Funds from this event further our mission of preserving agricultural lands through advocacy and special programs and providing agriculture education for youth of all ages.

One of the Farm Family of the Year Awards went to the Alexander Valley Robert Young Winery family. The late Robert Young was a long-time member of Healdsburg Kiwanis and president in 1980.



**The Robert Young Family with our own Susan Young Sheehy on the left**

About 12 of our members attended and cheered for Susan and the Young family.

## Prune Packer News

*By Dick Bugarske*

For you baseball fans, July is Major League All-Star game month and for some of our young Prune Packers players, Major League Draft month. Over the years, the Packers have had over 70 players drafted and close to 90 make professional baseball teams after playing here in Healdsburg. Fingers crossed.

Update: The Packers ended the 2025 season on July 24 with records of 37-5 overall and first place in the PEL at 22-5. The Packers won their fifth straight championship on Friday night, August 2, winning 2 games of 3 from the Humboldt Crabs.

**Jul 12:** Our Club hosted 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.

### Governor's Visit

When **Governor Doug and First Lady June Frost** visited, June spoke about her campaign project to raise funds for pediatric Cancer Research. She sold patches for our Kiwanis banners and Susan purchased one for our club.

"My passion is cancer research and treatments for cancer. When I developed my focus, I knew I wanted to raise funds to provide grants to our six partner hospitals to assist them in their pediatric cancer research and treatment efforts.

So many clubs and divisions have come together to help support our focus. As many of you have heard me speak, you know cancer is very close to my heart. During our visits, many of you shared your own cancer experiences with us. Cancer affects us all in so many ways and on so many levels."



**From left, Michael Laird, President, Cloverdale Kiwanis, Jim Stewart, President, Oakmont Kiwanis, Allan Kuba, President, Windsor Kiwanis, Susan Sheehy, Past President, Healdsburg Kiwanis, Doug Frost, Governor Ca-Ha-Nev, June Frost, 1st Lady, Toni Holland, President, Santa Rosa Kiwanis, Pennylee Christensen, President, North Bay Kiwanis, Steve Carpenter, Member, Sebastopol Kiwanis**

### Dan and Jan receive Distinguished Service Awards

Our own Dan and Jan Gianni were honored with Distinguished Service Awards at the July 7 President's Visit meeting in Santa Rose, in recognition of their leadership and long service to the club.

Coincidentally, July 7 is also Dan and Jan's anniversary so they could not attend to receive the awards. A presentation ceremony will be held at a future club meeting.

Big John's Market also received a Distinguished Service Award. Big John's has long supported our club as well as other community organizations. Their support makes our community better and more vibrant.



**Dan and Jan are presented with the Distinguished Service Award at our July 22 meeting**



**Harry asked for a regular birthday song this year**  
(Saving for the big one ending in zero next year)

## Geyserville Kiwanis's BBQ Steak and Corn on the Cobb Dinner. Thursday, July 24

Thirteen Healdsburg Kiwanians enjoyed great steaks and corn on the cob on a cool evening in Geyserville.



### \$\$Happy/Sad and other stories\$\$

**Eric Frost** feeling much better after bypass surgery.

**Karen Tappen** happy to win \$600 at River Rock Casino playing Blackjack.

**Barbara Erickson** happy to be back after recovering from an emergency appendectomy. Spent several days at Healdsburg Providence Hospital and was very satisfied with the services. A previous stay prior to Providence purchase, not so much.

**Eric Frost** happy to be celebrating 44 years of marriage to Lorry

**Susan Sheehy** happy to visit Ireland with Sterling and climb Mt. Sheehy (about 2300 ft.) They also visited the Sheehy Hardware store in the nearby town. Possible distant cousins?

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**Susan**



**Liz**

Hostess Cindi Brown presented special recognition silver hats to Susan Sheehy and Liz Bippart for pulling off the 2025 Texas Hold'em tournament at Longboard's in June. Hats will also be awarded to Vern Losh, Dick Bugarske, Ken Rochioli, Lucy Lewan and Patti Robarts who were absent. One of the hats was used to collect tips for the gals at the bar and it was left with them in hopes that they will display it in the tasting room. Hopefully we can use that venue again as it was perfect for this event.