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2024 Brandt's Beach BBQ



The annual Brandt's Beach Barbeque was a fun-filled evening enjoyed by about 70 members and guests including the usual large Cloverdale group and several members from the Geyserville, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, and North Bay Clubs. It was a beautiful cool evening filled with great food, excellent company, and general merriment. Kudos to Denny Stead and a fantastic group of workers, and many thanks to the Brandt family for being so gracious in letting us use their fantastic venue and to the Brandt family members who helped with the setup.

The feast was prepared by the kitchen crew led by Patti Robarts and Larry Unsworth with Lockie Gillies' friend Marc Dym, chef and part owner of the Little River Inn at the fire grilling steaks and chicken. Several members provided an overflowing table of appetizers. An astonishingly sinful variety of treats purchased and/or prepared by several of our desert specialists was passed around.

Susan Sheehy led the dining area setup and decorating, and Jan and Dan Gianni attended to obtaining and serving the wine. Anna Grant and husband Michael were the expert bartenders. Thanks also to all the other hard-working volunteers too numerous to list (and the fear of forgetting someone).

Fun activities included the annual corn hole challenge. Our corn hole team of Dan Gianni and Jim Lucchesi returned the Crud Cup to its rightful place by defeating the Cloverdale team who had eliminated the Geyserville team in the first round.

Brandt's Beach BBQ preliminary estimated net proceeds totaled about \$6,500. Pending Board action, a substantial amount will probably be going to the Vocational Scholarship Fund. The vibe this year was less on raising lots of money and more on gathering together and enjoying each other.

See page 2 for more photos.

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Regular Tuesday meetings at the Villa.

Meeting Dates:

Sep 3: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Wendy Ripes, joined by Kathy Birdsong. Healdsburg Center for the Arts. Arts Festival at the end of September.

Sep 10: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Stephanie Derammelaere, Robert Ferguson Observatory programs and funding support.

Sep 17: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Claire O'Neill, Healdsburg Museum – Josefa Carrillo Fitch.

Sep 19: Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza.

Sep 24: Installation of incoming President, Eric Frost and other Board Officers at River Rock Casino.

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





Dick Checks people in and has a laugh with Patti



The steaks are on the grill!



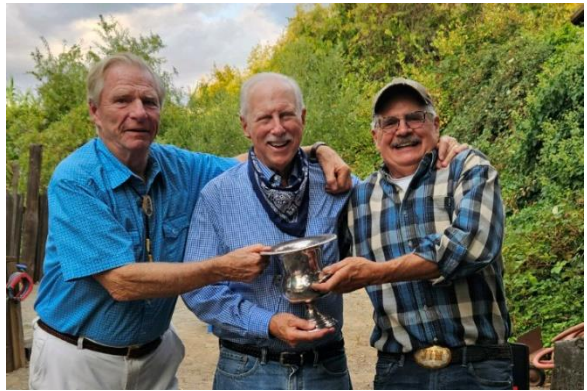
Michael and Anna, expert bartenders



A fabulous overflowing appetizer table



LiZ & Rowdy serve complementary wine



Denny awards the Crud Cup to Dan & Jim



Larry & Debby in the kitchen



Rick & Denny

Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Officers 2023-2024

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

President Elect – Eric Frost
Secretary – Liz Bippart
Admin. Treasurer- Richard Bugarske
Project Treasurer - Ron Doble
Past President – Dennis Stead

Board of Directors

One Year Term

Barbara Erickson Susan Sheehy
Joanne Kolinski Jan Gianni
Brian Wells

Two Year Term

Debby Dormire

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

Eric Smith – Sept. 6
Ken Rochioli – Sept. 19
Debi Doble – Sept 7
Cynthia Brown – Sept. 23
Lindsay Wurlitzer – Sept. 23
Robert Taylor – Sept. 27

Kiwanis Anniversaries

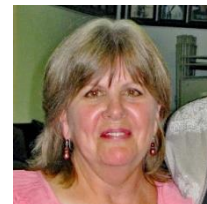
Congratulations to the following members who joined the Kiwanis Club during the month of September:

James Schmidt - 9-7-04
Eric Frost - 9-12-23
Jerry Strong - 9-8-92
Gary Plass - 9-25-01
Randolph Collins - 9-25-01

The President's Message

Dear Club Members,

What a wonderful evening at Brandt's Beach on Saturday! So many of our annual evenings there have been much warmer, but this was the perfect weather for all the great fun, food and good time for all. We also probably were fed the biggest steak of all time, along with tasty sides. Many of our district's fellow clubs joined us this year!



How about that Corn Hole contest? This year, Healdsburg Kiwanis Club took back the grand trophy by players Dan Gianni and Jimmy Lucchesi! We were very proud. Way to go, guys!

We will soon be enjoying our annual Installation of our incoming President, Eric Frost and other Board Officers. Please join us on Tuesday, September 24th at River Rock Casino for a special, plated dinner of slow-roasted Prime Rib or Fettuccine Alfredo while overlooking the magnificent Alexander Valley from the treetops! (Details to follow)

Happy autumn to all of you and we hope to see you soon!

President, Jan

More BBQ photos



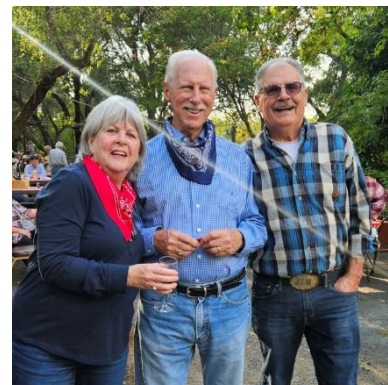
President Elect Eric & Lorrie



Pennylee & North Bay friend



Michael & Beverlee Laird



Jan, Dan & Jim



Board of Directors Meeting

There was no Board meeting in August.

Meeting Summaries

Aug 6:

New member Larry Unsworth welcomed



President Jan Gianni, Membership Chair Loretta Strong, Sponsor Patti Roberts, Larry Unsworth

Larry joins Anna Grant and Fire Chief Jason Boas as our City employee Kiwanis members. Larry joined Kiwanis several weeks ago but was not officially recognized because of his work schedule and Membership Chair Loretta's world travels absences.

Larry is the Public Works Inspector in the Public Works Engineering Department. He is committed to community service and avidly supports the Boy Scouts. Since joining, he has been a great help to Patti in the kitchen and she thinks he is a terrific chef. Rick says he is a great fishing buddy.

Aug 13: Eric Frost - Kiwanis International Convention, Denver, July 13th.

Eric reported on his visit to Denver with wife Lorrie and his attendance at the KI International Convention.



Eric & Lorry touching the Mile High Plaque

Eric and Lorrie enjoyed visiting Denver sites and attractions including art galleries and Independence Day celebrations. Their hotel room was located with a view of the magnificent fireworks displays to the east of the city.



Eric & Lorrie with new friends

Eric enjoyed meeting and interacting with the many convention attendees and sharing information about other club's projects and activities. Here is a list of Signature Projects of various clubs:

Signature Projects	
Average Club Size - 27	
27+	Under 27
Annual Breakfast	STEAM Fair (Science Tech Eng. Arts Math)
BBQ Stand	No Child without Christmas
Pancake house at fair	Boys Baseball League
17 School Support	BBQ - Miracle League
Eye Glass Distribution	Special Olympics Games
Special Needs Fair Day	Autism Awareness 5K run
Accessible Playground	Book Program

There were interesting discussions about the importance of Social Media and how clubs use it successfully.

- The average American is on social media 4 hours a day.
- 60 % of Americans are on Social Media.
- 50% of Americans get their news from Social Media

Our club has a website and Facebook, but not Instagram, Linked-in nor Twitter.

The Challenge for Service Clubs

- Service clubs are generally in decline – losing members.
- KI has lost 1/3 of its members since 2010.
- Despite great efforts, KI had to raise its quarterly dues.

- But – Kiwanis has much to offer:
 - An opportunity to serve
 - An opportunity to do something meaningful.
 - An opportunity to have fellowship.

Aug 17: First Responders Family Picnic,

On Saturday August 17, our Club partnered with the American Legion Post 111 and hosted a "Salute to Our 1st Responders" We served a picnic lunch to about 60 Responders and their families at the Villa Annex. Special thanks to Big John's Market for supplying all the food, the kitchen crew of Dick Bugarske, Frank Teuschler and Hank Kelty and all the other volunteers. See Aug 20 below for the program.

Aug 20:

Dick prepared a slideshow exploring some of the origins of our local Police & Fire Departments and Bell's Ambulance.

Police

Healdsburg Police Department

Law & Order was originally maintained by the county sheriff and his deputies until Healdsburg's own police force was incorporated in 1867. Our first City Marshal was James Keith who was elected in March of 1867 and later became Healdsburg's first known criminal requiring detention. At this time there was no actual jail, so Keith was held at one of the local businesses until his trial. Thomas A. Field built the first town prison in July of 1867 which was only a single wooden cubicle which was located on the main street north of North Street. This prison wasn't very expensive to build; only costing \$59.30 in total. Almost twenty years later, a new two-cell jail was built and included in the new city hall in 1886. This two-cell jail was succeeded eventually by a facility of five cells and a tank in 1961.

In 1952, Officer Frenchy Revel looks over the old ball and chain used to shackle prisoners to prevent escape and from wandering astray. The ball and chain was very useful for shackling prisoners due to its relatively heavy weight and the sound it made. would make if prisoners were to try and wander.



Healdsburg Fire Department



The Healdsburg Fire Department had its start in the year 1858 in the shape of a Hook and Ladder Company, which was established, with Henry D. Lee as Foreman, by a subscription raised among the members.

The hand pulled Hook and Ladder Company under the direction of Henry Lee carried ladders, water buckets and hooks for pulling down burning walls and ceilings. The apparatus shown was purchased in 1882 for \$325 and was housed in the City Hall on the Matheson St. side where 2 large doors appear on the left side of the picture.



First Motorized Fire Equipment
1919 Ford Model TT Truck
American La France Body

Healdsburg's first motorized fire truck was purchased from the La France Fire Engine Company for \$ 2250.00. The City Trustees approved the purchase January 1, 1920, and the two tank combination fire truck was delivered about 90 days later. The unit was equipped with a hose bed that held 1000 feet of 2½ inch hose and had 2 soda-acid chemical tanks. On arrival at the fire scene, the tanks could be turned to allow the acid and soda water to mix creating pressure to the chemical hose stored in the basket over the hose bed. As sometimes is the case in Healdsburg, the department was criticized by some citizens for wasting gas while drivers were being trained to operate the vehicle.

Bell's Ambulance Service



**Lea and Inez Bell, Founders
Bell's Ambulance Service**

Bell's Ambulance Service was founded in 1956 by Lea and Inez Bell. When Lea returned home after WWII, he found the growing cities of Healdsburg and Windsor were without dedicated ambulance service. The lack of ambulance coverage in their community became the driving force stimulating the formation of Bell's Ambulance Service. Lea and Inez served their communities as one of the only husband and wife teams in the ambulance industry. Inez also became one of the first women in EMS. Lea became a leader in local politics and helped establish rules, protocols and professionalize the ambulance industry in Sonoma County.

REACH

REACH was founded by Dr. John L. McDonald, Jr., who dedicated his life to helping others through the enhanced delivery of emergency medical care.

Dr. McDonald extended his belief in the importance of pre-hospital care to air medical transport and fought for the addition of a helicopter air ambulance in Sonoma County, culminating in his creation of REACH (Redwood Empire Air Care Helicopter) Air Medical Services in 1987.



Birthdays



**Susan Sheehy shows a check
in the amount of her age
and asks everyone to sing Happy Birthday**

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

Susan Sheehy happy for the fun trip to Washington DC with Sidney and Abby.

Sidney happy to be raising a steer for the fair.

Eric Frost happy to be on the Sonoma County Grand Jury – “trying to make government better.”



**Cornhole Boards created by Jim Schmitt
donated for live auction at Brandt's Beach
Sold for \$400**

