Members Welcome Two New Members

President Vern Losh, new member Tom Pierce, Membership Chair Loretta Strong

Our club welcomed Thomas Pierce at his induction during the March 13 meeting. Tom recently relocated to Healdsburg from Michigan. He had visited the local Rotary clubs but was unimpressed. He walked in our door unaccompanied a few weeks ago and felt very comfortable with our fun, social group with an interest in serving children.

Tom is a retired attorney. He has two adult daughters working in New York, an architect and the other in marketing. When introducing himself to the group, he stated that “I have been lucky in life and want to give something back”. He looks forward to creating friendships and serving children. Welcome Tom!

Sponsor Liz Bippart, new member Anita Kratka, Loretta Strong

We also welcomed Anita Kratka at her induction during the March 20 meeting. Originally from Riverside, California, Anita and husband, Ken moved to Healdsburg two years ago from Oakland. She has fond childhood memories of 4-H Club that continue today. After graduating from UCLA, she had a 30-year career in technology sales. Anita now mentors young people through SCORE and 10,000 Degrees. She is an avid tennis player who will bring great energy to Kiwanis. Welcome Anita!

Calendar

Meeting Dates:
Apr. 3: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Susan Esquivel & Karen Klick - HHS Graduation Celebration
Apr. 10: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. - Corozón Healdsburg
Apr. 17: Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 p.m. Round Table Pizza.
Apr. 17: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Ana Wegesser-Client Service Manager- American River Bank
Apr. 24: Evening Meeting at Villa Annex. 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting. Sterling Sheehy - Lucas Films

Other April Dates
Apr. 21: Governor’s Visit at Robert Young Vineyards.

Save the Date
May 24: FFA Parade.
May 24 – 26: FFA Fair.
Jun 10: Fitch Mountain Foot Race

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex 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 Vern Losh, President at 540-2929 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314

Kiwanis -----Serving the Children of the world
The President’s Message

Pancakes and Baseball

What could be better for Kids and Families than a big serving of pancakes and the opening of the baseball season. We get both within our Kiwanis family.

We just held our annual pancake breakfast. It is one of our “all hands-on deck” events and we had all hands. A big thank you to all that participated including our three leading ladies Jan, Susan, and Loretta. Then there was Darlene that put together a great raffle basket to help our Administrative fund, thank you.

I was impressed how the pancake breakfast just happens with some great leadership and all of you helping. Many hands truly make for light work. Everybody just digs in and gets it done. What a showing by our Key Club and Boy Scouts. Again, they just dove in and provided some much-needed help. Yes, there is a great future in our youth.

What would a message be without some reference to baseball? Yes, I just spent a week in Arizona for spring training. We saw the Giants twice and made it to the dreaded Dodger park and to the Mariners facility to complete our tour of all the Cactus league parks. Baseball like Kiwanis is about kids and families. It’s great to see the smile on some young kids face watching a game and seeing their favorite idol play a game. I still remember my first game at Candlestick park in about 1967. I had all my heroes on the field and announcer Lon Simmons sitting behind me during a radio break. I still have the hat that he autographed.

Check out the latest issue of the Kiwanis magazine. Our growth is showing thanks to all your efforts. We keep adding new members. It shows also on a district level. The California-Nevada-Hawaii District is ranked number one in members added through February of this year. Also, in that issue is a great article on all the pressure points and stress that kids are going through in today’s world. Included are some great tips for all kids and maybe even some adults like all of us.

The month of May will bring us the best little parade in the state, the Future Farmers Parade. This will be on the Thursday before Memorial Day and again it’s all about the youth. Many graduates of Healdsburg High make this an annual event to return to Healdsburg to see old friends and to help make this a great parade. Our bicycle team will be at it again showing the Kiwanis spirit. After the parade there will be the FFA Fair at Rec Park. Oh yes, and don’t forget our world-famous Denny Dogs and garlic fries served at the fair. Sign up to help out at an upcoming meeting.

Play Ball!

Vern

Happy Birthday

Martin Silge – April 14
Gary Plass – April 16
Paulene Rogers – April 20
Dale Candelaria April 22
Guy French – April 24

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

APRIL
John Dayton: 4-2-91
Todd Brandt: 4-7-01
Richard Norgrove: 4-7-96
Dan Maraviglia: 4-8-97
Guy French: 4-12-05
Dennis Stead: 4-13-99
Roger Dormire: 4-16-02
Al Peterson: 4-19-88
Brian Wells: 4-20-10
Richard Yates: 4-20-10

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OFFICERS 2016 – 2017
President - Vern Loch
President Elect - Loretta Strong, Dick Bugarske, Jan Gianni, Susan Sheehy (Serving each quarter)
Secretary - Liz Bippart
Admin. Treasurer- Richard Bugarske
Project Treasurer - Ron Dobley
Past President - Randy Collins

Board of Directors
Cindy Schwartz  Rita Loskill
Cindi Brown  Loretta Strong
George Clough  Roger Dormire
Patti Roberts  Richard Yates

Memorial Scholarship
Board of Directors
Dan Maraviglia, Chair
John (Jack) Brandt
Hunt Conrad
Guy French
Charles Reichel
Ron Dobley
Dennis Stead

The Builder
Harry Jackson, Editor
Kelly Blanchard, Facebook
Arnold Santucci, Sr. Advisor
Richard Iverson, Member
Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the March 2018 Board meeting:

Grants/Donations
- Kid’s Scope Newsletter request - tabled until the upcoming lunch meeting presentation.
- Healdsburg Senior Living connects high school students with senior citizens in the community. They will make a presentation in several weeks. Their request will be discussed following that program.

Money Matters
- Admin Fund: With $700 in the account, we continue to hang by a thread. Our goal is to get past Brandt's Beach Bar-b-que in August and the Hall of Fame dinner in October without having to raise dues. Lotto has started again, and those funds become Admin earnings.
- Project Fund: Checking account balance: $53,971, Christmas Tree Lot checking balance: just over $9,000. Money Market Fund holds $38,400. We may expect about $6,000 income from Pancake Day.

Committee Reports
- Pancake Breakfast: The details are in order. The Key Club has raised funds to pay for transporting members of our homeless population to Pancake Day. Nancy Arsenault has donated her 10 tickets to this project.
- Fitch Mountain Footrace: Nancy and Liz will have a meeting soon for the committee to discuss details and assign jobs.

Other Business
- Anita Kratka's request for membership was approved.
- If we choose to become a 501C3 organization, we will need to determine our defined purpose. There will be ongoing discussion and presentation of information until a final decision is made.
- Randy Collins has requested a LOA through the end of 2018 as his work obligations are very demanding at this time. He will continue to participate in major activities. The request was approved.
- The Hall of Fame dinner will be Saturday, October 20th at the Villa Annex. Therefore, the October 23rd evening meeting will be cancelled, and all are invited to support this Admin Fund project by attending the event honoring a local athlete and enjoy a great meal by Patti.

Meeting Programs
March 6: Dan Wilson, NOAA Fishery Biologist.

NOAA Fisheries mission “is guided by two core mandates—to ensure the productivity and sustainability of fisheries and fishing communities through science-based decision-making and compliance with regulations, and to recover and conserve protected resources including whales, turtles, and salmon.”

In his March 6 presentation, Dan discussed the NOAA Fisheries role in recovering endangered species in coastal California, with emphasis on salmon and steelhead. There is a diverse array of actions that affect species including:
- Hydropower development and delivery.
- Shoreline development permits, flood insurance, levees.
- Federal land management.
- Military operations.
- Timber harvest
- Ranching, farming, viticulture.
- Municipal water operations.
- Federal, State and Tribal fisheries policies and actions.
- Hatcheries and propagation.
- Research, restoration, recreation development.

Key principals in NOAA Fisheries species recovery approach are
- “Science is the backbone of our actions.
- We can't do it alone.
- We need to find the right solution for the challenge.”

Challenges include minimizing economic impacts, balancing social equities, making the most of limited resources and developing strategies to produce the greatest gain with the lowest impact and cost.

Local rehabilitation projects include the recent Dry Creek Safe Harbor Agreement for habitat enhancement and new ways in managing and encouraging fish migration. Mini-hatcheries are located on tributary streams and fish are released and will return to the remote locations, rather than returning to the main Dry Creek Hatchery.
March 13: Dr. Steven Harrington, Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Harrington, in a very informative presentation gave an overview of the responsibilities of the County Superintendent of Schools and the function of the Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE).

The mission of SCOE is “fostering student success through service to students, school, and community”.

The Sonoma County Superintendent of schools is a state constitutional officer, elected by the voters, who acts as a go-between for local school districts and the state. The Superintendent provides leadership, support, and state-designated fiscal and program oversight for the county’s 40 school districts and their more than 71,000 students. SCOE does not have or create policies directing district behavior. Each district sets its own policies.

Here are some of the key programs SCOE offers:
- Service and support to help districts meet legal mandates, operate cost-effectively, and raise student achievement.
- Fiscal oversight to districts.
- Schools and services for special education.
- Career Technical Education (CTE) department helps districts in prepare their students for college and career.
- Professional development for teachers and administrators.

SCOE priorities are:
- California Standards
- College and career readiness.
- School success for English learners
- Assessment and accountability
- Financial stability of Districts
- Service to youth and community

http://www.scoe.org

March 20: Ariel Kelley, Kinder2College

The Healdsburg Kinder2College Fund (K2C) is a community-driven effort, to create a college-going culture that supports all Healdsburg youth with the means to pursue their dreams beyond high school. By engaging families in the process and planting the seeds of hope at an early age, we have rallied our community around improving educational attainment.

K2C shifts the conversation about post-secondary education from one that takes place in high school to one that begins in kindergarten. We are making a promise that any child can pursue success beyond high school. Through K2C, youth begin to dream about their future, explore college and careers, and start their educational savings as early as kindergarten. While adults in their community encourage them along the pathway toward success.

Organizational partners include: Corazón Healdsburg, Healdsburg Unified School District and Healdsburg Education Foundation.

The fund was created by a gift given to the founders of the Healdsburg Free Store from Ellen DeGeneres due to their good acts in the aftermath of the Sonoma County Wildfires of 2017.

http://www.kinder2collegefund.com

March 27: Evening Meeting - Evening Meeting - Jason Weiss/Herman Hernandez - Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Sonoma County

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Sonoma County currently serves 7,000 young people ages 6 to 18 at 39 locations in Cloverdale, Geyserville, Healdsburg, Guerneville, Monte Rio, Windsor, Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Petaluma and Marin.

Some club facts:
- 81% of our members come from low-income homes, 73% of our members are Latino, and 45% don't live with both parents.
- Over 2,000 of our members participate in at least 60 minutes of physical play every day and we serve over 500,000 healthy meals each year.
- Every month, over 100 members are recognized for excellence in our core program areas.
- Each school year, members receive over 450,000 hours of homework help through our Power Hour program.
- In 2014, 99.3% of our members progressed to the next grade.

The Summer Camps program is a major service provided by the Boys and Girls Clubs. *Our
camps—packed to the gills with fun from the very first day—focus on providing life-changing programs for those children who cannot afford other camps and, thus, would otherwise be spending their summer days at home in front of a screen."

http://bgccsc.org

62th annual Healdsburg Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

The 62th annual Healdsburg Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast was held on Palm Sunday, March 25 at the Villa Chanticleer. Over 700 hungry people enjoyed all-you-can-eat pancakes with real maple syrup, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee.

This year’s event was chaired by president elects Jan Gianni, Susan Sheehy and Loretta Strong, who were assisted by other committee members and a crew of many mixers, cooks and servers working in three shifts. Also, pitching in were Key Club members and Boy Scout Troop 21.

Dick Bugarske again chaired the advertising effort assisted by a crew soliciting advertising from local businesses. In addition to ticket sales, the advertising is a major source of income. The crew sold newspaper advertisements appearing in a two-page spread in the Healdsburg Tribune to 80 local businesses and other groups or individuals. The ad campaign alone is expected to net up to $4000. The club very much appreciates this enthusiastic public support and members are encouraged to support these local businesses and say thank you.

The pancake breakfast is one of our major fund raisers. Total proceeds from the event are unavailable but an estimate will be available for next month’s newsletter.

Raffle tickets were sold at the door for a 50/50 raffle where the holder of the winning ticket would win 50% of the total jackpot with the remaining supplementing the Admin Fund. Vickie Norris got the winning ticket for Easter Basket donated by Darlene Prigmore and won half the pot of $464.

Photos on pp 6 & 7

Interclubs

March 10, Ukiah crab Feed

Rita Loskill, Terry Kemp, Susan Sheehy, Randy Collins

Upcoming Interclubs
• Petaluma Oyster Feed and DCM – 3/31
• Oakmont – April 5

Dinner is Served

About 35 Healdsburg and Cloverdale Kiwanians supported the Santa Rosa Symphony League’s music education programs by enjoying “Dinner is Served” at Barndiva in Healdsburg, Catelli’s in Geyserville and Piacere’s in Cloverdale. Here are some photos of members and guests at Barndiva on March 1.

Terry Kemp, Steve and Judy Everett, Hunt Conrad

Guy French and Hugo Bauer
Pancake Breakfast Pictures
Photos by Susan Sheehy

The busy crew

The new guy pitches in

Troop 21 helps out
$$ Happy/Sad $$

Terry Kemp happy that the reestablishment of the Ft. Bragg Kiwanis club is close to happening.

Liz Bippart happy to thank the 35 Healdsburg and Cloverdale Kiwanians for supporting “Dinner is Served”.

Terry Kemp happy for Susan’s ability to drive to interclubs and other Kiwanis events.

Vern Losh happy to be “getting out of here” and going to spring training.

Susan Sheehy happy that new member Tom Pierce has stepped forward to manage the Safety Fair.

Rick Wood sad to note that this year’s pancake breakfast was the first he and Patti have missed since becoming members.

Patti Robarts happy to report winning $600 on their trip.

Anita Kratka, happy Dick Bugarske persuaded her husband to become a Prune Packer Board member.

Postcards

Dan & Jan Gianni – Costa Rica