# THE BUILDER



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## Healdsburg Kiwanis 95th birthday celebration



#### The welcoming spread

Kiwanis members welcomed members of the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce, So Fi employees and other guests to an open house mixer at our November evening meeting, celebrating the our 95th birthday. About 40 folks enjoyed a spread of delicious appetizers prepared by Patti and others, wine and stimulating conversation.













# Calendar

#### **Meeting Dates:**

**Dec 4**: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex – Jamie Escoubas - Day Respite Program Mgr, Council on Aging.

**Dec 11**: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. – REIBT 70th Anniversary.

**Dec 18**: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Christmas Holiday Party & Caroling.

Dec 26: No meeting.

No Board of Director's meeting in December.

#### **Other December Dates**

**Dec. 1**: Cloverdale Kiwanis Crab Feed.

**Dec. 14**: San Francisco interclub at the Fairmont Hotel – see back page

#### **Save the Date**

Mar 2, 2019: Celebrate Cal-Nev-Ha Kiwanis District's 100th Anniversary, Mid-Year Conference North in Santa Rosa.

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 Loretta Strong, Co-President at 431-8052 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314.

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#### **OFFICERS 2018 - 2019**

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Anna Grant Cindi Brown
Jan Gianni Roger Dormire
Bob Santucci Richard Yates

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#### The Builder

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# **Happy Birthday**

Anna Grant: Dec.6 Terry Kemp Dec. 9 Vern Losh: Dec. 22 Richard Yates: Dec. 24

#### **Kiwanis Anniversaries**

Congratulations to the following members who joined the Kiwanis Club during the month of December.

Hunt Conrad - 12-4-07 Martin Silge - 12-4-07 Darlene Prigmore – 12-9-14 Nancy Arsenault – 12-19-17

## The President's Message

Hello, Dear Kiwanians,

I can't believe it's already December! Normally we would already be immersed in our beloved Xmas Tree Lot. I do miss it as does my husband Jerry and many other regulars. It's happy and sad all at the same time. We will as a Club find something worthy of our endeavors as we continue forward.

In the meantime, we have just celebrated our 95th Birthday with a wonderful cocktail event at the Annex that was very well attended and highlighted the best of our historical efforts to celebrate children and the Kiwanis spirit of changing the world one child at a time. We remain the largest Club in Division 32 and the heartbeat of local leadership.

I look forward to our December meetings and the celebration of our Holiday meal on the 18th. We support the Toys for Tots, the Coat Drive for the Homeless and as always, we will Carole for those less fortunate who have lost their independence and mobility. I am thankful for your support and for the ability to lead you one more time and pass the torch to my dear friend and colleague Dick Bugarske.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2019.

Loretta Strong

## **Toys-for-Tots**



A barrel for Toys-for-Tots donations is available in our Villa Annex meeting room. Please bring new unwrapped gifts on or before the December 11th meeting. Note that the toys will be picked up <u>before</u> our December 19 Christmas party. It was noted that gifts for the 10 to 14-year age group are usually in short supply.

# Happy Holidays!

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

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

#### Grants/Donations/Requests

- Redwood Empire Invitational Basketball Tournament (REIBT) \$200.
- HEF (Healdsburg Education Foundation) has offered to conduct a tour for 6-8 of our members of HHS where bond money has been spent to improve the culinary program, CASA (small houses), media production and other academic advances.
- Lt. Governor, Pennylee Christensen presented her budget at the recent DCM. We currently have 65 members in our club. At \$24 requested per member, we owe \$1,560 to help cover Pennylee's expenses this year.

#### Money Matters

- Admin Fund: Current balances Admin Fund, \$8,350; Losh Fund, \$1,250; Reserve Fund, \$10,000; Strong Fund, \$106.
  - Dick recommended an increase in dues to build back the Admin Fund and avoid using the Reserve Fund. The new fees will be \$65 for nonlunch members per quarter and \$130 for regular lunch attending members. The Hall of Fame event earned \$600-700 for the Admin Fund; Brandt's Beach raised approximately \$13,000; plus the dues increase should allow the Admin Fund to remain in the black. Ron suggested that in the future we could attach dues to the cost of living index for annual adjustment.
- Project Fund: Current balances \$5,933 checking; \$86,500 Money Market and none in the Reserve Account.
- Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Fund: Balance \$430,00+ at the end of fiscal year 9/30/2018. This allows giving 3% in expected earnings or \$11,726 in scholarships this year. Chuck Reichel has recently resigned from the Scholarship Committee and a replacement board member is needed.
- The Board adopted a resolution authorizing the treasurer to transfer the project funds from the

club's project fund accounts to the Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation and to close the project fund accounts when completed.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Kiwanis Project Fund Sub-Committee: The committee has been discussing what to do with our current Project Fund balance while considering the reduction in forecast income and propose a total annual project spending amount. Their recommendation:
  - A. Reserve \$75,000 of the current Project funds to be allocated to project spending over the next 5 years at the rate of \$15,000 per fiscal year.
  - B. Set aside \$5,000 to seed the creation of an endowment fund supporting the youth of Healdsburg, details to be determined.
  - C. Set aside the remaining Project funds, approximately \$10,000 as an unallocated reserve.

#### Other Business

• Anita Kratka has proposed a joint fundraising event at Baci restaurant for Kiwanis of Healdsburg and Prune Packers. Up to 80 people can attend this private party. We would sell tickets for \$150 per person. May 15<sup>th</sup> is the proposed date and will be checked for conflicts with other events in Healdsburg. Live auction items will be available. Anita proposed that 1/3 of the proceeds would go to Prune Packers and 2/3 would belong to Kiwanis. Wine donations will be solicited.

# **Meeting Programs**

**Nov. 6:** - Glen Schaezlein, HUSD Supervisor, Maintenance and Operations

As HUSD Supervisor, Maintenance and Operations Supervisor, Glen Schaezlein has many responsibilities, but one of the most important is to make sure that available bond money is spent in accordance with the intent of the voters.

Glen discussed the various enhancement projects completed and planned at Healdsburg schools financed by the recent \$100,000 issue passed by the voters. Glen was happy to report that the

recently completed state-of-the-art track and synthetic multi-sport field at Healdsburg High was completed on time and about \$2 million under budget. Other projects include the recently completed remodeling of Smith Robinson Gym and upcoming projects: a new gym at Healdsburg High and remodeling the gym at Healdsburg Junior High.

Nov 20: - Anna Grant - Healdsburg Senior Center

Anna Grant is the Active Adult & Senior Services Supervisor (AASSS) for the City of Healdsburg. As our speaker on November 20, Anna discussed three subjects: herself, the Senior Center and broader community and toilets.



Originally from San Diego, Anna attended Dominican University, San Rafael and received a BA in psychology, emphasis on animal behavior. She started working with disturbed youth and also worked with seniors. She worked 10 years in the senior living industry and joined the City of Healdsburg in June '17 and has been "hanging out with my seniors and working for the broader community".

The Senior Center is not just for old people, there is no age requirement. It is not all bingo, but has exercise classes, sport teams,



fitness and educational classes – many at low or no cost options. Other programs include bus trips to interesting places departing (almost) monthly and bistro dining.

The Volunteer Drive Program is a multifaceted program that will capture the generous spirit of the Healdsburg community, providing residents an avenue to give back to their community. It will be a single outlet for volunteerism in the community and support for new and existing City volunteer opportunities.

And toilets: Health checks from your doctor could be replaced by visits to the bathroom, thanks to a smart toilet developed by a Japanese company. The "intelligent Toilet system created by Toto will measure sugar levels in urine, take blood pressure

and weigh body fat and weight. Once results are taken, they are transferred to a home network, and analyzed on a computer spreadsheet.

# First Book Project dictionaries available for distributed to third graders

The Healdsburg Kiwanis First Book Project for 2018 has been delayed due to school disruption caused by the wild fires and smoky conditions. The dictionaries have been purchased and are on hand for distribution during the first week in December. A total of 190 dictionaries were obtained from Costco at a significant discount (\$16.27 vs. \$26.75 list price). The total cost to the project fund was about \$3093.



Crystal Silva of SoFi wins the raffle at the open house mixer

#### **Interclubs**

# Petaluma Kiwanis - DCM at the Petaluma Wildlife Museum



Anna Grant, Terry Kemp, and Jan Gianni



# Petaluma high School students with their teacher Phil Tacata

Mr. Tacata brings his love of teaching, passion for conservation, and maverick sense of humor to the Petaluma Wildlife Museum as the instructor of both the (newly restructured) Wildlife and Museum Management classes.

## \$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

Roger Dormire happy that the late Robert Young was happily watching over the Kiwanis event at the winery.

Rich Iverson happy that his driver's license was renewed - good until age 97.

Diana Blakeley happy to have shown up at the meeting.

# **Special Birthdays**



Two Richards, Iverson and Bugarske who share a November 2 birthday sing happy birthday to each other



Los Tres Amigos sing happy birthday to the fourth amiga, Jan Gianni



Jerry leads all the men in singing a special happy birthday to Loretta





Loretta Strong sings Happy Birthday Mr. Frog for Jerry's 85<sup>th</sup>

Mr. frog is the first song Jerry recalls learning 80 years ago in kindergarten.

# The Builder - - KIWANIS CLUB OF HEALDSBURG



Please join us for our 98th annual holiday lunch at The Fairmont Hotel Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 11:45 a.m.



The Kiwanis Club of San Francisco invites you to our holiday lunch to celebrate our friendships, have some fun, and to be entertained by Stephanie and Dave Rapa, veteran performers based in San Francisco and the founders of Brickhouse, a professional cover band performing extensively throughout Northern California and Nevada since 2014.

#### **PLEASE RSVP NOW!**

and mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 11, 2018 11:45 am to 1:30 pm at

#### The Fairmont Hotel

\$60 Kiwanis Members (Late registration = \$70) \$65 Nonmembers (Late registration = \$75)

If you plan to attend this event please let Susan Sheehy know. tel. 326 2712 or susansheey@me.com

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#### New Look for the Newsletter

I have recently learned that KI has a graphics manual that we are encouraged to follow, and I have attempted to comply (fonts, logos, colors etc).

"The Kiwanis International Graphic Standards Manual provides clearly delineated guidance. In it you will find the essence of our graphic vision for the organization, a look and feel that communicates to the world who we are and where we are going."

HJ