We celebrate all our birthdays at an Evening Meeting Birthday Dinner Fundraiser

We celebrated all of our birthdays at once at a festive dinner on January 29 hosted by Lucy Lewand, attended by about 40 members and guests. The room was arranged with 5 festively decorated tables each designated for seating 2 birth months, (except for the first table that seated January through April because there were fewer birthdays in that period). Lucy had planned the party similar to an event she had attended as a child and was very happy not to have to sit with her parents.

January, February, April Table

May – June Table

July – August Table

September – October Table

November – December Table

Birthday cake by Liz

Thanks to the generosity of attendees, over $1900 was raised to supplement our admin. fund. Each person was asked to donate an amount equal to their age in either pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters or dollars – honor system, no questions asked.

The collection box

Calendar

Meeting Dates:


Feb 12: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. – Santa Rosa Symphony - Key Club Bake Sale


Feb 21: Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 p.m. Round Table Pizza.

Feb 26: Evening Meeting - Jill Lublin, Get Known Everywhere.

Other February Dates

Feb 9: Steelhead Festival

Save the Date


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.
The President’s Message
Reprinted from the Healdsburg Tribune (Nov. 3, 1923)

KIWANIS CHARTER DAY PROVES BIG SUCCESS

Charter Presentation Day, when the Healdsburg Club received its charter from the International headquarters, was a big day for Healdsburg. It saw the acceptance into a family of 11,000 clubs of an organization that is to mean much in shaping the destiny of this city and marked the beginning of a new era in the fraternity of business in Healdsburg. More than 300 persons were present in the spacious American Legion auditorium Saturday night when a five-course banquet fit for kings was served as a fitting prelude to the presentation of the charter.

The guests for the evening, both men and women, included visitors from Napa, Vallejo, Sacramento, Alameda and San Francisco, as well as local Kiwanians, their ladies and their guests. An efficient corps of waiters from San Francisco served the following menu: Fresh Shrimp Cocktail, Olives, Pickles, Beef Bouillon in Cups, Boiled Salmon, Parsley Potatoes, Orange Sherbet, Young Stuffed Roast Turkey, Creamed Peas, New Potatoes Browned, Fresh Fruit Salad, Chocolate Brick Ice Cream, Cake and Coffee.

During the early part of the dinner an orchestra furnished instrumental numbers, and was followed by the entertainment committee’s surprise number. This was an excellent male quartet, grotesquely dressed and comical in gesture, but showing fine taste in the selection and rendition of their numbers.

GREETINGS FROM CLUB SPONSORS

The beginning of the ceremony of presentation was marked by the singing of “America” by the assemblage and the speaking of the pledge to the flag by the Kiwanians, and Rev. E. G. Cattermole spoke the invocation. J. H. Miller, president of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club, acted as toastmaster, and introduced the various speakers and vocalists who contributed to the program, including Mrs. Louise Decker and Mrs. Horace J. Hosmer, each of whom offered two beautiful solos. Nathan F. Coombs of Napa, lieutenant governor of Kiwanis, responded to the toast, “Greetings from Our Sponsors.” He reviewed briefly the events leading up to the formation of the local Kiwanis, which was sponsored by the Napa club. Secretary C. W. Comstock read a number of telegrams from International officers and other clubs, congratulating the Healdsburg Kiwanians on the occasion of Charter Day. Included were messages of congratulation from the International president and secretary, the international field secretary, (who was unable to attend), the California district president, and the Monrovia and San Leandro clubs.

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Mary Brandt

Mary Brandt a great friend of Kiwanis and mother and grandmother of fellow Kiwanians, Jack and Todd, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on December 25, 2018. Mary was a lifelong resident of Healdsburg and supporter and participant in many community activities. Mary is shown here celebrating her 90th birthday at our Brandt’s Beach BBQ in August 2015.

Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the January 2019 Board meeting:

Grants/Donations/Requests

- Kiwanis Family House - $100.
- Healdsburg Jazz Festival - $500.
- Tech Trek Scholarship - $950 for one female student to attend the AAUW sponsored event at Stanford University.
- Graduation Celebration - Key Club has planned a fundraiser with all proceeds going to the Graduation Celebration. To support and motivate Key Club, Healdsburg Kiwanis will match funds raised by Key Club, not to exceed $1,000.
- Chefs of Tomorrow – $650 requested by Lucy Lewand. Chefs from local hotels will partner with the high school culinary program on May 1st at the Doubletree in Rohnert Park. Nine high schools will participate. No action was taken

Money Matters

- Admin Fund: Current balance $7,372. The club will pay $360 for the March 2nd Cal-Nev-Ha Mid-Year Conference 100% participation fee. Therefore, all members of our club may attend without cost.
- Project Fund: “Available” funds - $23,488. Reserved funds for the Baci Wine Dinner - $2,500; Endowment - $5,000; and 4 year reserves (15K per year) - $60,000.

President’s Report

- Anna Grant has volunteered to chair a Planning and Project Committee to discuss donations for future expenses.

Membership

- Crystal Silva of SOFI was approved as a new corporate member.
- Pauline Rogers and George Diebold have requested to become $65/quarter members.
- Lindsay Wurlitzer has requested LOA status.
- Randy Collins will return to active status.

Old Business

- Anita met with the Prune Packers Board to engage their support of the Baci Wine Dinner fundraiser on May 15th.
- Ron reported the Fitch Mountain Footrace planning is going well. It will be held on Father’s Day.

New Business

- Anna will announce a date for the first meeting of the financial planning committee.
- Cody Thompson would like to help with social media and will connect with Dick to develop a plan.

Meeting Programs

Jan 8: Chester Santos - International Man of Memory

Chester visited us last year in May and amazed us with his feats of memory. He is well known for his ability to demonstrate extraordinary feats of the mind, as well as educate others to do the same. Chester believes that every person can demonstrate amazing abilities with their memory given the proper technique and guidance.

In a very thought-provoking presentation, Chester described “training of the brain” to enable it to recall vast amounts of information and he demonstrated several techniques used to help the brain remember.

Chester circulated the room introducing himself to everyone present (about 30 people) and
learning each person’s name. After some introductory remarks, he again circulated the room and could recall everyone’s name.

Noting that our brain’s visual memory is very strong, compared to memory for abstract facts, all our senses can be used to enhance memory. Chester demonstrated a technique for memorizing a list of twelve words by the “story method”. The story involves forming a visual picture of each word and relating it to the next word in the list: a monkey was playing with an iron, he dropped the iron, but it was attached to a rope which was attached to a kite, the kite flew up and hit a house . . . etc. After learning the complete story, most of us were able to recall the list – at least for a few minutes.

Chester once received an award for memorizing and perfectly recalling an entire deck of playing cards in less than 90 seconds. He is on the Las Vegas casinos’ watch list.

Jan 15: - Denny Stead – Wildlife Rescue, Sonoma County

Filling in for a speaker cancelation, Denny Stead described what Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue does and some of his experiences as a volunteer.

“Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. We rescue about 1,500 animals a year and strive to give each animal the quality care it deserves. Sick, injured and orphaned wildlife receive medical care and a place recover before being returned to their natural habitat. “ https://www.scwildliferescue.org

Wild animals are rescued when they are injured, sick or poisoned, orphaned or illegally kept as a pet. In addition to rescuing and caring for the animals, the following programs are offered.

- Education Outreach
- Barn Owl Maintenance (owl boxes).
- Predator Prevention and Education Barnyard.
- Wildlife Exclusion Service.

Denny described his rescue of a fox that was suspended from the top of a fence with his foot caught in the space between the fence boards. It was a delicate and dangerous process with a net on a long pole. The fox escaped from the net and disappeared into the woods without a thank you.

Jan 22: Dave Jans – Recreation Manager, and Jaime Licea, Parks Superintendent, City of Healdsburg

Our visitors from the City of Healdsburg presented a discussion of the Park and Facilities Assessment Project recently undertaken by the City.

The assessment will document existing conditions, and anticipated life cycles and will estimate replacement costs. The results will feed directly into current and future planning processes and provide parks and maintenance staff with useable GIS data and segue into maintenance software. Kitchell Inc. was selected in a competitive RFP process to perform the work. The work will involve reviewing existing documents, collecting data at 19 locations, and input meetings and presentations including user focus groups. Deliverables include a Facilities Assessment Report and a GIS database. Work is currently underway and will be completed by June 1, 2019.

Interclubs

DCM 1/12/19 in Petaluma
The Key Club put together a project for Kiwanians and Key Club to do together – a bonding thing. We dropped ink on a tile and then blew the ink with a straw. The idea was to try and match what your partner didn’t, but we just had fun with it. After it dried, we all got to take it home.

North Bay, January 23

Barbara Erickson, Diane Pierce, Susan Sheehy and Denny Stead

A visit to Healdsburg High

A group of Kiwanians toured Healdsburg High School at the invitation of the Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF) on January 16.

HHS Principal Bill Halliday and Dana Grande of HEF (Right) with Kiwanians on the tour

Visiting the science lab

Visiting the culinary class

$$ Happy/Sad $$

Nancy Arsenault happy to thank everyone who donated coats for the homeless.

Denny Stead happy to thank donors to the Toys for Tots program.

John Bippart happy for recognition of 25 years as a Kiwanian. “I had no idea!”

Roger Dormire happy to believe in Santa again after distributing over 500 toys from Toys for Tots.
Dick Bugarske happy for the Santucci family at the meeting to celebrate Arnold’s birthday.

Susan Sheehy happy to be asked to serve on Healdsburg Museum Board of Directors.

Lockie happy to have received a text from his daughter during the meeting informing him that he will be a grandfather.

Postcards
Jan and Dan Gianni – Costa Rica.

Join us for the
11th Annual
LAKE SONOMA
STEELHEAD
FESTIVAL
Saturday, February 9, 2019
10:00am - 4:00pm
Milt Brandt Visitors Center
3288 Skaggs Springs Road, Geyserville

California’s largest celebration of the threatened Steelhead Trout
It was estimated that 8,000 attended last year!

- Enjoy wildlife and conservation exhibits hosted by more than 40 groups.
- Get up close and personal with steelhead as they push upstream and climb the fish ladder to spawn the next generation of fish.
- Tour the Warm Springs - Don Clausen Fish Hatchery and cast your own line to catch a hatchery steelhead trout (kids 15 and under) to take home for dinner!

Entertainment and activities include:
- Guided Tours
- Live Music
- Art Projects
- Food Vendors
- Fish Casting
- Wine Tasting & Beer

Look for the Healdsburg Kiwanis Sponsored Food Booth!
Garlic Fries - Corn Dogs - Hot Dogs - Polish Sausage

This annual FREE event is hosted by:
- Friends of Lake Sonoma - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Sonoma County Water Agency - California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- More information at www.lakesonoma.org

Special Birthdays
Arnold Santucci blows out 99 candles
District Governor W. R. Brown, who had come from Pasadena to be present at this occasion, reviewed the purpose of Kiwanis and told of the good it could accomplish in the community in which it has its being. He then presented the club charter to Vice President George N. Imrie. Before making the presentation, however, he exacted a pledge from all the Healdsburg Kiwanians that they would attend all meetings whenever possible and serve to the best of their ability on any committees to which they might be appointed.

Colonel George Filmer, president of the Kiwanis club of San Francisco, spoke on behalf of the visitors. At the conclusion of his talk, Napa demanded the spotlight. There were some 50 men and women present from the Napa club, and the calcium beam swung up and down their table in response to the request. Just as officers and guests were wondering what was going to happen, the door in the front of the auditorium swung open, and two men, staggering under the weight of a huge gavel, walked down the aisle and up to the stage. Mr. Corlett than presented the gavel to the Healdsburg Club as a gift from its sponsors, as “something that will carry weight, that will be handled weekly, and something that will not be lost sight of.” The “gavel” was six feet long, the head being nearly two feet across, and perfectly shaped. A second gavel, handsomely inlaid, was then presented by the Napan’s to President J. H. Miller. Herman F. Boos led the assemblage in the singing of Kiwanis songs before the diners adjourned to the ante room. The tables were removed and until a late hour dancing and a social time were enjoyed. The chairmen in charge of the various committees, whose efforts were responsible for the success of the evening, were as follows: Program, F. W. McConnell; reception, Dr. E. L. Morse; golf tournament, Dr. J. Walter Seawell; dinner and arrangements, W. A. Hill; printing and publicity, G. P. Sanborn; music, Herman F. Boos; decoration, Fred Young; tickets, L. J. Hall; ladies’ reception committee, Mrs. C. W. Comstock.