Happy Birthday to All!

We celebrated our year 2020 birthdays all at once at a festive dinner on January 28 hosted by Lucy Lewand, attended by 50 members and guests which included Darlene Prigmore’s special family group. The room was arranged with festively decorated tables each designated for seating attendee’s birth months.

Lucy was assisted by a hard-working committee: Judy Everett and Diana Blakeley - table décor, numerous cakes, appetizers & guest gifts for months of January thru August; Master Cake Creator Liz Bippart – an amazing and delicious cake. Thanks to Patti Robarts and her team for going above and beyond – delicious food, table settings, clean-up and more – much of which they weren’t planning on doing.

Thanks to the generosity of attendees, over $790 was raised to support the St. Patrick’s Day celebration that our club is co-sponsoring with the City of Healdsburg. 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.

Mark your calendars and start saving your quarters for next year, Tuesday, Jan 26th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Barbara Ericsson has offered to co-chair. Debbie Dormire has offered to do the October table décor and cake for next year – Denny take note – cake not cupcakes for you!! Anyone else who would like to take a month or two for next year – please let Lucy know. There are many members with October thru December birthdays – about half of the attendees. The other 9 months are a little sporadic!!

See page 5 for two of our members who actually celebrated birthdays during the week.
The President’s Message

Greetings and salutations everyone. Can you believe that it is the end of January and the beginning of our event filled February? Maybe we should just keep up our Christmas decorations since it will be here before we know it. The Birthday party was a huge success, Big shout out to Lucy and her gang for making this such a joyous occasion.

This is such an exciting time to be part of our club. The Steelhead festival and our Tim Flannery concert will be so much fun.

I am very honored and extremely humbled to receive an award from Parks and Recreation District 1 for volunteering. I love what I do, and I get so much more out of it than those on the receiving end. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. This is why I adore our club. We all do something. Be sure and pack your rain slicker and rain boots just in case we have another wet and wild Steelhead festival.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Rocks.

Terry

Arnold Santucci

A special milestone for Arnold

Arnold first joined Kiwanis in 1950. In 1965 he took some time away to tend to other interests including duties as owner/publisher of the Healdsburg Tribune. He rejoined Kiwanis in 1984 and has been a very active member since. He still attends meetings when able with his son Bob. Arnold’s late wife Vi celebrated her 100th in December 2018. She passed away soon after.
Board of Directors Meeting  
*Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart*

**Administration Management**

**Financials**
- The Admin Fund - we dipped into the $10,000 reserves to pay our annual CAL-NEV-HA dues of $8,340. There is currently $6,500 in the Admin account and the reserve account will be repaid following the Steelhead Festival in February.
- A motion to pay $300 in seed money for the Casino Night in August was approved.

**Committee and Event Updates**
- Proceeds from the Steelhead Festival will now go to the Admin Fund.
- The June golf tournament will be shared with Healdsburg Rotary and held at Tayman golf course. The proceeds will go to Admin Fund.

**Membership**
- Dan Marviglia’s request for senior status was approved.

**Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation**

**Grants/Donations/Requests**
- Healdsburg Jazz Festival – $500 to support music education in Healdsburg schools.
- Santa Rosa Symphony League – $1,000 to support music education to over 30,000 children in Sonoma County.
- North Bay Science Challenge – $400 to the Petaluma Sunrise Rotary Foundation for science-based teamwork in grades 4-8. Three hundred children from 20 schools will participate.
- FREE Book Mobile of Sonoma County – $500 to increase outreach of books to children in Healdsburg.
- Kids Scoop News – request tabled pending further investigation.
- Healdsburg Fire Department – request tabled pending follow up on additional information about this program involving fire safety and burn prevention for children.

**Financials**
- December 2019 was the first time with neither income nor expenses! Current Foundation assets are nearly $94,000. Checks for approximately $3,000 have been received in remembrance of Jordy Strong and will be deposited in the Children’s Fund. Denny purchased 176 dictionaries at a cost of $2,875. $1,600 has been received for the Tim Flannery Concert in ticket sales to date.

**Committee Reports**
- Fitch Mountain Footrace – on target. Banner ads and Facebook will be used for this Father’s Day, June 21st event.
- Pancake Breakfast – on target.
- Golf Tournament – We are cooperating with Healdsburg Rotary for this June event.
- Tim Flannery Concert – 48 tickets have been sold out of a possible 450 seats. We have a net income of $2,375. Please invite your friends and buy your tickets.

**Meeting Programs**

**Jan 7:** Sally Mackin, CEO Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF).

Sally recently relocated from Birmingham, Alabama and now leads HEF. She is an experienced nonprofit worker and is passionate about education and equity.

HEF was founded in 1985 to raise funds. Its mission is “to bring our public schools and community together to promote and invest in programs and initiatives that have the greatest impact on student learning, and that help equitably prepare all of our K-12 students for college, career, and citizenship.”

https://www.healdsburgeducationfoundation.com

Sally discussed the many HEF programs and how they benefit the students and faculty. Programs include:
• Classroom Aides for Kinder & 1st Grades - “Paraprofessional” aids to support teachers in the classroom.

• Unconscious Bias & Trauma Informed Practices

• SOEL Advisor at HHS (Supporting Our English Learners).

• K-5 Enrichment – includes fitness, yoga, science exploration, chess, robotics, young author workshops, art, music, gardening and nutrition classes.

• Parent Outreach & Education - helping parents identify areas where their child could use extra support, hosting parent information nights, and connecting families with community resources to meet whatever needs they have.

• Healdsburg High School Academic Internship Program - prepares students from the time they enter as Freshman to draft resumes and cover letters, present themselves professionally, and seek out jobs that interest them. The program then pairs each student with a business or nonprofit of their choosing, where they intern for 3 weeks with a mentor in that field.

• Meet the Master - provides a special form of art education for our K-2 students at Healdsburg Elementary and Charter School.

Jan 14: Eric Smith - From Key Club to Kiwanis.

Eric joined our club in May 2010 shortly after graduation from Healdsburg High where he was a Key Club member. While in high school at age 15 he participated in the Healdsburg Fire Department Explorer Program where he developed a keen interest in firefighting.

Eric described his career development as a firefighter up to the present time. He enrolled in the Fire Technology program at Santa Rosa JC in 2011 and joined the Healdsburg Fire Department as a reserve firefighter the same year. In 2012 he served as an instructor in the Department’s Explorer program that he had participated in during high school. In 2014 he joined CalFire as a seasonal firefighter and has served in several locations throughout the state for several years. He completed his Associate Degree in 2018 and is currently a reserve firefighter HFD. He has received an offer from CalFire and will be joining the group as a full-time firefighter.

Jan 21: Shelly Anderson – HHS Intern Program

Healdsburg High School offers the only internship program of its kind in Sonoma County. With the generous support of the Healdsburg Education Foundation, the program looks to mentor the workforce of tomorrow by exposing high school students to real world work experience.

All juniors at Healdsburg High School attend a 6-day internship at a local business in January and February. Students are required to conduct career research, draft a resume and cover letter, attend an interview and are prepared on workplace etiquette. Each student has a specific project focus at the internship site and a key deliverable.

Mentors are matched to the students based on the student’s career interest. Businesses are coached in preparing for their intern and asked to give honest, specific feedback on their student’s performance.

Over 80 local business participate in the program, along with 150 juniors.

https://hhs.husd.com/internship

In an interesting discussion concerning the program, Shelly described student preparation during the Freshman and Sophomore years and follow-up during their Senior year.

Freshman: Focusing on career awareness and learning about work. Identify careers to explore, intro to professional business letters, resumes, develop a 10-year plan.

Sophomores: Career exploration, continue learning about work. Create resumes and mock cover letter to mentor, give a 3-5-minute presentation on career of interest.

Juniors: Career preparation, learning through work (internship).

Seniors: Career training, learning for work. Train for employment and/or secondary education in a specific range of occupations, assemble a portfolio including resume, transcript, recommendations, etc.
First Book Project dictionaries distributed to third graders

Nancy and Liz passing out Dictionaries at Fitch Mountain School

The Healdsburg Kiwanis First Book Project for 2020 was completed during January. A total of 176 dictionaries were given to every third grader in Fitch Mountain Elementary, St. Johns, Alexander Valley, West Side and Healdsburg School. This marks the 19th year of the program with about 3600 dictionaries distributed since the program’s inception. The total cost to the project fund, including sales tax, was $2875 (16.33 per dictionary).

Interclub Visits
DCM at Salvation Army of Santa Rosa 1/11/20

Attending from Healdsburg were Terry Kemp, Diane Pierce, Susan Sheehy and Anna Grant.

Special Birthdays

Here are two of our members celebrating their actual birthdays during the annual birthday party on January 28.

Darlene Prigmore

90+ dictionaries lined up for distribution at Fitch Mountain School

Rick Wood
$\text{Happy/Sad}$

Roger Dormire sad that it will be harder to compete for Food Kitchen fund raising with the new HEF Director.

Terry Kemp happy to visit her grandchildren in Fort Bragg.

Rich Thomas sad for 14 hours of turbulence over the Pacific making it impossible to drink any wine. Terry suggested that someone should have started an IV.

Susan Sheehy happy to thank Eric and all the firefighters for saving the ranch.

Denny Stead happy that 1460 toys were collected by Toys for Tots and given to Shared Ministries for distribution to local kids.

Roger Dormire happy that Rotary donated $12,000 to the Food Pantry. Kiwanis Board take notice!

John Bippart happy that Liz is a grandmother and he is a great grandfather.

Jerry Strong happy for the visit to the firehouse with his great grandchildren.