



A Zoom Merry Christmas

No news, just fun stuff



Santa zooms in



President Anna with her 10 ft long hat

Santa zoomed in from the North Pole for his annual visit at our Zoom meeting on December 22. Santa could not deliver his usual sack full of presents in person, but he read several letters from members with their Christmas requests.

Santa shared his naughty/nice list: Rowdy has been very bad, Susan very good and Anna has two strikes. He read a letter from Patti who said "I don't have to be good because I'm cute".

He then related the following explanation for the cause of all his mishaps:

A shipment of vaccine was received at the North Pole recently. The elves opened the package and one of them popped off the top of one of the vials. Looked and smelled like gin and it was gin. So the elves popped off all the tops and had a grand party. So the drunken elves caused much confusion and naughtiness. Editors note: One of the elves on condition of anonymity reported that Santa also participated.

Calendar

All meetings subject to change depending on Covid19 issues.

Meeting Dates:

Jan 5: - Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon – Glaydon de Freitas, CEO of Corazon.

Jan 12: Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon - Chris Vanden Heuvel, Supt. of HUSD.

Jan 19: Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon – Nancy Dobbs, Sonoma County Local News Initiative President.

Jan 21: Board of Directors meeting
Zoom, 6:00 pm.

Jan 26: Evening meeting,
Zoom 6:30 pm

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex except the last Tuesday of the month is an evening meeting, 6:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting.

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact Anna Grant, President at (707) 836-1615 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314.

Dear Santa

Please send me better news in 2021.

Harry J

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!#@\$ Elves ate my fruitcake



A bottle of wine for Dick Bugarske - empty, !#@\$! elves



A special helmet for Roger Dormire to quench his thirst

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Thomas and Yates (Rowdy)
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Happy Birthday

Rich Norgrove – Jan. 8
Arnold Santucci - Jan. 12, 1920
Andrew Smith – Jan. 12
Darlene Prigmore – Jan. 28
Rick Wood, Jan. 26

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

John Bippart - 1-4-94
LeRoySteck - 1-4-00
Andrew Smith - 1-4-05
Terry Kemp – 1-10-17
James Silveira -1-30-68

The President’s Message

The New year is a chance for reflections and allowances for new beginnings.

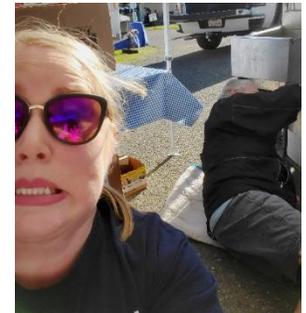
While the past year certainly gave us chances to re-evaluate basically everything (I had no idea people liked TP so much, and who knew I could make sourdough bread?!), this Kiwanian believes that 2020 reminded us the important role that connection plays in our lives. Our connections to family, small-businesses, each other, and how we interact with them all - were placed under a microscope. We as a club went from seeing one another weekly at in-person meetings, to a happy picnic or two at Brandt’s Beach, then to our online meetings where we see one another virtually – but one thing did not change, our desire to connect. I have always been called a “people-person” because I thrive in the company of others. What 2020 has shown me, and made very clear, is that we ALL thrive through these connections.

As we look forward to a new year, I hope that we all can bring along the positive lessons learned form 2020. Tom Peters once said, “Celebrate what you want to see more of.” In the upcoming year I hope that we can celebrate more connections – even if these connections are 6, or 8, or who knows how many feet or miles apart, these connections to people, places and to one another are priceless.

So, from my bubble to yours, may you have good health, lots of happiness, and a fantastic New Year.

Anna the Piranha

Here is a happy/sad...a favorite memory of mine from Steelhead festivals of the past. I always enjoy watching Denny try to light the deep fryers (from a safe distance) - and it looks like I caught his good side).



Shared Ministries Food Pantry Annual Christmas Gift Basket

Hard working volunteers under the leadership of our own Roger Dormire prepared and distributed large bags of gifts for the annual Gift Basket giveaway. The bags contained food, coats, shoes, socks, toys, and a \$100 gift certificate from Safeway. The bags were distributed to 353 families to help make this a great Christmas for everyone. Over \$70,000 in donations was received in support of this event.



Volunteers preparing gift bags



353 gift bags ready for distribution

Board of Directors Meeting

With little on the agenda, the December Board meeting was canceled. With regular club meetings and the ability to call an emergency meeting via Zoom if needed, our Board and Club can function without the meeting.

Children’s Legacy Fund \$25,000 matching grant challenge

Our Club has been challenged to match a \$25,000 anonymous gift by Dec. 24, 2020 for the Healdsburg Kiwanis Legacy Fund. The last call was extended to Dec. 31, 2020 to accommodate last minute donors wishing to get the 2020 tax deduction.

Many thanks to our silent benefactor and the folks below who have donated to the new, but rapidly growing Healdsburg Kiwanis Children’s Legacy Fund. The total donated amount of \$16,132 (subject to final accounting) will be matched by our silent benefactor.

The goal of the Children’s Legacy Fund is to grow into the future while still providing some funding for our Club to support special needs and opportunities for the children of Healdsburg. With our 100th Club Anniversary approaching in 2023, this Children’s Legacy Fund will stretch into our second century of existence and will be a wonderful companion to our Healdsburg Kiwanis Scholarship Fund.

For more information, please visit our Club website at HealdsburgKiwanis.org.

Here are the donors:

Level 1 - \$1,000 and above

- Jane Rosenburg & Steve Deas
- Susan Sheehy Denny Stead
- Randy Collins Roger Dormire
- Vern Losh Lindsay Wurlitzer
- Loretta & Jerry Strong

Level 2 - \$500 - \$999

- Liz Bippart Harry & Mary Jackson
- Richard Iverson Judy & Steve Everett
- Jim Schmidt Richard Thomas

- Brandt Insurance John Dayton
- Edgar & Judy Dias

Level 3 - \$300 - \$499

- Richard Yates Barbara Erickson
- Guy French

Level 4 - \$100 - \$299

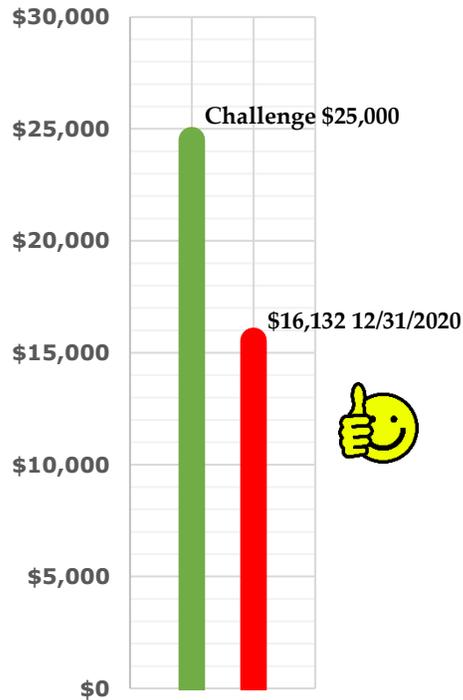
- Carolyn Bippart Lucy Lewand
- Leroy Steck Arnold Santucci
- Hugo Bauer Anna Grant
- Darlene Prigmore Sharon Barbee
- Dana Burwell Dianna Blakeley
- Bob Santucci* Tim Tuscany
- Hunt Conrad Jim Silveira**
- Marty Silge Patti Robarts

* Donated in the name of Joe Belli

** Jim Silveira also donated \$200 in memory of his father Leland Silveira

Level 5 – up to \$99

- Dick Bugarske Kathy Kellet
- Diane Pierce Cindi Brown
- Don Marshall Anne Vercelli
- Kei Blesch Linda O.Brien
- Terry Kemp Judy Everett



The mission of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Children's Legacy Fund is to develop resources that transform the goodwill and vision of Kiwanians into programs that serve the children of Healdsburg. Emphasis for use of the Children's Legacy Fund includes supporting youth education/training for careers in nursing, first responders, fine arts, the trades and environmental stewardship.

Tuesday Zoom Meetings

Dec 1: - Alex Dominguez & Yasmin Villa, 2019-20
Key Club Co Presidents.

We are excited to have our Key Club Co-Presidents from last school year, **Yasmin Villa** and **Alex Dominguez** join us at our December 1 Zoom meeting. They told us about how the end of their school year turned out, what they are doing right now, and what their future holds.

Both expressed their extreme frustration and disappointment at not being able to attend in person classes during the last months of their high school years and missing all the usual festivities and events at graduation. High school never truly ended but was "washed away". But they are moving forward.

Alex enjoyed working at Oakville Grocery as a barista during the summer. In the fall he enrolled at Groucher College, a small (enrollment 2000+) liberal arts school in Baltimore Md majoring in economics and political science. The college has an excellent study abroad program, which was a major appeal for Alex, but that has not happened yet. He described his frustrations with the restrictions to in person classes and the limitations of online study.

Yasmin spent her summer working a 40-hr. week at the Safeway deli counter. She is now enrolled at UC Davis. She described the difficulties and disappointments of being unable to meet new people and develop relationships with her peers. She also expressed frustrations with distance learning. At Davis, some of the Zoom classes have 300+ attendees and student/instructor interactions are not possible. She reflected that taking a gap year may have been a better choice.

Dec 8: – Samuel R. Wallis, M.S. Community Alert & Warning Manager Sonoma County Department of Emergency Management

The Department of Emergency Management is responsible for the mitigation, preparedness, planning, coordination of response, and recovery activities related to county emergencies and disasters.

The department serves as the primary coordination point for emergency management's activities affecting more than one jurisdiction, and the unincorporated areas of the county. The Department of Emergency Management became an independent county department in July 2019.

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Emergency-Management>

With our new reality of alerts and potential evacuations, Sam is the point person for our County. Randy Collins introduced Sam and Sam had the Zoom floor for a discussion about the various available emergency alert systems. There are several alerting systems available in Sonoma County, each with specific functions, advantages and limitations.

Types of Alerting Systems:

- SOCo Alert
- Wireless Emergency Alerts
- Emergency Alert System
- Nixle
- NOAA Weather Radios
- Hi-Lo Sirens
- Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Experience during the recent wildfire emergencies has prompted system improvements:

- SOCo Alert
 - Utility Database Update
 - Templates
 - Training
- Wireless Emergency Alerts
 - Geofencing
 - Spanish
 - Increased Text Length
- NOAA Weather Radios
 - Same Zone initiative
 - Radio Grants
 - Coverage extension

Some lessons learned during the recent emergencies:

- Don't hesitate if there is a threat to live
- Use everything
- Keep it simple

- Go big

About SoCo Alert

- Get local alerts when you need them
- SoCoAlert keeps your information safe and secure
- Your first responders will keep you informed of action you need to take
- Free app for apple and android devices to alert you wherever you are
- You choose your contact method: home, cell, work, email, text or all of them
- SoCoAlert will never send you non-emergency messages

Dec 15: –Holiday memories.

Santa's Elves asked each of us who "Zoom In" to bring 1-2 of our favorite Christmas and Hanukkah memories of when we were a child. Here are some of them:

Dick Bugarske at age 6: In walked Santa. He seemed so real. Wishing Merry Christmas, Santa drove off in a VW bug. Was that really Santa? No, his helper.

Diane Pierce: Wanted a dog. Mom was opposed but Diane did get a puppy. A standard poodle, Frenchie who lived for 17 years.

Susan Sheehy: Remembered mom frosted the tree with a pink solution of Ivory soap. It was beautiful! Susan's son Sterling was born on Christmas Eve.

Rowdy Yates was also born on Christmas Eve.

Loretta Strong remembered a gift from her uncle, a blue corduroy vinyl case to hold her large record collection.

Jerry Strong in 1941 really wanted a Red Ryder wagon, but with all the uncertainty after December 7 he didn't think it would come. But he was wrong.

Randy Collins' duty was to dispose of Christmas tree. So, he would cut it up and burn it in the fireplace. One year it was flocked, and he noticed that the flock smoke smelled like marijuana. Dad came storming in – "who the hell is smoking pot?"

Barbara Erickson's family celebrated both Christmas and Hanukkah with gifts for both occasions. Though the family is Jewish, Barbara's father really liked the Christmas tree. It was always set up in a room out of sight of the visiting Rabbi.

Don Marshall remembers as a fifth grader, receiving a clarinet and playing it alone out in the Arizona desert.

Anna Grand remembers her brat cousin wanting only one thing for Christmas – a violin. So that was all he got, and he had a terrible tantrum. He never played the violin.

Guy French age 7 or 8 got a new red bike. He jumped on, immediately, fell off, was knocked cold and woke up with a bleeding head.

Richard Thomas got a big Schwinn bike, but didn't fall off.

Roger Dormire remembers building snow forts and having big snowball battles. (Michigan)

Contributions from members

Liz Bippart

(December 20, 2020)

Today is the day! At 3 PM and forever after, you can view our virtual Sing-Along Messiah tribute to Dan Earl's 40th year conducting the event. Instead of our normally live event, this year Dan collaborated with his former student, Ryan Brady to create a retrospective program that will premiere on YouTube today at 3 PM.

Go to YouTube >>> Santa Rosa Symphony League >>> Sing-Along Messiah

I invite you to view this one-hour program at your leisure. Of course, it is free to view and we hope many of you will be moved to make ANY contribution that will go to support the fine music education programs of the Santa Rosa Symphony Institute for Music Education. Each year these programs reach over 30,000 Sonoma County children. Now, more than ever, music has the power to heal.

Our thanks for your support.

Liz Bippart

President, Santa Rosa Symphony League

Susan Sheehy



Susan enjoyed the Cloverdale Drive-by Crab Feed

Wayne Schwartz

Our beloved Cindy Schwartz lost her husband Wayne in early December after a valiant struggle with cancer. Cindy and her family will be in our thoughts and prayers in the weeks to come. We love you Cindy and we are all giving you virtual hugs of support.



Diane Pierce

My daughter Kelly's oldest daughter Danielle had been quite ill and tested positive for COVID. Now my son-in-law Roger & grandson (1 of the triplets) have the same symptoms and are getting tested for COVID. So, my daughter with the 2 girls (of the triplets) have quarantined from the other 3. Obviously, I will not be able to go there for Christmas.

Bob Santucci

We have donated \$125 to the Children's Legacy fund in the name of Joe Belli. He just did Dad a huge favor and is always there for the kids. When I used to do sales for the Tribune, we had a design an add section where children would select a business and draw an ad for that business. The business would then select which ad to run at a \$125 fee. When I went to Joe every year he would say, "Run em all Robert. How could I not?"

As some of you know, I have been rebuilding or family's home over the past 2 years. I am near completion with the big stuff. Now just fine tuning which will include this new sign that is going up today made by Joe Belli. We are naming the home CASA VIDA. My Mom was Vida and I think that it is great to call our home "The House of Life".



Vern Losh



**Vern Zooms in from Utah
Happy Birthday Vern (Dec. 24)**

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