A new member inducted

President Susan Sheehy, Membership Chair Loretta Strong, new member Rita Loskill and sponsor Judy Everett

The club welcomed new member Rita Loskill with the induction ceremony on May 3. Rita, a native of Detroit is retired pediatric nurse. Her sponsor was her good friend, Judy Everett, also a Detroit native. The two met while volunteering. Rita decided to join after visiting and meeting several Kiwanis members and finding everyone very warm and welcoming. She likes what Kiwanis is all about.

Jerry Strong and Richard Thomas receive Distinguished Service Award

Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor Cherice Gilliam, Jerry Strong Surrogate, Healdsburg Kiwanis President Susan Sheehy, Richard Thomas Surrogate, and Lt. Governor Paul Kelley

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The President’s Message

Go Kiwanis! We have pulled off another great month of working together to meet a common goal: serving the children of Healdsburg. And we had a lot of fun doing it.

The weather for the FFA Parade was perfect. This year we were joined by the Key Club who helped promote the Fitch Mountain Footrace coming in June. They handed out flyers and last year’s tee shirts along the parade route. Thanks to Hugo and the Bauer Vineyards for the old truck I got to ride in.

Denny Stead and Rich Thomas and crew got the Fair booth set up and ready for the crowds that descended on the fairgrounds after the parade. I can personally testify that those garlic fries were flying out the window as fast as we could make them. They were that good! To everyone who volunteered to make this happen, a big round of applause please.

There is no rest for Kiwanis. Vern Losh has proved that he is the man for the task at hand. He is working tirelessly to organize and set us up for the best Fitch Mountain Footrace ever. There is still time to get your neighbors and family to participate and we will need all hands on deck to man the route. It is all over in a flash on Father’s Day June 19th and you will still have the rest of the day to enjoy with the family. The family that runs together stays together.

Rick Anixter has been laying the foundation for the rebirth of a new Kiwanis fundraiser: A New Year’s Eve party at the Villa. Committees have been formed and plans are going forward with gusto.

Mark your calendars for June 21st when Kiwanis will move our noon meeting to Salvation Army Lytton Springs Headquarters for our meeting and a BBQ. We’ll get the chance to see the BBQ and Salad bar that our funds provided. We support the Salvation Army and they support us.

Go Kiwanis!

Official governors visit luncheon held at Robert Young Estate

The official governors visit luncheon was held at the Robert Young Estate on May 15. Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor Cherice Gilliam was greeted by over 100 members and guests in attendance from the following Division 32 clubs: Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Lakeport, North Bay, Oakmont, Redwood Empire, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Ukiah, and Windsor as well as 25 Key Clubbers.

Jerry Strong and Richard Thomas were unable to attend the event, but two surrogates were found to stand in for them to receive this year’s Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations and thanks are due to these two gents who stepped forward and took on management of the Christmas Tree Lot this last year and pulled it off. They have kept our club afloat with their hard work and dedication.

The real Jerry & Rick receive their awards belatedly presented by acting President Dick Bugarske
Board of Directors Meeting

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the Board meeting for May 2016:

Grant requests and expenditures
- Healdsburg Junior High Washington DC trip - $1500
- HOBY Conference at Sacramento State - registration for Liam Lopez - $195.
- Kid Scoop News - $750 for three classroom subscriptions.
- Boy's and Girl's Club Summer Camp scholarships - $2000, funds to be used for the Healdsburg Club only.
- Healdsburg Unified School District - $1400 for Physical Education monitors. Payment to be made only after HUSD raises the remainder of the matching funds for a total of $2864.77.

Treasurer’s Reports
- Admin Treasurer Brian Wells reported that the Administrative Fund balance is $8729.74.
- Project Treasurer Ron Dobley reported that the Project Fund balance is $39,646.30

Other discussion and action
- Vern Losh reported that as of May 19 there are 31 runners registered for the Fitch Mountain Foot Race. It is anticipated more registrations will quickly come in as the date approaches. There was brief discussion regarding member donations for the event, but typically our profit stems from sponsorships and we need to send out an e-blast to members to help encourage those sponsorships around town.
- The Board discussed Associate Member attendance at evening meetings. Attendance has been up for the past couple of months due to “special fun nights”. However, attendance has been low at other times and more associate members are not attending. Some members have expressed their lack of interest in attending when the associates are not attending, as this was the reason to create evening meetings. Jan Gianni will reach out to members who are interested in a committee to explore this topic.

Meeting Programs

May 3: Chris Vanden Heuvel, Superintendent

In a very informative presentation, Chris Vanden Heuvel, Superintendent of the Healdsburg Unified School District discussed the “state of the schools” in 2016. Mr. Vanden Heuvel’s educational career started as a bilingual Social Studies, Spanish, and ESL Junior High and High School teacher in both Windsor and Carpinteria, California. He holds a bachelor’s degree in International Studies from Westmont College and a Master’s degree in Secondary Education from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

HUSD educators are shifting their approach to teaching and learning in order to meet the demands of 21st century. The new approach includes a focus on communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity though inquiry-based projects that incorporate technology, connections to the community, career exploration and the development of social, emotional and career skills for success in both work and in life.

Accelerated English is a program initiated in 2013 to help English learners become proficient sooner. AE is an intensive English Language Development program for English Learners in Grades 1-12. It provides systematic and comprehensive instruction for up to three hours per day. Since inception, the AE program is achieving unprecedented results in moving students to English proficiency and consequently, to grade level academic achievement. In addition to substantial academic achievement, the AE program improves student confidence and student engagement.

May 10: Michael Irvine, Boys & Girls Club

Michael Irvine, Resource Development Manager of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Sonoma County was our May 10 guest speaker.

Boys Club of Healdsburg was founded in 1946 to expand the impact of the Barbieri Boxing Club. In 2008 the Clubs in Healdsburg, Windsor and Rohnert Park voted to combine organizations to better serve the youth of their own communities and other under-served Sonoma County communities, resulting in the formation of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Sonoma County.

The Boys & Girls Clubs organization strives to make Sonoma County the most prosperous and healthy place to live. In 33 Clubs, over 6,000 of the community’s most deserving youth are served. With a staff team of nearly 200 and a budget of nearly $7 million, the organization has powerful resources pushing forward to realizing its mission of enabling all young people, especially those most in need, to reach their full potential as caring, productive, responsible citizens.
May 17: Lance Munselle, HHS Physical Ed.

Lance Munselle, an HHS alum and current Physical Ed teacher in a very informative presentation described the PE program at HHS and the program’s approach to assure a positive experience for all students. Recognizing that not all teens are good athletes nor aspire to starring in team sports, the program has moved away from team based sports and focuses on individual fitness. The following classes are offered:

- Movement fundamentals
- Personal fitness
- Beginning weight training
- Sports conditioning

May 24: Honor and Recognition of our HHS Students of the Month

An unusually large crowd was in attendance at our May 24 lunch meeting. The Kiwanis 2015-2016 Healdsburg High School Students of the Month along with their parents of other family members were invited. Patti reported a total of 93 plates were filled.

As each student was introduced, they introduced accompanying family members and described their personal qualities, academic accomplishments, interests, goals, plans following graduation and predicted their life in 2026. Photographs of the students are shown on Page 6.

May 31: Carla Howell, Transient Occupancy Tax

In an informative presentation, Carla Howell Executive Director of the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce discussed the Transient Occupancy tax (TOT) and how it benefits our community. The TOT is a tax paid by out of town guests at the 26 lodging properties within the Healdsburg city limits, including hotels, motels and B and B’s. The current rate is 12%. Every dollar of this tax revenue is dedicated to community services – 8% to Parks and Recreation, which includes Foss Creek Community Center and the Healdsburg Senior Center, 2% to the Police and Fire Departments, and 2% to the General Fund.

The total amount spent by out of town visitors on lodging in 2013-14 was $21,971,232. The resulting TOT was distributed as follows:

- Parks & Rec. (8%) $1,757,669
- Police & Fire (2%) 439,425
- General Fund (2%) 439,425
- Total $2,636,549

Last year’s total was nearly $3 million.

Kiwanis Scholarships awarded to 8 HHS students

The annual scholarship awards ceremony was held at Healdsburg High School on May 23. Ninety seniors received nearly $300,000 in locally donated scholarships. This included our Kiwanis Club scholarships awarded to 8 seniors for $1875 each. This year our club had allocated $15,000 to scholarships, $8500 from the Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Fund and the remaining $6500 from the project fund.

Healdsburg High School 2016 Kiwanis Scholarship winners flanked by President Susan Sheehy and Dick Bugarske. Front row: Emily Nunez, Patricia Ruiz. Back row: Joe Tomerlin, Emma Manoukian Cameron Keller. Camera shy: Savanna Craighead, Maria Herrera, Guadalupe Lopez
Governor’s Visit Photos

FFA Parade

Hugo Bauer’s vintage 1930 Model A truck was again available for the parade, following installation of seriously needed new brakes. Twelve Kiwanis bicyclists along with passengers in the truck had a riotous time, with no reported casualties, participating in the 2016 FFA parade. Accompanying Key Club members handed out flyers and last year’s tee shirts along the route, promoting the Fitch Mountain Footrace.

Another Fun Year at the FFA Fair Food Trailer

Sales at the FFA food booth were brisk at the FFA fair this year with the usual Thursday night chaos followed by high volumes of sales on Friday and Saturday. Estimated net proceeds were $7819 compared to about $8400 last year. The difference can be attributed to the very hot Friday and Saturday afternoons and very aggressive competition in food sales.

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The event went very smoothly under the direction of the hard working committee co-chairs Dennis Stead and Rich Thomas. Thanks also to all the hard working members who performed all the necessary tasks; including shopping, setup, cooking, running food between cooks and sales staff, sales, and cleanup. Special thanks also to major food and supplies donors: Bear Republic – potatoes, about $700 and Villa management – ice, over $100 value.

Fair photos on Page 7.
Kiwanis 2015-2016 Healdsburg High School Students of the Month

August

Cristian Flores

September

Jeanette Bedolla

October

Bryant Herrguth

November

Mary Kelly Crnich

December

Andrew Hubbell

January

Joe Tomerlin

February

Maja Trimble

March

Tommy Torres

April

Bailey Armbright

May

Emma Manoukian

June

Emma Numainville

July

Cameron Keller

August

Emily Nunez

September

Lucas Kiff

October

Sasha Quiroz

November

Patricia Ruiz

December

Jose Rosillo

January

Hailey Roux
Photos at the Fair

Denny Stead, Cindy Schwartz and Paolo Cioliono welcome customers

Rick Wood and Sharon Gallagher prepare the garlic fries

Cindy Schwartz tends the dogs

Jerry Strong and Jan Gianni

Our newest member, Rita Loskill takes a break with Rich Thomas, Judy Everett and Denny Stead

Denny and Brian Wells
$$Happy/Sad$$

Denny Stead happy to be a taster at the Geyserville Rib-off, not a helper.
George Clough happy that son-in-law, Tim Tuscany was in attendance.
Randy Collins happy to have attended a classic car show in Santa Barbara.
Jan Gianni happy that Cindy Schwartz delivered 4 cases of Alexander Valley Vineyards wine.
Tom Rackerby, a happy $20 for the 20 students of the month.
Jim Silveira happy to be recovering from successful cancer surgery.

Postcards

Patti Robarts – Hawaii

Louisa Yates

Condolences to Richard Yates for the loss of his wife of 44 years. Louisa passed away on May 24, following a six months’ battle with multiple myeloma.