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EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE

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Looking for an easy way to brighten someone's day? Show them some appreciation. Whether in person or virtually, there are so many ways to recognize those who have helped you. From family members to teachers to fellow Kiwanians, let's say "thank you" this month.

THANK A TEACHER TODAY!

Even in normal times, teachers are essential. But now more than ever, it's important to let them know how much you appreciate them — whether you're a student, a parent or just someone who wants to say thanks. In a time of social distancing, here are some ideas:

- Write an email to a teacher, outlining all they have done for you or others.
- Make a quick video and email it to a teacher.
- Research your local or national news outlets to see if they have a system for publicly thanking teachers.
- Share thanks over social media.
- Create a card, or search "thank a teacher card" on the internet to choose a ready-made design for customization.
- Send them a postcard at the school: It will be a pleasant surprise to them when they return.
- Ask what materials they will need once they go back to school. Then plan to secure the items via donations, or purchase supplies from Kiwanis Warehouse powered by DollarDays.
- Ask them if they need speakers on certain subjects and see among your Kiwanis contacts who could help.
- Make a yard sign thanking teachers in a local school or schools.
- Use window paint on your car to say: THANKS, TEACHERS!

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Calendar

Meeting Dates:

June 2: - Zoom meeting 11:30 am. Guests, Emma Tremont, 2019 HHS Key Club President and Danny Marguglio from the 20-30 Club.

June 9: Regular meeting at 12 noon at Brandt's Beach (tentative). BYO face mask, water, lunch etc.

June 16: to be determined

June 18: Board of Directors meeting, by Zoom.

June 23: to be determined.

June 30: "

June 20: CHN VCON (Virtual Conference). Even though the Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis has been canceled, Governor Timothy Cunningham wants to keep the flame alive and has created a virtual conference to attend instead! Check out the line-up of awesome presenters during this 3-hour conference, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m.

August 13-15: 2020 District Convention - Nugget Casino Resort, Sparks, NV. Currently, we are expecting to have a full convention as we celebrate our 100th. More details coming soon!

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.

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Happy Birthday

Richard Thomas – June 3

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James Schmidt – June 22

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Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Tim Tuscany - 6-3-97

Tom Rackerby - 6-16-92

Corrine Salazar-Rose 6-19-18

Robert Taylor - 6-24-86

Richard Thomas - 6-24-08

The President's Message

Happy June everyone.

The year is flying by and before long it will be Halloween. I have enjoyed being able to see faces during our Zoom meetings and now there seems to be an opportunity to see each other's eyeballs in the flesh. As long as we are the smart Kiwanians that we are, we will be able to get together. Dick will be sending out the details for our second¹ meeting in June at Brandt's Beach.

As we have discussed at our meetings it is good to be flexible and also have a general plan in place so that we will be ready to slowly reopen. I want to encourage everyone to do what feels safe and comfortable to them personally. We have learned how to stay connected while sheltering in place and I am hoping that we carry this forward into our new way of doing things. Why not have ZOOM during our meetings when we get back together?

The election committee is looking for a President or co-Presidents to follow Anna for 2021-2022. I love being President and I have had a ton of support so please give it some thought. Laurie Kneeland from Cloverdale will be our new Lt. Governor. I am so proud and excited to welcome her aboard.

Things at Healdsburg Senior Living are good. We have done over 100 Covid tests on staff and resident's, and they have all been negative. The weather has been great, so the folks are outside watching the garden grow as well as the goats getting fatter since everyone wants to feed them.

I sure miss hugs and will be glad when I can grab each one of you. Until then, here is a virtual one.

Terry

Flashback

This item appeared in the Healdsburg Museum Flashback column in the May 21 Healdsburg Tribune:

75 years ago – May 18, 1945

Servicemen on leave Kiwanis speakers

Two local men, home from overseas duty, Lieutenant Arthur Ruonavaara, navigator, and Harold Sullivan, pharmacist mate 2-c, shared honors as co-speakers at the noon luncheon of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club. Each told of his experience as a member of the armed forces; Ruonavaara as a navigator of a bomber of the Tenth Air Force in the far east dropping lethal eggs on Japanese Communications in Burma and Thailand, completing 21 missions over the Burma area. After flying and visiting most of the important cities from Mediterranean to China, he still claims that Healdsburg is his favorite. Sullivan told of his experiences as a pharmacist mate while stationed in New Guinea and Australia.

¹ Tentative pending City/County authorization.

Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

The May Board meeting was held via ZOOM while everyone “shelters in place” during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Administration Management

Financials

- Administration Fund – the fund holds \$7,000 including, income of \$1,500 from member dues.
- Dick wants to be transparent with members about a possible change in dues since we will not be paying rent at the Villa. He will report on that later.

Presentation to the Board

- Our By-Laws will be updated soon to remove both Senior and Associate memberships to be replaced with “Ameritus” status. A formal definition and motion will be made next month.
- Dick attended a Zoom meeting for the City of Healdsburg where current concerns were addressed. Childcare is a high priority item this summer when parents will be returning to work. The Villa will be used for camp and childcare in small group settings. The Parks Department will appreciate volunteers to help with upcoming work.
- Brandt’s Beach may be available for Kiwanis meetings during the summer.

Membership

- Loretta will install Sally Mackin, a member who transferred from Alabama this year and works for HEF.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Grants/Donations/Requests

- Costeaux Bakery’s “Knead Project” will provide bread for community – a formal request has not been received. Dick is looking into details.
- Summer Child Care Programs - \$5,000. A matching grant will double this amount.
- Bridge Activity Books for Fitch Mountain School - \$1,000, (by later poll of Board Members, see Anna Grant’s message on page 4).

Financials

- The The Foundation has in excess of \$85,000 in assets. A balance of \$25,000 is available from this year’s budget. However, there is no income in sight.

Special Guest: Ariel Kelley from Corazon

- Ariel thanked Kiwanis for our recent \$2,500 donation and addressed how Kiwanis can support Corazon’s efforts during the Covid 19 pandemic. The City is organizing virtual education for adults (ESL and GED) and early childhood classes. They are setting up home hot spots for internet access. Summer sessions will begin within two weeks.
- Redwood Empire Food Bank formerly served 300 families each month but now helps 300 families each week with a drive through operation. Prepared meals for 4 have fed 1,600 each week.
- Public health information is a high priority as the Latino community is experiencing a disproportionate number of Covid cases. As of May 21st, 54 of the 57 virus cases in children are Latino. Reasons for this may be overcrowded living conditions, multi-generational households, reduced health care and parents working outside the home.
- Corazon is in partnership with the City of Healdsburg for the summer to fund the greatest need of childcare and camps in small groups. Due to job loss and illness, financial assistance is provided by the Unity and Community Fund. Childcare cost is \$85/month/child.
- \$200,000 needs to be raised for 8 weeks of the summer to support children from ages 2.5 through junior high school.
- Ariel reported that a grant from Kincaid Fire Relief will provide funds to operate a ‘tool lending library’ to the community. Tools can be donated for this use and volunteers will be needed to teach the required skills.

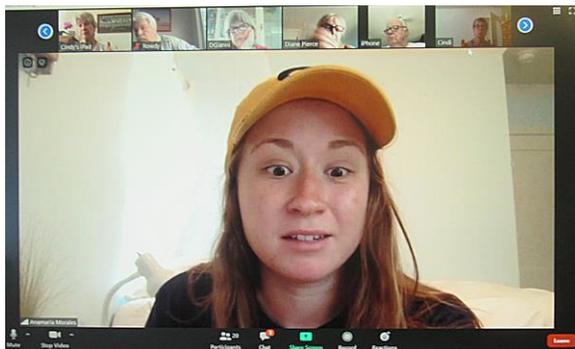
Tuesday Meetings

Due to the shelter in place situation, the regular Tuesday meetings for May were held via Zoom. Meetings were attended by 15 to 20 members.



Pres. Terry via Zoom

Anamaria Morales was our guest speaker at the May 26 Zoom. Anamaria visited us last year and talked about her recently started a baking business *College Confectionista*, specializing in cheesecake to “bake my way through college, one cheesecake at a time.” Our Board awarded Anamaria a \$500 scholarship for funding for her start up business and to finance her college education. She enrolled in UC Berkeley in September, majoring in business.



“Unfortunately, finances have been especially difficult this year with UC Berkeley moving online and forcing students to give up their housing leases without refunds. To top it all off, my mother lost her job and so I have had to financially help out my family while paying (full price!!) tuition for an online UC Berkeley education. Not so swell.”

Anamaria is seeking funding to overcome these unfortunate circumstances and various ways our club could provide support were discussed.

Members sheltering in place

Anna Grant

On Friday May 29 myself and Danny Marguglio from the Healdsburg Active 20-30 Club had the opportunity to put our club id stickers on the Summer Bridge Activity books for Fitch Mountain School Students transitioning from 3rd to 4th and 4th to 5th grades. These books were made possible due to a donation shared between our clubs (\$1000 from each) and are to keep the students minds sharp over the summer break.



While we were there, we overheard one young boy say to his mom after picking up the book and reviewing the cover page, "It says only 15 minutes a day Mom, that's easy, I can do THAT!"

Many thanks to the Board for the funding and 20-30 for the match. Looks like an opportunity to partner in the future in the making.



Anna and Danny with id stickers

Susan Sheehy

The Sheehy family just couldn't let the FFA Fair Parade be ruined by the pandemic, so they did their own parade for the neighbors in Alexander Valley who were very appreciative. Fortunately, I have a stockpile of Halloween costumes to pull from at a last minute's notice. This was a spontaneous event.



Driver: Todd Sheehy in military gear
(There is always a military component)
Aliens: Sarah Sheehy and princess Abby Sheehy
Hot Dog: Sidney Sheehy
(We always have hotdogs at the fair)
The Little Mermaid: Kelly Keller
Elena of Avalor: Lily Keller

Jan & Dan Gianni



Jan and Dan in quarantine
Masks by Debby Dormire

Jan and Dan always wanted to learn how to make toffee. Can't wait to share some with all of YOU soon!!



Nancy Arsenault

I hiked up Fitch Mountain with my daughter on Mother's Day, then said good-bye to this darling girl of mine as she left to go home to apply for jobs. Life is good, but better with family. Looking forward to seeing my Kiwanis family soon.



Diane Pierce

Diane has returned home after being quarantined with daughter & family in Rockland since the shelter in place started. Unfortunately, her daughter recently tested positive. Other family members remain negative including Diane.

Denny Stead

It looks like we're going to have Brandt's Beach this year. Only two people have reached out to me with anything for the auction. This is pathetic. We need stuff to sell and I know darn well the Keewanee's got stuff. It's time for them to give it up. I know where they live.

Denny provided another lame joke. If last month's was bad, here is a new low:

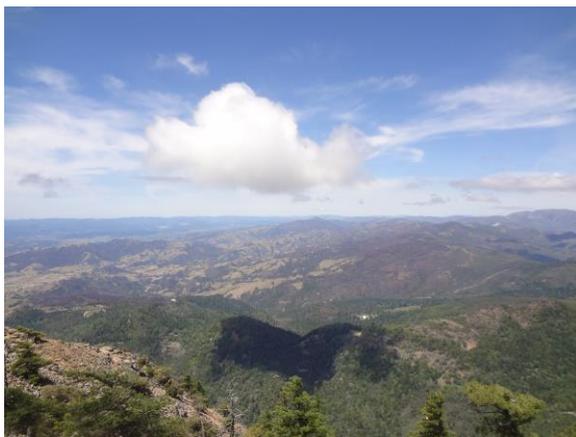
A snail wanted to be a Formula One racing driver. He went to the track and asked if he could drive. The racing team manager said "yes, but you can't have a number on your car, you can only have an 'S' because you are a snail." The snail was OK about this, so he entered the race. The race started and the snail's car was at the back . . . but suddenly he sped to the front, over-taking all the cars, and won!!

As the spectators saw the snail speed past them, they yelled

"WOW! LOOK AT THAT S-CAR GO!!"

Randy Collins

I just finished painting my house and was inspired by Nancy saying Napa county was open, so I hiked to the top of Mt St. Helena.



\$\$Happy/Sad\$\$

Via email (members will cough up their \$\$ when we can meet again):

Diane Pierce - Miss everyone, my happy 😊 is I am going to be a great grandma to a little girl. So excited. Blessing.

Randy Collins - I have a sad dollar that the Covid has delayed my daughter finishing grad school a couple of months and totally changed the job market for her. But I have a happy dollar at the great job Dick B. has done getting us to re-connect using ZOOM.

Thought for the day

Provided by Randy Collins

The Catcher

A remarkable story about a remarkable individual

When baseball greats Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig went on tour in baseball crazy Japan in 1934, some fans wondered why a third-string catcher named Moe Berg was included. Although he played with 5 major league teams from 1923 to 1939, he was a very mediocre ball player, but was regarded as the brainiest of all time. In fact, Casey Stengel once said: "That is the strangest man ever to play the game of baseball". When all the baseball stars went to Japan, Moe Berg went with them, and many people wondered why.

The answer: Moe Berg was a spy working undercover with the OSS, fore-runner to the CIA. Moe spoke fifteen languages, including Japanese and had two loves: baseball and spying.

In Tokyo, garbed in a kimono, Berg took flowers to the daughter of an US diplomat being treated in St. Luke's Hospital, the tallest building in Tokyo. He never delivered the flowers. The ball player ascended to the hospital roof and filmed key features: the harbor, military installations, railway yards, etc. Eight years later, General Jimmy Doolittle used Berg's films in planning his famous raid on Tokyo.



Berg's father, Bernard Berg, a pharmacist in Newark, New Jersey, taught his son Hebrew and Yiddish. Against his wishes, Moe began playing baseball on the street aged four. His father disapproved and never once watched his son play. In Barringer High School, Moe learned Latin, Greek

and French. He read at least 10 newspapers every day. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Princeton - having added Spanish, Italian, German and Sanskrit to his linguistic quiver. During further studies at the Sorbonne & Columbia Law School, he picked up Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Indian, Arabic, Portuguese and Hungarian - 15 languages in all, plus some regional dialects. While playing baseball for Princeton University, Moe Berg would describe plays in Latin or Sanskrit.

During World War II, he parachuted into Yugoslavia to assess the value to the war effort of the two groups of partisans there. He reported back that Marshall Tito's forces were widely supported by the people and Winston Churchill ordered all-out support for the Yugoslav underground fighters, rather than Mihajlovic's Serbians.



Tito's partisans

The parachute jump at age 41 undoubtedly was a challenge. But there was more to come in that same year. Berg penetrated German-held Norway, met with members of the underground and located a secret heavy water plant - part of the Nazis' effort to build an atomic bomb and his information helped guide the Royal Air Force in a bombing raid to destroy the plant.

There still remained the question of how far the Nazis had progressed in the race to build the first Atomic bomb and it was feared, if successful, they would win the war. Berg (under the code name "Remus") was sent to Switzerland to hear leading German physicist Werner Heisenberg, a Nobel Laureate, lecture and determine how close the Nazis were to building it. Moe managed to slip past the SS guards at the auditorium, posing as a Swiss graduate student with a pistol and a cyanide pill in

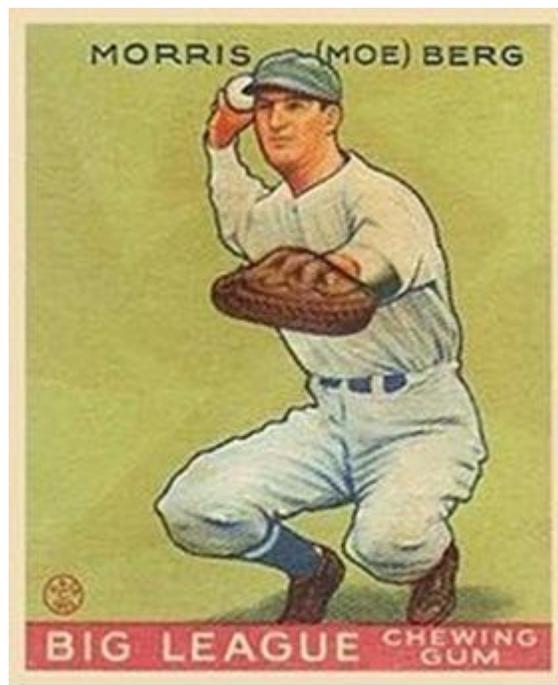
his pocket. If the German physicist gave any hint that the Nazis were close to building the weapon, Berg was to shoot him and then swallow the cyanide pill. Moe, sitting in the front row, determined that the Germans were nowhere near their goal, so he complimented Heisenberg on his speech and walked him back to his hotel.

Moe's report was distributed to Britain's Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and key figures in the team developing the Atomic Bomb. Roosevelt responded: "Give my regards to the catcher."

Ironically, most of Germany's leading physicists had been Jewish and had fled the Nazis mainly to Britain and the United States.

After the war, Moe Berg was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest honor for a civilian in wartime, but Berg refused to accept, as he couldn't tell people about his exploits.

After his death, his sister accepted the Medal and it hangs in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. It is also the only card on display at the CIA Headquarters in Langley Virginia.



**Moe Berg:
March 2, 1902 - May 29, 1972**



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