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Kiwanis One Day held on April 18 at Giorgi Park



The busy Kiwanis crew painting the bleachers

“Kiwanis members serve their communities all year long. But the excitement for service really builds in April each year when Kiwanis members come together for Kiwanis One Day - a day of community service that is felt around the world.” (Kiwanis website) For this year’s K1 day, our club, aided by Key Club members and Salvation Army men, performed some needed rehabilitation work at Giorgi Park. A crew of 14 Kiwanians and 2 key clubbers spread about 8 gallons of paint on the football bleachers, from the top down. Kiwanians last painted these bleachers in 2011 and they were badly in need of new paint. Along with this effort, a crew of 12 Salvation Army men was hauling and spreading wood chips on the playground and picnic area. A pizza lunch was enjoyed upon completion of the work. More photos on page 5.

Interclub visits

Ukiah, April 28



Neal Bertrand, Judy Everett, Susan Sheehy, Patti Robarts and Ukiah Kiwanis President Larry Olsen

The remaining Interclubs for the year include Willits, Clear Lake, Ft. Bragg, Sonoma and the elusive Cotati.

Calendar

Meeting Dates:

May 5: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Robert Kourik - Real Garden Roots, myths and solutions.

May 12: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Marcie Waldron - "Don't take your organs to heaven. Heaven knows we need them here!"

May 19: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Honor and Recognition of our HHS Students

May 19: Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m. Round Table Pizza. **Note date change.**

May 26 Evening Meeting 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex. Brett Shinn - Resource Development Manager - Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Sonoma County.

Other May dates:

May 21: FFA Parade

May 21-23: FFA Fair

Save the date:

Aug 22: Brandt's Beach BBQ

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.

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Happy Birthday

Brian Wells- May 2

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Bob Santucci – May 19

Kiwanis Anniversaries

*Congratulations to the following members
who joined the Kiwanis Club during the
month of May*

Lindsay Wurlitzer: 5-15-79

Bruce Main: 5-18-04

George Diebold: 5-25-04

Don Marshall: 5-14-04

Richard Norman: 5-25-04

Loretta Strong: 5-16-06

Eric Smith: 5-25-10

The President's Message

Hi Fellow Kiwanians,

Jan and I realized last night that we are now 7 months into our Co-Presidency and are now on the downhill slide. Time flies when you're having fun and being very active, right?

Last month we did a Kiwanis 1 Day (work day) and painted the bleachers at Giorgi/Rec Park with the help of 10 club members, 12 Salvation Army helpers and two Key Clubbers. We finished in record time and finished with some great pizzas. No catastrophes and no one hurt so it was a good day and the stands look great.

I realized at our Pancake Breakfast that some of the club members had Kiwanis t-shirts but most did not. It's always nice to have them on at functions so the general public can identify who's working at the club functions. I am going to ask the Board to bring in a new supply of blue T-shirts for the club members and we are passing out sign-up sheets at the weekly meeting for sizes. If you haven't been to a recent meeting and haven't had the chance to give us your sizes, Jan will be sending out emails asking for your information.

This month we will be doing the FFA parade and food booth. Again, busy time for the club and absolutely crazy working the food booth on opening night -- be sure you sign up for a shift or two.

With that FFA Fair opening night in mind, it is falling on the night of the monthly board meeting so, we are moving the May Board meeting to the Tuesday the 19th, 6PM at Round Table Pizza.



Dan

Reminders

May 9 is a work day to clean out the scout hut. Susan Sheehy requests members to identify items to keep. Unidentified items will be disposed of.

Denny Stead requests searching your garage and storage area for unused or unwanted items for the Brandt's Beach BBQ auction. The event will be on August 22 at 6 pm.

Youth Orchestra to perform *Peter and the Wolf*

The Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra will perform *Peter and the Wolf*, narrated by Dick Bugarske, at Santa Rosa High School on May 2 at 3 pm.

Board of Directors Meeting

From notes provided by Phil Luks

The following are actions taken and items discussed during the Board meeting on Thursday April 16, 2015:

Grant requests and expenditures

- Joe Engler memorial barbeque at Salvation Army - \$2,756 for the canopy. Lieutenant Alvarez reported that the costs at Lytton came in below the \$3,500 amount that the Club had budgeted. He also noted that the facility needed both a canopy to shelter the area near the barbeque, and couches.
- Pig Roast - \$990 reimbursement for expenses associated with the dinner sponsored by Denny Stead. The event netted a profit for the Admin Fund.
- Prune Packers - \$2,000 which includes an expenditure of \$500 for a banner, as a matching grant when sufficient funds were assembled for the batting cage and pitcher's protective barrier.
- PSST - \$2,263 to cover the organization's liability insurance premium. The Club has made similar grants in recent years.
- Cloverdale Kiwanis - \$100 for an ad supporting the Club's pancake breakfast.
- Oakmont Kiwanis - \$75 to defray expenses in hosting a District 32 Key Club training event. Our Key Club members will attend.
- Incoming Key Club President, Diego Garcia - \$195 to support his attendance at a Hugh O'Brien leadership conference.
- Dennis Stead - \$500 grant for his attendance at the KI convention in Indianapolis.
- Distinguished Service Award to Rich Norgrove, focusing on his continued support for the Pancake Breakfast. The Board authorized the President to spend \$300 for two awards (the second will be at the President's discretion.)
- Costs associated with attendance at the Governor's Breakfast - up to \$300.
- Costs associated with the Rec Park bleacher painting and wood chip project - \$1,000.

Other discussion and action

- David Scharer and Dick Bugarske volunteered to coordinate an outreach for assistance at the tree lot.
- It was noted that the Tribune publicly mentioned the Club's sponsorship of the Santa Rosa Children's Museum.
- Dick Bugarske reported that the incoming Key Club officers would be enthusiastic and

committed.

Meeting Programs

April 7: Julius Alexander Collection.

Julius Alexander (1880-1930) was a nephew of early settler Cyrus Alexander. He started a collection of historic artifacts in the 1920's that became the earliest and one of the largest collections in the City archives.

On April 7, Bob Taylor discussed the collection and brought a sampling of artifacts to the meeting. The collection consists of a variety of historic relics including war memorabilia, Indian basketry and historic photos.



War memorabilia



Aerial photo following SF Earthquake



At right are samples of artwork on shells crafted by soldiers to alleviate boredom between battles.

April 14: PSST

Lois Loofbourow, Director of the Healdsburg Public School Success Team (PSST), was our guest speaker at the April 14 meeting.



PSST is a nonprofit organization created in 2009 to support the academic achievement of Healdsburg public school students. Its mission is to provide tutoring and coaching programs that encourage students to continue their education through and beyond high school. PSST efforts are staffed and supported by community volunteers and donors.

Programs include:

- 5th grade Prep program— provides basic tutoring in reading, math skills and critical thinking.
- 6th through 8th Jr. High program - provides tutoring in math, writing skills and critical thinking.

- 9th through 12th High School program - provides coaches to help students successfully navigate the academic challenges and decisions of high school.
- 10th through 12th High School five-credit elective class. Places high school students as helpers in every class at Fitch Elementary School. They also serve as after-school tutors to the 5th grade PSST Prep class, where they soon become role models and friends.

Our club has supported PSST in recent years by covering their insurance costs. Each year PSST needs 10-15 volunteers per class to staff each program. Several of our members have been volunteer tutors.

April 21: Land Paths

Omar Gallardo, Outreach and Diversity Director of LandPaths was our guest speaker on April 21. LandPaths



is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering a love of the land in Sonoma County by creating ways for people to experience the beauty, understand the value, and assist in healing the land in their local communities.

Experience the Beauty: LandPaths' public outings visit open spaces, farms and parks-in-development throughout Sonoma County that have been protected by your Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District. Diverse by design & offered at no charge or sliding scale donation, these outings create opportunities for all residents to enjoy the outdoors.

Understand the Value: LandPaths' *In Our Own Backyard* (looBY) program works with 17 schools, including many schools serving low-income students - often those least likely to experience the outdoors. Students explore and learn about the land through 4 theme-based field trips - Discovery, Watershed, Wildlife Habitat, culminating in a Stewardship project.

Heal the Land: LandPaths' ongoing volunteer stewardship projects include: removing non-native plant species to improve natural wildlife habitat, repairing old logging and ranch roads to increase and improve steelhead spawning habitat, planting native plants, tending the community garden at Bayer Farm, and working with public agency partners to prepare newly protected properties for future public use.

Omar discussed LandPath's involvement in three properties in the Healdsburg vicinity: Fitch

Mountain – 173 acres, West Dry Creek – 460 Acres and Healdsburg Ridge Park – 200 Acres

The property atop Fitch Mountain is being purchased by the County's taxpayer-funded Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District and has been transferred to LandPaths for three years before the city of Healdsburg takes over permanent management and ownership. LandPath's work will involve, building trails, removing invasive plants to restore wildlife habitat and taking out some overgrown vegetation for fire suppression.¹

April 28: Evening Meeting Children's Museum of Sonoma County

Collette Michaud, CEO and Creative Director of the Children's Museum, our guest speaker on April 28, described her efforts in the creation of the museum and the many exhibits and programs the museum has to offer children.



Collette started with a question: "How do you start a child's brain?" The partial answer is: let kids be kids, allow them to explore, discover, and use their imagination.

The Children's Museum was founded in 2005 with the mission to inspire children's creativity and stimulate their curiosity to discover the world through playful exploration of the arts and sciences. Serving children ten and younger, the museum offers interactive, hands-on exhibits and experiences focused on art, nature and science.

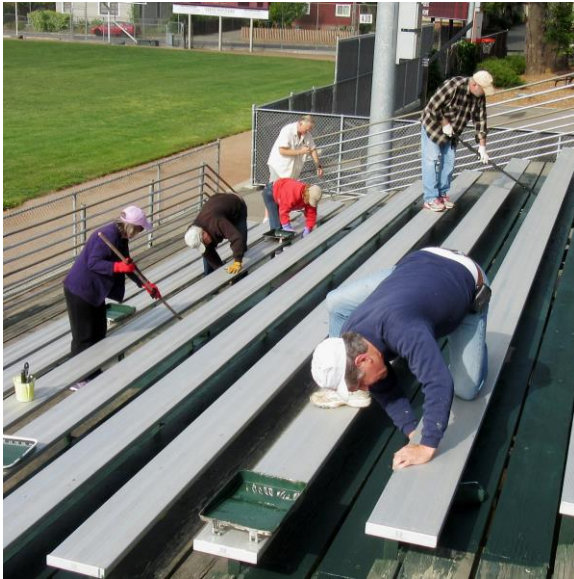
Construction on interior galleries and exhibits is underway with an estimated completion date in summer 2015.

Since 2005, the Museum has operated through the Museum-on-the-Go (MOG) outreach program by bringing hands-on learning experiences in art and science to schools and events. MOG is a mobile museum on wheels, which started two years ago as a way of raising awareness and support for a children's museum in Sonoma County. From its humble beginnings, it has grown in size to more than 11 exhibits and activities focused on science and the arts. Exhibits range in subject matter from magnetism to hydrodynamics to air pressure to expressing oneself through face painting. All exhibits work towards the mission of igniting imagination, cultivating creativity, and nurturing curiosity.²

¹ Information in this section obtained from www.LandPaths.org

² Information in this section obtained from www.cmosc.org

K-ONE Day Photos



The crew hard at work



Dan inspecting the work



Jan spreading it on



Cindy taking a break



Supervising the last gallon



Pizza for lunch

\$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

Susan Sheehy sad that two pancake breakfast signs are missing and asks everyone to check their garages and storage areas.

Dick Bugarske sad for Wisconsin.

Brian Wells happy for Susan Sheehy's excellent letter or the editor thanking the public for support for the pancake breakfast.

Patti Robarts sad to have missed K1 day

Cindy Schwartz happy for the opportunity to paint on K1 day and happy for the pizza.

Harry Jackson happy to see Carl Elze at the New Horizons Band concert where he was playing the tuba. Carl and Mary Jean both recently celebrated their 90th birthdays and are both doing well.

Andy Smith happy for a great trip to New Zealand. Sad to be working full time and unable to attend meetings.

Rich Thomas happy to see Hunt Conrad in attendance.



A special happy birthday to Marty Silge. Marty requested all men with more and darker hair to sing

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