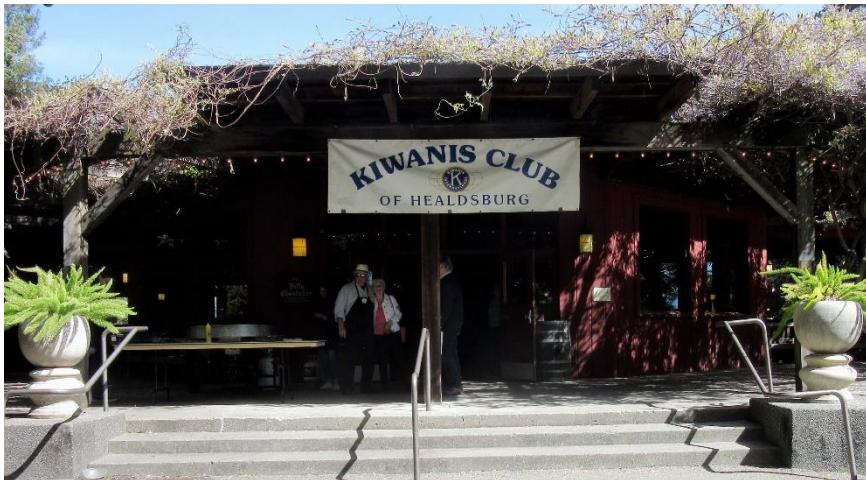




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63th Annual Healdsburg Kiwanis Pancake Day



Villa Chanticleer

The 63th annual Healdsburg Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast was held on Palm Sunday, April 14 at the Villa Chanticleer. Over 650 hungry people enjoyed all-you-can-eat pancakes (plain or blueberry) with real maple syrup, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit, juice and coffee.

This year's event was chaired by president elect Terry Kemp, who was assisted by other committee members and a crew of many mixers, cooks and servers working in three shifts. Also, pitching in were Key Club members and Boy Scout Troop 21.

Dick Bugsarske again chaired the advertising effort assisted by a crew soliciting advertising from local businesses. In addition to ticket sales, the advertising is a major source of income. The crew sold newspaper advertisements appearing in a two-page spread in the *Healdsburg Tribune* to 77 local businesses and other groups or individuals. The ad campaign alone is expected to net up to \$4000. The club very much appreciates this enthusiastic public support and members are encouraged to support these local businesses and say thank you.

Major donations of supplies were received from Starbucks (coffee) and the Bear Republic (eggs, sausage, pancake mix).

Raffle tickets were sold at the door for a gift basket donated by Darlene Prigmore with proceeds supplementing the event.

The pancake breakfast is one of our major fund raisers. Total proceeds from the event are estimated to be about \$6,000. A more accurate accounting will be available for next month's newsletter.

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Calendar

Meeting Dates:

May 7: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Legacy Concierge Services.

May 14: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Jill Lublin, Get Known Everywhere.

May 16: Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 p.m. Round Table Pizza.

May 21: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. HHS Students of The Month Celebration.

May 28: Evening Meeting at the Villa Annex. Andrew Pardiac, Healdsburg Tribune.

Other May Dates

May 19: Governor's visit at Robert Young Winery

May 23-25: FFA Fair.

Save the Date

Jun. 16: Fitch Mountain Foot Race.

Jun 27-30: Kiwanis International Convention, Walt Disney World Resort, Florida.

Aug. 24: 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, 6:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting.

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact Loretta Strong, Co-President at 431-8052 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314.

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Happy Birthday

Brian Wells- May 2

Jason Boaz – May 2

Jim Silveira – May 10

Bob Santucci – May 19

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Anna Grant: 5/1/18

Cody Thompson 5-14-18

Lindsay Wurlitzer: 5-15-79

George Diebold: 5-25-04

Don Marshall: 5-14-04

Loretta Strong: 5-16-06

Eric Smith: 5-25-10

The President's Message

Happy Spring dear members!

What a great start to our busy season, which kicked off last Tuesday evening at the Camelia Inn. Our own member and Innkeeper of the lovely Bed and Breakfast, Lucy Lewand hosted us with a delightful dining table full of tasty treats and delicious wines. A very brief meeting was held with several announcements and news headlines. Lucy then gave an informative talk on the history of the home. Following that, all were invited to take a self-tour and dine more on lovely desserts.

Next up will be our official Governor's visit to be held at the Robert Young Estate Winery on May 19th. Member and upcoming President Susan Sheehy will host, along with many of our other clubs a salad and pie feast! Along with a message from the Governor, Rocci Barsotti, will be the annual Distinguished Service Awards for each attending club.

It is a pleasure serving the club once again as President. I am so proud of the Healdsburg Club and it's hardworking, dedicated members. Let's all continue to volunteer for the children of the world, while having FUN together! We would love to see some of you members we haven't seen for a while at a lunch sometime soon. Come on back and join us!

Jan Gianni

President

Roger Dormire honored as Volunteer of the Year



Roger with Kiwanis celebrants



**Kiwanis group Celebrates
Roger's award**

Roger Dormire was honored as volunteer of the year at the Marie Sparks Awards Ceremony on April 15 at the City Hall Council Chambers. Award namesake Marie Sparks, who died in April 1995, was considered someone who epitomizes "the generous and unselfish spirit of service in Healdsburg." Since 1996, members of the Healdsburg community have been honored for their volunteer efforts. Our own Richard Bugarske was so honored in 2011.

In addition to his many contributions to our Kiwanis projects, Roger leads the Healdsburg Shared Ministries Food Pantry as its president.

Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Barbara Erickson

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the April 2019 Board meeting:

Grants/Donations/Requests

- Prune Packers - \$500
- Little League - \$325
- Boys & Girls Club – pending.
- Dick Bugarske - \$400 reimbursement for mugs, etc. for Students of the Month.

Money Matters

- Project Fund: The Project Fund has \$5,000 in an account to cover any remaining bills that need to be paid. When all bills are paid, the bank account and the post office box will be closed. There is a new bank account and a new post office box number in the name of *Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation*.

The Pancake Breakfast brought in \$6,000 - \$7,000 after all expenses were paid.

Ron made a motion to move project funds to Vanguard Treasury where we can earn interest of approximately \$100 + in interest per month.

Committee Reports

- Fitch Mtn. Footrace: All sponsors from last year are signing up and others are expected. Permits are in place. Ron will be promoting on Facebook, ads and all social media.
- Safety Fair: September 28th. Susan will complete the application for a grant through Kiwanis. Last year we gave \$2500 toward bike helmets; Susan has suggested giving car seats this year.
- Ranch at Lake Sonoma has requested that we participate in their events (Weddings, horseback riding, gatherings) with either beer & wine or beer, wine and food. Denny will investigate.

New Business

- New name tags: Pennylee has a contact where the cost is \$8.00/name tag with magnetic back; we received a quote of \$18 each, so \$8 is a great price. It was suggested that everyone will get a new one.

Scholarships

Scholarships Awards committee chair Loretta Strong reported that 31 scholarship applications were received from Healdsburg High School graduation seniors. After consideration and thorough review of the applications, the committee voted to divide the available \$12,000 between 8 students and will award \$1500 scholarships to each.

Election of Directors for the Board of the Memorial Scholarship Fund

An election was held at the April 9 meeting to fill 3 seats on the Memorial Scholarship Board of Directors. The following candidates were elected:

- Ron Dolby (incumbent)
- Randy Collins
- Vern Losh

Also, on the ballot were Hunt Conrad (Incumbent), Cindi Brown, Nancy Arsenault, and Barbara Erickson.

Meeting Programs

Apr. 2: Ariel Kelley -Healdsburg Housing Taskforce



In a very informative presentation, Ariel discussed the activities and goals of the Housing Taskforce. Our community is facing a

"demographic bomb". With a rising median age of homeowners and a dramatic appreciation in price, families are prevented from establishing home ownership.

The taskforce goal is to work toward "Smart and Sustainable Growth".

- To serve all residents and visitors while rethinking some of the fundamentals.
- Re-visit growth management, provide more workforce housing and think about local needs and the economy.

Ariel described strategies for future housing development such as small units clustered around a courtyard with common parking and shared open spaces.

Apr. 9: Mark McMullen – Healdsburg's Arts and Cultural Future.

Mark has a wealth of information about our community both past, present and future and shared some of the cultural history of Healdsburg with us in a very interesting presentation illustrated with many historic photographs from the Healdsburg Museum archives.

From its founding in 1856, Healdsburg was known as a "fun party town" to both residents and visitors. Summer picnics were a popular favorite for the early settlers. These picnics were held on a close by farm that eventually became the site of Oak Mound Cemetery to which many of the pioneers returned to permanently. In 1879 the city fathers dressed as Knights of the Round Table held jousting contests, a tradition that went on for several years. Starting in 1895 a May Day festival became an annual event. This event merged into the flower festival and then became part of the annual July 4 celebration.

Focus turned to the river and the water festival went on for several years and was recently revived. Summer concerts on the plaza started in 1888 and lasted into the 1950's. The concerts were revived in 1984 and continue to today on Tuesday nights on the plaza.

Apr. 16: Sher and John Christian, Voice Artists.

John and Sher Christian are the creators of Flying Chair Productions which has the mission to inspire and uplift adults and children through music, poetry, storytelling, and video.

In a very inspiring presentation, they spoke about their work and performed as well with Sher providing readings of her poetry and John at the keyboard.



Apr. 23: Gisela Zebroski- Novelist.

When WWII broke out in 1939 Gisela Zebroski's privileged childhood came to an abrupt end. The Soviet Union took over Latvia, the country of her birth. Her parents, destined for deportation, fled to Germany and settled in Poland. In 1945 the family fled again from the approaching Red Army. Her father had been drafted and was missing in action. Her mother and four siblings survived air raids and found safety in Austria. In 1954 she immigrated to California where she married an American scientist who inspired her to go to college. She graduated with a degree in psychology and minors in creative writing, history and philosophy. Her two novels, *The Baroness and Mephisto Waltz*, recount the world of her past. Her own story is a work in progress under the title of *Selfie Sideways*.

In a fascinating presentation, Gisela described the 1948 Berlin Airlift, a massive operation saving the 2.5 million Berliners from starvation. In the 11 months of the operation, 278,000 missions were flown delivering 4.6 billion pounds of food and

coal and 23 tons of candy. Here is Gisela's account of the candy Bomber:

The Candy Bomber

Lt. Hal Halverson, an American pilot, wanted to see Berlin before the blockade was lifted. When he spotted children behind a barbed wire fence, he treated them with two sticks of gum and promised to drop off more sweets from his plane the following day. His kindness got media attention and set off a wave of empathy throughout the United States. Donations poured in. The treats falling from the sky in little parachutes brought hope to the starving children of Berlin. Soon former enemies became friends and allies in the defense of liberty.

Twelve-year-old Gisela, living in the western part of Germany was one of those hungry children. "How I wished I had been one of the lucky recipients of those parachuting candies."

Gisela Zebroski

Giselaz@comcast.net

Apr. 30: Evening meeting at the Camelia Inn.

Thank you, Lucy Lewand, for inviting us to the Camellia Inn for a look back at some fascinating local history and a tour of your wonderful Inn.



Lucy is proud to be part of the longest family-owned and operated Inn in the Healdsburg area. The building that is now the Camellia Inn has a long interesting history. Built in 1871, for pioneer

Ransome Powel, it served as his family residence, until 1908 when it was purchased by Dr. J. W. Seawell, who established the first Healdsburg hospital in the east wing of the home.

Ray and Delmas (Del) Lewand purchased the home in 1981 and opened the Camellia Inn as one of the first licensed bed and breakfast Inns in the area. Daughter Lucy joined them in running the Inn after completing her Master's in Business Administration from UCLA.



Supporting Kids Zone

Andrew Akufo of Healdsburg Center for the Arts visited our April 23 meeting to accept a \$1,000 check donated by our club in support of the Center's Kid's Zone program.



President Jan Gianni presents a \$1,000 check to Andrew Akufo

Chefs of Tomorrow

Our Board has voted to support "Chefs of Tomorrow" program which features students from

all over Sonoma County including our Healdsburg High Chefs! Wine Country Chefs of Tomorrow presents "Chocolate" a fundraiser benefiting the Sonoma County High School Culinary Arts Program. The event featuring an appetizer reception, dinner and live and silent auctions was held at the Doubletree in Rohnert Park on May 1st.



Making the food trailer ready for the fair

Our beloved food trailer has seen better days and it was feared that it would have to be towed off to the junk yard and replaced – a major expense of \$10,000 - \$15,000. Further consideration concluded that with some extensive maintenance and repairs the trailer could be saved and the Board allocated up to \$2,500 for the project. Kiwanian Jim Luchessi agreed to be our contractor and the work started with the help of some of our members.

The entire deteriorated rear of the trailer had to be removed and the crew framed in the opening. Dennis Furia of Furia Air Conditioning & Heating (The guys in the red trucks) volunteered to, with the help of his crew, repair and replace the sheet metal cover on the back. The work will be completed and ready for the fair.



Jim Luchessi & Dan Gianni complete the demo of the rear of the trailer

Special Birthdays



Marty

Marty Silge age 39++ requested only a regular birthday song but presented a check for \$80.80.



Dale Candelaria

Dale requested a happy birthday song from everyone.

Pancake Day Photos



The Builder -- KIWANIS CLUB OF HEALDSBURG

A Lotto Winner



Dick Bugsarske had the winning ticket and pulled the red checker (with 3 black remaining) out of the bag to win 1/2 of the \$887 jackpot.

\$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

Loretta Strong happy to attend a Warriors' game that the Warriors won in a rout.

Liz Bipart sad to have broken her arm and has difficulty tying her shoes.

Denny Stead happy that the food trailer can be salvaged.

Dick Bugsarske happy to thank all the ad sales crew including Marty Silge who sold 1/5 of the total. Happy to see Eric Smith back.

Hugo Bauer a joy to see all the happy faces at the pancake breakfast.

Postcards

Judy Everett – Southern California.

Susan Sheehy – Down the Danube to Budapest.

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