THE BUILDER KIWANIS CLUB of Healdsburg

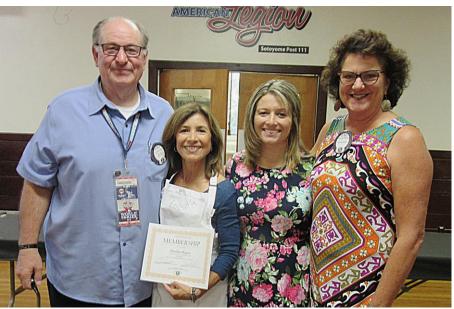


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Club welcomes new member Pauline Rogers



Club President Vern Losh, new member Paulene Rogers, sponsor, daughter Kelly Blanchard, membership chair, Loretta Strong

Please welcome Pauline and sign her apron. Sponsored by her daughter, Kelly, Pauline was inducted during our October 3 meeting. We have had several father/son team members before, but Paulene and Kelly are the first mother/daughter.

Pauline recently retired as a social worker in the UCSF Liver Transplant Program assisting patients before and after transplant surgery. Paulene's passions are working with youth, athletics, coaching, youth advisory. An avid runner, she has run in 14 marathons.



Calendar

Meeting Dates:

Nov. 7: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. - Travels with Roger Dormire.

Nov 14: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. - Jason Boaz, Healdsburg Fire Chief.

Nov 21: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Todd Derum Cal Fire Chief and Randy Collins.

Nov 28: Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 p.m., Villa Annex. (prior to regular evening meeting) **Note changed date and time.**

Nov 28: Evening Meeting at Villa Annex. 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting.

Other November Dates

Nov. 4: DCM Hosted by Lt. Governor Terry Kemp at the Healdsburg Senior Center from 9-1 pm.

Save the Date

Dec. 2: Cloverdale Kiwanis Crab Feed

Apr. 21: Governor's Visit, tentatively planned to be held at Robert Young Vineyards.

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. For information about the

Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact Vern Losh, President at 540-2929 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314

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Board of Directors

Dan Mariviglia, Chair John (Jack) Brandt Guy French Hunt Conrad Charles Reichel Ron Dobley Dennis Stead

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Harry Jackson, Editor Kelly Blanchard, Facebook Arnold Santucci, Sr. Advisor Richard Iverson, Member

Happy Birthday

Jack Brandt – Nov. 1 Richard Bugarske – Nov. 2 Richard Iverson – Nov. 2 Jan Gianni – Nov. 7 Jerry Strong – Nov. 10 Hunt Conrad – Nov. 14 Kelly Blanchard – Nov. 14 Loretta Strong – Nov. 22 Neal Bertrand – Nov. 23 Dan Maraviglia – Nov. 28 Jim Colgan – Nov. 30

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Kelly Blanchard – 11-3-15 Neal Bertrand - 11-8-07 Ron Dobley - 11-13-07 Lee Gunnerson -11-14-91 Rhonda Stengl - 11-24 -15 Dan Gianni - 11-26-96 Sharon Gallagher – 11-27-12 Cindy Schwartz 11-4-14

The President's Message ANOTHER WOW!

I started the October message with the word WOW.

Well here we go, Another WOW!

I was awakened like many of you with loud knocking on my door at 4:45 am on Monday October 9th. It was my neighbor at the door asking if we should evacuate. His daughter had just been evacuated from her home in Windsor. I politely said, "What the hell are you talking about". He told me about the fires south of us in the Windsor and Santa Rosa areas.

I looked at the cell phone in my hand and realized that the technology that many of us rely on was not working. That cell phone provided me with all the information I ever needed, including all of the fire calls that Healdsburg is dispatched to, dead, not working, asleep like I was. The last fire call was at about 10:30 when Healdsburg first sent an engine over to the area of the Tubbs Fire on 128.

All our lives are changed forever. Some lost family and friends, some lost homes and other property, all of us know someone that has suffered a loss of some kind or another. All of us are and will be impacted by these fires for many days, months, and years to come. One of our own members lost her home.

What do we do as the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club going forward? That question was asked at the modified Board meeting held last month. Many individual members have already jumped in to help with the many events and donation centers across our County. As a Club it was decided to bring back that question for further discussion at our November Board meeting.

As individuals I would be remiss with my background to tell you all to be prepared. Sign up for Nixle now:

https://local.nixle.com/county/ca/sonoma/https://local.nixle.com/county/ca/sonoma/

Sign up for SOCO Alerts now:

http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/FES/Emergency-Management/SoCoAlert/

You need to think NOW about a "GO" bag. That is your critical items that you want to save. You need to think now about what you can do to prepare yourself for at least 72 hours after an event like fire, flood, and earthquake.

Now we go on to other club business.

As you all know I have established baseball as my theme for the year. With that I have started a monthly award for our club members that take the extra base to go the distance for all of you. The October most valuable participation (MVP) award goes to Liz Bippart. Liz is the person that always raises her hand to volunteer, always asks the right questions, and tirelessly takes notes and keeps a record of what we do at meetings.

Don't forget to bring your guests to our meetings. We need to go our membership. My commitment to you was to bring a guest each meeting or I would put \$20 in the administrative fund. In October we were all distracted so let's get on track for November, December, and January. Get your guests to the meeting, please.

And think about what you are:

Booers, Chewers, and Doers

"When life throws you a curve ball, hit it out of the park"

Thank you, Vern

Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

The October Board meeting was combined with the regular evening meeting on October 24. The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the meeting:

<u>Grants</u>

- Healdsburg High School REIBT (Redwood Empire Invitational Basketball Tournament) -\$200. Roger Dormire moved to approve this donation in his daughter, Carrie's honor.
- Kiwanis House \$100.
- Terry Kemp \$300 for DCM expenses.

Money Matters

- Admin Fund \$9838. Additional funds coming soon from quarterly dues.
- Project Fund Checking account \$58,573, Christmas Tree lot checking balance \$9,571, MM Fund \$38,539.

President's Report

• See president's message, page 2.

Other Business

- The possibility of changing our tax status for the Project Fund to a 501(c)3 is under investigation.
- The motion to change the November Board Meeting date and time to the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Villa Annex (prior to the regular evening meeting) was approved.
- The membership application from Diane Norgrove Pierce was approved.
- Lt. Governor, Terry Kemp will be hosting a DCM meeting on November 4th at the Healdsburg Senior Center from 9-1 PM.

Meeting Programs

October 3: Alexander Valley Film Society



Kathryn Hecht, Executive Director of the Alexander Valley Film society described the successes of the Film Festival now in its third year and the society's cultural enrichment and education programs.

The Society's Mission Statement: "The Alexander Valley (AV) Film Society seeks to strengthen our community by captivating and engaging audiences, cultivating new fans of film, and celebrating our collective humanity using cinema through year-round educational and cultural enrichment programs, as well as the annual Alexander Valley Film Festival."

Through the AV Film Lab, the society works with school districts and youth leaders to provide programs that create access and opportunities for students in public schools. Two distinct tracks of studies are offered: Film Studies and Filmmaking.

Film Studies include:

- Special screenings for Boys and Girls Club Students.
- The Jr. Film Society, and on-campus club meets weekly at local high schools.
- Field trips to neighboring film festivals.
- Student internships/fellowships on film sets.
- AVFS Fellowship program.

The Filmmaking program includes:

- Standalone workshops with experts
- Project-based summer film camps
- Annual student film competition in concert with the AVFF

This year's Alexander Valley Film Festival was held on October 19-22, 2017, at venues in Cloverdale, Geyserville, and Healdsburg. Participants included domestic and international independent filmmakers, plus area students.

www.avfilmsociety.org

October 10: Meeting canceled

The October 10 meeting was canceled because of the uncertain conditions due to the wildfire storm. The lunch was donated to an evacuation shelter.

October 17: Eddie Stead, Hurricane Irma

Denny Stead's son, Eddie, visiting from his home in Turks and Caicos, talked about his experience during the recent Hurricane Irma.

Turks and Caicos is about 600 miles southeast of Miami and far enough north of Porto Rico to escape the devastating effects of Hurricane Hugo, but the next one, Hurricane Irma, made a direct hit. Eddie's house is located on the island of Providenciales at the west end of the Caicos. Four days before the hurricane hit and knowing they were on the direct path, Eddie started preparing his house to resist the winds. He spent about \$2000 purchasing material and cut 5/8 plywood to fit all the windows and inset 2x4s around the perimeters, securing with screws into the casing. He also protected the front door with sand bags.

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The hurricane hit with winds up to or exceeding 180 mph and the damage throughout the islands was severe. Eddie and his wife weathered the storm in the house and he described some very frightening moments. The house survived with only minor damage, but others were not so fortunate. Of the 150 homes in Eddie's neighborhood, only 10 survived with minimal damage. About 20 to 30 were totaled and the others suffered moderate to heavy damage. Miraculously there were no deaths.



Acting President Dick Bugarske thanks Eddie for a very interesting presentation

Fred and Evalyn Vellutini, visiting from Santa Cruz, donated \$5000 to the Boy Scouts. Fred and Evalyn are responsible for the "Boy in the Plaza" holding the Blue American flag and honoring Healdsburg soldiers who died in WWI and WWII.

Evalyn's father, Al Huddart, was Healdsburg Kiwanis Pres. in 1950.





Vern thanks Fred for the donation to Boy Scout Troop 21



Vern presents the November MVP award to Liz Bippart

\$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

Loretta Strong happy to be at Vern's first meeting, but sad to have missed his installation.

Jerry Strong happy Chicago was a great place to visit.

Susan Sheehy very happy that the ranch was unaffected the firestorm. Very sad for those not so fortunate.

Many sad dollars for the many people who lost homes during the devastating fire storm. Condolences to our member, Kathy Burgess who lost her home.

Randy Collins happy for a backpacking adventure to Half Dome and a visit to the Grand Canyon.

Loretta Strong happy to note that Bob Vallette, age 78, flew a fire-retardant bomber during the firestorm.

Postcards

Denny Stead – Upstate New York Marty Silge – Salem Oregon (no witches)

Special Birthdays

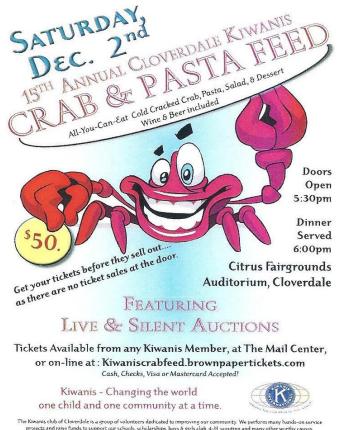


Don Marshall and Hunt Conrad sing a special happy birthday to Denny Stead

Editor's note

Apologies for a late and a little short newsletter. After a very enjoyable cruise around the Hawaiian Islands, I fully intended to quickly finish the newsletter upon return. But alas the norovirus struck on the last day aboard and I couldn't even button my shirt or focus on the computer for a few days.

Harry



The Kwanis club of Claverdale is a group of volunteers dedicated to improving our community. We perform many hands-on service projects and raise funds to support our schools, scholarships, boys 6 girls club, 4-H, securing and many other worthy causes. Proceeds from this event will be used to support our local community. Contributions to the Kiwann Club of Claverdale Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) organization, are ask dedicable but be textent allowed by law

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