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Installation of 2020/21 Club Officers



Healdsburg Kiwanis Club officers for the 2020/21 year were installed during a very unusual meeting by Zoom necessitated by the Covid pandemic. Despite the circumstances, an interesting and fun filled evening was enjoyed by 28 members including Lt. Governor Laurie Kneeland and past Lt. Governor Pennylee Christensen. Lt. Gov. Laurie performed the official ceremony, installing the officers listed in the sidebar to the right.

We welcomed our new president Anna Grant in the unofficial ceremony led by Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus impersonated by Denny Stead and Pennylee Christensen. Santa opened the festivities by announcing "I'm sorry to say Anna, that President Trump will not be available for this event, however I have been able to get Bill Clinton to come by and in fact he wants to sing a little song to you, Anna." (Impersonated by a very shabby puppet.)

Santa then opened his bag and delivered several interesting gifts to Anna:

- A mysterious adult beverage: "This will help you get through the pandemic and your upcoming term as President. This gift has medicinal and antiseptic qualities. Use as needed."
- Two pair of socks which says it all Anna "Super F**king Awesome" & "Ringmaster of the Sh*t Show"
- An Action Planner
- Rosie the Riveter Pins "Being President is a BIG JOB. It's a tough job. Is it an impossible job? Anna, Santa says YOU CAN DO IT!"
- A Piranha hat of Anna the Piranha: You'll wear many hats in this position, Ringmaster, Sheriff, Cheerleader, but none as well as this hat. See page 2.
- Congratulations from Hunt and Vern a gold-plated baseball bat.

More photos on pages 6 & 7



Calendar

All meetings subject to change depending on Covid19 issues.

Meeting Dates:

- Oct 6:** - Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon - Ariel Kelley, City Council Candidate.
- Oct 13:** Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon - David Hagele, City Council Candidate.
- Oct 15:** Board of Directors meeting, by Zoom.
- Oct 20:** Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon - Doralice Handal, City Council Candidate.
- Oct 27:** Evening meeting by Zoom.

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.

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact Terry Kemp, President at (707) 272-8849 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314.

Club leadership for the 2020/2021 year

- President: **Anna Grant**
 - Past President: **Terry Kemp**
 - Co-Pres. Elects: **Richard Yates and Richard Thomas**
 - Treasurers: **Dick Bugarske Admin* Ron Doble, Project* Richard Thomas**
 - Secretary: **Liz Bippart***
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| <u>1 Year Board*</u> | <u>2 Year Board</u> |
| Susan Sheehy | Harry Jackson |
| Jerry Strong | Nancy Arsenault |
| Erik Smith | Bob Santucci |
| Barbara Erickson | Richard Thomas |
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OFFICERS 2019 – 2020

President – Anna Grant

CO-Presidents Elect – Richard Yates
and Richard Thomas

Secretary - Liz Bippart

Admin. Treasurer- Richard Bugarske

Project Treasurer - Ron Doble

Past President – Terry Kemp

Board of Directors

Harry Jackson Susan Sheehy

Nancy Arsenault Jerry Strong

Jan Gianni Eric Smith

Richard Thomas Barbara Erickson

Memorial Scholarship

Board of Directors

Dan Maraviglia, Chair

John (Jack) Brandt Randy Collins

Ron Doble Guy French

Vern Losh Dennis Stead

The Builder

Harry Jackson, Editor

Kelly Blanchard, Facebook

Arnold Santucci, Sr. Advisor

Richard Iverson, Member

Happy Birthday

Dennis Stead – Oct. 7

Tim Tuscany – Oct. 11

Chrystal Silva – Oct. 18

Lucy Lewand – Oct. 21

Sharon Gallagher – Oct.21

Dan Gianni – Oct. 27

Patti Robarts – Oct. 27

Barbara Erickson – Oct. 29

Lee Gunnerson – Oct. 30

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Paulene Rogers – 10-3-17

Hugo Bauer - 10-15-96

Dana Burwell - 10-20-92

Liz Bippart – 10-22-13

Rick Wood - 10-23-12

Charles Reichel - 10-24-74

Jan Gianni - 10-27-09

James Luchessi - 10-30-01

The President’s Message

If you are reading this, then my devious master plan has worked. I have successfully fooled all of you into allowing Terry (the Queen of K) to hand over the reins...Now chaos will ensue. In fact, I believe it has already begun, and I don't mean the year 2020 (though that is true too). My installation was one for the record books. I mean, for the meeting to be facilitated by a gunslinging Santa, for the invocation to be read by His Holiness himself, and for half of you to be in the North Pole was pretty crazy, but to then have a decree where I am gifted a glittered baseball bat, and socks defining just what type of ringmaster I now am, and a Piranha hat to top it all off...well it just proves two things: 1- You guys are as equally crazy as I am, and 2 - this year, although different, will still have plenty of FUN!



My theme for the year is “Better Together”, which is ironic as we are technically apart due to socially distancing. We as a group of Kiwanians are in fact much better together. Over the past two years in this club I have found that we can accomplish some pretty amazing things when we are together. Special events, scholarships to local youth, and footraces just to name a few. Combine that with support from our K-Club & the Scout Troop and we can make pancakes, fry corn dogs, teach safety at our safety fair... and raise even more support for our youth. We are indeed better together in many ways.

The year 2020 has brought on some challenges that this club in its 97 years has not seen yet. *(as of the end of September we have completed 97 years and are now in our 98th hj)* To truly be successful in these trying times we will need to join forces with other organizations and find new and creative ways to serve our community. Earlier this year we joined forces with the Active 20-30 Club to provide distance learning materials for 3rd and 4th grade students, when we teamed-up we doubled the classrooms that we were able to serve – we were Better Together. This summer we made a gift to the distance learning program (Camp HBG 2.0) and our gift was matched through a grant with Corazon and other non-profits, again doubling our efforts – and making summer better for our local youth.

Together we will get through 2020. Together you will survive having me at the (virtual) gavel, and together our club will continue to support Healdsburg organizations, families, and children in our community. So, I hope that Santa, the Pope and everyone joins me for the ride because I know it will be better with each and every one of you.

Anna the Piranha

Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

Administration Management

(August 20 meeting)

Financials

- The Admin Fund contains sufficient funds to pay our annual Kiwanis International dues on December 10th.

New Business

- Terry reminded all that the Governor's Zoom visit will be Sunday, August 30th at 1 PM. Zoom invitations will be forthcoming.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

(August 20 meeting)

Grants/Donations/Requests

- Santa Rosa Symphony League - \$1,000 to support expenses for their virtual Sing-Along Messiah production in December.
- HEF - \$500 to the HUSD Staff & Family Emergency Fund to assist families and staff who have lost their homes due to fire.

Financials

- The current fund balance is \$4,000; left for the end of our fiscal year, September 30th.
- Paid \$15,000 to Corazon for child education program, HBG Camp 2.0.
- On October 1st Ron will move \$15,000 into the Foundation Fund for next year's expenses.

Fitch Mountain Foot Race

- June 20, 2021 was approved for the race date so early planning can move forward.

Old Business

- Dick, Liz, Bob, Barbara and Susan volunteered to discuss the \$25,000 matching grant for our next fundraising event.

Addendum

- On September 8th, the Board approved the mailing campaign for the Children's Legacy Fund \$25,000 matching grant.

Administration Management

(September 17 meeting)

Financials

- Admin Fund balance – approximately \$10,000. This amount will be sufficient to pay our annual Kiwanis International dues by November 30th. Expenses for the upcoming Installation of Anna and her new Board will be paid by the Admin Fund. More funds will become available if we are able to participate in the Steelhead Festival and FFA this Spring.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

(September 17 meeting)

Grants/Donations/Requests

- Dick will reach out to "Kids Scoop News" to make a recommendation to the Board.

Financials

- Current fund balance - \$58,500; including \$11,200 in the Childrens' Legacy Fund, and \$45,000 available in future spending. \$3,000 is left from this fiscal year.

Committee Reports

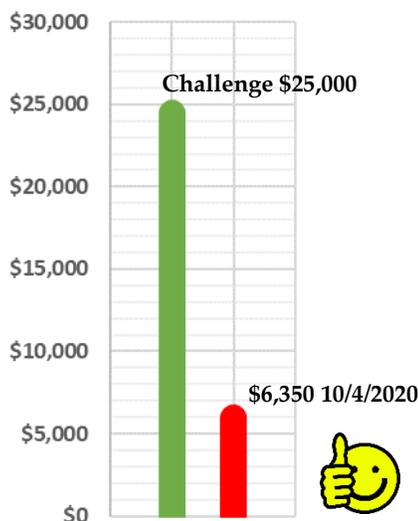
- Fitch Mountain Foot Race - _Ron is moving forward and should have an update at the October Board meeting.
- Childrens' Legacy Fund mailing campaign – Liz sent out the first wave of mailings to members and former members. The second wave will go to citizens and businesses in Healdsburg that Kiwanis members recommend and will add a personal note to the cover letter.
- Halloween Mask event – Bob reported that Covid 19 makes this project impossible this year.

Terry adjourned her farewell meeting as Kiwanis Board President at 6:44 PM September 17. Thank you, Terry, for a wonderful and challenging year where you brilliantly displayed your navigational skills!

Children’s Legacy Fund \$25,000 matching grant challenge

Our Club has been challenged to match a \$25,000 anonymous gift by Dec. 24, 2020 for the Healdsburg Kiwanis Legacy Fund.

Thank you for supporting the Healdsburg Kiwanis Children’s Legacy Fund with your tax-deductible gift. Here are the total donations to date:



Level 1 - \$1,000 and above

Jane Rosenberg & Steve Deas
 Susan Sheehy Denny Stead
 Randy Collins

Level 2 - \$500 - \$999

Liz Bippart Harry Jackson
 Richard Iverson Judy & Steve Everett

Level 3 - \$300 - \$499

Level 4 - \$100 - \$299

Carolyn Bippart Lucy Lewand
 Leroy Steck

Level 5 – up to \$99

Dick Bugarske

The mission of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Children’s Legacy Fund is to develop resources that transform the goodwill and vision of Kiwanians into programs that serve the children of Healdsburg. Emphasis for use of the Children’s Legacy Fund includes supporting youth education/training for careers in nursing, first responders, fine arts, the trades and environmental stewardship.

For more information, please visit our Club website at HealdsburgKiwanis.org.

Tuesday Meetings

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

September 1 – Dr. David Anderson
 – sale of Healdsburg District Hospital



In a very informative presentation, Dr. Anderson described the potential sale of Healdsburg District Hospital. An agreement has been reached for the sale to NorCal HealthConnect, a secular division of Providence St Joseph’s Medical services pending a 50+% yes vote on November 3. “Secular” is significant because there are no birth control restrictions.



Dr. David Anderson

Here are the most important elements of the agreement:

- HDH will stay open for at least 20 years, possibly 30.
- The Emergency Room (with the shortest wait times in Sonoma County) will be maintained.
- The certified Kozeel Stroke Center will remain.
- All inpatient and outpatient services will be maintained, along with lab, X-ray, CT scanner and MRI.
- NorCal HealthConnect will bear the cost of the required seismic upgrade in 2030, estimated at over \$20,000,000, an amount far beyond the reach of the current budget.

“It is a huge WIN-WIN for the community. To be honest, HDH would most likely have to close completely without this sale!”

In an unrelated topic Dr. Anderson entertained us with several anecdotes collected during his many years taking care of elderly people. A 97-year-old woman told him "At my age everything hurts, if it doesn't hurt it itches".

Healdsburg City Council candidates

The six City Council candidates for the November 8 election were scheduled for 30-minute presentations at our Tuesday Zoom meetings leading up to the election.

Information about the candidates is extracted from candidates' statements in the County of Sonoma voter guide.

September 8 - **David Jones**, Registered Investment Advisor. (former member of our Club.)

In this time of challenge and uncertainty, we need a city council with a diversified skillset and a willingness to collaborate to get the job done. My experience as a financial advisor fits what's needed for our city council. I am adept at listening, making critical decisions, monitoring outcomes, and adjusting my opinion when necessary.

I will work to improve our quality of life by contributing and adhering to Healdsburg's General Plan, strengthening our middle class, protecting those who do not have enough, and broadening our access to greenspace.



September 15 - **Charlie Duffy**, Retired College/ University Administrator

I am Charlie Duffy, a 20-year resident of Healdsburg. I am running for City Council because I want to ensure that Healdsburg truly becomes a welcoming city for all its residents. As a college and university administrator, my work involved budget analysis, resource allocation, research and analysis, and strategic planning -- experience which I will be able to put to use as a member of your City Council. My professional



career has prepared me to provide leadership for these critical times, when fiscal oversight, planning and fostering community engagement are needed.

September 22 - **Skylaer Palacios**, Arts Educator, Counselor

I am running for Healdsburg City Council to restore balance in our community. As a longtime resident, I see our middle and working-class residents disappearing at an alarming rate.



Healdsburg must build multifamily and middle-class housing. We must balance the needs of our residents with our tourist-based economy and seek creative solutions as we recover from Covid-19. We need to support our small businesses and foster a more inclusive community by supporting local arts, youth programs, and family services.

Scheduled in October:

- Ariel Kelley 10/6.
- David Hagele 10/13.
- Doralice Handal 10/20

Contributions from members sheltering in place

Bob Taylor

Bob provided some photos from his inspection of the fire damage at the scout camp at Camp Rosenberg.



Severe but reparable damage to the dining shelter

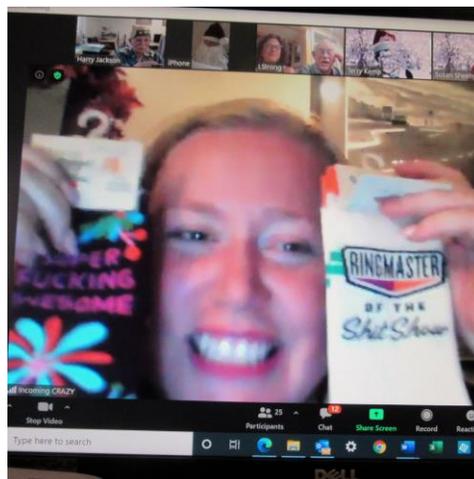
Screen shots of installation meeting



Totally destroyed water storage tanks



Laurie Kneeland installing officers



Anna's favorite gift

Denny Stead

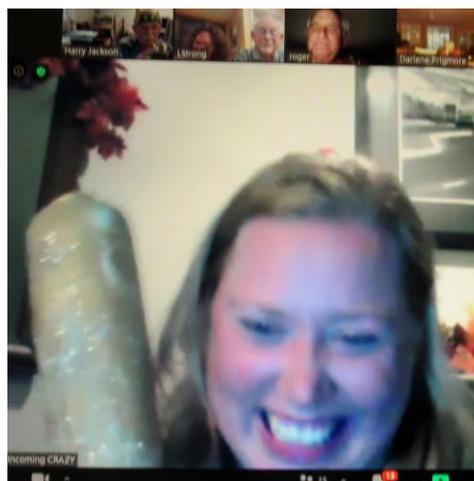
Denny's monthly dumb joke:

A reporter interviewing Denny Stead about the upcoming election for presidency of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club, said that a recent poll had 54 Percent of the Kiwanis members likely casting their votes for Dick Bugarske. Doesn't that concern you? No that does not Stead replied confidently, the other 56% are voting for me!

Cindy Schwartz

By Jan Gianni

Please keep our dear club member, Cindy Schwartz, close in your hearts. Her husband Wayne, who most all of you know, has been hospitalized in San Francisco since August 28th. Complications from a surgery have kept Wayne in the city all of this time. Cindy has lovingly spent each and every day driving from Cloverdale to be with him. Her two dear sisters have been by her side to comfort and care for her this long 5 weeks, but as you know, only one person is allowed into the hospital during Covid, so they are unable to accompany her there.



A Gold-plated bat with glitter to help Anna hit the ball



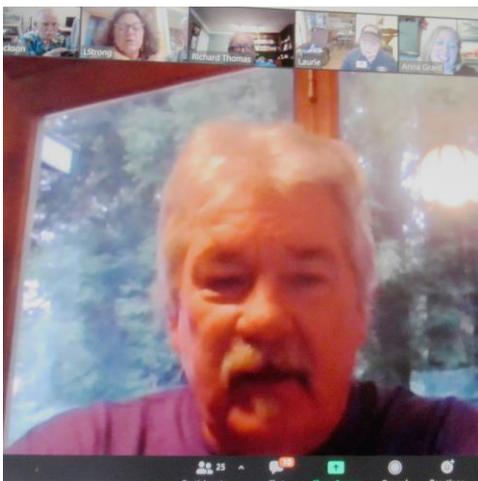
Outgoing president Terry



Anna's Decisions



**Incoming Co-president
Richard Thomas**



**Incoming Co-president
Richard (Rowdy) Yates**

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