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An enjoyable evening at Brandt's Beach



Once again with many thanks to the Brandt family, the historic Brandt's Beach picnic area was the setting for our annual BBQ held on August 25. The fun filled evening was enjoyed by about 100 members and guests including members of the Cloverdale, Geyserville, Windsor and Santa Rosa Clubs. It was a beautiful cool evening filled with great food, excellent company and general merriment.

The event was organized by committee cochairs Dennis Stead and Anita Kratka and an able crew of helpers. The feast was prepared by the kitchen crew led by Dick Bugarske with Rick Wood and Bob Santucci at the fire. Judy Everett provided the appetizers and Liz Bippart the deserts. Patti Robarts led the dining area setup and Jan and Dan Gianni attended to obtaining and serving the wine. Denny and Anita have expressed great appreciation for all the other hard-working volunteers too numerous to list (and the fear of forgetting someone – "you know who you are".)

This year it was decided to return the event to a social occasion only for members and guests and eliminate the live and silent auctions. Fun activities were offered including a ring toss at a group of wine unopened bottles (to win the wine if the ring encircled the neck), a corn hole contest (bean bag toss) and a raffle with 5 big prizes.

Brandt's Beach BBQ proceeds were less this year because of the elimination of the auctions, but net profit from the admission price, drink sales, the ring toss and the raffle totaled about \$2,500 (approximately \$4,900 Income – \$2,400 expenses for food purchase, supplies and rentals).

More photos on page 6.



Calendar

Meeting Dates:

Sep 6: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex - Beryl Ryan, RN

Sep 10: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex – Program TBD.

Sep 17: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex – Program TBD.

Sep 19: Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 p.m. Round Table Pizza.

Sep 24: Evening meeting at Villa Annex – Installation Dinner for Incoming President Terry Kemp.

Other September Dates

Sep 28: Kiwanis Annual Safety Fair.

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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OFFICERS 2018 – 2019

President - Loretta Strong, Dick Bugarske, Jan Gianni, Susan Sheehy (Serving in successive quarters)

President Elect – Terry Kemp

Secretary - Liz Bippart

Admin. Treasurer- Richard Bugarske

Project Treasurer - Ron Dogley

Past President - Vern Loch

Board of Directors

Anita Kratka Cindy Schwartz

Anna Grant Cindi Brown

Jan Gianni Roger Dormire

Bob Santucci Richard Yates

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Happy Birthday

Eric Smith – Sept. 6

Debi Dogley – Sept 7

Cynthia Brown – Sept. 23

Lindsay Wurlitzer – Sept. 23

Robert Taylor – Sept. 27

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

James Schmidt - 9-7-04

Jerry Strong - 9-8-92

Gary Plass - 9-25-01

Randolph Collins - 9-25-01

The President's Message

We had a fun Brandt's Beach Barbeque last week. By starting the event a little earlier those who didn't want to drive home in the dark could enjoy the party. There was more time for fellowship and the Foosball and raffle items added plenty of fun and chance. Only a few missed the auction. It sounds like we even added a few dollars to the Admin Fund.

Mark your calendars for Terry Kemp's Installation as President on September 24th. That means my short tenure as President comes to a close, but I'll be there to help Terry in every way I can. Cindy Schwartz and Jan Gianni will be organizing the evening so stay tuned.

Also mark your calendars for our 3rd Annual Safety Fair on the following Saturday, September 28th. I'll be asking you to each take a shift to help pull it off. In reality all that requires is that you show up wearing your Kiwanis shirt and show your Kiwanis hospitality supporting the wide range of booths that will be there. Look for my e-mail with the link to sign up for your shift.

Have you noticed that nothing stays the same? Our kids grow and move out, marry and have kids of their own. We retire from our jobs, find new hobbies or have to leave old ones we've enjoyed. So, in order to grow our club and serve our community our Kiwanis club must also change with the times and new circumstances of our lives. That's the conversation that our soon-to-be Incoming President Anna Grant (after Terry's year) is leading at the "Future of Kiwanis" meetings being held. I'm sure you have an opinion about this subject and Anna wants your voice to be heard. Make a point to come to one of those gatherings. The brainstorming meetings are only one hour long, and wine and nibbles are provided.

Susan



Susan in the driver's seat

Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

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

Administration Management

Financials

- The Admin Fund continues to 'limp' along, just staying in the black. Our Kiwanis International Dues of \$7-8,000 will need to be paid in December.
- A motion was passed to reimburse Susan for \$45 she paid to send Terry Kemp to a luncheon where Terry accepted the Kiwanis Best Newsletter award on behalf of our favorite newsletter writer, Harry Jackson.

Committee Reports

- Future Planning: At the most recent meeting, hosted by Arnold Santucci, the three topics discussed were: Admin Fund gap, proposed changes to current meeting formats, and service opportunities.
- In order to increase our K visibility in Healdsburg, we may decide to hold a monthly evening meeting at a local restaurant where members would pay for their food/drink. Several restaurants have shown interest in hosting. Savings would be about \$9,400 annually on catering and rental fees.
- Millennials enjoy service opportunities within our club as well as partnering with other local service organizations. Our newsletter can alert members to those events.
- Regular meetings may begin with a social time from 11:30 – noon. The lunch meeting could begin at noon and be completed by 1 PM so working people are better served.
- Dick is proposing to assign weekly K jobs (greeters, thought for the day, etc.) to encourage members to be more involved in our club.

Membership

- John Bippart's has request for Senior Status was approved.
- Loretta showed the board ideas for K business cards that could be used by all members. Cards will be ordered soon.
- Jay's Engraving in Santa Rosa will print our new K name tags.
- Dick and Barbara are working on a K Handbook.
- Loretta reviewed our annual calendar for fundraising and service projects.

Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

Grants/Donations/Requests

- Sunrise Rotary Drew Esquivel Memorial Golf Tournament - \$100. (\$500 requested),
- Alexander Valley Film Society - \$500.
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Sonoma and Marin - \$500. (\$3,000 requested).
- Kid Scoop News - \$1,500 request was denied.

Financials

- Our club currently has \$19,400 in unrestricted funds with a total of \$101,000 in assets. We are well within our budget.

Committee Reports

- Safety Fair planning: The city staff will have a walk through on August 20th; banners are completed with listed sponsors; Agave will serve lunch for 400 participants; Cloverdale will provide additional volunteers; bi-lingual flyers are ready.
- Tim Flannery Concert: The committee, (Vern (chair), Richard Yates, Dick, Anna, Terry and Eric) have met to work through details. Eventbrite will handle tickets for the February 22, 2020 concert at the Raven Theater. There will be baseball related programs during the day for Little Leaguers followed by the evening concert. 150-200 tickets need to be sold to break even. Sponsors will be asked to help defer expenses.

Meeting Programs

Aug 6: Cassidy Jourdan, Volunteer Program Manager, Redwood Empire Food Bank



Cassidy is a graduate of Healdsburg High and studied sports management at NYU. She found her calling and is passionate about her job at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. In her very informative presentation, she described the many volunteer opportunities at REFB.

The Food Bank provides food assistance to more than 82,000 of our Sonoma County neighbors facing hunger. Each month nearly 1.5 million pounds of food is handled, which could not be prepared for distribution without volunteer support.

Volunteers are critical to ending hunger in our community. Every month we rely on their generous support which would otherwise require the work of 45 full-time staff members. Spend a two-hour shift with friends, family, and colleagues and help feed our neighbors in need. Build team spirit and company morale volunteering with your business or organization in the Redwood Empire Food Bank warehouse. Check out the; many fun and rewarding ways to make a real and lasting difference in the lives of those facing hunger in our community.

refb.org

Aug 13: Peter Wolf, Inspirational Speaker

Peter's inspiring talk comes from his consulting to two groups of people.

The first group is high performing business leaders, who need to transform the crises that they face which can seem like (or be) survival situations,

into growth adventures for leadership. The second group is executives, (and, other people from different walks of life), who have had a traumatic brain injury. This is a group of people who, while facing a new and unknown kind of adversity, have a personal need to not just simply survive an ordeal: They want instead to adapt resiliently, and excel through their challenge.

Peter used the analogy of three people lost in the woods and how they responded to their predicament. Fred and Bill approached their situation differently but did not have the needed survival skills and did not survive. Susan (coincidentally named?) knew what she needed to do and survived a wet and cold ordeal.

Jessica Ramirez, Face the World cultural exchange

Jessica visited the meeting to tell us about the Face the World cultural exchange program and encouraged becoming a host family. The Face the World Foundation offers students between ages 15 and 18 the opportunity to study in the United States. The academic year program is designed to provide an international cultural experience that will expand the normal scope of world understanding.

Face the World places students with volunteer host families who provide the exchange students with a stable and secure home environment.

Aug 20: Committee Assignments

All members should be receiving an email from Dick Bugarske containing the updated committee assignments discussed during the August 20 meeting. Please review the list carefully. Members not in attendance may be surprised to find their name on an undesired committee. Contact Dick or committee chairs to volunteer or change your assignment for a better fit of your skills.

Interclubs

Ukiah Annual BBQ Blast at Testa Vineyards



**Harry Jackson, Terry Kemp, Denny Stead,
Susan Sheehy & Darlene Prigmore**

Slate of Officers for 2019/2020

The following slate of officers was elected of the 2019/2020 year at our August 13 meeting:

President: Terry Kemp

Vice President: Anna Grant

Past President: Loretta Strong

Secretary: Liz Bippart (Cont.)

Admin Treasure: Dick Bugsarske(Cont.)

Assistant: Darlene Prigmore (Cont.)

Foundation Treasurer: Ron Dobley (Cont.)

Board (1 year remaining)

Anita Kratka

Anna Grant

Jan Gianni

Bob Santucci

Board (2 years new)

Susan Sheehy

Jerry Strong

Eric Smith

Cody Thompson

\$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

Jerry Strong (and others) happy to see Rich Thomas back.

Anna Grant happy to be restoring her late brother's 1965 El Camino.

Liz Bippart happy that her middle child is expecting twins.

John Bippart happy that he will be a great grandfather.

Patti Robarts happy to thank everyone who helped move to their new home.

Lockie Gillies happy to be a first-time grandfather.

Dick Bugsarske happy to celebrate his baby sister's 65th. How could that happen?

Bafbara Erickson happy to have attended Denny's pool party. A great time for all.

Darlene Prigmore happy her granddaughter is visiting from Spain. Sad she will be going back.

Fire Season is upon us

Keeping in mind that the wildfire threat is always with us, it is valuable to reprint a meeting presentation from January 2018: Kathy Burgess' guest, Don Rowberry provided a program for the day. Motivated by living through the 2017 firestorms, Don developed his "Evac Sack" to be prepared for future emergencies requiring quick evacuations. The sack contains the most essential items for dealing with the immediate evacuation challenges and important documents.

Here are the contents of Don's Evac Sack:

- Money – small bills and check blanks.
- Credit/debit card duplicates.
- Copies of ID's, passport, driver's license.
- Copy of utilities bill (to verify address).
- List of important phone numbers.
- Internet access info., passwords
- Medications.
- Battery backup for cell phone.
- iPad.
- AM/FM radio.
- Personal toiletries.
- Face masks.
- Pad/pencil.
- Deck of playing cards.
- Head Lamp.
- Homeowner's policy, including home contents inventory.
- USB flash drive containing copies of important documents.

The sack must be kept in a safe place but convenient for grab and go. Hopefully there would be time to also grab wallet and cell phone. It was also noted that it is important to keep the gas tank at least half full for a fast get away.

What's in your sack?

Brandt's Beach BBQ photos



Healdsburg Kiwanis Annual

SAFETY FAIR

a FREE Community event

Bicycle Skills & Safety Rodeo

FREE Bike Helmets for kids

Bike Check & Repairs

Meet Smokey the Bear

Child Car Seats & Installation with CHP

Bookmobile of Sonoma with FREE books

FREE Lunch...and much more

ADULTS & CHILDREN OF ALL AGES WELCOME

Saturday, September 28, 9am - 2pm

Healdsburg Community Center

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