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Partnering to Provide Childcare During COVID

City of Healdsburg message

Healdsburg’s working families and their school-aged children are getting a lifeline in the form of a subsidized distance learning childcare program for students. The City of Healdsburg’s Community Services department is managing the program with support from Corazón Healdsburg and the Healdsburg Unified School District. Dubbed “Camp HBG 2.0,” this program will provide all-day care Monday through Friday and support elementary school students with their distance learning while HUSD schools and all other Sonoma County public schools remain closed for on-campus learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



“By bringing together our experience coordinating the traditional after-school program and the modified Camp HBG program this summer, we’ll be able to provide a welcoming and enriching environment for students to complete their distance learning,” said Healdsburg Community Services Director Mark Themig.

The program will adhere to guidelines provided by the Sonoma County Health Officer, California Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control.

Camp HBG 2.0 is a distance learning care program that will provide students in grades TK-5 the opportunity to complete their virtual learning in a supervised environment. Students will be split into consistent and small groups where they will complete their daily schoolwork as well as take part in enriching recreational activities. The program will be supervised by Community Services Recreation staff.

“Many of our families have come to us worried about caring for their students and helping them succeed academically while also working full time,” said HUSD Superintendent Chris Vanden Heuvel. “Camp HBG 2.0 lifts an enormous burden for our families and underscores our commitment to providing students with equitable access to quality education even during COVID.”

This school-year partnership builds on the success of the Healdsburg Community Services summer camps, which provided care for 96 students in June, July and August. The summer and fall programs were made possible by donations from Carson and Kathy Block, Beth Berkson and Rob Das, **Healdsburg Kiwanis** and many other generous community members.

Healdsburg Community Services has historically been solely funded by Healdsburg’s Transient Occupancy Tax, a levy on overnight hotel stays. That revenue dropped off sharply this year with the onset of the pandemic, creating a budget shortfall for the department. In partnership with Corazón Healdsburg, Community Services raised the \$120,000 needed to fund Camp HBG 2.0 for the fall semester from private donors.

Calendar

All meetings subject to change depending on Covid19 issues.

Meeting Dates:

Sep 1: - Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon

Sep 8: Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon

Sep 15: Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon

Sep 17: Board of Directors meeting, by Zoom.

Sep 22: Regular meeting
Zoom, 12:00 noon

Sep 29: Evening meeting by Zoom, Installation of new club officers. Details to be announced.

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.

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Happy Birthday

Eric Smith – Sept. 6

Debi Doble – 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

Dearest Kiwanis family,

WOW, WOW, WOW what a month. I am hoping that everyone landed safely and is starting to relax a little.

I love our Zoom meetings and the laughter that ensues. That is one of my favorite things about our club. No matter how crazy or grim or challenging things get, we still have time for a laugh. We are turning into professional packers and are very creative at keeping ourselves entertained. These times of trials are great opportunities to really focus on what matters. I value each and every one of you. I am thankful for the pause to reflect but I am also excited to get going on new ideas.

We have spent our money this past month on things that seem to be the most helpful to our community right now, HBG 2.0 distance learning and the Healdsburg Education Foundations Emergency fund to help kids and teachers that have been effected by the fire.

Our Cal- Nev-Ha Governor visit this Sunday should be a hoot. I have always enjoyed Tim; he has a great sense of humor.

Bob Santucci has a great idea for a Halloween event. It will be Anna's first event of her presidency. Anna's installation will be the last Tuesday of September at 6pm. Susan Sheehy and Barbara Erickson will be planning this auspicious occasion so reach out if you would like to help. Santa might make an appearance.

Take care and keep laughing no matter what happens next.

Terry

Pennylee Christensen is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Hi All,

So excited for this Sunday afternoon's Governor's Visit! Can't wait to see everyone and have some fun!!! Attached please find your official Governor's Visit Program, including agenda. The Zoom information is below. We have 40 attending, with room for 100. Please forward to all your club members, SLPs, potential members, and guests. Encourage attendance as we will be inducting Laurie!

Thank you!

Topic: DIVISION 32 GOVERNOR'S VISIT & MORE!

Time: Aug 30, 2020 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85600145267?pwd=bXZ5dmo3L0Q4ZnFxUDV5MVNZYXhMQT09>

Meeting ID: 856 0014 5267

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Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

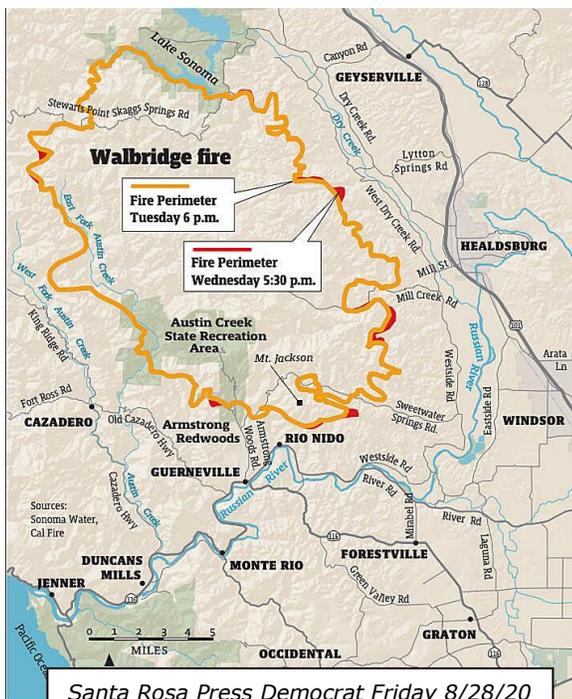
A special Board of Director's meeting was held by Zoom on August 13 at the request of President Elect Anna Grant to consider funding the second phase of the City of Healdsburg youth camp. The matter was urgent because the funding was due by the start of school on August 14.

A motion was approved to provide \$15,000 for the "Camp Healdsburg 2.0 Distance Learning" program at Healdsburg Community Center. Matching funds up to \$50,000 have been offered so our contribution will be doubled. The program offers day care and schooling for youth of all ages with working parents (full program description on page 1). This is the second round of funding for the camp. Our club also supported the first part.

The regular August Board meeting was canceled due to the wildfire threat, evacuations and evacuation warnings.

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. The August 25 meeting was canceled due to the wildfire threat.



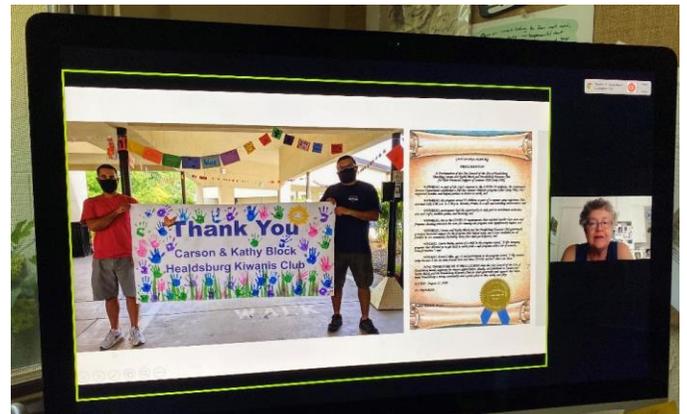
Santa Rosa Press Democrat Friday 8/28/20

August 18 - Dave Jahns, City of Healdsburg

Dave gave us an update on the partnership between the City, Corazon, and the Healdsburg School District to provide a unique opportunity for our local children. In the past few months, our Club has donated \$20,000 to this program. (see page 1 for program description)



In March of 1924, our Club donated funds to help provide lunches to needy Healdsburg School children. We were barely 3 months old as a Club. The tradition continues.



NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of the City of Healdsburg hereby expresses its sincere appreciation, thanks, and gratitude to Carson and Kathy Block and the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club for their generosity and support that helps make Healdsburg a strong community and a great place to live, work, and play.

Members sheltering in place

George Clough

Congratulations to George and Mary Lou on their 60th wedding anniversary celebration on August 6. George has been a Healdsburg Kiwanis member since July 1998.



Bob Taylor

Bob visited Camp Rosenberg on August 26 to check on fire damage at the scout camp. The camp is almost totally destroyed. The Kiwanis dining shelter is still standing but will need repairs.



USA Today video clip

Before

Nancy Arsenault

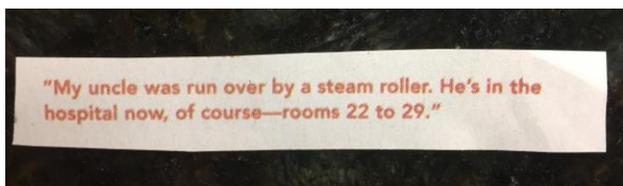
We have a new addition to our family, a 10-week-old Golden Doodle named Moses. He is settling in just fine. We are working on crate and potty training this week.



Also, my daughter Sara got a full-time job in Orange County as a counselor at an addiction clinic in Dana Point. She off Mom's books and eligible for benefits in 90 days. Phew. A long time coming! We have survived this cycle of terrible fires and thank God for it. Hope everyone is well and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Denny Stead

Denny's monthly dumb joke:



With schools closed for on-campus learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it will not be possible to distribute dictionaries to the third graders as we have always done until classrooms reopen. However, we



will make a strong effort to make sure that each child receives a dictionary this year. Denny has put off purchasing the dictionaries for now. We are hoping that after the first of the year the children will be returning to classrooms and we will then be able to distribute dictionaries.

This will be our 20th year.

The wonderful saga of the desk that magically turned into \$500.

A beautiful children's desk crafted by our resident craftsman; Jim Schmidt was part of a fundraising auction for the Healdsburg Center for the Arts. Vern Loch, hoping to stimulate the bidding offered an opening bid of \$500, but his effort failed, and he was surprised to become the purchaser. Vern had no use for the desk, so he donated it to our club for our future auction.

Denny and Dick went to the gallery to pick up the desk but discovered that it was very large and heavy, and they needed more help to move it out. Also, the logistics of moving it through the barricaded street and loading were difficult. Fortunately, while deciding what to do, someone came into the gallery and purchased the desk for \$500. Problem solved! The \$500 will find its way into one of our funds for its best use.

Our Club connection to the Golden Gate Bridge and the Old Redwood Highway

On opening day, May 27, 1937 – "Pedestrian Day" – some 200,000 bridge walkers marveled at the 4,200-foot-long suspension bridge, spanning the Golden Gate Strait at the entrance to San Francisco Bay (SF Chronicle). Healdsburg Kiwanian Arnold Santucci at age 17 was one of them.



Joseph Miller was the first President of our Club in 1923-24 and was instrumental in selling the GGB plan along with Frank Doyle, the "Father of the Golden Gate Bridge". Miller also was a leader in the

Redwood Empire Association that helped open up the north Coast by expanding Highway 101, the Redwood Highway from the Golden Gate to the Oregon border.

\$\$Happy/Sad\$\$

Via email (members will cough up their \$\$ when we can meet again):

Diane Pierce - a sad \$ for all the displaced people who lost their homes in the recent fires. My daughter Kim & hubby live in the Highlands Berryessa Steele Park area where many homes lost. My happy \$ is by the 'Grace of God' theirs was one of the few saved.

Roger Dormire - sad to be missing the meetings as he is working at the Food Pantry. Very happy that the Pantry has been able to maintain its normal distribution schedules to provide free food to needy families.



Say YES to COVID-19 Grants

From the CHN newsletter:
"News You Can Use" September 2020 issue

Since introducing our new COVID-19 Community Assistance Grant Program in May, the CNH Children's Fund has awarded nearly \$20,000 to 39 Kiwanis clubs! We anticipate the interest for COVID-19 grants will continue through the calendar year, but we need your help to ensure we can continue to meet this demand. You can help by making a gift to the YES! Initiative.

The YES! Initiative provides support for the most imperative priorities of the Cal-Nev-Ha Children's Fund, such as the current demand for our COVID-19 Community Assistance Grant Program. From monthly contributions to outright donations, there are many ways you can make a gift to the YES! Initiative while also supporting our clubs and our shared communities. Say YES! today!

Thought for the day

Conspiracy Theory Defined:

1) A belief that a consensus of the world's scientific experts missed something they've spent their lives researching—that you were able to uncover in seventeen minutes due to superior Googling skills.

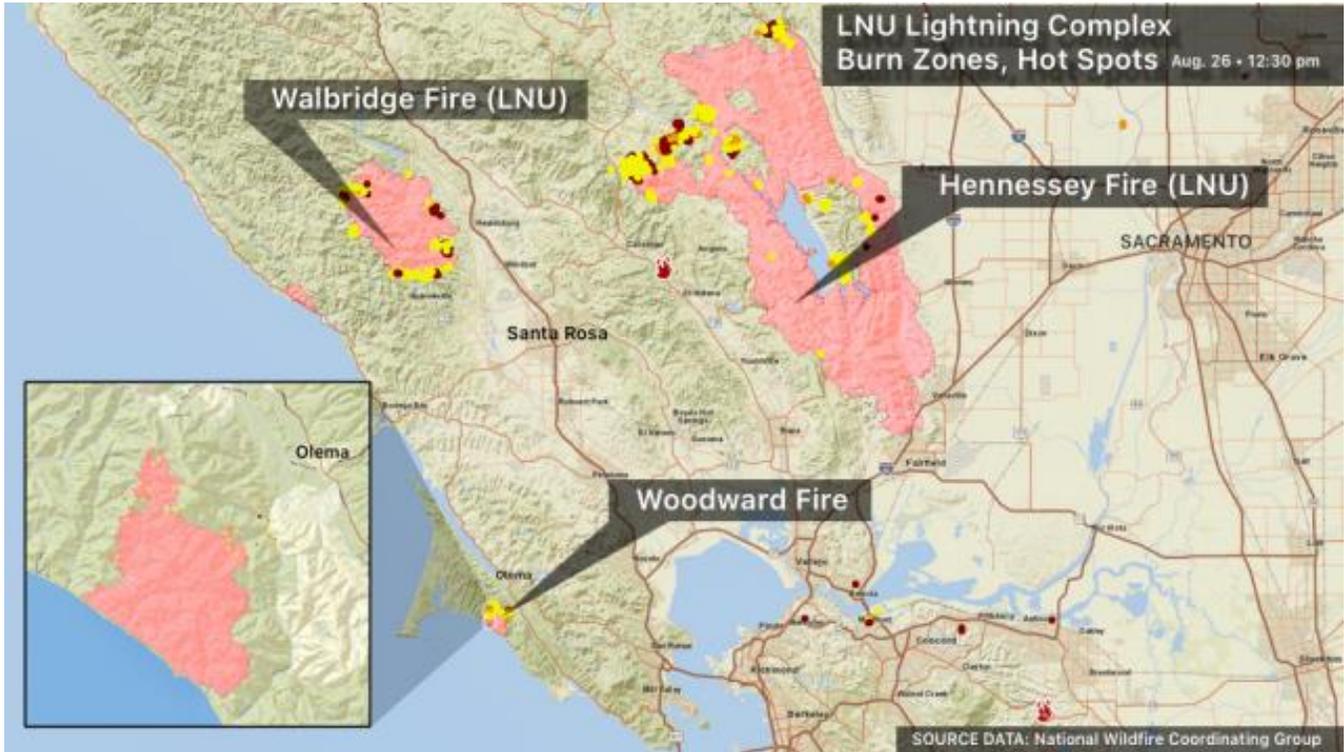
2) A belief that decades of medical research, carried out by people committed to caring for humanity—are secretly and irredeemably evil—and have been exposed by random people you've never heard of, making claims with no evidence, on sites with dubious credibility.

The Subversive Lens



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The August 2020 Wildfires – Sonoma and Napa County



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