



January 2024

Volume 100 No. 4

The second annual Merry Healdsburg Tree Lighting in the Plaza



Our mulled wine, beer and soda sales team Debby, Dan, Jan, Dick, Loretta, Jim, Jerry & Joanne

Bianca and Grandma Darlene stomped grapes as fast as they could and upped their pace while still maintaining Darlene's famous recipe! The wine was mulled, and 19 gallons were ready for the Merry Healdsburg Tree Lighting. Our beloved Anna the Piranha provided the kitchen and the equipment to ferry over the piping hot swill from the Senior Center without spilling a drop!

The event was hosted by the City of Healdsburg Community Services in partnership with the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce with thanks to Stay Healdsburg for generous sponsorship. The main attraction of the evening was the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 pm, followed by live musical performances by special musical guests: The Sugarplums! with their charming choreography, and sweet harmonies and the Healdsburg Chorus. Other happenings included complimentary photos with Santa, complimentary Carriage Rides provided by Kiwanis, and food and dessert vendors including our Kiwanis Mulled Wine sales pop ups. Also, new this year was a Holiday Market lining Matheson St. & Plaza St.

The weather was super cold, but the Merry Healdsburg event was something to warm everyone's heart. Our Club's participation, including our mulled wine sales and free Kiwanis sponsored horse drawn carriage rides went wonderfully well and were lauded by many local community members.

Continued on following page with more photos by Susan, Debby & Nancy.



Regular Tuesday meetings returning to the Villa.

Meeting Dates:

Jan 2: No Meeting.

Jan 9: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Program TBD.

Jan 16: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Program TBD.

Jan 18: Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza.

Jan 23: Regular Meeting at 12 noon, Program TBD.

Jan 30: Evening Meeting at 6 pm Monthly social.

Save the Date

Jan 7: Richard Iverson Memorial, 2 pm, Riverview Club House.

Jan 27: Martin Silge Memorial, St. Paul's Church.

Feb 10: Steelhead Festival.

Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day, celebration in the Plaza.

Mar 24: Pancake Breakfast.

May 23-25: Annual FFA Twilight Parade and Fair.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon 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 Co-President Richard Bugarske (707-540-1237) or Secretary Liz Bippart (707-227-4314).

**Kiwanis ----- Serving the
Children of the world®**

Gross receipts from mulled wine, beer, and soda totaled \$4,600. Estimated expenses were about \$1,100 leaving net proceeds of about \$3,500. We also received \$165 in Vocational Scholarship Tips. Special thanks to Ted Draper for furnishing the horses and carriage for the deeply discounted price of \$600. Ted expressed great appreciation for a job well done by the Key Club crowd control team, protecting the horses from the enthusiastic crowd.



The Carriage Rides



The Sugarplums!



Brian helps Darlene deliver her product



Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Officers 2023-2024

Co-Presidents – Loretta Strong (Q1)
Richard Bugarske (Q2),
Susan Sheehy (Q3),
(Q4 open)

President Elect - Open
Secretary – Liz Bippart
Admin. Treasurer- Richard Bugarske
Project Treasurer - Ron Doble
Past President – Dennis Stead

Board of Directors

One Year Term

Barbara Erickson Susan Sheehy
Joanne Kolinski Jan Gianni
Brian Wells

Two Year Term

Debby Dormire

Memorial Scholarship Board of Directors

Dan Maraviglia, Chair
John (Jack) Brandt Randy Collins
Ron Doble Guy French
Vern Loch Dennis Stead

The Builder

Harry Jackson, Editor

Happy Birthday

Anna Grant - Dec.6
Terry Kemp - Dec. 9
Eric Frost – Dec. 18
Vern Losh - Dec. 22
Richard Yates - Dec. 24

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Hunt Conrad - 12-4-07
Martin Silge - 12-4-07
Nancy Arsenault – 12-19-17
Darlene Prigmore – 12-9-14

The President’s Message

2024 is the beginning of a new century for our Club. The last 100 years have been a journey of remarkable accomplishments. Millions of service hours and dollars have impacted so many in our community. Our Club shares a unique legacy with the evolution of Healdsburg. And we can’t forget the many great friendships that have blossomed among our members. On January 9th, we begin anew. Life is rich.

The President’s Message (From 2014, a 10-year reprise.)

Happy New Year!

The New Year offers us a time for renewal, a chance to reassess and make plans to set 2014 up to be our best year yet. As we set our personal resolutions, our Healdsburg Kiwanis Club is looking to improve itself as well. In general, Kiwanis Clubs try to serve children and youth using two approaches. One attempts to improve their quality of life directly through activities that promote health and education and the other tries to encourage leadership and service among youth through Key Clubs. With the monies we raise, we are able to serve the youth of our community in many direct and creative ways.

So, as we look into the New Year, what new service projects can we do to make a difference in our communities? Are there other changes to how our organization runs that can improve our effectiveness? Are we missing groups or opportunities to make a difference?

I invite everyone to share any ideas, big or small, for helping us develop into the best Kiwanis Club we can be this year. Do you see a need at one of our schools? Do you know of a service group that needs a hand with a new project they are working on? Even if you only have a seed of an idea, share it and together we can make it blossom! Share your ideas with me and let’s see what can happen.

President Dick Bugarske

Our Club lost another member when Marty Silge passed in early December. The family is planning a memorial service for Marty on January 27th at St. Paul’s Church. More info as the details become available. We miss you Marty!

In loving memory of members lost in 2023



Diane Norgrove Pierce
1943-2023
Kiwanian since 2017



Richard Iverson
1926-2023
Kiwanian since 1986



Martin Silge
1939-2023
Kiwanian since 2007



Board of Directors Meeting

No regular Board meeting was held in December.

Responding to a request for support from the Healdsburg Education Foundation, a quorum of board members approved a \$500 donation to HEF at our Christmas celebration.

Meetings

Dec 5: Dick Bugarske, Getting to know our 2024 Hall of Fame inductees & welcome to Art McCaffrey's 74th REIBT Tournament.

Our Club became the main sponsor of the Healdsburg High Hall of Fame in 2018, adding to the legacy our Club has in honoring local students. Five former HHS athletes will be inducted on February 25, 2024. They are:

**Sarah Sumpter ('07) (Posthumous),
Suzy Charles ('89),
John Suazo ('95),
Annie Seppi ('99),
Matt Crippes ('03).**

Each has their own story, and Dick is preparing their stories and gave us our first look at them.

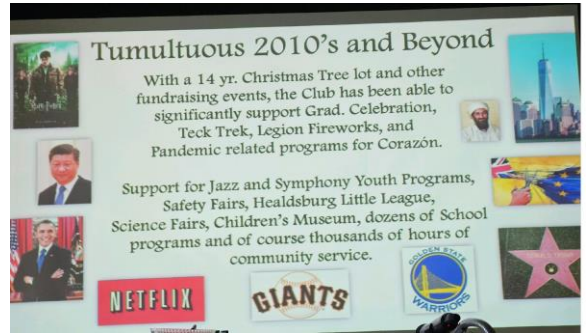
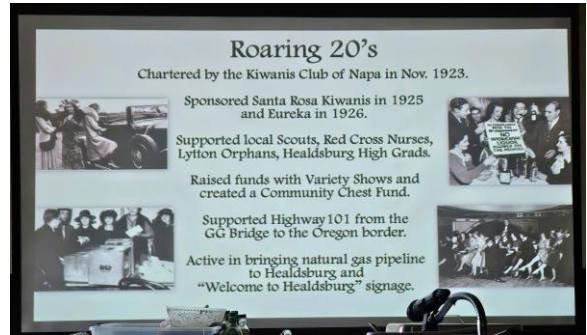
The Hall of Famers will be joining the other athletes who now grace a recently installed display in Smith Robinson Gym. (Picture below.)



In 1949, our own Art McCaffrey, HHS teacher and Athletic Director, initiated the Annual North Bay League Section II Basketball Tournament that became the Redwood Empire Invitational Basketball Tournament (REIBT) in 1952. The 74th Annual REIBT was held on December 6 – 9. The Championships were won by the Justin-Siena girls and the Tamalpais boys. Healdsburg girls placed 3rd and the boys placed 6th.

Dec 12: Dick Bugarske – Reflections on our first 100 years.

We took a walk through the 100-year history of our Club and peeked into our future with Dick's wonderful slide presentation. A slide for each decade for the 100-year period summarized our accomplishments and events during the decade from the "Roaring 20's" to the "Tumultuous 2010's and beyond". Side bars contained photos of national and worldwide events occurring during the decade.



Dec 19: Annual Christmas celebration. White elephant gift exchange.

Patti prepared a wonderful array of holiday fare including Prime Rib and of course we had plenty of libations. Liz, Joanne, Nancy, Debby and Judy brought delightful desserts.



Dick leads the singing of Jingle Bells

We had a White Elephant gift exchange. Everyone brought a wrapped gift in the \$10-\$20 range -

handcrafted, silly, whimsical, one-of-a-kind, store bought, and even bottles of wine.



**Denny wins the ugliest sweater contest
He found that it had shrunk since last year**

Key Club Happenings

Several of our hard-working Key Clubbers went out Saturday morning December 9, and bagged over 1000 pounds of carrots at the food bank. "Our vision has never been better!"



**Melissa, Virginia, Mr. B, Sasha, and Natalia.
(Claudia B. took the picture!)**

On December 14, Key Club members were off to buy a carload of toys for the Toys for Tots collection. Their purchases joined 28 collection boxes in Denny's garage and Denny delivered the entire truckload to the Community Center the next day. The Shared Ministries event was Saturday, Dec. 16th at the Community Center.



Buying toys lends itself to great smiles!

Kiwanis sponsored Scholastic Books

A busy time of year goes without saying and many of the local 3rd graders will be choosing the Scholastic books that we are sponsoring at \$25 a student.



Our first class of "student selected" and "Kiwanis sponsored" books arrived at Alexander Valley Elementary School

Birthdays



Eric Frost asked Harry, Nancy & Dick for a happy birthday song



Rowdy asked Joanne and Darlene for a happy birthday song

The Builder - - KIWANIS CLUB OF HEALDSBURG

More Christmas Celebration photos



HEALDSBURG KIWANIS CLUB
P.O. Box 1156
Healdsburg, CA 95448

\$Happy/Sad\$\$

Jan Gianni happy to participate on the serving team at the Senior Appreciation Dinner, a “spooner” in the kitchen. There was food left for the team and it was delicious.

Judy Everett happy for the best crab at the Cloverdale Crab Feed. Panicked that she lost her special gloves but relieved to find them stashed in her crab cart.

Jerry Strong happy to have laundry room door fixed by Jim Lucchesi No more duct tape!

Debby Dormire happy that 4-and 7-year-old grandchildren decorated her Christmas tree during a family visit.

Susan Sheeche happy to attend the Dickens Christmas Fair with Lilly and Abby.

Anna Grant happy to make it to the meeting. Happy for hubby’s 40th birthday.

Barbara Erickson: Wonderful to be back and see each and every face.

Denny Stead happy to see the Lion King. Sad & Happy to be going to Oklahoma to visit Paula and Vince.

Dick Bugarske et al: thanks to Loretta for a great 3 months.