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## Together again in person



### Enjoying a meal together at Brandt's Beach

Our first in-person, long awaited, meeting of the year happened at Brandt's Beach on May 4. Many of us had been fully vaccinated, but COVID safety precautions were observed. Wearing masks, distancing, and practicing proper County safety measures when not actively eating/drinking.

It was a very enjoyable occasion with many happy dollars for being able to see each other face-to-face, not in a small box on a Zoom screen. Patti and Friends provided a tasty lunch.

As always, we are indebted to and extend our thanks to the Brandt family for providing the perfect venue for our outdoor meetings free of charge.



**Nancy, Vern and his Best Friend**



**Loretta & Arnold catch up**

## Calendar

Regular Tuesday meetings at Brandt's Beach.

### Meeting Dates:

**Jun 1:** - Regular meeting, 12:00 noon

**Jun 8:** - Regular meeting, 12:00 noon

**Jun 15:** - Regular meeting, 12:00 noon

**Jun 17:** Board of Directors meeting, Zoom (?) 6:00 pm.

**Jun 22:** - Regular meeting, 12:00 noon

**Jun 29:** - Evening meeting, 6:00 pm

### Save the date:

**Jun 10:** - Hbg. Jr. High Pancakes

**Jul 18:** - Governors Visit

**Aug 28:** Brandt's Beach BBQ.

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 Anna Grant, President at (707) 836-1615 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314.

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**Leroy has a thought for the day**

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**Happy Birthday**

Richard Thomas – June 3  
Roger Dormire – June 5  
LeRoy Steck – June 7  
Diana Blakeley – June 2  
John Bippart – June 22  
James Schmidt – June 22  
Diane Norgrove Pierce – June 28

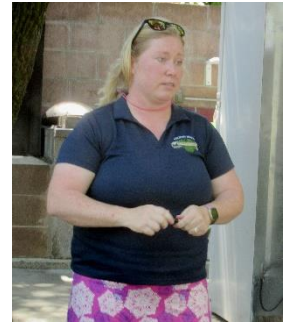
**Kiwanis Anniversaries**

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

Tim Tuscany - 6-3-97  
Tom Rackerby - 6-16-92  
Corrine Salazar-Rose 6-19-18  
Robert Taylor - 6-24-86  
Richard Thomas - 6-24-08

**The President’s Message**

Summer is upon us, and it is feeling like things are finally starting to be back to some sort of normal. Our Brandt’s Beach meetings during the month of May were one of the highlights of the year.



I will have to say it was almost a foreign experience, I had not been able to see you all in real life together in a “Regular Meeting” during my presidency. I had to take a few notes with me just to remember what the order of events was during a real meeting. Things like, “Was it the pledge then prayer, or pledge and then a song?? .... Well, I think we managed to get through a month of it. It has been a real treat to have our own club members be the speakers at these informal meetings (thanks for the idea Rodger!) During these five-minute sharing your story sessions I have learned so many fun things about our members! Who would have thought that Rodger Dormire had been told he was not tall enough to play basketball, or that at one point Rich Thomas got a job based on his fishing habits? Hearing the stories and family histories of how Lucy Lewand and Loretta came to be in Healdsburg made me once again realize just how special of a place Healdsburg was, and still is! I look forward to hearing more from you all as we ease back into meetings.

Lastly, please SAVE THE DATE: The Governor's visit is scheduled for July 18th and is in the planning stages and I will forward more info soon. The location will be at the Vine Ridge Senior Living in Cloverdale. It's a beautiful place and has a lovely patio where the event will be held.

I hope that you are all safely getting out and about, visiting safely with friends and going to all the special family events and milestones. So, Congrats to all the Grads, Happy Father’s Day to all the dads and welcome to the official start of summer everyone!

Anna “the Piranha” Grant



**Celebration of life for Greg Carter**

Please join the Carter family in Celebrating the Life of my dear husband, Greg Carter, on Sunday June 27th at the Lake Sonoma South Lake Trailhead from 2-5 P.M. The Lake and it's trails were Greg's true home so it's only fitting that we should go there to celebrate and share his life which touched and enriched many.

Julie Carter

## **May Board of Directors Meeting**

*Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart.*

### **Administration Management**

#### Financials & other Business

- Admin account balance: \$2,123 including income from April dues received so far.
- Changed the Brandt's Beach Dinner to a one-time Admin. Fund fundraiser to pay the rent at the Villa (Approx. \$5000 a year).
- Since we have not been able to earn funds for Admin this past year, the fund is lagging for upcoming expenses. Dick suggested a one-time plan to use Brandt's Beach as an Admin fundraiser until FFA and Steelhead Festivals are operational again.
- Dick also recommended that the first \$5,000 earned at Brandt's Beach be designated for Admin with any additional funds raised applied to the Foundation account. The Board approve the recommendations.
- Dues are currently structured for all members to pay \$45 per quarter and do not include meals. With in-person meetings starting to resume, Patty Robarts is once again providing meals. Anna will speak with Patty about options for meal payments.
- Dick recommends we maintain dues at \$45 per quarter with add-ons for meals.

#### Membership

- Moved Edgar Deas, Gary Plass, Vern Losh, Jim Silveira, and George Diebold to Honorary Status as provided in the By-Laws.
- Andy Smith, Dan Maraviglia, Kelly Blanchard, Lindsey Wurlitzer, and Cody Thompson remain on leave status.

### **Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation**

#### Emergency Motion:

- On May 3, 2021 Anna requested an emergency vote on a motion to pay \$1,500 to American Legion to support the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. The money would be returned if the program is cancelled or if other funds are solicited by the city of Healdsburg. Estimated full cost of fireworks is 10K. Historically Healdsburg Kiwanis has

provided \$5,700. The Board passed the motion to donate \$1,500.

#### Requests for Funding

- 22 personalized mugs for our Students of the Month - \$264.55.
- Key Club lanyards for our 6 graduating Key Club Seniors -\$88.40.
- Jr. High Pancake Breakfast -\$400 for supplies.

#### Foundation Financial Reports & Business

- The Foundation checking account contains \$94,900. Of the allotted budget for donation/gifts, \$5,400 is still available for the balance of this fiscal year.
- There was some discussion about Troop 21 financial support with more information expected.
- The new Children's Legacy Fund will be controlled by our Board who will approve all dispersals.
- Ron made suggestions for investing the funds in several financial vehicles. Anna will form a committee of interested members and plan a meeting to discuss available options at least one week prior to the June Board meeting. The suggested members will include Ron, Roger, Loretta, Dan and Denny who will make a proposal to the Board in June.
- Fitch Mountain Footrace will not be held this year because of up-front time required for permits and other planning. With regard to FMF, Ron and Debi Doble cannot complete this mission alone. More members are needed to produce a successful event for the Scholarship Fund.

#### President's Message

- Anna is happy to be having in-person meetings again!

#### Committees

- Brandt's Beach – Please provide auction items and deliver to Denny.
- The first \$5,000 raised will be deposited in the Admin Fund as a one-time necessity as approved by the Board at the Admin meeting. The overage will become part of the new Children's Legacy Fund.
- Safety Fair – Randy, Susan and Anna will begin planning.



## **Tuesday Zoom Meetings**

**May 14:** - Coconut Curry Turkey Wrap, Quinoa Salad with Crumbled Feta Cheese & Chewy Oatmeal Cookie. Susan provided the new winemaker's first vintage Rose. Her niece, Rachel Kelly.

**May 18:** – Taco Tuesday Taco Salad With ground beef and all the fixin's. Tres leches Cupcake

Our regular Tuesday meeting was fiesta themed with a hat/costume contest. Patti catered a taco salad lunch with Judy & Steve Everett bartending margaritas alongside Denny "Tequila" Stead.

See page 6 for Taco Tuesday photos.

Speakers were two of our own members, Roger Dormire and Loretta Strong who told us their life stories, mostly true. Extra time was available for fact-checking, heckling and Q & A from the crowd.

**Roger:** Roger was born in Michigan. Roger's father suffered from asthma and the family relocated Tucson, Arizona for a better climate. Roger had an early interest in Basketball. He went out for the school team in eighth grade but was too short. Went out again in ninth grade, still too short. In the tenth grade he had grown 3 inches and made the JV team. The coach asked where he had been. He went on to play at Santa Clara University and was an MVP. Roger has two daughters who excelled in basketball. He recently had a happy dollar for watching his granddaughter, a 5'-11" freshman on the Windsor volleyball team.



Roger had a varied early career in banking, but with the changes in the banking industry he changed careers and spent 20 years as a financial adviser.

**Loretta:** Loretta Petersen Strong is a 4th generation native of Healdsburg. Her immigrant forebears from Denmark and Italy settled in the Dry Creek Valley in the late 1800's. Raised in the lap of two farming families, Loretta's love of the land and ties to her Healdsburg roots run deep. She attended Healdsburg Schools K-12 and



graduated from Healdsburg High in 1970. At age 17 she entered San Jose State University and earned her B. A. and then her Master's Degree from the University of Santa Clara, graduating summa cum laude with a 4.0 GPA.

The Italian side of the family immigrated from the Luca area and when Loretta visited there, she was impressed with the similarities of the area with Sonoma County. The family was an early wine grower and wine maker in Sonoma County. They produced large quantities of wine and had their own railroad tank car to send their product to market. During prohibition, people wondered why the train always came at 3:00am.

**May 25:** Burgers or veggie burger, Patti's Potato Salad Apple Pie & whipped cream.

Speakers were again two of our own members, Lucy Lewand and Richard Thomas who told us their life stories, again mostly true.

**Lucy:**

Lucy's parents, Ray and Delmas (Del) Lewand wanted to escape Southern California and were looking for small town atmosphere. After visiting countless wineries on their way north they found themselves in Healdsburg and made an offer on the property that they opened as the Camellia Inn in 1981. They were out-bid on their first offer, but the buyer could not compete the deal and Ray and Del were successful. Lucy joined them in running the Inn after completing her Education.



Lucy took her time getting her college degree, attending several different schools in the 1960s to 80s. She finally earned her master's in Business Administration at UCLA where she was active in the Entrepreneur Association.

While shopping for antique furniture for the Inn at ISIS Oasis in Geyserville, Lucy spied a handsome dude and gave him "the eye". When she left, she "forgot" her green scarf. Archie got the message and returned the scarf and they have been together since then.

Lucy brought guests, her goddaughter Chloe – who is interning with the Prune Packers this

summer and her boyfriend Ethan who just graduated from Texas A&M!

**Richard:**

Rich spent his early childhood in Monte Vista and considers himself a river rat. The family moved to Santa Rosa when he was 6. In his youth he considered the priesthood, but soon found another world.



Rich attended UC Davis majoring in education. His first job was at Healdsburg High School. When applying for the job the Principal Bob Malone's first question was "Do you steelhead fish". "Yes", "You're hired!" He taught agriculture and coached baseball at HHS for 8 years.

He later went on to obtain a master's degree in viticulture and was instrumental in establishing the Santa Rosa JC's highly rated Viticulture Program. While teaching at SRJC he went on several sabbaticals to learn about viticulture practices in other lands: Australia, New Zealand, Chile and France. He bought home some great ideas and is especially proud of three innovations that he started at the JC and have been widely implemented by local vineyards.

1. Drip irrigation
2. Perma turf (non-till)
3. Trellis systems

## **Kiwanis crew helps cemetery cleanup**

On Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> a crew of our club members joined a group of community volunteers from the Healdsburg Museum and Garden Club, to clean up the historic part of Oak Mound Cemetery. We worked from 8:30 to noon with rakes, brooms and leaf blowers and filled a large dumpster to overflowing with weeds, leaves, fallen branches, trimmings, and other debris. Susan and Harry are both Kiwanians and museum volunteers, so they worked twice as hard.

Katherine Bottini from Healdsburg Garden Club replanted the fountain surround with drought-tolerant plants.

See page 7 for photos,

## **\$\$Happy\$\$**

**Denny Stead** happy \$2 for seeing a large herd of wild mustangs driving between Virginia City and Carson City. Magnificent creatures. We need to protect them.

**Lucy Lewand** happy/sad to have sold Camelia Inn. Sold to a local family who will preserve.

**Diana Blakley** a happy \$20 (I can afford it!) for helping Lucy sell the inn.

**Patti Robarts** missed everyone and happy to see us all and provide lunch.

**Jan Gianni** just happy to see everyone.

**Susan Sheehy** happy bring Barbara Bauer to the meeting. Happy to close the "COVID academy". Going to Costa Rica as a reward.

**Barbara Bauer** happy to give \$200 in Hugo's memory.

**Randy Collins** happy his daughter got a good job.

**Vern Loch** visiting from Utah happy to see everyone.

**Anna Grant** a happy \$20 just in general.

Lorretta Strong happy to be back in person and that our club survived.

**Judy Everett** happy that after helping daughter remodel rental unit in LA, it was rented the day after putting on market.

**Denny Stead** happy for the Cloverdale Club's successful drive through pancake breakfast. Ran out of eggs after serving 400.

**Cindi Brown** sad for a lousy Mother's Day. Trip to emergency vet hospital, son burned with hot oil, other son rolled his RV.

**Lucy Lewand** sad for her 92-year-old father, Del passing on Mother's Day.

**Laurie Kneeland** happy for margaritas on Taco Tuesday and enjoying Loretta's life story.



**Taco Tuesday Photos**



**Patti with the usual big smile**



**Richard & Juanita  
Happy Birthday Richard**



**Steve Everett margarita maker**



**Anna & Pennylee,  
prize winner for best costume**



**Roger, Loretta & Rich  
enjoy the day**



**Jerry & Susan also enjoy**



**Cemetery Cleanup Photos**



**Denny drags brush to dumpster**



**Roger and Terry rake up**



**The museum volunteers**



**Anna stretches and grunts but Hubby has no problem**



**More raking up**



**Harry, Roger, Terry Eric & Denny take a break**



**Haul it away**

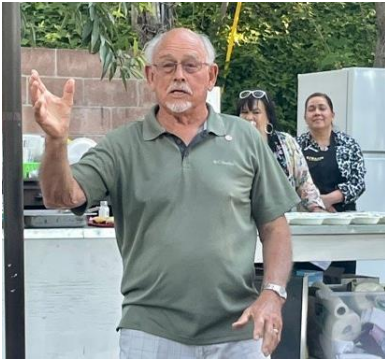


**Susan the hardest worker**



**Evening meeting**

*Photos by Pennylee*



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