

THE BUILDER

# KIWANIS CLUB

of Healdsburg



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## March a big Interclub Month

### Windsor March 1



Judy Everett, Terry Kemp & Del Avant, Windsor President

### Sebastopol, March 3



Sebastopol President Norbert Tenenbaum, Jan Gianni, Susan Sheehy, Denny Stead and Dee Whitehall

### Windsor, March 11



Denny Stead, Dee Whitehall, Terry Kemp and Susan Wendt enjoy the annual Windsor Kiwanis corn beef & cabbage dinner

### Petaluma, March 25

The Healdsburg Kiwanis members shown below attended the annual Petaluma Kiwanis Oyster Feed and DCM.



Neal Bertrand, Patti Roberts, Randy Collins, Terry Kemp and Dee Whitehall

## Kiwanians Support music education

A group of Kiwanians attended "Dinner is Served" at Catelli's on March 2, a fund raiser for the Santa Rosa Symphony music education programs.



Loretta Strong, Jan Gianni, Cindy Schwartz, Terry Kemp



Bad boys Denny and Randy

## Calendar

### Meeting Dates:

**Apr 4:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. – Greta Mesics -Library Learning Commons-HES/ HCSv.

**Apr 11:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Program to be determined.

**Apr 18:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Program to be determined.

**Apr 20:** Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Round Table Pizza.

**Apr 25:** Evening Meeting at Villa Annex. 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting - Jeff Davidson - Walking Across Spain.

### Other April Dates

**Apr. 9:** Pancake Breakfast

**Save the Date**

**Aug. 26:** Brandt's Beach BBQ

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex 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 Randy Collins, President at 433-7759 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314

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### OFFICERS 2016 – 2017

Randy Collins, President  
Vern Loch, Vice President  
Liz Bippart, Secretary  
Richard Bugarske, Admin. Treasurer  
Ron Doble, Project Treasurer  
Susan Sheehy Past President

### Board of Directors

Rick Anixter      Cindy Schwartz  
Rich Thomas     Cindi Brown  
Rick Norman      George Clough  
LeRoy Steck      Patti Roberts

### Memorial Scholarship

#### Board of Directors

Dan Maraviglia, Chair  
John (Jack) Brandt  
Hunt Conrad  
Guy French  
Charles Reichel  
Ron Doble  
Dennis Stead

### The Builder

Harry Jackson, Editor  
Kelly Blanchard, Facebook  
Arnold Santucci, Sr. Advisor  
Richard Iverson, Member

### Happy Birthday

Martin Silge – April 14  
Gary Plass – April 16  
Rhonda Stengl – April 16  
Guy French – April 24

### Kiwanis Anniversaries

*Congratulations to the following members  
who joined the Kiwanis Club during the  
month of April*

John Dayton: 4-2-91  
Todd Brandt: 4-7-01  
Richard Norgrove: 4-7-96  
Dan Maraviglia: 4-8-97  
Kurt Hahn: 4-11-78  
Guy French: 4-12-05  
Dennis Stead: 4-13-99  
Roger Dormire: 4-16-02  
Al Peterson: 4-19-88  
Brian Wells: 4-20-10  
Richard Yates: 4-20-10

## The President's Message

### What We Do as Kiwanians

As Kiwanians, there can be no dispute that we like to have a good time. This is reflected with almost every activity we partake, be it our weekly meetings, working at fundraising events or simply socializing together. I have to admit I take a certain (some of you might think perverse) pleasure presiding over our meetings and taking advantage of a member's "faux pas" to fine them (much to the delight of others). While some might characterize these behaviors as sophomoric or even bordering on the immature, I enjoy myself and am impressed on how well you all take it in a good-natured way. However, despite all the bantering and good times we have, it is important to occasionally remind ourselves of the real reasons we choose to be a Kiwanians and commit to the good works we do.

This very much came to mind during our last Board meeting when we considered no fewer than seven donation requests, all of which were significant on their own merits and served as a poignant reminder of the needs that exist in even an affluent community such as ours. For example, the Healdsburg Bulldogs shared that many families cannot afford the \$225 registration fee necessary for each child to play in the league and said in their request letter "anything helps". Subsequently, \$450 to cover the full costs for two players was approved by the Board. In an effort to generate scholarships to allow children to play in the Healdsburg Little League, the Board also approved a \$920 "Field and Banner" sponsorship. Similarly, \$300 was awarded to the Cloverdale Ponytail league to help fund their scholarship program and \$194 was given to Live Oak Preschool to help fund a trip to the Sonoma County Children's Museum. Lastly, \$4,000 was given to the Healdsburg Boosters to allow them to purchase a shipping container to store their supplies next to the playing fields, allowing them to redirect funds that were once used to pay for mini-storage, to be spent directly on local athletic programs.

As I presented each of these requests to my fellow Board members, I could not help but feel privileged (and a bit humbled) to be able to play a key role in helping each of these organizations. As alluded above, it reminded me that being a Kiwanian is not just fun and games, but improving the world "one child at a time" which is certainly what we accomplished that night. Thanks for letting me be your President.

Randy



Coming up soon!

## Board of Directors Meeting

*Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart*

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the Board meeting for March 2017:

### Grant requests

- Cloverdale Ponytail League - \$300 for team sponsorship.
- Live Oak Pre-School – \$194 for admission to Sonoma County Children’s Museum. Susan Sheehy will extend invitations to other pre-schools who participated last year to let them know of this program.
- Healdsburg Bulldogs – \$450 for registration fees for two players.
- Healdsburg Little League – \$920 for “Field and Banner” sponsorship.
- Healdsburg Boosters – \$4,000 to purchase a large cargo container and shelving for storage of supplies. Randy moved to re-allocate \$4,000 from the previously budgeted Salvation Army ARC kitchen expense to enable the Boosters’ request along with a stipulation for a prominent sign on the storage container showing Kiwanis sponsorship.
- Public School Success Team’s (PSST) request for \$2,263 for the cost of 2017 insurance was tabled pending research of a recent grant given to PSST.

### Money Matters

- Administrative Fund – Administrative Fund – ideas for fund raising to supplement the fund will be considered as well as using new wording on Pancake Breakfast tickets so that a small portion can be delegated to the fund if needed.
- Project Fund – On 3/16/17, the fund balance was \$62,775 and the Christmas Tree Lot fund was \$49,147. The Steelhead Festivals proceeds were \$1,528.

### President’s Report

- Facebook is becoming more active with Kelly Blanchard’s work to include posts for current meeting information. Information will also be given to Carla Howell at Chamber of Commerce for posting on the Healdsburg website.
- The layout for our promotional signs is underway.
- Randy has a template for use in updating our by-laws and a draft is expected for April’s board meeting.
- The Bike Rodeo is moving forward. The Fire Department and Jason Boaz will be present to

conduct a fire extinguishing demonstration and CHP will give free child car seat installations. September 30<sup>th</sup> is a possible date with location TBA. The hours will most likely be 9-2 PM. Fluent Spanish speakers are needed to help with greeting and possible translation. Logistics will be planned later to include food, prizes (car seats, bike helmets).

### Other Business

- A press release will be sent to local newspapers to advertise our large donations. The same information will be provided for use on our Facebook page.
- A list of ‘absentee members’ will be available before the next board meeting so we can make personal contact with those members in hope of bringing them back to active membership.
- Payment of dues by credit card has been set up on our website.
- The Donation Request Application has been updated.

## Meeting Programs

**March 7:** Carol Ēber and Melissa Kelley - Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation.



Carol Ēber, Board Chair and Melissa Kelley, Executive Director of the Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation in an interesting presentation described the County park system and the mission of the Foundation.

“The Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation raises funds, fosters partnerships and advocates on behalf of Sonoma County Regional Parks. We are an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit that supports programs and activities at more than 50 Sonoma County parks and trails, including popular destinations like Spring Lake, Doran Beach, Sonoma Valley, Ragle Ranch, Foothill Regional Park and more.”

<http://sonomacountyparksfoundation.org/>

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding the park system, with Doran Beach County Park being the first. Currently, there are 56 parks containing trails, beaches, picnic and swimming areas and other recreation facilities. Over 5 million visitors are logged each year.

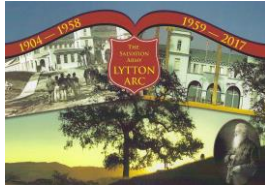
Ms. Kelley described 5 of the parks that are within 15 minutes of Healdsburg: Riverfront, Shiloh,

Foothill, Memorial Beach and Cloverdale River Park. The website contains detailed descriptions of the facilities available at each park and detailed maps.

The foundation, founded in 1998, relies on individual donations and sponsorships/partnerships for support. Their current campaigns are raising funds for the Taylor Mountain and Putman Park improvement projects.

### Farewell to the Salvation Army ARC

In a short ceremony during our March 7 meeting, the long relationship between our club and the Lytton Springs Salvation Army ARC was recognized. Kiwanian George Clough reminisced about the many mutually beneficial activities over the years and his personal experience as a volunteer counselor and advisory committee member at the ARC. He expressed great sorrow for the closing of the facility. The men at the ARC have been extremely helpful providing muscle for the Christmas Tree Lot and our other projects. They will be missed!



Salvation Army Lt. Edith Mabie expressed appreciation for Kiwanis support over the many years. She stated that in her next assignment, wherever that is, she would look up the local Kiwanis.

President Randy Collins, on behalf of the club, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lt. Mabie "for carrying on the over 90-year relationship of the Lytton Springs and the Salvation Army's ARC with our Healdsburg Kiwanis Club."



**President Randy, Lt. Mabie and George Clough**

**March 14:** Joe Collins, Healdsburg Bulldogs Football.

"The Healdsburg Bulldogs Youth Football and Cheer based in Healdsburg, Ca, is committed to ensure a positive youth football experience and advancing player safety this fall by



providing league-wide coaching education and teaching resources that benefit players, parents and coaches through USA Football's Heads Up Football program. USA Football is the official youth development partner of the NFL and its 32 teams. Healdsburg Bulldogs is comprised of more than 120 players and 20 coaches."

<http://www.healdsburgbulldogs.com/>

Joe Collins, Board of Directors president of The Healdsburg Bulldogs, discussed the major challenges facing Healdsburg Bulldogs football: declining participation, safety and money.

The Bulldog organization is committed to player safety through the USA Heads Up Football program. The program has protocols for four primary elements: coaching education, concussion recognition and response, teaching tackling techniques, and proper equipment fitting. Joe showed and described a "Shockbox Sensor", an electronic devise attached to the inside of a football helmet that provides an immediate wireless transmission to a smart phone, measuring hit count and alerting coaches when a player has experienced a head impact that could result in a concussion.

The Bulldogs football program is a non-profit organization, fully run by volunteering parents. Funding is through sponsorships, fundraisers, and individual donations. Expenses are about \$396 per player, the major being insurance and equipment. Families pay a \$225 registration fee necessary for each child to play. Subsidies are available for families who cannot afford the full fee. Our board latter approved covering the registration fee for two players.

### **March 21:** Denny Stead – Winter in Yellowstone

People may wonder why anyone would visit Yellowstone National Park in the middle of winter. In a very interesting and informative slide show, Denny Stead answered the question. In February, Denny traveled to Bozeman Montana where he joined a group of 15 other brave people for a guided expedition to Yellowstone led by the National Geographic Society.

The expedition spent 5 days in the park. The major trip highlight was the early morning photo shoots of Bison, elk, and other animals enduring the severe winter conditions. The expedition also included visits to the famous Yellowstone sites without the crowds; Old Faithful, the frozen upper and lower Yellowstone Falls, mineral pools and other lesser known features.

All travel in the park was by comfortable tracked vehicles as shown below. Conditions were indeed bitterly cold with night and early morning temperatures near zero and daytime temperatures seldom reaching 32 degrees.



Denny with his ride



The brutal Yellowstone Winter

**Mar 28:** Evening Meeting - Two Truths and a Dream Wish

The March 28 meeting was an enjoyable evening with no planned speaker, but with a fun activity led by Dick Bugarske and Terry Kemp – “Two Truths and a Dream Wish”. Papers were passed out to the group containing the following instructions:

“Your job is to write two things about yourself that are true. You must also write one dream that you have always wished for, but have not obtained. For instance, the dream may be written as “I have visited Alaska” while in reality you have not visited the state. We will then go around the room and each of you will read your three statements in order. The rest of us may ask a few simple questions to clarify some details. Then we will all vote on which statement we believe to be the dream wish. The hope is that we will get to know each other a bit better.”

We learned some interesting facts about our fellow Kiwanians and some amazing alternative facts. Here is a sample (Loretta’s):

1. I loved riding camels in Morocco.
2. Sailing to Mykonos and Santorini was my most favorite trip.
3. I once was arrested in Spain for flashing the peace sign to a cop.

Which is the dream (a major whopper)?

### Buccaneer of the Month

The March Buccaneer of the month was born in Napa to parents who were both RN’s. He was a school teacher and principal for 26 years and ran a nursing home for 5 years. His favorite pass time is playing solitaire on computer and he is staying healthy while aging.

Who is it?



Shortly after being installed as the Buccaneer of the Month, he had the lucky lotto ticket and pulled the red checker from the bag to win \$132.50.

### Terry Kemp tapped for Lt. Governor

Our newest member, Terry Kemp has stepped forward to fill the office of Lt. Governor for the coming year’s term. Terry was formerly very active in the Fort Bragg club, having served as president and in other offices. No Healdsburg club member has served in this office for many years.

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### \$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

Marti Silge, sad for the closing of the ARC. "There goes my wardrobe!"

Judy Everett sad to miss two meetings, but happy to be going to Florida to be warm.

LeRoy Steck happy that he no longer needs a cane or handicap parking.

Vern Losh happy to be attending a Giants-Reds game and enjoying 88° weather.

Denny Stead sad he left his car running at the Oakland airport parking lot. Car ran for 2 ½ days before running out of gas.

Rich Thomas sad for the recent passing of his mother and stepfather.

Roger Dormire happy for "St. Patti", the best cook in the world.

Guy French happy to be back following hip replacement surgery.

Randy Collins disappointed in Denny's lack of technical skills during his presentation.

Bob Santucci happy daughter Zoe was guest at meeting and that she behaved. Noted interesting pancake breakfast history: Aunt Jemima once attended to promote her product.

Randy Collins (and many others) happy for Terry Kemp stepping forward to serve as Lt. Gov.

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61st ANNUAL  
HEALDSBURG KIWANIS  
PANCAKE DAY  
April 9, 2017 (Palm Sunday)  
7:30 AM to 12:00 PM  
Villa Chanticleer  
1248 North Fitch Mountain Road, Healdsburg  
Donation: Adults \$10 / Children \$5

**MENU**  
Fluffy Pancakes  
Fresh Fruit & Blueberry  
Pancakes  
Sausage Links  
Scrambled Eggs  
Coffee/Milk/Juice

**Tickets Available**  
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Buccaneer of the month: LeRoy Steck, of course.  
Loretta's dream wish: No. 2, Greek Islands.