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**Healdsburg Kiwanis Night at the Prune Packers**



**Jim Schmidt throws out the first pitch**

June 26 was Kiwanis night at Rec Park for the last game of the regular season. It was great evening of baseball for our local nine. The Prune Packers were 10-3 winners over the visiting Fresno A's.

We all cheered as Kiwanian Jim Schmidt threw out the first pitch. Jim was a top-notch collegiate pitcher for the CSU Northridge Matadors and helped them win the Conference Championship in 1965 and advance to the regionals at Stanford.

The Prune Packers are a wood-bat, collegiate summer baseball team competing in the California Collegiate League (CCL). The roster consists of college players of the highest skill level, from predominantly Division I college programs, honing their skills over the summer for the next level of baseball.

The Prune Packers rolled to a 35-6 regular season record. They went on to defeat the Lincoln Potters, winning the first 2 games in a three-game series and advanced to the CCL state championship where



they faced the South Division champion Santa Barbara Foresters. The CCL state championship series was played July 27-28 at Sparky Anderson Field at Cal Lutheran in Thousand Oaks. Our guys put up a good fight but fell to the Foresters 2 games to 1.

**Calendar**

**Meeting Dates:**

**Aug 6:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex - Cassidy Jourdan, Redwood Empire Food Bank.

**Aug 13:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex – Program TBD.

**Aug 20:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex – Program TBD.

**Aug 22:** Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 p.m. Round Table Pizza.

**Aug 27:** No Meeting in lieu of Brandt's Beach BBQ.

**Other August Dates**

**Aug 15-18:** Cal Nev Hi 2019 District convention, J.W. Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa.

**Aug. 24:** Brandt's Beach BBQ.

**Save the Date**

**Sep. 28:** 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)

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**Memorial Scholarship**

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**Happy Birthday**

Don Marshall – August 3

Ron Doble – August 3

Judith Everett – August 4

James Lucchesi – August 4

Susan Sheehy – August 17

Chase Conley – August 22

Rick Anixter - August 19

**Kiwanis Anniversaries**

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

Diana Blakeley – 8-6-13

Chase Conley – 8-6-13

Jason Boaz – 8-9-16

Barbara Erickson – 8-14-18

Lockie Gillies - 8-28-12 (5-14-02)

**The President’s Message**

I called in the cavalry and they showed up! In my last President’s Letter, it seemed like the Safety Fair scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> was not going to happen because of insufficient funds. All has changed because Vern Losh reached out to the firefighters of Northern Sonoma County. They thought our Safety Fair would be a great service to the community and are giving us \$5000 to make it happen. Woo hoo! Similarly, Corazon Healdsburg will throw in \$1000 to help us with a taco lunch and our own Crystal Silva of SoFi has committed \$800 for bike helmets. Crystal is also doing a helmet drive at work during the month of August. Go Crystal! So, the Safety Fair is full steam ahead. Randy Collins has contacted all of the prior participants and they are all on board.

One of my goals has been to create a spirit of camaraderie with the other service clubs of Healdsburg. We all work to help the children of Healdsburg in different ways. When I learned that Rotary was trying to launch the Dolly Parton Imagination Library I was very excited. (<https://imaginationlibrary.com>)

I had tried to do this during my first term as President, but we didn’t have a non-profit status at that time. Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until they begin school, no matter their family’s income. This is a wonderful program and I’ve invited Rotary to have a booth to sign up children for the Imagination Library at our Safety Fair.

I had a lovely lunch with Arnold Santucci this week and he is looking great and I hope makes it to our next meeting. Arnold will turn 100 in January and we miss him when he isn’t around. There are a lot of you we miss and it’s our fault if we haven’t checked in on you. There are new faces and there is new energy in this club. I hope you will join us at one of our mixers and check us out again. Be sure to save the date of August 24<sup>th</sup> for Brandt’s Beach BBQ. It going to be a new affair without the big auction. Let’s try something new. Come with your ideas and ways to improve our club.

You know, in about three years our club will be 100. Wouldn’t it be great to start thinking about what we want our next 100 year legacy to be.

Susan Sheehy, President

**Two ways to donate and get a tax deduction**

All members may not realize that we now have 501c3 status and that there are actually two ways to donate and get a tax deduction. There is the Scholarship Fund where every dollar goes only to scholarships. The other new opportunity is with our new Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation. Here the moneys can go towards all the other ways we help children in Healdsburg and beyond such as funding the Scouts, helping the school music programs, purchasing computers for school children and putting on a Safety Fair. This is much more broad.

## Club Newsletter wins award

Our club newsletter has been selected as the Winner for the Cal-Nev-Ha District Club Newsletter Award – Orange Section for the 2018-2019 administrative year.



### Harry Jackson receives congratulations from president Susan Sheehy

CONGRATULATIONS TO HARRY JACKSON! WAY TO GO, HARRY!!! I could not be happier for all your success! Such a well-deserved honor. If you've never had the privilege of reading one of Harry's newsletters...you are truly missing out. D32 .... please share in the excitement for Harry. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Pennylee (via email)

## Board of Directors Meeting

*Summarized from minutes by Jan Gianni*

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

### Administration Management

#### Financials

- Current Admin fund balance - \$1919.
- The board discussed what plans might be for increasing our Admin. Fund. Might we bring back a golf tournament? What about enhancing the Hall of Fame event? Jan Gianni offered to move her President's Fund of \$297 to the Administrative Fund.

#### Committee Reports

The Future Meetings Meeting was held on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Camellia Inn. The group had

an open discussion regarding the current meetings and member wants/hopes for meetings in the future. There was interest in the duration of Tuesday meetings, as well as the cost of these meeting and if they are relevant to the entire membership, or if varying the weekly meetings in either time, location or agenda would be more attractive to the greater base of members. A second Future Meetings Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, Aug. 27.

#### Membership

- Discussed plans to go ahead and order business cards for our club. These would be used as handouts to the community, hoping to increase our membership.
- A motion to upfront \$500 for updating our club member badges was approved.
- Jan is following up on orders for new club T-shirts. She is nearing the minimum needed for ordering, in the very near future.

## Healdsburg Kiwanis Foundation

#### Grants/Donations/Requests

- Anamaria Morales \$500 - for funding for her start up cheesecake business. Anamaria is an El Molino High graduate living in Healdsburg.
- A request for a donation for the Sunrise Rotary Drew Esquivel Memorial Golf Tournament was tabled because not enough information was available.

#### Financials

- About \$19,000 is available to spend until the next term.

#### Committee Reports

- September Safety Fair: A fundraiser will be held on the weekend of July 19<sup>th</sup> by firefighters, called "Wine Country to the Rescue". Their board has approved a donation of \$5,000 to the Kiwanis Safety Fair. Corazon of Healdsburg has approved another \$1,000. In recent days, AT&T has come forward with another \$1,000. Plans can now move forward for the September 28<sup>th</sup> event.



## Meeting Programs

**Jul 2:** Annie Bacon, Executive Director - Seeds of Learning.



Annie has worked for the last 21 years in various capacities with Seeds of Learning. In 1999, Annie began full time work with Seeds of Learning as the Program Administrator and is now the Executive Director.

“Seeds of Learning is a non-profit organization dedicated to better the educational opportunities in rural Latin America. We work with North and Central Americans to build and equip schools in Nicaragua and El Salvador, educate kids and adults, and promote cultural understanding.”  
[www.seedsoflearning.org](http://www.seedsoflearning.org)

SOL collaborates with the residents of rural communities in Nicaragua to build school classrooms and other needed infrastructure. They provide all building materials and supervise the construction process, while community members provide labor and organizational support. During the construction process, volunteer work groups from the United States and Canada lend a hand with the construction.

SOL operates three core programs in Nicaragua: Community Building Projects, Learning Resource Centers, and Scholarships.

**Jul 9:** Anna Grant – Age Friendly City Projects

Anna enthusiastically entertained us with a presentation on the City’s age friendly programs entitled: The 12-step plan for getting older . . . Sucks for you. Great for me.

In February 2019, Healdsburg became the first city in the County to be designated Age Friendly. Age Friendly Cities is an international effort launched in 2006 by the W.H.O. to help cities prepare for rapid age growth and the parallel trend

of urbanization. Healdsburg qualifies as Age Friendly in the following ways:

### Infrastructure in Place

- Hospitals & Clinics.
- Transportation (Volunteer, Bus & Bike share).
- Housing Options (SHARE Hbg.).
- Access to parks and open space.
- Traffic Calming (North & Center).
- Storm Drain.

### Civic Engagement

- Commissions in place & Engaged!
- Embracement of public process as policy.

### Creating Community Connections

- Lifelong Learning Opportunities.
- Inclusionary Services.
- Plaza Park celebrations/events.
- City partners with several local businesses to engage the arts, Latino, and farming communities.
- Volunteer Program will reduce isolation, engage older adults.
- Numerous options for healthy activities through programs, parks and recreation.

**Jul 16:** Replay Destinations -Mill District, Mike Brennan, Director of Sales

Mike Brennan, our guest speaker on July 16 in a very informative presentation described the current status of the Mill District Development, and the expected milestones to be achieved.

The Healdsburg City Council recently approved the Mill District development and work has begun with the demolition of structures in the old mill yard. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall on utilities and other infrastructure. The project is scheduled to be built over a 12-year period to comply with Healdsburg’s growth restrictions. The first phase of the construction will include a 40-unit affordable housing complex, a 53-room boutique hotel with 15,000 square feet of ground level retail space below and 40 multifamily, market-rate homes.

With full buildout expected by 2030, the project will include 208 housing units: 138 market-rate and 70 income-restricted.

[www.milldistricthealdsburg.com](http://www.milldistricthealdsburg.com)

Jul 30: Alexander Valley Film Society – Katherine Hetch, Executive Director

“The Alexander Valley Film Society (AVFS) strengthens our community by captivating and engaging audiences, cultivating new fans of film, providing access and educational opportunities in the media arts, and celebrating our collective humanity through year-round educational and cultural enrichment programs and the annual Alexander Valley Film Festival.”



[www.avfilmsociety.org](http://www.avfilmsociety.org)

Katherine’s presentation focused on the Society’s youth educational outreach programs which include Film Studies and Project-Based Filmmaking.

#### Film Studies

Objective: challenge students’ minds and expand their world view through regular screenings, field trips and meetings with professional filmmakers.

- Free screenings for Boys and Girls Club students and their families
- Student internships/fellowships on film sets with AVFS.
- Field trips to neighboring film festivals.

#### Project-Based Filmmaking

Objective: provide hands-on, project-based learning classes.

- Project-based Summer Film Camps with hands on aid from local professional filmmakers.
- Annual student film competition in concert with the Alexander Valley Film Festival.
- Standalone master classes with experts, e.g. Animation workshop with Pixar Animator.
- Full Circle Cinema Program.

## Interclubs

### DCM – Lake Sonoma, July 6



Thank you, Cloverdale Kiwanis Club, for hosting the DCM at Lake Sonoma. The guest of honor was Gary Gray, candidate for Governor Elect 2019-2020. He shared his plans and goals for our future successes in Kiwanis, which will enable all of us to reach and help more children and strengthen our communities. Key Club Lt. Governor Miguel Gonzalez presented useful information on SonomaFi - check it out. Thanks to the Key Club team for fun games and a great water fight!

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### Geyserville’s Steak and Corn Feed



**Susan Sheehy, Randy Collins, Dan & Jan Gianni, Barbara Erickson and Terry Kemp Denny Stead sat with Cloverdale**

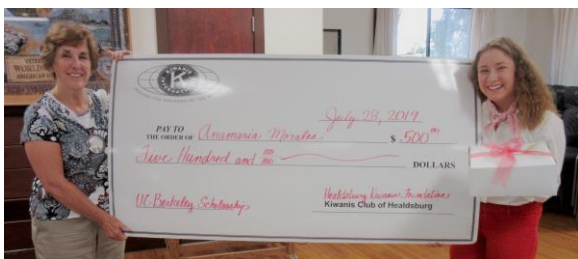




### College Confectionista

Anamaria Morales attended Santa Rosa Junior College and is transferring to UC Berkeley where she will be majoring in business. She has recently started a baking business specializing in cheesecake to “bake my way through college, one cheesecake at a time.”

Our Board has voted to award Anamaria a \$500 scholarship for funding for her start up business that she started to finance her college education. Anamaria visited our July 30 meeting to accept the check and brought along a specially created sample of her cheesecake.

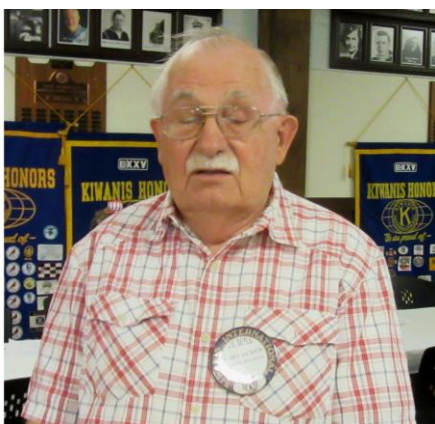


Denny Stead acting as auctioneer, sold the cheesecake to the highest bidder and raised \$200 for the Admin. fund or to be donated to the Key Club.



There was brisk bidding competition between Vern Losh and John Bippart, with Vern winning the bid and giving the cake to John, provided that he would share it with everyone.

### Birthdays



**Harry Jackson**

No, not sleeping, photographer wasn't paying attention

### Lotto

Once again, Denny Stead held the winning lotto ticket. This time he pulled the red checker from the bag still containing 8 black ones. He donated his half of the \$90 jackpot to the Key Club.

### Wine Country to the Rescue

Wine Country to the Rescue is a fundraising partnership of the Healdsburg, Geyserville and Cloverdale Fire Agencies. The group raises some \$80,000 per year for charitable causes. They have pledged \$5000 for our Safety Fair. Vern arranged for us to lead the cleanup the morning after a fundraising event at Trentadue winery.



**The cleanup crew**



**How undignified!**

## Slate of Officers for 2019/2020

The nominating committee has proposed the following slate of officers for 2019/2020:

President: Terry Kemp  
Vice President: Anna Grant  
Past President: Loretta Strong  
Secretary: Liz Bippart (Cont.)  
Admin Treasure: Dick Bugarske(Cont.)  
Assistant " : Darlene Prigmore (Cont.)  
Foundation Treasurer: Ron Doble (Cont.)

### Board (1 year remaining)    Board (2 years new)

Anita Kratka	Susan Sheehy
Anna Grant	Jerry Strong
Jan Gianni	Eric Smith
Bob Santucci	Cody Thompson

The election will be held at the August 6 meeting.

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

Terry Kemp happy that building construction at Healdsburg Senior Living is complete and it is now quiet.

Lucy Lewand happy that father Ray is home after hip replacement surgery and doing well. Happy she will be competing again in Dancing With the Stars in November.

LeRoy Steck sad about a trip to the emergency room after developing chest congestion. Happy he can breathe again.

## **Building Community Through the Arts** **HEALDSBURG CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

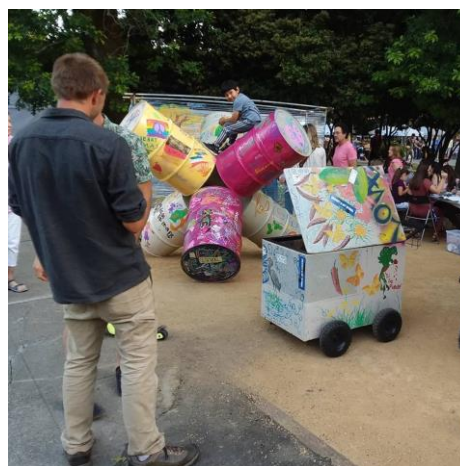
Hello Vern,

It's Andrew from HCA. I just wanted to reach out and thank the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club once again for your generous contribution towards the Kids Art Zone during our 2019 Healdsburg Art Festival.

Your contribution helped us provide art activities for children in Healdsburg that ranged from papel picado to henna art, poetry, face painting, mural art, balloon animals, rock painting, caricature art and more. Please see attached photos from the Kids Art Zone.

Thank you again so much!

Andrew Akufo  
Executive Director





# The Builder - - KIWANIS CLUB OF HEALDSBURG

## DCM Photos



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