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# KIWANIS CLUB

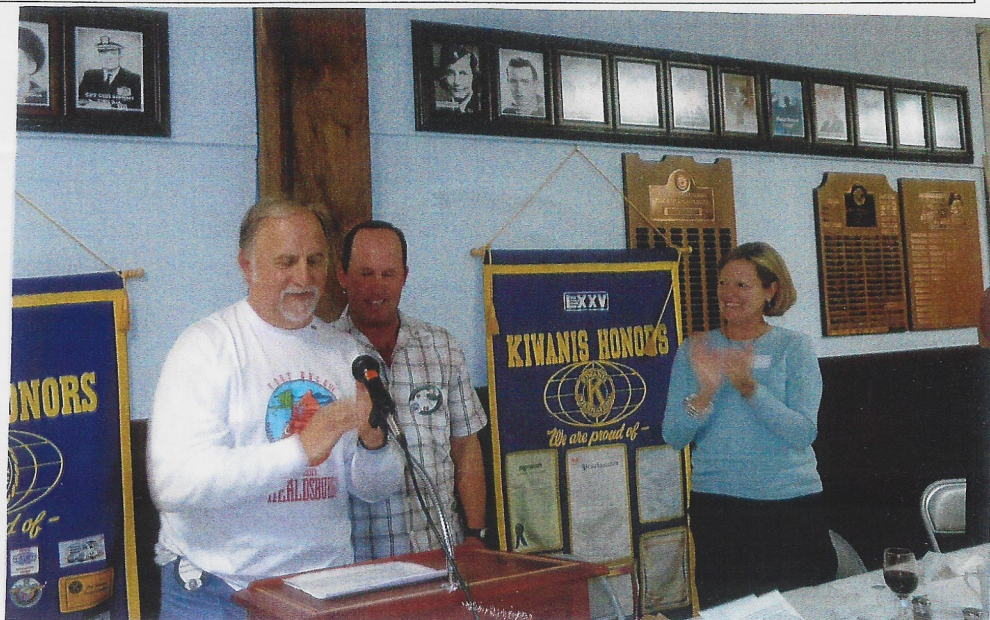
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**HANDING OVER THE GAVEL:** Dick Bugarske, left, 2010-2011 president, gets ready to relinquish his duties to incoming president Hunt Conrad while Hunt's wife, Kaaren, joins in applauding the achievements of the club during Dick's year. (Please see page 5 for story about the September 27 installation dinner and ceremonies).

## Scholarships, Fitch Mountain Foot Race Funds, Newsletter Mailings on Governing Board Agenda

If the club wishes to broaden its scope to include awarding scholarships to high school seniors who have a grade point average of 2.5 and plan to attend a technical school or community college, the club will have to broaden or specify its scholarship criteria to achieve this result.

Laurie Nimmo, the high school scholarship counselor/coordinator, who appeared before the board at the September 15 meeting, told the board that to achieve that criteria it would have to be specified in the club's application forms.

As a result, the board approved a club committee to evaluate club scholarship goals, ways and means to achieve these goals, possibly even to 2.50 GPA students, and how to encourage trade/vocational bound students to apply for grant money.

In her presentation Mrs. Nimmo pointed out that approximately 60 high school seniors apply for various scholarships each school year. Some applications are more informative than the scholarship application form calls for which makes these applications more outstanding.

In the ensuing discussion Mrs. Nimmo said that she did not have details on how many scholarships the average applicant will receive. But she did indicate that most scholarships go to the students with the higher GPA's and more community and students activities.

## Calendar

**October 4:** Regular meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Guest speaker will be Ted Calvert, Healdsburg historian.

**October 11:** Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Guest speaker: Paul Doyle, publisher of the Upbeat Times, "where no bad news ...is great news!"

**October 18:** Regular meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Guest speaker: Christine Webster, stroke survivor.

**October 20:** Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Conference Room at the Healdsburg Police Station.

**October 25:** Evening meeting, 6:30 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. program. Halloween themed meeting.

**The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex. For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club contact Hunt Conrad, president at 431-9715 or Phil Luks, secretary at 433-8005.**

In keeping with this discussion, the board continued a discussion reference the Fitch Mountain Foot Race proceeds which, at present, are placed in the Memorial Scholarship Fund helping the Memorial Fund to grow. The board discussed the possibility of bringing the Foot Race proceeds into the Project Fund and earmarked (Please see page 3)

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**Happy Birthday**

**Dennis Stead: October 7**  
**Tim Tuscany: October 11**  
**Lucy Lewand: October 21**  
**Vince Ciolino: October 27**  
**Dan Gianni: October 27**  
**Patti Robarts: October 27**  
**Lee Gunnerson: October 30**

**Kiwanis Club Anniversaries**

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

**Charles Reichel: 10-24-74**  
**Dana Burwell: 10-20-92**  
**Hugo Bauer: 10-15-96**  
**Dolores Whitehall: 10-5-99**  
**James Lucchesi: 10-30-01**  
**Phil Luks: 10-31-06**  
**Jim Colgan: 10-9-07**  
**Jan Gianni: 10-27-09**  
**Jesse Whitely: 10-16-10**

**The President's Message;**

**Looking Forward To The Year and Its Challenges**

**By Hunt Conrad**

Like a boat owner, they say that the best days in a Kiwanis president's life are the first day and the last day and to that end I couldn't have been more humbled than last Tuesday night at the installation dinner. Looking out at the assembled and seeing familiar faces that I had known for as many as 20 years, all dressed in fishing garb was truly astounding. Much of the fishing equipment had never been used or at least had never really been involved in any piscatorial pursuit but never the less the thought was touching and deeply appreciated.

And then there was president "smooth" Bugarske's last day....what a great year we had under his watch. Nary did a tumultuous event occur. Many projects and activities were accomplished and his sweet John Miller like baritone serenaded us all at every meeting. Great job, Dick ! I can only hope to be half as good as you were. But let's get this out there right now... I can't sing a lick.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year. I know it will have its challenges but we, as a club, do so much good that hopefully if I can just get out of the way and let the membership do its thing and we will accomplish all and more of our usual tasks. My areas of emphasis will be to increase the membership by 10%. That means adding 8 or more members. I will ask all the membership to look hard at your sphere of influence. It all starts with an invitation to attend a meeting. Let's make it a goal to have every member invite at least one potential guest to a meeting once this year. How hard can that be ?

In addition I will be looking at attendance records and encouraging members that choose not to attend meetings for whatever reason to come back and those that can't attend because of physical or other reason to let us know so we can facilitate their presence.

And finally I am going to look at how we can increase participation by those on the fringe. I think by just including those that typically do not regularly participate in projects or events that we could increase our workforce by at least 10%. Expect many new faces to lead pledges, provide thoughts for the day and say something with regard to gratitude before every meal.

So Growth, Attendance and Participation or the acronym GAP is going to be my focus this year. I look forward to hearing your input as to how we can accomplish these goals.

And one final note... great fear has been spread regarding my predisposition to bringing back the age old Kiwanian tradition of fines but I do want to allez those fears. Fines will be used for a multitude of purposes from sanctioning social indiscretions like disruptive behavior, leaving early in the middle of programs or arriving late. We will also be using fines to honor members for buying a new car, getting a promotion or having their names in local media (saving and excepting editorials). I have no intention of bringing back the era of draconian fines as levied by past president Edgar Deas, so not To worry. It is merely to have some fun. I am sure I will somehow pay my fair share.

So, I look forward to the coming year and am open to all members' comments and concerns,

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** for scholarships rather than increasing the Memorial Fund's asset base. The board plans to explore this issue, in depth, at later board meetings.

Also discussed was the representation on the Healdsburg Memorial Scholarship Fund board. Under discussion was the suggestion that at least one club member (read scholarship award committee member) should be a Scholarship Fund board member in order to ensure that the club interest in the scholarship fund are adequately observed.

While it is true that all Scholarship Board members are also club members, the question remains whether the club's scholarship interests are considered by the Scholarship Fund board members.

It was pointed out that to position a club member as an independent on the Scholarship Fund board, the Club Members/Scholarship Fund members must vote on such an appointment at the regularly scheduled annual Club/Scholarship fund meeting. Discussed also was whether to raise the number of Scholarship Fund board members from five to seven.

In other business the board discussed project fund grants. The Healdsburg Community Nursery School Continues to develop a building or school room improvement plan to support a \$1,400 grant request. It was pointed out that four or more Nursery School parents did volunteer at the club's Food booth at the Future Farmers Country Fair and have promised to help at the club's Christmas Tree lot. No other grant recipient group had worked for us in recent years, or possibly, ever.

It was noted that the Project Funds Available Report of September 30, 2011 did not include a Reserve of approximately \$2,500 for the annual 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Dictionary Project. The treasurer reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Dictionary Project payout was done in November, 2010 for the club's fiscal year September 30, 2010-2011. This amount was included in the Project Fund Cash Flow Report for the club's Fiscal Year September 30, 2010-2011. Also the treasurer also advised that it was not appropriate, in the bookkeeping sense, to include cash reserves in a cash flow fiscal year report i.e. September 30, 2011 that apply to a future year, i.e. September 30, 2012

A decision to reduce the number of monthly newsletter mailed from 109 to 86 was turned over to the editor of the newsletter and his committee. The newsletter, printed in color by Brandt Insurance during the past five years (prior to that it was printed in black and white) at no cost. However, in the past year the cost of printing in color has sky rocketed, forcing Brandt's Insurance to increase the costs for printing but still at a very nominal rate. Brandt's Insurance has printed and

mailed the club monthly newsletter for many years at a cost of only postage. Given the high cost of colored printer ink, Brandt's will now charge the club a very reasonable \$.1259 per printed color page. Currently that charge is for four pages per newsletter for a color printed page which is \$.5036 plus \$.44 postage per newsletter for a monthly printing and mailing charge of \$.9436 per newsletter. The club purchases the newsletter paper from Amoruso Printing.

Currently, we have 109 newsletters printed monthly. One goes to each of the 16 clubs in Division 32; 1 to Kiwanis International; 1 to the Lt. Governor of Division 32; 1 to the Healdsburg Museum for historical purposes; and 1 to the editor of the Cal-Nev-Ha magazine; and, of course, 1 to each club member and several in reserve. The club can save between \$185 to \$200 per year by reducing the number of newsletters printed and mailed

The board authorized the editor to evaluate and reduce printing units based on his judgment of the benefit to our club to have other organizations receive our monthly newsletter. It seemed appropriate to the board to, at least, stop mailing the newsletter to the other clubs in Division 32.

It should be pointed out that Brandt's Insurance not only allows us to use their equipment to print the newsletter but also handles the postage and the mailing list. At the end of each month the Publication Committee (Arnold Santucci and his wife, Vi), fold the newsletter, insert any extra pages, seals the newsletter and puts on the mailing label. Jennifer Morgan, Brandt's Insurance employee, handles the printing of the newsletter, the mailing list and labels and applying the postage as well as taking the finished product to the post office. The Brandts are extremely accommodating and generous to the Kiwanis Club.

President Dick Bugarske thanked outgoing board members Harry Jackson, Marty Silge and Rick Norman for their efforts and input into board meetings during the past club year. Board member George Clough, a member of Kiwanis for 36 years, complimented outgoing president Bugarske on the fine job he did as president. (by **Albert Peterson and Arnold Santucci**).

## **Coffee Cans For Our Christmas Tree Lot Project Are Still Needed**

Save those 2 pound empty coffee cans and bring them to a club meeting. Carl Elze, again this year, will paint the cans a festive green and will make them ready for the annual Christmas Tree Lot sale which will get underway the day after Thanksgiving. They will be used as stands for the small Christmas trees

This feature of the tree lot has proven very popular the past few years.

Third Annual Golf Tournament Update::

## A Successful and Fun Event

(The following report on the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Kiwanis Invitational Golf Tournament was submitted by Hunt Conrad who was co-chair with Dan Gianni of the event. The tournament was held on September 14 at the Windsor Golf Course).

This was our third Kiwanis Invitational Golf Tournament and as it turned out it was our best effort yet. The weather was great. Charlie's and the Windsor Golf Course with associated staff provided excellent support and service. The food was wonderful. We had close to 60 golfers which made up our field and we finished in about five hours. Winners of the gross division were Bob Fraser, owner of Redwood Moving and Storage and were joined by Dana Faccini, Ron Huff and Ian Gordon. Our own Jerry Strong was paired with several members of the 20/30 club and they won the net division.

We netted just over \$4,000 for the day which will go to augment our administration fund. I can't express enough gratitude for all the volunteers who help make this event run as smoothly as it does. From Jan Gianni to Roger Dormire, Pete Peterson, Carl Elze, Bob Santucci, Phil Luks, Denise Paup, Jim Schmidt, Loretta Strong, Michael Laird, Shawn, Bruce Main. Dan and I would like to thank all of the volunteers for what turned out to be a really fun and successful day. Sorry if I have forgotten to mention anyone. In addition the hole sponsors need to be recognized in that the majority of the profits come from their support, so thanks to you all again. My only complaint is that as much fun as we have and as well run as this event is turning out to be, I would love to see more players next year. So in your travels between now and next September, talk it up and let's see if we can't get 80 players next year, FORE



Photos courtesy of Bruce Main

## Every Member Should Plan To Attend One Inter Club Meeting During the Year

Susan Sheehy who again this year will chair the Inter Club committee said that she plans to set up a master plan of visits so members can choose which clubs they might want to visit. Susan urged every member to carefully consider planning a visit to at least one of the sixteen clubs in Division 32 which stretches from Petaluma to Fort Bragg.

To make an official visit four members must attend. However, that doesn't mean that more can't take part.

Inter Clubs are designed to acquaint our members with other clubs and members in the Division and to see how other clubs operate.

And, besides, as Susan points out, it can be lots of fun.

## Dictionaries for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Project Will Get Underway in October

Dennis Stead, chairman of the annual Dictionaries for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students, said the dictionaries have been ordered and will arrive in time to distribute them to all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders the first part of October,

All third grade students at Fitch Mountain School, West Side School, Alexander Valley School and St. John's School will receive a copy for their own use.

## Hunt Conrad Reveals His Goals for the Club This New Kiwanis Year

Upon taking over as president at the September 27<sup>th</sup> installation dinner and ceremonies, Hunt Conrad announced that he had three goals for the coming year - growth, attendance and participation. He said that he would like the club to induct 10 new members, encourage greater attendance at club meetings and urge even greater participation in club activities and projects.

But, we are going to have fun doing it, he said.

In his acceptance speech he praised outgoing president Dick Bugarske for his smooth handling of the office and all the programs during his year as president. He also pointed out the many successful projects in which the club was involved - Community Nursery School improvements, the renovation of the bleachers at Recreation Park, the growth of the Key Club to 80 participants and the use of e mail and website to keep the members informed

Serving with Hunt for the 2011-2012 year are Loretta Strong, President elect; Phil Luks, secretary, Albert Peterson, treasurer and Dick Bugarske, immediate past president who were installed by outgoing Lt. Governor Division 32 Eric Wheaton of Lakeport

New board members installed for two years were Jan Gianni, Ron Puccioni, Dee Whitehall and Richard Yates. Remaining on the board for a second year are George Clough, Bob Santucci, Jim Schmidt and Richard Thomas.

Outgoing president Dick Bugarske, in his remarks, thanked the board and his officers for their continued support. He presented gifts to the board members who were retiring - Harry Jackson, Rick Norman, Martin Silge and Tim Tuscany.

Special President's awards went to Ken Scharer, Dennis Stead, Susan Sheehy and Arnold Santucci.

In honor of Hunt's avocation of fishing - he writes a weekly fishing column for the Healdsburg Tribune, - the theme for the evening was "Fishing" and many came dressed in fishing clothes and carrying fishing gear, much to Hunt's surprise.

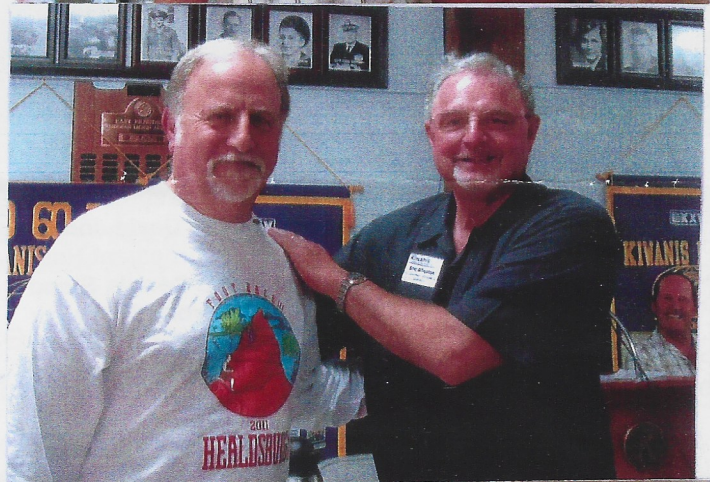
Special awards were presented to past president Loretta Strong and secretary Phil Luks by past Lt. Governor Cathy DeMattei of Cloverdale for their outstanding work and efforts during her tenure, 2009-2010.

In his remarks Lt. Governor Wheaton praised Dick Bugarske for his handling of the position of president and for his communicative skills. He pointed out the many innovative ideas put forth by Loretta and emphasized that her plan to have an associate members classification to attract younger members and those who can not meet during the day by having one night meeting

a month has been embraced by many clubs in the Cal-Nev-Ha district.

Following the installation Carl Elze lead the group in a special President's Serenade

Row, row, row your boat  
Gently down the stream  
All the fish jump in your boat,  
Brother! What a dream.



**Top photo, newly installed president Hunt Conrad, center photo, outgoing president Dick Bugarske, left with past Lt. Governor Eric Wheaton and bottom photo, past Lt. Governor Cathy DeMattei, center, gives special awards to secretary Phil Luks and past president Loretta Strong.**

## Still Time To Pick Your Committee Assignment for the 2011-2012 Year

The Kiwanis Club operates under the guidance of five officers and eight board members. However, it functions with a system of committees -- standing committees and events committees.

Each Kiwanis year the members are assigned to committees in both categories. However they have the option to ask to be placed on committees of their choice. You still have time to add your name to a committee of your choice.

The members have already been assigned to work on certain committee and chairs have been picked for each committee. If you wish to make a change in assignment, now is the time to do so before the membership roster and committee assignment will be published in time for the November newsletter.

Dick Bugarske has the list of assignments. Contact him if you wish a printout.

The committees and their chairs are: **Standing:** Executive, Hunt Conrad; Student of the Month, Dick Bugarske; House and Reception, Jim Schmidt; Membership, Loretta Strong; Publications, Arnold Santucci; Fundraising, Rich Thomas; Public Relations, Dick Bugarske; Nominating, Lee Gunnerson; Inter Club, Susan Sheehy; Programming, Loretta Strong; Key Club, Andy Smith; Sunshine/Bereavement, Jan Gianni; Boy Scout Troop 21, Bob Taylor; Financial Review, Dan Maraviglia; Scholarship Awards, Loretta Strong.

**Event Committees:** First Book Project, Dennis Stead; Pancake Breakfast, Bob Taylor; Christmas Tree Lot, Ken Scharer; Fitch Mountain Foot Race, David Jones, chair, Vince Ciolino, co-chair; Golf Tournament, Hunt Conrad and Dan Gianni; FFCF Food Booth, Dennis Stead and Ken Scharer; FFCF Brigades, Jerry Strong; Relay for Life Breakfast, Roger Dormire; Caroling, Carl Elze; Presents Project, Richard Iverson; Scholarship Board, Dan Maraviglia.

## Booth at Beer Fest A Success

By participating in the Soroptimist Club's annual Beer Fest in the Plaza we helped our sister service club with their fund raising endeavor and we also sold out of brats and our famous garlic fries. Taking over as chefs and helpers were Kiwanians Bob Santucci, Mark Zimmerman, Andy Smith and Roger Dormire.

The committee expressed their appreciation to the Norgrove Family and the Bear Republic Brewing Company for their assistance in the endeavor.

## Del Avants New Division 32 Lt. Gov.

The installation of Del Avants of Petaluma as Lt. Governor of Division 32 was held on Sunday, September 18 at Rooster Run, Petaluma, the location of the Petaluma Club's weekly meeting. Del replaces Eric Wheaton of Lakeport as Lt. Governor of the sixteen club division which stretches from Petaluma to Fort Bragg.

A contingent from our club headed by Dick Bugarske and Inter club chair Susan Sheehy attended the function. Susan supplied the basket for the fund raising raffle.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to David and Camille Jones on the birth of a daughter born August 26 weighing 9 pounds and 3 ounces and was 23 inches long. She was named Cora and has an older sister, Catherine, 5 years old. ...Cindi Brown on being named vice president and manager of the Healdsburg branch of the North Coast Bank. She was previously Business Development and Merchant Bankcard manger for the bank....Martin and Ellen Silge on the birth of their first grandson ...to Dick and Claudia Bugarske on the birth of their fifth granddaughter.



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