

# Healdsburg Kiwanis Club's

## The Builder

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### Calendar

#### November 2

General Meeting ; plus Sandy Geaslin, Drug Task Force, Sonoma County  
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#### November 9

Joe Rush, Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club  
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#### November 13

District Council Meeting at Windsor, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.  
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#### November 16

Patricia Williams, Camp Rose Players in Songs and Scenes from *Brigadoon*  
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#### November 16

Inter-Club Day at Santa Rosa Suburban, Los Robles Lodge, 12 noon. \$11. Guest of honor Nelson Tucker, Chair, International Committee on Membership Growth. Contact Dale Lynch



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*Don Reukema, left, immediate past president, John Bippart, 1999-2000 president and Lt. Governor Alvie Rochester pictured following the installation of officers and directors at the September 26 luncheon meeting at the Villa Chanticleer Annex. - Photo by Betsy Bippart.*

## Club Will Take Part in Project Presents

Amoruso Printing is sponsoring a special Christmas project of gathering gifts, toys, clothing, food as well as food for animals for the needy families of the Healdsburg area.

We feel this is a great opportunity for the Kiwanis Club to participate during this season of caring.

During October, November and December before Christmas we would like each member to bring a toy valued at \$7 or more or the money for the toy. Our suggestion is for the club members to donate one every month for a total of 3 toys or \$21 to \$30.

Also if you have clothes for adults and children please have them cleaned and then take them to

Amoruso Printing at 401 Center Street, across from the Post Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or to the Healdsburg Fire Department at 601 Healdsburg Avenue.

At the Tuesday meetings, Nancy Curnow, chair of the Human and Spiritual Values Committee, will collect the toys and/or money at each meeting on the Tuesdays until December 14, 1999.

Here is a chance to make sure everyone has a blessed and festive Christmas. When there's a need in a family, it's usually the children who suffer.

The board has agreed that the charity fund collected each Tuesday will go towards this worthy project for each Tuesdays until December. ---- Nancy Curnow, Chair, Human and Spiritual Value Committee Chair.

## Inter-club Day In Santa Rosa November 16

Two years in a row, Healdsburg Kiwanis has completed a "Round Robin" by having a minimum of four members attend inter-clubs at every club in District 32.

Now, we're ready for a "Super Round Robin" where every member attends at least one inter-club and we cover all clubs in District 32 in the process.

A beautiful opportunity exists on Tuesday, November 16 to attend the Suburban Santa Rosa Club's "Inter-Club Day" at Los Robles Lodge. Time: 12 noon. Cost: \$11 The guest of honor will be Nelson Tucker, current chair of the International Committee on Membership Growth.

Come on, you members who aren't regular attendees. This is a chance (Please Turn To Page 4)

*The President's Message:*

## These Are Exciting Times For The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club

by John Bippart

**THE FIRST THING** on my agenda is to tell Don Reukema and all of the officers and directors from 1998-1999 "thank you" for a job well done. Our club is sound in every respect and the transition has been as smooth as anyone could hope for.

**THESE ARE EXCITING** times for Healdsburg Kiwanis Club. I am pleased to be your president for the next year and I accept the challenge to maintain the high level of enthusiasm that exists within our club for the many activities with which we are involved. You made it very clear in your responses to the recent questionnaire that community service, youth service and the camaraderie we enjoy each week are your top priorities ... so be it!

**A GROUP OF OFFICERS**, directors and committee chairpersons can accomplish only a certain amount on behalf of the membership. In the final analysis, it is you members who provide the energy to make us go. If the members respond to the challenges we confront, and are responsive to, and enthusiastic for, the goals we set, we can accomplish great things. Accept the challenges of committee membership, prepare to be active when you are called upon and Kiwanis will have a great year.

**TIM TUSCANY IS DOING** a great job as membership chairperson and anyone can see that he is gaining speed every month. Each of us owes Tim our support, new members are our future. The club is happy to host prospective members at our meetings. Every time you meet someone new to Healdsburg, or someone that isn't already in a service club, and you feel that they would honor our six objects of membership, talk Kiwanis up and invite them to a meeting.

**WE'RE OFF TO A GOOD START** with the "Cattery" (Thanks Vince) project. If you don't do anything else, drop by and see the great job that is being done by Rich Lerhmann, Ken Turnbow and all the brownies. There is real satisfaction in this job and there is plenty there for anyone who wants to help.

**NANCY CURNOW** is deep into "Project Presents" in tandem with Terry Amoruso. We have an opportunity to make a difference for the people in our town who are less fortunate than we are at Christmas. Nancy will be keeping us advised of the work that is to be done and the financial and practical help that we can give. \$7 per month in cash (\$20 discounted amount for the 3 months) or the equivalent in clean, reusable clothes, toys, games, etc. will fill our stocking on Christmas Day. *(Please Turn to Page 4).*

## Interesting and Newsworthy Speakers of Premiere Importance

by Tim Tuscany, Program Chair

For the next year, October 1999 to September 2000, the following members have been interviewed and agreed to work on the Program Committee: **Jack Brandt, Wayne Carr, Les Davis, Carl Elze, Dennis Gary, Fred Haley, Dale Lynch, Dan Maraviglia, Chuck Reichel, Phil Rice, Arnold Santucci and Jerry Strong.**

In researching for programs and membership committees, I discovered a couple of important facts regarding retention of members. Both of these points speak to the functions of the club. Members leave Kiwanis for two main reasons: unscheduled programs, and the club not participating in service projects.

To this end, I feel that it is of premiere importance that the club commits considerable emphasis in having speakers who are interesting and newsworthy at our meetings. In no way does the club expect professional speakers, but more importantly, that they speak of matters of interest to the members of the club as a whole.

One of the best ways that you can contribute to programs is to bring new ideas to the program members.

While most dates are available for next year, here are a couple of things to keep in mind. Every quarter there will be membership and club meeting, in which the membership will be updated to club activities. There will also be dates around the holidays that are already booked.

## Student of the Month Program Can Use Some Help

by Temple Smith, Chair

Student of the Month got off to a slow start. School was just starting when I made my first contact with Stephanie Keeble who is the Scholarship-Career Guidance Counselor for Healdsburg High School. At that point I learned that the students are selected by committee, thus creating a delay of some weeks before the selections could be finalized.

I now have a list of four carrying us through December which means we will do some doubling up in order to get back on schedule. Our first student was Kirk Miller who joined us at our October 26th meeting. Others will follow, with two in November and the fourth in early December. Next will be Leonel Medrano on November 9 and yet to be announced candidate on November 30.

As of now I am a one-man committee, but in order to keep things moving smoothly, I could use one or two more on the committee to assure continuity in case of absences. If interested call me at 433-3614. I do need support on this important program.

## Date Set For Annual Foot Race

June 11, 2000 has been selected as the date of the 26th annual Fitch Mountain Foot Race. Confirmed as returning committee members are Jerry Strong, Rick Alves and Carl Elze. The committee will need an additional 5 to 7 members, so if you are interested please contact me at 433-3363 by the end of the month. In particular, the committee is looking for individuals interested in publicity and advertising.

One of the goals this year is to lock in our sponsors early so that we can do more for them by way of advertising and acknowledgment. We will also be working hard to enlist several large donors to underwrite the cost of our T-shirts, our biggest expense. I think the key to surpassing last year's goal is to get started early, so if you are interested, please let me know. - *by Dan Maraviglia, chair.*

## Update on Scholarships

This year I am hoping we will be able to distribute four scholarships at \$1,000 each. This, of course, will depend on the amount of earnings from the endowment fund. This will make the Kiwanis Scholarship a popular award and will also provide additional help for the students who receive them. In addition, the students at Rio Lindo have not participated in the scholarship program because there haven't been any from Healdsburg.

With the addition of the day school and our potential involvement with them through the Key Club, I am hoping that we can include them in the scholarship program. Finally, I am trying to figure out a way to include the Home Schooled students in the program. If any of you have any ideas please call me. We need to find a way to include all home schooled students in the application process and to verify they qualify to go to college. As the endowment fund grows so will this scholarship. - *by Tom Rackerby, chair, 431-7964.*



Key Clubbers attend the Fall Training Conference in Santa Cruz.

## Key Club Needs Your Support

Key Club this year is off to a good start. We have 23 ninth grade through twelfth grade students who are very active and look forward to a productive and fun year.

The Key Clubbers attended a 2 day regional fall training conference in Santa Cruz. A group of Key Club members also attended the fall rally at Six Flags Marine World in Vallejo on October 23. This function helped raise money for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Units. Members of the Kiwanis Club were invited to participate, however none did. (Jerry Strong and I drove the students to Marine World).

We have encouraged these students to join the Kiwanis Key Club. They are "our kids", possible future Kiwanians. We need to support them. - *by Dennis Stead, Chair.*

## Club Responsible For Lt. Governor's Banner

The House Committee has been made up of the same members for years (Clarence Ruonavaara, chair, Ken Turnbow, Art McCaffrey and Bruno Rodella), with an average age of 82!

We set up for each meeting an hour in advance and solve the problems of the world in the 50 minutes after set-up. The badge box has been brought up to date so check to make sure your badge is in the correct slot.

Wine for the guest speakers continues to be brought in by Robert Young. Our new banner honoring Alvie Rochester as the new Lt. Governor brings our banner display

to five. The club is responsible for the safe keeping of this prized banner.

Guests and retired members are charged \$7 for lunch. Key clubbers, scouts and invited persons are guests of the club. -*by Clarence Ruonavaara, Chair.*

## Beautification Project On Target

Members of the Community Service Committee have met again with Healdsburg city staff including the city manager, the planning director and engineers. The City Council has made beautification /improvement of the southern portion of Healdsburg Avenue a priority project. The Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency, has allocated Redevelopment Agency funds to the project. A comprehensive traffic study is being completed. The study will be essential in the planning process for the beautification improvement project.

The Community Services committee will meet in the near future with property owners in the affected area to present several concepts for the beautification / improvement of the area.

Architect Jon Stoumen and landscape architect Phil Manoukian continue to work with the Community Services Committee. We are grateful for their help. *by Bob Marmor, Chair.*

## Highlights of Board Meet

At the board of directors meeting October 7 the following action was taken:

Ron Foster was appointed Membership Treasurer; the resignations of Jerry Way, Martin Edwards and Steve Tice were accepted; Nancy Curnow's request for the club's involvement in Terry Amoruso's Christmas project was approved; budgets of \$2500 for the Key Club and \$2000 for the Boy Scouts were approved; Phil Rice's request that the club participate as Salvation Army Bell Ringers and

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Highlights:

entertain at rest homes at Christmas time was approved; the club's portion of the Lt. Governor's budget (\$750) was approved; and Dan Maraviglia's suggestion that the by-laws be revised and updated also received approval.

President's Message:

This is the first issue of our monthly newsletter. The point of it all is to be able to keep us posted on club, division and international matters of particular interest to our members. To date, there just hasn't been space available for much more than a report on our weekly meetings. We will be having pictures (we need an official photographer), committee and project reports and everything from inter-clubs to district meetings and then some. This will be a learning experience and from this humble start you can expect improvement with each issue. The best is yet to be!

Special thanks to Arnold Santucci and Lin Hazel without whom this could not have happened.



Newest Member: Michael Villa, right, was inducted as a member of the Kiwanis Club by membership chairman Tim Tuscany on October 19, our second new member in the new year. Michael, an attorney, recently opened his own office in Healdsburg. He is a graduate of Vassar College and Golden Gate College. He specializes in business and commercial law. He and his wife Ibis have established their home in Healdsburg.

Inter-Club Day :

to help the club do something that to my knowledge has never been done -- and do it the easy way. Without your participation, we can't make it. Car pools are the order of the day. Call me to sign up at 433-6026.

We have leaders for all 14 inter-clubs plus reserve leaders in case of an emergency. The leaders are Hugo Bauer, Sandy Dunn, George Clough, Dorsey Crogan, Nancy Curnow, Les Davis, Fred Haley, Bob Meyer (Geyserville), Tom Rackerby, Phil Rice, Bruno Rodella (Sebastopol), Clarence Ruonavaara (Windsor), Temple Smith and Denny Stead. - Dale Lynch, Chair.

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Happy Birthday to: Jack Brandt, Nov. 1; Temple Smith, Nov. 1; Rich Iverson, Nov. 2; Allen Owen, Nov 10;

At A Glance:

Congratulations to the Richard Norgroves on the birth of a daughter, Riley Athenia, on 9/9/99 ! Per tradition the members of the club, by passing the hat, came up with \$112 and the proud Dad has to match it for Riley's college fund.

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Special thanks to past president Don Reukema for coming up with the new banner paying tribute to our 75th anniversary year. Transcribed on the banner are the six proclamations presented to the club from the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, Lt. Governor Orissa del Grosso, Boy Scouts Troop 21, Healdsburg Community Pool, Healdsburg Unified School District and the City of Healdsburg. A terrific addition to our array of banners.

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This from President

John: By the time you read this, Lt. Gov. Alvie and Dolores Rochester will have returned from Hawaii. They left on October 19 and the presence of four Lt. Governors from Cal-Nev-Ha District (#19, #22, #32 and #36) at the Waikiki Beach Club's weekly meeting constitutes an "All Star Inter-Club."

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Jerry Strong, Nov. 10; Ron Foster, Nov. 15; Robert Nicholson, Nov. 21; Dan Maraviglia, Nov. 28.

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