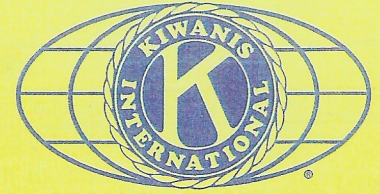


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KIWANIS CLUB

of Healdsburg



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PRESIDENT'S AWARD: Immediate Past President Dick Bugarske, left, presents a President's Award to Ken Scharer for his outstanding work and achievements during Dick's 2010-2011 presidency. Awards were given to three other club members – Dennis Stead, Susan Sheehy and Arnold Santucci – at the September 27 installation ceremonies. Because Ken was unable to attend on that night the award was made at the October 4 luncheon meeting. Ken this year is again serving as chairman of the Christmas Tree sales project.

Our Major Fund Raising Project: Christmas Tree Lot Opens November 25; Sign Up for Shifts

Selling Christmas trees in the city owned lot next to City Hall on Grove Street—our major fund raiser – will get under way on Friday, November 25, the day after Thanksgiving. However, before that the lot will be prepared by a volunteer crew on Saturday, November 19. Post holes need to be dug, electrical wire strung and fencing erected.

Ken Scharer, chairman of this project, advised that assignment sheets will be available at Tuesday meetings and stressed the need for every member to sign up for at least three shifts. Help is especially needed on weekends. Work sessions are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. During the week the lot will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on weekends from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Joe Engler is in charge of the assignment roster.

Tree lot managers working with Ken Scharer are Roger Dormire, Joe Engler, Guy French, Jerry Strong, Rick Norman, Dee Whitehall, Rich Thomas, LeRoy Steck, Jim Schmidt, Dennis Stead, Michael Laird, Mark Zimmerman, Richard Yates, Keith Scharer and Ron Puccioni.

1400 trees from Oregon have been ordered and the first shipment is expected to arrive on 22 or 23. Last year the club grossed approximately \$82,000 from the month long sale and netted \$32,000 which went into the

club's Project Fund to be distributed to many worthy causes the club supports.

Calendar

November 1: Regular meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex.

November 8: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

November 15: Regular meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex.

November 17: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Conference Room at the Healdsburg Police Station.

November 19: Clean up Christmas Tree Lot. 8 a.m.

November 22: Evening meeting, 6:30 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. program.

November 25: Christmas Tree Lot Opens. Continues through December 24.

November 29: Regular meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex.

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.

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Happy Birthday

Jack Brandt: Nov. 1

Richard Bugarske: Nov. 2

Richard Iverson: Nov. 2

Jan Gianni: Nov. 7

Joe Engler: Nov. 9

Jerry Strong: Nov. 10

Hunt Conrad: Nov. 14

Loretta Strong: Nov. 22

Neal Bertrand: Nov. 23

Dan Maraviglia: Nov. 28

Jim Colgan: Nov. 30

Kiwanis Club Anniversaries

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

Phil Rice: 11-27-79

Lee Gunnerson: 11-14-91

Dennis Gary: 11-7-95

Dan Gianni: 11-26-96

Neal Bertrand: 11-8-07

Ron Doble: 11-13-07

Ron Puccioni: 11-16-10

Jesse Whitely: 11-16-10

The President's Message:

Bringing Guests Is The First Step

By Hunt Conrad

I have somehow survived my first month and it went by pretty quickly and smoothly if I don't say so myself. (I can't believe I haven't fined Roger for anything ...yet). I am somewhat surprised by how much goes into this presidency thing but I suppose I shouldn't be. There is a tremendous amount of correspondence and people tugging at you for one thing or another. Past president Bugarske has been a great help, as have been Mr. Peterson and Mr. Stead. So far so good.

The board meeting went longer than I had hoped but we got a lot accomplished. We earmarked a few items to be considered early next year, paid for a heater for the shelter and are engaging in a renewed relationship with the Boys and Girls Club.

We added one new member last month, Steven Adams, so welcome. So we are right on target with our goal of one member a month. Bringing guests is the first step... just ask someone you know,

Programs have been really good especially the Courtland Palmer presentation last Tuesday night. If you haven't been to a Tuesday night meeting in a while I encourage you to do so. They are a lot of fun! Loretta Strong could use some help with programs so if you think of a person with a fascinating story please let Loretta know.

So on to this month and it is a biggy getting ready for the Christmas Tree lot. Sign ups will be available next week so sign up and often. This is our biggest event of the year and everyone is expected to pull their weight.

Thanks for all your help and making me feel comfortable in my new role for the club.



HANDING OUT DICTIONARIES: The three third grade classes at Fitch Mountain School gathered in the Assembly Room on Friday October 21 to receive a Merriam Webster Children's Dictionary from Kiwanis Club members, left, Pete Peterson, George Clough and Jim Colgan. In the back, Dennis Stead, chairman of the First Book Project.

Volunteers Sought To Wrap Gifts for Presents Projects December 17

Calling all wrappers. For the past decade the Healdsburg Presents Project has provided holiday gifts to needy families in the community. From the beginning the Kiwanis Club has supported the project in a variety of ways. One is to provide volunteers to wrap gifts on Presents Project Day, which is December 17 this year.

If you would like to help with the wrapping that morning or if you would like to sponsor a family please call Judy Douglass at 431-2385.

Presents Project/Adopt-A-Family, under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club, works with the Healdsburg School District, 4C's Day Care, Fitch Mountain State Pre-school, Alliance Medical Center, and the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club to identify the families in need.

The Project's aim is to make certain that families with children not only receive needed items but also gifts from a personal wish list. The coordinators of the project said that the program succeeds, in part, because it provides sponsors with an opportunity to provide real and meaningful gifts to an entire family.

Groups, businesses, employee groups and individuals can Adopt-A-Family. Just advise the Projects coordinators the size of family you wish to adopt (2-3, 4-5,6-7,8 or more) and they will supply you with the first names only, ages, gender, sizes and wishes. Then you purchase gifts for each member of the family and the Project will distribute the gifts on your behalf. Or if you prefer you can make a cash donation which will be used to purchase gifts for families as there are always more families than sponsors.

If you wish to sponsor a family or make a donation contact Judy Douglass at 431-2385.

The Presents Project coordinators - - Marcia Lavine, founder, Beth DeCoss, Debbi Crapeau and Judy Douglass - expressed their appreciation to the Kiwanis Club for its generous assistance in helping to bring great joy to recipient families and sponsors alike.

A New Rule About Leaving Early

Phil Luks, club secretary, reminded the members again of a new rule regarding attendance and specifically about leaving a meeting early.

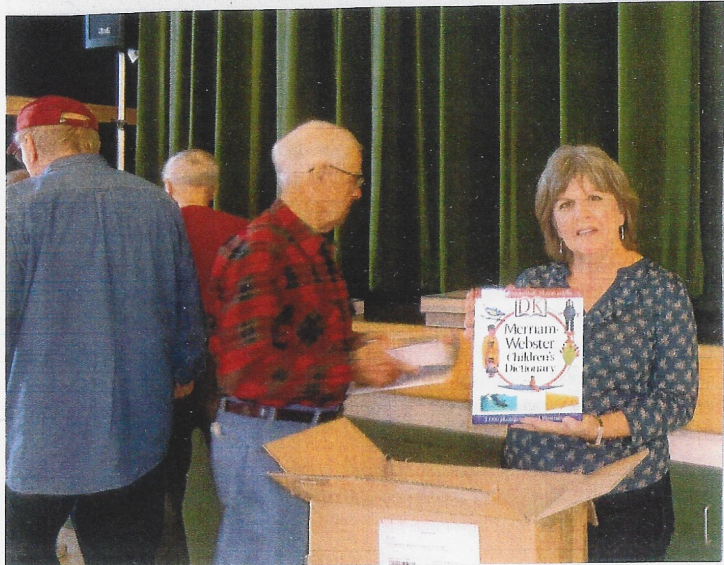
If you leave a meeting early not only will you be fined but you will not be counted as attending the meeting. This ruling went in effect October 1 when Hunt Conrad took over as club president for the 2011-2012 Kiwanis year,

Salvation Army Can Use Your Help

Over the years the Kiwanis Club has had close ties with the Salvation Army especially with the Lytton facility, first as a home for boys and girls and now as an adult rehabilitation center,

Another way Kiwanis members can help over the holiday season is to volunteer to man a Red Kettle and Ring The Bell. Starting in late November and continuing through December volunteers are needed for this annual event. If you wish to help with this project, usually two hour shifts at the

entrances to the Healdsburg Safeway Store, contact Hunt Conrad for dates and times.



FIRST BOOK PROJECT: Top photo, Guy French hands out dictionaries to third grade students at St. John's School. Bottom photo, Jan Gianni and Clarence Ruonaavaara unload the dictionaries at Fitch Mountain School. In the background, left Neal Bertrand and Pete Peterson.

First Book Project Adds a New School to the Dictionary Program

Dennis Stead, chairman of the Kiwanis First Book Project, said that this year the committee added another school to the program. Since St. John's School, a private parochial school, has been included for many years, it was decided that it seemed only fair that The Healdsburg School, a private school located in Healdsburg, be included.

The annual event now celebrating its 10th anniversary was completed in October with 226 Merriam Webster Children's Dictionaries presented to every third grade student in the Healdsburg District. The schools involved include Fitch Mountain Elementary, Alexander Valley Elementary, West Side Elementary, St. John's and now, The Healdsburg School. (Please see page 4)

Thank You Letters: From Scholarship Recipient

Dear Kiwanis:

Enclosed is my proof of enrollment for UC Berkeley. Thank you again for your scholarship.

Your organization has honored me by supporting my education as much as it has; I write this letter with the pen given to me for being Student of the Month last year and I have your scholarship letter open in front of me. You are a very generous and encouraging set of individuals, and so I once again say thank you

Colin Deas

(Per Colin's request his letter was read at the October 25 evening meeting -Editor).

From The Fitch Mountain School Library

Dear Mr. Hunt and all members of Healdsburg Kiwanis Club

The entire staff and student body of Fitch Mountain campus would like to thank you for your donation of \$625 to our library. This money has been used to purchase seventy-nine (79) books to supplement our core reading and writing programs. We were able to purchase books for below, at, and above reading level for all three grades, making these books usable to all our students.

In these times of tight budgets and many schools in California closing their libraries, Healdsburg is very blessed to have a school board and the Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF) that believe in school libraries, and a community that supports these libraries. Your gift to our library through HEF will be appreciated for many years to come and by thousands of students over those years.

Thank you again for your most generous donation. You have made a very positive gift to our future leaders.

Chris Love,
Library Technician
Fitch Mountain Campus

Crowded and Busy Agenda at First Meeting of New Governing Board

With fourteen items on the agenda, the first meeting of the new governing board took a little longer than the one hour planned by new president Hunt Conrad.

Eight of the fourteen requests were approved with others refused or tabled for more information.

A request from the North County Community Services for \$153.36 to repair the heater or replace it located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church's Spare Room (an overnight shelter for homeless) was approved

Approved was a grant of \$2007 requested by The North Bay Association of Realtors. The payment was deferred until January, 2012 when more Project Funds become available. This grant will be divided unequally among several organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club and Meals on Wheels.

\$100 was approved for payment to the Kiwanis Family House at the University of California at Davis Medical Center, Sacramento in memory of long time Kiwanis member Temple Smith.

Also approved was a \$100 grant request from the Healdsburg Rotary Sunrise Club who is sponsoring a patriotic breakfast on Veterans Day.

A gift certificate for a Christmas Tree (not to exceed 8 feet) for the Healdsburg Rotary Club's annual crab feed was approved ;

\$100 was approved as a grant to the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club to help with the Cloverdale Marathon conducted on Sunday, November 23

A \$1000 Kiwanis Teen Key Leadership program was approved. This grant is refundable if not enough teens sign up for the program and the program fails to be implemented.

Division 32 Lt. Governor Del Avante \$15 per club member grant request. \$900 was approved as a payment to help the Lt. Governor pay his travel and administrative expenses for the fiscal year.

\$905 for insurance premiums was approved, \$755 for directors and officers liability plus \$150 for crime insurance, payable if club money or property is stolen by a club member.

An administrative leave of absence was granted to David Jones for six months and to Richard Thomas for three months.

In other business, the board tabled a request from the Boys and Girls Club for \$2500 to be used to upgrade the game room i.e. tables, chairs, computer, paint, etc. The board felt the request should be explained and discussed at a lunch time meeting of the membership. Also it was felt that the club needs a guarantee that the money (Please see page 5)

Dictionaries:

the dictionaries, beautifully illustrated and with many photographs, contains 960 pages. Each book contains a book plate explaining that the book was donated by the Kiwanis Club plus it has a space for the recipient's name. In addition, a book marker, explaining who and what Kiwanis is, in both English and Spanish, is inserted in the book. Each third grader may keep the dictionary at school or may take it home. The program was named the First Book Project because, many times, it is the first book that child has owned.

Dennis estimated that over the ten years the Kiwanis Club has supplied dictionaries to the third grade students the club has spent approximately \$33,000 on this project. 226 books were distributed this year.

the Chamber and it was opined that the annual dues the club pays is sufficient to offset improvement costs.

Not acceptable to the board was a request that the Healdsburg Club hosts the Governor's annual dinner. (Albert (Pete) Peterson contributed to this article).



Guy French, right, looks on as Ted Calvert signs his new book. Calvert, president of the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society and author of Healdsburg Chronicles was guest speaker at the October 4 meeting.

Program Committee Asks for Your Help

President Hunt Conrad reminds us that every member is a part of the program committee. During the past month the meetings have been enlivened by four very interesting speakers -- Paul Doyle, publisher of Upbeat Magazine sponsored by June Smith; Ted Calvert, author of Healdsburg Chronicles, Bob Bescanson, Healdsburg High School football coach and Courtland Palmer, 17 year old Cardinal Newman student who started the Russ's Kitchen Bread for Life project in Santo Domingo. He was brought to the club's attention by Bob Santucci

Contact Loretta Strong, program chair, if you can recommend a speaker for the coming weeks.

BOARD MEETING:

would be fully spent at the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club and not sent to the Boys and Girls Club of Central Sonoma County.

Judith Parnes, Healdsburg Junior High Librarian, made a presentation regarding how much the renovated Junior High Library is used by students and the above average type of non-text books that come to the library through the Junior Library Guild. The Junior High has received \$1,400 for this year's Junior Library Guild subscription, partly from the \$2500 the club funded through HEF for K-12 books and partly from another source, so the club's pledged \$1400 is not critical. However, she advised as to what books she could buy if we could fund our pledged \$1400. This item was tabled pending further discussion at the board meeting

The \$1000 grant request from the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce for office improvements was denied. The Kiwanis Club is a dues paying member of



FOSS CREEK CLEAN UP: Over 100 volunteers showed up on Saturday morning, October 22, for the annual Foss Creek and Community Clean-up sponsored by the City of Healdsburg, Healdsburg Kiwanis Club, Russian River Keeper, Healdsburg Sunshine Rotary and Healdsburg Rotary Club. The Kiwanis Club hosted the barbecue luncheon for the volunteers with Gary Plass in charge of the committee. Top photo, a little on the smoky side, Phil Luks and Hunt Conrad taking care of the hot dogs and hamburgers. Bottom photo, Roger Dormire watches as his granddaughter serves dessert to a volunteer.



PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD: President Hunt Conrad, left, presents the Past President's Plaque to immediate past president Dick Bugarske at the Tuesday evening meeting, October 25. Looking on is Courtland Palmer, guest speaker for the evening. Courtland is a 17 year old Cardinal Newman senior who has taken as his project the establishment of a bakery in Santo Domingo for an orphanage for young girls. He is raising funds to build and operate the bakery.

Santa Rosa First Interclub of Year

Susan Sheehy, Interclub chair, got the year long program underway on Thursday, October 27 with an official visit to the Santa Rosa club now meeting at Stark's Restaurant in Railroad Square.

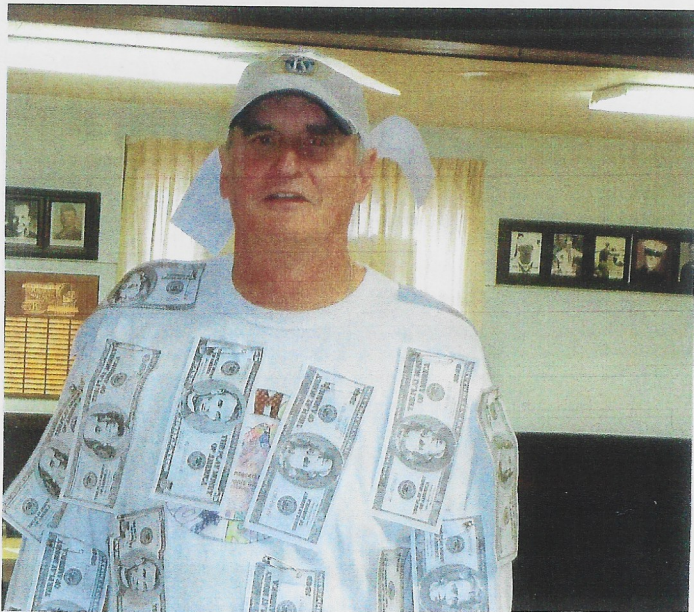
Susan plans to have at least one interclub visit a month and urges all members to take part in at least one official visit. With 15 more clubs to visit Susan needs the cooperation of all club members and is looking for members who will lead one or more of the visits.

Beer Fest Was A Successful Venture

Selling garlic fries and brats at the recent Beer Fest in the Plaza, sponsored by the Soroptimist International of Healdsburg, was a successful venture and grossed the Kiwanis Club the sum of \$1,252.00

In her letter to the Kiwanis Club received this month Kaylene Iona Hirtzer, Soroptimist treasurer, said that "pursuant to your participation in the Beer in the Plaza enclosed is our check in the amount of \$1,252.00, representing \$1.00 for each of the 1,252 tickets turned in. Thank you so much for participating in this event once again."

In charge of the food booth at the Beer Fest was Bob Santucci, assisted by Mark Zimmerman, Roger Dormire and Dennis Stead.



HALLOWEEN ? No, Roger Dormire came prepared to pay some "heavy" fines but that did not happen at the October 4 meeting. As President Hunt explained Roger was just spoofing on his threat to increase the number of fines and he was fearful that he might be personally targeted.

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