

THE BUILDER

# KIWANIS CLUB

of Healdsburg



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## Calendar

**December 6:** Regular meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Pamela Swann, guest speaker

**December 13:** Christmas Luncheon, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Spouses, family members, guests invited. Gift Exchange and a visit from Santa.

**December 13** Caroling at Healdsburg Senior Living Facility following Christmas luncheon. Carl Elze in charge.

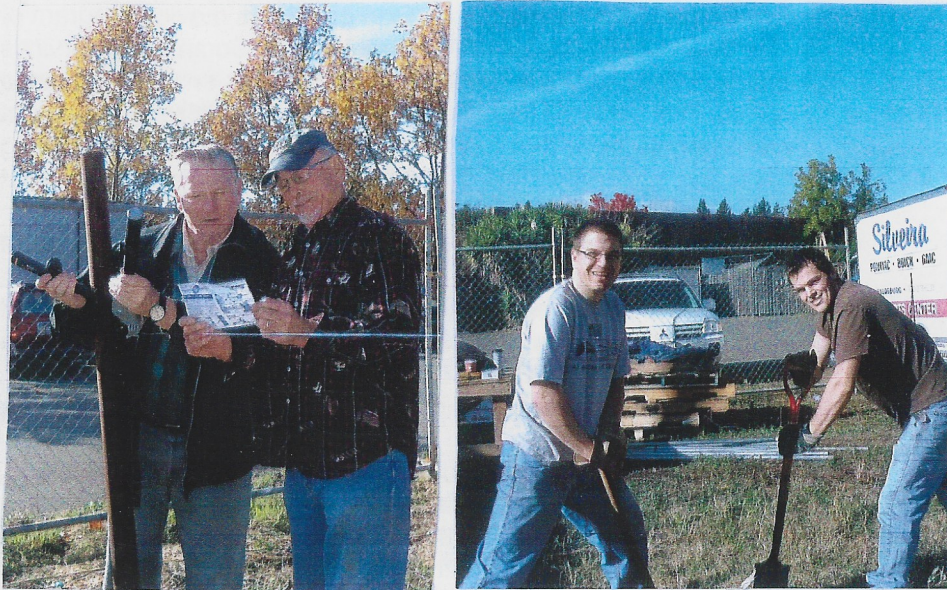
**December 14:** Christmas Open House and Year End Celebration hosted by Loretta Strong and Dangianni for Kiwanis members, clients and colleagues, 5 to 8 p.m., at Robert Young Family Estate, RSVP by December 7 to Loretta at 431-8052 or Dan at 431-1650.

**December 15:** Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Conference Room at the Healdsburg Police Station.

**December 17:** Wrap gifts for Presents Projects. 9 a.m. at Boys and Girls Club.

**December 20:** No meeting

**December 27:** No meeting



**PREPARING CHRISTMAS TREE LOT:** Left photo, Dennis Stead and Jerry Strong, right photo, David Scharer and Eric Smith.

## First Shipment of Trees Arrive on Time for Opening of Tree Lot , More Help Needed

Arriving in the dark and cold – about 5:30 p.m. – the first shipment of trees from Oregon, about 800, were unloaded by Kiwanis Club members and local day laborers in about an hour and a half. Answering to the call for help from Ken Scharer, Tree Lot Committee chairman, to unload the trees were Randy Collins and his son, Hunt Conrad, Joe Engler, Guy French, David Jones, Don Marshall, Ron Puccioni, Ken Scharer, Kevin Scharer, Jim Schmidt, Andy Smith, Dennis Stead, Jerry Strong, Bob Taylor, Richard Yates.

In his first report to the members on Tuesday Ken said that “sales are going great, better than last year”. From opening day through Tuesday the project has taken in a gross \$12,281 according to treasurer Pete Peterson. This is \$893 more than 2010 after the first five sales days.

However, President Hunt stressed that more help is needed. He urged those who can to be put on a “short notice list” to be called to fill in when the crew is missing some helpers. Contact Ken Scharer or Joe Engler to be placed on this list.

The men from the Salvation Army at Lytton will be helping on weekends. Other groups or organizations to be called on to help are Key Club members, Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls Club members and Cloverdale Kiwanians who plan to help on Saturday, December 10.

Metal tree stands, wreaths and garlands are also available. The Key club plans to sell mistletoe.

Chairman of the project Ken Scharer emphasized the need for the membership to rally around and volunteer to help at the tree lot as much as possible. If you can't stay for an entire shift come by and work for an hour or so. This is our biggest fund raiser and helps us to sponsor many projects for the children and youth of our community.

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.

**Kiwanis- Serving the Children of the world.**

### *The Builder*

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### *Happy Birthday*

**Vern Losh: December 22**

**Richard Yates: December 24**

#### **Kiwanis Club Anniversaries**

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

**Hunt Conrad:12-4-07**

**Martin Silge: 12-4-07**

### The President's Message

## You Need To Participate

By Hunt Conrad

November has come and gone and with it the reminder of all the things we have to be grateful. I love the thanksgiving holiday for just that reason. Our own Roger Dormire and Susan Graf gave us a moving program of all the things the Shared Ministries and the North County Community Services do to help those less fortunate than us. And if that wasn't enough, Christine Webster, stroke survivor brought tears to our eyes when she reminded us of the courage some people have that have been affected with life transforming incidents. Jeff Harding, superintendent of Healdsburg schools, let us know that while the schools are really making great strides in improving their academic excellence, just how desperate the high school and junior high are in need of renovation. And then we also heard from the Boys and Girls Club that made a great presentation of the huge need they fill in the community and the Board responded by voting their approval for a \$2500 grant. November also saw the club turn out for the annual Foss Creek clean up led by our own Gary Plass. We provided culinary expertise in providing the hot dogs and hamburgers for the 100 or so hungry workers.

But now November has past and we are in full Christmas tree mode. The first shipment of 800 wet, heavy, beautiful trees arrived on a dreary rainy evening but the Kiwanians, stout group that we are, turned out to unload the packed semi-truck. Past president Bugarske remarked that while it was a miserable night, there was a real sense of camaraderie created among those who participated. And speaking of participating(Please see page 6)



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER:** Healdsburg Fire Chief Steve Adams was inducted into the Kiwanis Club on November 29 with traditional ceremonies by Membership chair Loretta Strong. Steve Adams has been fire chief since November 2010 having replaced Randy Collins, another Kiwanis Club member. Steve, a 23 year firefighter, worked with the American River Fire Department in Sacramento and then joined the Sonoma County Fire Department as a captain in 1992. In 1996 he began as a reserve firefighter in Healdsburg and two years later he was hired as a captain by the Healdsburg Fire Department. Steve is married and has two children, ages 14 and 20. Left to right, Steve, is welcomed by Hunt Conrad, Loretta Strong and Bob Taylor, his sponsor.



Greeting customers this year standing by his creation at the Christmas Tree Lot is this very special cut out designed and made by Jim Schmidt standing by his creation.

## Christmas Party Set for December 13 at Noon, Santa a Special Guest

Club president Hunt Conrad reminds us that the annual Christmas party and luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at noon at the Villa Annex.

He stressed to invite your spouse, family members and friends. Santa Claus will make an appearance and a gift exchange is planned. Bring a wrapped gift and indicate whether it is for a man or woman..

Following the luncheon those interested will visit the Healdsburg Senior Living facility under the leadership of music committee chairman Carl Elze. The assembled Kiwanians and guests will entertain the rest home residents with traditional Christmas carols and will conclude the festivities with the presentation of gifts.

Prior to the luncheon Carl will need help in packaging the gifts.

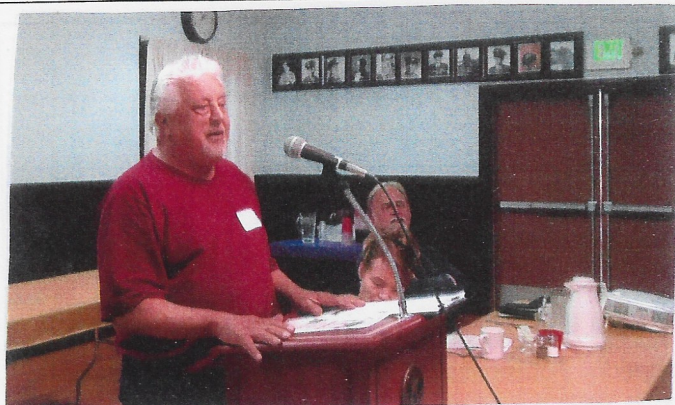
## Three Grant Requests Before the Board at the November 17 Meeting

Grant requests from the Healdsburg Jazz Festival, the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club and the Pathfinder Club were reviewed by the members of the governing board at its November 17 meeting with president Hunt Conrad officiating.

There was a presentation by the Jazz Festival explaining the one week Jazz Festival musician interaction with elementary grades, especially the fifth grade students. The \$2,000 grant request was tabled in order to evaluate the Healdsburg Elementary School interaction in past years with the Russian River Chamber Music and the Santa Rosa Symphony. The Russian River Chamber Music and the Symphony can interact over much of a school year rather than just one week.

A \$2500 grant request from the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club was approved. The request submitted a very itemized list of "hardware" needed by the club i.e. chairs, tables, etc. The board decided that a club member will be assigned to ensure that specific invoices are received by the club prior to payment for the requested items. No payments will be made for salaries, rent and similar "overhead" costs.

The Pathfinder Club's request encompassed four items ranging from \$300 to \$550 mainly for camping equipment, camping food and transportation to specific outdoor locations in Northern California. This item was tabled without prejudice to the December meeting because the letter/documentation was not available at the meeting. (Please see page 5)



**VISIT FROM LT. GOVERNOR: Del Avante of Petaluma, Division 32 Lt. Governor, paid a visit to our club on November 8 to seek the club's cooperation on having the official visit in April of the Cal-Nev-Ha governor at the Villa Chanticleer. The Lt. Governor indicated that all the clubs in the division would be hosts and the planning and work would not fall on just one club.**

## Presents Project/Adopt A Family Wrap Party Is Planned for December 17

Another service project under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club is set for Saturday, December 17 at the Boys and Girls Club building. Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts which will be given to needy families of the community.

If you would like to help with the wrapping on that morning, just show up at 9 a.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. Our club, over the past twelve years, has supported this project in a number of ways including taking the time to help wrap the gifts. Or, if you would like to sponsor a family call Judy Douglass at 4311-2385.

Presents Project/Adopt a Family 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 Presents Project's aim is to make certain that families with children receive needed items but also gifts from a personal wish.

## Loretta and Dan Host Holiday Open House, Year End Celebration Dec. 14

Fellow Kiwanis members, clients and colleagues are invited to a holiday open house and year end celebration hosted by Loretta Strong and Dan Gianni on Wednesday, December 14 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The open house will be held at the Robert Young Family Estate in Geyserville. The hosts ask that you RSVP by December 7 by contacting Loretta at 431-8052 or Dan at 431-1650

### *Thank You Letters:*

#### From the Healdsburg Education Foundation

Hunt Conrad  
Healdsburg Kiwanis Club  
Healdsburg, CA 95448

Dear Hunt:

Thank you for your recent gift to the Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF). We were delighted to receive your donation of \$500 to purchase art supplies to support the Healdsburg Junior High Art Program. We deeply appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Your gift will help open up a broad range of educational opportunities for our children, opportunities they need to succeed and thrive in a rapidly changing world. Public education has become a true community undertaking—thank you for recognizing how important each of us is to the future of our children and our community.

Sincerely,  
Paula Wurlitzer  
Secretary  
Healdsburg Education  
Foundation

Dear Kiwanis Members:

What a wonderful idea to have our student artists at HJH design your Tee-Shirt. You've helped to teach these students "real world" skills.

Thank you for all you do for all of us in Healdsburg.

Sincerely  
Gina Fontana, DDS  
President, HE

## Kiwanis Club Is Assisting in the Support Our Soldiers Program

By Dick Bugarske

Healdsburg SOS (Support Our Soldiers) is sending boxes of supplies, food, treats, cards and letters to close to 600 soldiers in the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division who are stationed in remote area of Afghanistan. Sending these boxes is a local operation that began when Healdsburg resident, Dustin St. Clair, was deployed to Iraq. Healdsburg and Geyserville community members and merchants have been helping Mary St. Clair, Dustin's mother, continue this endeavor and have been

pitching in to send more boxes of food and other items. Recently 200 boxes were sent to newly deployed units. On November 2, 25 refresher boxes were sent that included over 100 blankets and goodies to help the soldiers enjoy Thanksgiving while on duty. On November 29 another shipment of boxes was sent so that they would arrive by Christmas.

This past October the Kiwanis Club was an initial sponsor of 40 boxes and subsequently Healdsburg's two Rotary Clubs and many other area individuals and groups have sponsored boxes. A list of many of these is posted at [www.healdsburgsos.org](http://www.healdsburgsos.org), the website maintained and supported by Healdsburg Kiwanis. Much information is available on site as well as a Paypal option for financial support.

One interesting note: 60 years ago, in 1951, the Healdsburg community sent over 1000 boxes to troops in Korea under the leadership of Smith Robinson. Smith Robinson was later honored on the TV program "This Is Your Life". Pictures, articles and an original video from 1954 are also available on the website.

**(Editor's Note: The 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division is a modular division of the United States Army based at Fort Collins, Colorado, with four brigade combat teams. It is a very technically advanced combat division in the U S Army ).**

### *Kiwanis Profile ---*



*Jan  
Gianni*

By June Maher Smith

Jan Gianni fulfilled a long time wish to settle in Wine Country when she and her husband moved to Healdsburg in 1996. It's a long way from where she was born and grew up, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Jan attended the University of Iowa for one year before she left and moved to California to attend Flight Attendant School. Since the age of 5 she had dreamed of being a Flight Attendant and she was able to fulfill that wish too. She saw a lot of the world during her 18 years with TWA and she still enjoys traveling.

Jan is enthusiastic about her role as Administrative Assistant for the Alexander Valley Wine Growers. She loves to garden and cook, enjoys having friends over for dinner with the best Sonoma County wines and lively conversation. Another favorite past time is playing golf with Dan. The two will be celebrating 30 years of marriage this coming summer!

Jan and Dan are both active Kiwanis members. She is chair of the Sunshine/Bereavement Committee and recently became a member of the Board of Directors

She credits her good mid west roots for her current happiness. By the way her family still lives in Cedar Rapids.

## The Builder — KIWANIS CLUB OF HEALDSBURG

### THREE GRANT REQUESTS:

The club treasurer was authorized to pay \$4,898 in dues to Kiwanis International and \$3,160 in dues to Division 32 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012 before the January 12, 2012 deadline.

Our club had 79 members on the September 30 reporting date so the dues are \$102 per member for the fiscal year ending September 20, 2012.

Also the treasurer was authorized to reimburse \$3,167.80 to Dennis Stead, chairman of the First Book Project, for the dictionaries distributed to all third grade students in the Healdsburg School District. Dennis had paid for the dictionaries from his personal funds.

The treasurer was also authorized to pay the \$3,167.80 from the Administrative Fund until the Tree Lot generates enough Project Fund money to reimburse the Administrative Fund for said amount plus 5% interest.

The membership applications of Steve Adams and Richard Norgrove were discussed. Steve Adams will be inducted soon. Richard Norgrove has been in Honorary status for some time, due to work constraints and soon will be re-inducted as a regular member. (Albert Peterson contributed to this article).

### Thank You Letters from Third Graders

First Book Project chairman Dennis Stead shared some of the letters he has received from the third grade students who were recipients of a new children's dictionary from the First Book Project committee last month. This is the 12th year the club has sponsored this project and this year added one new school – The Healdsburg School. The cost this year for the books came to \$3,167.80

The letters expressed the recipients appreciation and extolled how wonderful the book is. One of the students revealed that his family now has three dictionaries. !

### Only Two Meetings In December

This is a reminder. There will be only two official meetings during the month of December. Tuesday, December 6 will be a regular luncheon meeting starting at 12 noon at the Villa Annex. The guest speaker will be Pamela Swann, Healdsburg Education Foundation executive director.

The following Tuesday, December 13 is the club's annual Christmas luncheon with the appearance of Santa Claus and the exchange of gifts. Spouses, family members and guests are invited to attend. Remember to bring a wrapped gift if you wish to take part in the gift exchange. At 2 o'clock members of the club and guests will proceed to the Healdsburg Living Center where they will entertain the residents with the singing of traditional Christmas carols and the presentation of gifts under the leadership of Carl Elze, Kiwanis music chairman.

There will be no meetings on December 20 and 27 and our regular schedule will start again with our meeting on January 3.

### Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

The Salvation Army's familiar red bucket where passersby can place their donation can be found at the two entrances to the Healdsburg Safeway store.

The two hour shifts are being manned by local volunteers on Fridays and Saturdays through December 24.

The shifts are from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, noon to 2 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. IF you wish to participate in this program please call Max Dunn at 433-8854.



### KIWANIS DINNER IN THE CAVE

Kiwanians who bid and won the annual dinner in the cave at the Robert Young Estate Winery enjoyed this special event on November 5. Top photo, dressed in keeping with the Halloween theme are Bruce Main, left, Denise Paup who helped serve and Sean Thomas, the Zinfandal Chef. Middle photo, enjoying a reception before the dinner. And bottom photo, a view of the beautifully decorated tables. (Photos courtesy of Susan Sheehy).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS:**

During November many birthdays were celebrated. Asking and paying for "special" renditions of the traditional song were Jan Gianni who wanted all those who Helped in the successful Golf tournament (top photo) to sing to her. And, bottom photo, Neal Bertrand invited all the ladies who attended the November 22 evening meeting to sing Happy Birthday. Top photo left, Jim Schmidt, Ron Puccioni, Rick Norman, Jerry Strong, Dennis Stead, Ken Scharer, Guy French, Richard Yates, Roger Dormire. Bottom photo left, Debbie Dormire, Susan Graf, Beverly Laird, Judith Everett, Patti Robarts, Mary Jackson, back of Neal, Lucy Lewand, Loretta Strong and Jan Gianni.



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**....we need everyone to sign up for at least one four hour shift at the Christmas tree lot this December. I mean, what is the point of belonging to this club if you don't participate. And to that end, anyone who doesn't do at least one shift will be expected to make a \$100 donation to the project fund (obvious dispensation will be accorded). Please don't make me beg. ! We really need the help. Reminder that December 13 is the Christmas luncheon, guests are invited and Patty has promised Prime Rib and Yorkshire pudding. You never can tell who might show up. HO HO HO Let's make it a great Kiwanian Christmas season.

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