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CALENDAR

(Dennis Stead, Program
Chairman)

January 2: No Meeting

January 9: Dan Benedetti,
Owner of Clover Dairy.

January 16: Jesse Shaw,
President of the Healdsburg
Rotary Club.

January 23: John Holt,
Update on the Healdsburg
Hotel and Raven Theatre

January 30: Sarah
Bradberry, Co-Owner of the
Healdsburg Tribune.

February 17: Total K Day.

February 27: Petaluma
Kiwaniis Club's Annual
Oyster Feed.

Happy Birthday To:

January 8: Richard
Norgrove

January 9: Dennis Gary

January 12: Arnold Santucci

January 20: Francis
Passalacqua

January 24: Phil Rice

The President's Message:

December Was a Very Busy Month Helping Community Organizations

By Lee Gunnerson

December has been busy with Christmas activities. Many thanks to Phil Rice for organizing the Salvation Army Bell Ringing at the Safeway Store (He was also the grand champion for number of appearances - 5). We had a good turn out of members - 23 members and one spouse). (See Phil Rice's account on page 3).

Our caroling group was a big hit at the two local rest homes, Citrus Court and Healdsburg Convalescent. Carl Elze ably led the ensemble. Carl was on tuba, his friend Ron Pike on baritone, Nancy Curnow on piano and a choir of Dennis Gary, Alvie Rochester, Don Reukema, Phil Rice, Neil Iversen, LeRoy Steck, Bob Malone, George Clough, Art McCaffrey and myself. You are really appreciated when you sing to confined octogenarians. (One woman's 102 birthday was the day of our visit, December 12 - and we even could handle that without our song sheet. Thanks, Carl for being the producer for such a way off Broadway event. The Kiwanis group presented gifts of fresh fruit to each of the residents at the rest homes.

Our Christmas dinner on December 19 was festive and fun. Special thanks to Nancy Curnow for the decorations, Carl Elze for the dixieland band entertainment, Alvie Rochester for being Santa Claus (it was Alvie, wasn't it ?) and the American Legion Auxiliary ladies for a wonderful dinner. Attending were 37 members who brought guests to increase the total to 77 people. With that many filling the hall it was very difficult to determine who the Grinch was who stole the bell - very non-seasonal conduct. 2001 may be shaping up as a heavy (\$) fine year.

And speaking of the new year remember that our first meeting will be on January 9. A sign-up sheet is at Ted Etheredge's office on Matheson Street for those who want to sign the register for the December 26 and January 2 no meeting dates.

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The President's Message:

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Major activities in 2001 will be:

Finish the scout construction at Camp Rosenberg. Ken Turnbow led a crew of Denny Stead, Phil Rice, Carl Elze, Neil Iversen and myself to install the roof trusses. Don Reukema, Project Foreman, will next be putting on the roof itself and beginning masonry work on the barbecue area. Let Don know you want to help.

Phil Rice has begun our tree project in a small way. Five 15 gallon Pistachio trees were obtained for the commons at Riverview Community with Kiwanian helpers who live in the subdivision. Next, he will be talking with the city officials about places for more trees, possibly Badger Park, the new skate park, on the golf course. Be prepared to dig some holes one of these days.

Dee Whitehall needs more members (and/or spouses) to help with our Fitch Mountain Elementary school reading program. The school has identified 15 3rd grade students who could use help. And as of mid December we had only six volunteers. We want to start in January, just one or two hours per week. Please call Dee at 433-4391.

Graffiti removal has been given a lower priority for the winter months as the problem is not currently too major. We're still planning on doing the job as needed and are relying on Rick Alves to get us started.

Future dates to put on your 2001 calendar:

Saturday, February 17: Total K Day. We need a volunteer to take on this project.

Saturday, March 10: Governor's Dinner at Los Robles.

Sunday, April 8: Annual Pancake Breakfast.

April 28-30: Food Booth at The Future Farmers Country Fair.

Sunday, June 10: Fitch Mountain Foot Race.

And, lastly, highlights from the December 14 board meeting (minutes included elsewhere in the Newsletter):

Happily Dale Lynch did not resign as was reported in the minutes of the November 9 meeting. But he will be giving up his position on the board and going on a leave of absence. Hopefully he will be able to make some of our regular luncheon meetings over the next few months. The board has agreed that his replacement will be Ernie Ralston.

The board was impressed with Kiwanis House (a Ronald McDonald type of operation next to the children's hospital at U.C. Davis) and voted \$500 to the local Kiwanis Club in Sacramento's new Kiwanis House building fund.

The board is excited about supplying dictionaries to approximately 210 third graders in Healdsburg. We did this last year at one school and are now expanding the program to include all four

elementary schools and St. John's School. -- **Happy New Year.**

December Membership Report

by John Bippart, Membership Chairman

After a slow start, the membership committee is gaining momentum and there are several persons in various stages of interest in membership in the Healdsburg Kiwanis.

Yolanda Rinaldo: 3 completed visits and ready for induction into the club in early January. Her sponsor is Dennis Stead.

John Rinaldo: Yolanda's husband, known to many of us as a long-time member of Santa Rosa Kiwanis, has expressed interest in becoming a dual member with our club, as permitted by Amendment #5, adopted at the International Convention at Miami Beach last summer. John has been provided with the facts. His sponsor is Dennis Gary.

John Essman and Kathleen Palmer: Their first visit was on December 12. They are husband and wife and he is a member of Kiwanis in Santa Cruz. Their sponsor is Dennis Gary.

Sadly, I submitted the resignation of Bill Talley, as delivered to Tim Tuscany, for board acceptance. Bill is now living in Santa Rosa.

Scholarship Fund Enriched by Memorial Contributions

A major thank you goes to the family of Kenneth Gonsalves, Healdsburg Kiwanis Club past president and past Lt. Governor Division 32, and those who contributed in his memory a total of \$790 to the Scholarship Fund as of December 21, 2000.

Those who contributed in Ken Gonsalves' memory are: Ivar and Helen Bostrom; Francis Branern; Rena Steele; Kathryn Besio; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Santucci; Helen Cavanagh; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robertson; Charles and Dorothy Powers; Rena Metzger; Margaret Wattles and Family; Fred Haley; Jack and Marceline Francioni; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Deas; Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Rodella; The Brandt Families and Brandt Insurance; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brazill; Joe and Janet Sawyer; Florence Badger and Family; Tom and Carolyn Roberts; W.E. McDermott; Allen Owen; Mr. and Mrs. Lino Bartolucci; Ms Penny Nichols; Rose Benson; Van and Betty Ballentine; Vernon Nichols; Mary Ramirez; Erle Cook.

Last month the newsletter inadvertently left out one of our own who followed Rich Lehrmann's pied piper over the cliff in support of the Greyhound football defense. Dick Bertapelle also gave \$150 to fulfill his bargain to contribute to the scholarship fund.

And lastly a \$25 donation was accepted for the return of the bell (stolen temporarily at the December 19 Christmas dinner).

Report of the Official Minutes of the December 14 Meeting

(Submitted by Secretary Neil Iversen)

With a quorum present, president Lee Gunnerson convened the board of directors meeting at 7:05 p.m. at the Healdsburg Police Station.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 9 meeting were read and corrected. Dale Lynch did not resign, but took a leave of absence for six months. Martin Edwards applied for membership reinstatement and the board approved.

TREASURERS' REPORT: Dennis Gary reported on both the administrative fund and project fund which were approved. President Lee inquired about transferring funds from the administration fund to the project fund since there is a surplus in the administrative fund. Dennis Gary suggested that the board not transfer any funds until there is a need since the administrative fund can become low in April and May during tax period. The board went along with his recommendation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The board approved the expenditure of \$212 to purchase dictionaries which will be distributed to the third grade students at Fitch Mountain Elementary School (54); Healdsburg Elementary (65); Foss Creek School (60) and St. John's School (33).

NEW BUSINESS: Request for Funds:

The board approved a donation of \$250 to Our Body Is Healthy, the funds to be used to distribute hygiene packets to third and fourth graders in the Healdsburg schools.

\$150 was donated to H.E.L.P., Healdsburg Educational Legacy Partnership founded in 1985 to create an educational partnership between our schools and the community. The same donation was approved last year.

The board approved a donation of \$250 to the Healdsburg Shared Ministries for their food pantry, the same amount the club donated last year.

No action was taken on a request from the Junior High Pop Warner Cheer Leaders asking for a donation.

The Soroptimist International of Healdsburg request for a donation of \$200 to help the needy children of the community was approved.

A \$100 donation was approved for the Kiwanis International's I.D.D. (Iodine Deficiency Disorder) fund to help eradicate iodine deficiency throughout the world.

CIRCUS: Taken under advisement was a fund raising program — sponsoring a four day circus. The board, following the reading of a letter about the circus and the showing of a video, discussed possible dates for such an event in September.

MID YEAR CONFERENCE, February 24, 2001 in Modesto. President Lee and Secretary Neil have forms for anyone interested in attending. Registration fee is \$25 until February 9, \$30 after that. Hotels and meals are extra.

BOARD REPLACEMENT. Ernie Ralston was officially made a member of the board, replacing Dale Lynch who asked to be relieved of these duties. Ralston will serve for a two year term.

Members Volunteered Over 100 Hours To Ring Bells For the Army

By Phil Rice, Chairman

The following members volunteered to be "bell ringers" for the Salvation Army during this year's Christmas season. We rang the bells only on Fridays and Saturdays from November 17 through December 23 at the Safeway Store.

Donating their time and effort for this cause were Hugo Bauer, Les Davis, Sandy Dunn, Dennis Gary, Lee Gunnerson, Fred Haley, Chris Holleran, Neil Iversen, Mario Lucchesi, Bob Meyer, Ernie Ralston, Don Reukema, Alvie Rochester, Bruno Rodella, Clarence Ruonavaara, Arnold Santucci, Temple Smith, Jerry Strong, Ken Turnbow, Merrily Tuscany, Tony Tuscany, Dee Whitehall, Bob Young, Phil Rice.

Possibly one or more names are not listed due to the original list of members who signed up being impossible to find at this time. (it was used to try to recruit Key Club members as bell ringers and was not returned to me. However, I believe that the list is complete.

Several members put in two or more shifts and even as many as four shifts. Eight of our members did put in more than one shift.

In my opinion well over 100 hours were put in by our members. I have asked the Salvation Army to give us a breakdown of the monies that were contributed to their kettles that were manned by our members

The time contributed by our members was for a very important cause and everyone concerned with the project should feel very good about the time put in. I am sure that a good number of people in need were able to be fed and housed due to the efforts of our members.

Bake Sale Auction Soon — Save Your \$\$

By Dennis Stead, Key Club Advisor

It's been a busy month for the Key Clubbers. Selling candy bars as a fund raiser. The monthly District Council Meeting was hosted by the Healdsburg Key Club at the home of president Jennifer Costa.

A canned food drive was held for the Healdsburg Shared Ministries Food Pantry and plans are being finalized for the reading program at Fitch Mountain Elementary School. The Bake Sale to be held at the Kiwanis Club luncheon was moved to the first of the year due to scheduling conflicts. Save Your Money !!

Cody Mork Is Student of Month

By Dick Bertapelle, Chairman

The committee is pleased to announce that Cody Mork is the Student of the Month recipient for November.

As a senior at Healdsburg High School, Cody has accumulated an impressive 4.1 grade point average and has been a member of the cross country team for four years, serving as a team captain this past season. He is also active with school drama, track and wrestling. As an accomplished musician, Cody plays piano and drums and studies jazz and classical music. He displays special interests in economics and philosophy.

He is the son of Carol and Michael Mork and plans to pursue his interests at the University of California. He will be presented to the club members at the January 9 meeting.

Kiwanians Help With 'Project Presents'

'Project Presents', an annual gift giving program for needy families started by Terry Amoruso, this year was taken over by the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club headed by Kiwanian and B & G Club's director Vince Dougherty.

Wrapping the Gifts party was held on December 20 at the old Thrifty Drug Store building in the Vineyard Plaza. Vince solicited the help of fellow Kiwanians and participating in the "It's A Wrap" event were Richard and Barbara Iverson, Carl Elze, Vickie Brannon Rainwater, new member Yolanda Rinaldo and son John and Arnold Santucci.

Other volunteers from the B&G Club helped to make

the event a successful one. New clothes and toys were beautifully packaged and then distributed to the families just before Christmas.

Happy and Sad \$\$\$\$

Clarence Ruonavaara happy that the club members individually donated over \$1100 to the AFS Christmas Greetings advertisement ... Neil Iversen happy that the Boy Scouts food drive was so successful ... Ted Etheredge happy he is living in California and not Florida ... Jim Silveira sad about the demise of the Oldsmobile but happy that Buick will donate \$ 25 to Make A Wish program from the sale of each Buick ... Chris Holleran happy that the construction at the high school finally completed - 7 years ! ... Rich Iverson happy he and Barbara are celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary

Thoughts of the Day - "Worrying is like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do but it doesn't get you anywhere" - Fred Haley. ... "One of the mysteries of life is how the boy who wasn't good enough to marry your daughter has one of the smartest boys in the world" - Dennis Stead.

Anniversaries: Celebrating the day they were inducted into the Kiwanis Club in January: Jim Silveira, January 30, 1968 (33 years); Allen Owen, January 16, 1979 (22 years); Fr. Tom Devereaux, January 28, 1992 (9 years); John Bippart, January 4, 1994 (7 years); LeRoy Steck, January 4, 2000 (1 year); Merrily Tuscany, January 4, 2000 (1 year).

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO KIWANIANS & FAMILIES

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