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KIWANIS CLUB

of Healdsburg



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Kiwanians take a break from painting the main room of the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club on Saturday, January 6. From left, Phil Luks, Joe Engler, Roger Dormire, Dennis Gary, Jerry Strong, Dick Bugarske and Jim Schmidt.

A Hands-On Project: Club Members Volunteer To Paint the Main Room of Boys and Girls Club

Giving up a Saturday morning, seven members of the club, at the urging of Roger Dormire, assembled at the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club on January 6. The mission: to paint the main room of the club house. According to Roger, the paint was supplied by the B&G board and the colors picked by the B & G members --- vibrant purples and oranges,

The Kiwanis Club provided the necessary supplies and the job took about four hours to complete.

Through its many years of service to the community --88 now--Kiwani has always been proud that the members are willing to become physically involved in a project that often requires many hours of labor as well as special knowledge and talents. Over the years the club has taken on such tasks as planting trees at Fitch Mountain School, cleaning out and building dog runs at the Animal Shelter, cleaning out historic plots at Oak Mound Cemetery, cleaning and repairing the bleachers at Recreation Park, participating in the renovation of Giorgi Park, and last year helping to renovate the historic building at the Healdsburg Community Nursery School located next to the Healdsburg Elementary School.

DeWitt Estate Bequeaths Sizeable Donation To The Kiwanis Club's Memorial Scholarship Fund

Club officials this week announced that the club's Memorial Scholarship Fund will be the recipient of a sizeable donation from the trust estate of Clinton and Gail DeWitt of Healdsburg. Charles Reichel, treasurer of the Memorial Scholarship Fund board of directors, said that the Trustees of the Dewitt Trust, Well Fargo Bank, Trust Department in Long Beach on January 26 had advised the board of the bequest. (Please see page 5)

Calendar

February 5: Geyserville Kiwanis Pancake Day, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Geyserville Education Center. Tickets available at the door.

February 7: Regular meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Guest speaker: Catherine Bramkamp, "Drink Tea With A Grain of Salt".

February 14: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Valentine's Day. City Manager Marjie Pettus will give us an update on the city's programs.

February 16: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Conference Room at the Healdsburg Fire Station.

February 21: Regular meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Stanton Lawson: "America's Crisis in Aging."

February 28: Evening meeting, 6:30 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex. TBA.

March 4: Community Band concert featuring Music at the Movies, 3 p.m. Raven Theatre, \$10.

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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Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Arnold Santucci: 2-21-84
Mario Lucchesi: 2-1-00
Ken Scharer: 2-18-03
Ken Rochioli: 2-28-06
Bob Santucci: 2-2-10
June Maher Smith: 2-2-10
Vern Losh: 2-1-11

The President's Message:

Keep Up the Good Work, All

By Hunt Conrad

It surely looks as though the Kiwanis Club of Healdsburg is off to a good start. The Christmas Tree lot was a huge success thanks to "King Ken and his Merry Men" of the Christmas tree lot committee. Congratulations to the entire club for all of their support.

We have had some really great programs this past month thanks to Loretta Strong and Dick Bugarske. Magdalena Ridley gave us a program about her upbringing and it really brought into focus how lucky we are. What a breath of fresh air. She spoke about the Landpaths program and we will be looking into doing some service work for them this year. It was also great to welcome Rich Norgrove back to the club after a prolong absence off building a brewery empire, raising his family and continuing to be an active member of the community. He put together a lively evening program accompanied by his product which was well received by all who attended.

Judy Everett is doing a fabulous job with the lottery and Dennis Stead was the big winner at the evening meeting on the 24th, winning an equal share to the club's \$400 This is just another reason to attend the evening meetings, folks.

The board is now meeting at the Firehouse because the Police station's conference room has only one exit that locks. At the last board meeting we gave \$10,000 to the Healdsburg Education Foundation as a challenge grant that will be matched for the purchase of 15 additional lap top computers and a cart. Also we parceled out \$1,000 a piece to the three music enrichment programs for the high school. And as an acknowledgement to the Salvation Army and all that they did to help us, we earmarked \$2500 for a future donation.

I am very pleased to announce that the club is financially very fit, thanks in huge part to treasurer Pete Peterson who keeps tabs on all the comings and goings of our finances. The Administration Fund, that in the past has had its problems, appears to be finally headed in the right direction. The Project Fund is flush with the Christmas Tree proceeds.

And Chuck Reichel, Memorial Scholarship Fund treasurer, announced last week that we will be receiving a large contribution from the DeWitt Family Trust to our Scholarship Fund which is very exciting.

The work never stops, however, with the Pancake Breakfast just around the corner on April 1st. Everyone is expected to sign up and contribute by selling tickets. Bob Taylor once again is heading up the event.

I will continue to encourage everyone to continue to bring guests and attend meetings. Last Tuesday's lunch meeting was especially vibrant with over 65 smiling members and guests in attendance. We have added two new members this year and only need another ten to reach our goal.

Keep up the good work, all !

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



Dennis Stead shows off his cash Lotto winnings handed to him by Lotto chairperson Judith Everett.

Dennis Stead Is The First Big Cash Winner in Club's Lotto Fundraiser

Six weeks ago the innovative inner club fundraiser known as Lotto was reintroduced to the members and was enthusiastically received. No one had picked the special red card until the January 17 meeting when club member Dennis Stead plucked the red card from the black purse to win big \$400, 50% of the funds collected over the past six weeks.

This is how the Lotto works. Every Tuesday Judith and her helpers, Susan Sheehy and Patti Roberts, sell tickets to the membership at \$1 each or in increments of \$5 or \$10 or. The sold tickets are placed in the large glass bowl and the guest speaker is invited to pull out the winning blue ticket. Whoever is holding that ticket then is asked to pick a ticket from the black purse. If it is a black ticket you will win a bottle of wine. If it's the red ticket, you hit the jackpot which is 50 percent of the money accumulated since the last winner.

Lotto was an on going program for many years but had been allowed to lapse for the past two years, The club's share of the jackpot is placed in the administrative fund.

New Agenda for Interclub Gets Underway With Visit to Sebastopol

Susan Sheehy, Interclub chairman who had a very successful program last year, has given it a new twist. Instead of Susan setting up the meeting times and cajoling members to participate, this year she has passed a detailed sheet of the meeting times and places of the sixteen clubs located within Division 32. Further,

she urged club members to arrange their own inter clubs. Susan said that whoever arranges for an interclub visit will receive a bottle of the Robert Young Estate wine.

Under this new agenda, the first inter club was arranged by Carl Elze for a visit to the Sebastopol Club. Accompanying him on Friday, January 20, were Rich Iverson, Neal Bertrand and Arnold Santucci.

The next inter club took place on Saturday, January 28 at the Division Council Meeting in Santa Rosa. Attending were Loretta and Jerry Strong, Patti Roberts and Phil Luks.

And a number of members were planning to attend the Geyserville Club's annual Pancake Breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5 at the Geyserville Education Center. The group plans to meet at the breakfast at 9 a .m.

Susan also suggested that whoever leads the inter club visit take photos "to prove that you participated in an Inter Club."



Captain Jonathan Russell, on site administrator at the Salvation Army's ARC facility at Lytton, visits with President Hunt Conrad, left and Joe Engler, a member of the Salvation Army's Advisory Council. Captain Russell was the guest speaker at the January 10 meeting.

Healdsburg City Manager Will Be Guest Speaker at Valentine's Day Meeting

Loretta Strong, in charge of the weekly programs, is offering an interesting group of speakers and topics. On February 7 the guest speaker will be Catherine Bramkamp, writing coach, whose topic will be *How to Drink Tea with a Grain of Salt*.

On the following Tuesday, February 14, St. Valentine's Day, Healdsburg City Manager Marjie Pettus will give us an update on the city's programs and problems.

Tuesday, February 21 Stanton Lawson will discuss an ongoing problem – *America's Crisis in Aging*. President Hunt Conrad suggests you invite a guest to enjoy these speakers.

Two Grants Approved, One Tabled at Board of Directors Monthly Meet

A \$10,000 matching grant for a Laptop cart, including 15 laptops, payable through the Healdsburg Education Foundation for either Healdsburg High School or Healdsburg Junior High School at the board's monthly meeting held January 19 at the Healdsburg Fire Department's Training Room. HEF will decide which school receives this matching grant

\$1,000 was awarded to each of these music groups: Healdsburg Jazz Festival, Russian River Chamber Music and Santa Rosa Symphony.. The grants are to be applied by these groups to the Healdsburg Schools program

A \$2,500 to \$3,000 grant request to the Salvation Army at Lytton was tabled pending receipt of a specific need request.

The board meeting was held for the first time at the Healdsburg Fire Department's Training Room. According to retired Fire Chief Bob Taylor this room was intended during the planning of the new fire department also to be used for civic organizations meetings.

Hopefully, Fire Chief Steve Adams will permit the board to schedule its regular once a month meeting at the Fire Department.

The change of location is due to the City of Healdsburg concluding that the Police Department's Second Floor Conference Room was unsafe in that one of two Conference Room exit doors was locked during club board meetings because the second door led to non-public access area.

It seems strange that this issue arises after some ten years of board meetings at the police department.

In other business, a member of the board of directors of the Healdsburg Community Nursery School gave an update to the interior work done at the Nursery School. Dick Bugarske had a mini-slide show reflecting some of the improvements.

The Nursery Board member thanked the Kiwanis Club for its financial grant to that project. A request then was made for the Kiwanis board to consider an additional grant at a later time when plans to improve the playground area are finalized. For example, there is a water drainage problem in the patio area so that water accumulates and prevents children from playing there after a rain.

The board approved the club's membership renewal in the Chamber of Commerce for the year 2012 at a \$110 membership fee.

A \$.50 per lunch plate increase was approved for our caterer "Catered by Patti & Friends" bringing the lunch cost to \$14.00 up from \$13.50 per plate. Since the

club guarantees 50 plate servings per lunch, the weekly lunch cost increases to \$700 from \$675.

It must be noted that Patti Robarts did NOT ask for this increase. However, the board unanimously agreed that it is in the interest of the club to make this cost increase.

However, lunch costs of senior members and guests will remain at \$13.50.

Chris Metrulas, Bob Meyer and Eric Smith had their Leave of Absence extended for an additional six months.

A memorial brick for Clarence Ruonavaara was approved to be installed in the patio at the Kiwanis House in Sacramento. Loretta Strong will coordinate the brick inscription development.

Treasurer Pete Peterson advised the board that he mailed the club's annual Kiwanis International and Division 32 dues payment totaling \$8,058 to Kiwanis International. The U.S. Postal Service's records indicate that it took six days for the club's payment envelope to travel from Healdsburg to Kiwanis International headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana. Peterson editorialized that it is no wonder FedEx and United Parcel outperform the U.S. Postal Service in delivery of postal products.....**by Albert Peterson.**

Everyone Is On The Membership Committee, Bring A Guest To Meetings

President Hunt Conrad reminded us that everyone is a member of the membership committee and should bring at least two guests during the next eight months. The guests visiting our club during a noon or evening meeting will be given a first hand look on how we operate and what we accomplish for the community.

So invite a friend, a family member, a colleague or a business associate to join you for lunch or if that is not convenient the evening meeting on the fourth Tuesday and enjoy the fellowship of the Kiwanis Club. As a bonus, our programs have been interesting, informative and entertaining.

Recent programs featured Captain Jonathan Russell, on site administrator of the Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center at Lytton who gave us an update on the ARC program that helps the 73 men recover from drug and alcohol addiction. It has been an ARC since 1960 and prior to that for many years was a home for boys and girls. Kiwanis has had a long history with the Lytton facility since it was a home for youth. For the past few years the men from Lytton have helped us in our Christmas Tree sale.

Any number of Kiwanians have served as members of the Advisory Council including Bob Malone, Clarence Ruonavaara, Allen Owen, Gary Rosenberg, Dan Maraviglia and presently, George Clough, Joe Engler and Arnold Santucci.

In Memory:

Clarence Milton Ruonavaara

June 18, 1919 – January 9, 2012

Memorial Services were held on Saturday, January 22 at the Healdsburg Community Church for Clarence Ruonavaara, a long time member of the Kiwanis Club, who died unexpectedly on Monday, January 9 at the Healdsburg General Hospital.

Clarence joined Kiwanis in April 1981 shortly after he retired as a teacher/administrator at the Healdsburg High School. He served on the club's House Committee until a few years ago and would still "pitch hit" when needed. He participated in all the fund raising programs as well as the many hands on projects. In fact, last year on his birthday he helped on the renovations project at the Healdsburg Community Nursery School. The board two years ago honored him by naming a scholarship for Healdsburg Junior School graduating eighth grade students to attend a week long trip to Washington DC under the sponsorship of long time Junior High teacher, Pat Sabo. The Rodella/Ruonavaara scholarships also honored past president and Lt. Governor Bruno Rodella.

Because of his lifetime involvement with the sport of baseball, the community honored Clarence by naming the newly renovated grandstand at Recreation Park the Clarence Ruonavaara Grandstand. His honors include the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society's History Lives/Pioneer Award in 2007 as well as the HHS Sports Hall of Fame.

Clarence was born in Fort Bragg and came to Healdsburg when he was 12. He graduated from Healdsburg High School, Santa Rosa Junior College and UC Berkeley. He played baseball for all three schools as well as semi-pro clubs such as the Prune Packers and the Odd Fellows. A veteran of World War 11, he served as a Navy pilot with the Golden Bear Squadron.

He gave generously of his talents to the community working for many years with the American Field Service Exchange Student program, over 25 years as a member of the Adult Rehabilitation Center Advisory Council at Lytton and was one of the founders of the Healdsburg Lighting Committee that raised the funds to erect the lights at Recreation Park. He and his wife, Betty, hosted two exchange students, Gunther from Germany and Marco from Brazil/

He is survived by his sons Tom (Billie) of Paradise and Jim(Desiree) of Windsor and four grand children, Annie Rachele, Nathan and Jacob, his brothers Alvin of Petaluma and Russell of Oregon and sister Ann Bynum of Windsor plus many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Betty of 54 years, his brother Arthur and sister Blanche Armitage.

DEWITT: The amount of the donation has not been determined but it is estimated to be in six figures and comprises about twenty investments. The DeWitts chose to honor the Kiwanis Club with the generous bequest because of their friendship with Vince Dougherty and his family. A 21 year member of the Kiwanis Club Vince served as president in 1995. Chuck said that this reaffirms what we had been told a number of years ago by Vince at a club meeting. The surviving member of the trust, Gail DeWitt, died on November 13, 2011.

The DeWitts came to Healdsburg in 1966 from Orinda and settled on acreage on Chalk Hill Road where they raised cows. They later moved into Healdsburg on First Street and were neighbors of the Doughertys.



Certificates of Award

A member of the Kiwanis Club and a member of the business community were recognized for their contributions to the Kiwanis Club's fund raising projects. Top photo, at the January 24 evening meeting Bob Santucci, left, presents a certificate of appreciation to Kiwanian Rich Norgrove of the Bear Republic Brewing Company, the Norgrove family business established 16 years ago in Healdsburg. Rich and his family were recognized for their generosity in supplying foodstuffs and supplies for the Pancake Breakfast, the Food Booth at the Fair and the Beer Fest in the Plaza. Bottom photo, Loretta Strong, past president, presents a certificate to George Georgeson, former owner of the McDonald's restaurant in Healdsburg. He also generously contributed to our many food fund raising programs.

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INTER CLUB VISITS: Two inter club visits were completed on January. Top photo, four members attended the Division Council meeting in Santa Rosa on January 28. Left to right, Patti Robarts, Loretta Strong, Phil Luks and Jerry Strong. Bottom photo, Carl Elze lead a group to the Sebastopol Club. Left to right, Barry Lutz, president of the Sebastopol Club, and Carl Elze, Neal Bertrand, Arnold Santucci and Rich Iverson who visited Sebastopol on January 20. (See article page 4)... Top photo courtesy Loretta Strong.

Community Band Will Spotlight *Music At The Movies* at Its March 4th Concert

Music from many famous movies -- The Wizard of Oz, Mary Poppins, Pink Panther, the Sound of Music and Judy Garland favorites -- will be featured at the Healdsburg Community Band's spring concert set for Sunday, March 4, Carl Elze announced.

The concert will be held at the Raven Theatre, 115 North Street, Healdsburg starting at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance by contacting Jim DeMartini at 894-5000 or email at jjim@cloverdalelaw.com. Children 12 and under are free. And for groups of 10 or more, tickets are \$8 each. For more information visit the band's website at hcband.healdsburg.net



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