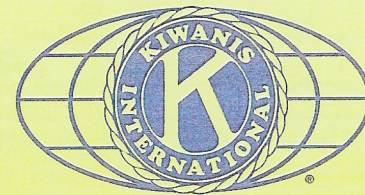


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Dennis Stead, chairman of the annual barbecue and auction, stands by the sculpture which will be auctioned off at the barbecue scheduled for Tuesday, August 19 at Brandt's Beach Picnic Grounds. The art piece has been donated by Kiwanis Club member Jim Schmidt.

Need More Items for Barbecue-Auction Set for Tuesday, August 19 at Brandt's Beach

Displaying a beautiful 60 pound bronze sculpture donated by Jim Schmidt, Dennis Stead, chairman of the annual barbecue-auction fundraiser, urged the membership to seek out items for the silent and live auctions.

"We need stuff now for the silent and live auctions," Dennis said.

Look around your homes to see what you can donate to the auction- jewelry, vases, special books, furniture. And ask your neighbors for donations as well as local merchants who might be willing to give gift certificates or special items.

Please let Dennis know as soon as possible if you have something to donate.

The annual barbecue-auction, a fund raiser for the Administrative Fund, will take place on Tuesday night, August 19 at Brandt's Beach Picnic Grounds starting at 6 p.m. with a social hour, followed by dinner and the live auction.

As in past years it was determined that instead of raising dues and fees the club would try to offset deficits in the Administrative account by conducting a dinner-auction fund raising event. And each one, in the past, has been successful.

However, in his report to the board on July 10, Dennis Gary, administrative treasurer, advised that the administrative fund would have a loss of \$8,000 for the year after net Brandt's Beach revenues are projected. He requested that the administrative fund be loaned \$3,000 from the project fund. Dennis Gary pointed out that if the quarterly dues were increased by \$30, the

Calendar.

August 5 Regular meeting, 12 noon, Villa Annex

August 12 To accommodate the city the meeting will be held in the dining room of the Villa Chanticleer main building at 12 noon.

August 14: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m., at Healdsburg Police Department's Conference Room.

August 19: Annual Barbecue , 6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. dinner, followed by live auction. Silent auction from 6 to 8 p.m. Brandt's Beach Picnic Grounds.

August 26: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

September 30: Installation of 2008-2009 Officers, 6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. dinner. followed by installation ceremonies. Villa Chanticleer Annex.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer's Annex. For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club and its meetings please contact George Diebold, president at 433-8008 or Dee Whitehall, secretary at 433-4391 .

Administrative Fund could be increased annually by \$7500. The board approved the treasurer's request for the working capital loan of \$3,000. However, in the works is a November 1 dinner/wine tasting social event and fund raiser chaired by Rick Norman. The board decided that a presentation will be made to the membership whether to have a fund raiser and social event or raise the quarterly dues. The presentation will be drafted by Dennis Gary and edited by secretary Phil Luks.

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Ken Scharer: 8-6
Vernon Ingham: 8-28

Kiwanis Anniversaries

Congratulation to the following who
joined Kiwanis during the month of
August

8-3-99: Dick Bertapelle
8-21-01: Joseph Engler
8-27-02: Vincent Ciolino
8-8-06: David Jones

The President's Message:

A Change In Format: Stay for Entire Meeting

By George Diebold

Greetings and salutations:

Those of you who attended the July 15th and 22nd luncheon meetings, noticed a change in format. I've been starting the program earlier. I'm doing this in an attempt to avoid the mass exodus that occurs at the end of the "regular meeting" as soon as the person presenting the program is introduced. Last year, as program committee chairman, I often experienced embarrassment as a great number of members made their noisy departure. (This year I exacerbated the problem by fining those who leave, adding to the noise level.) A number of members feel that this behavior is insulting to the guest speakers. I know that this is not the intention of those departing, but I feel obligated to act, as this is an area of concern for some of our members.

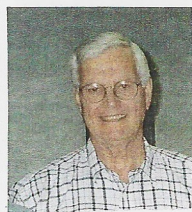
Unfortunately, now there is insufficient time for birthdays, anniversaries and "Happy-Sad" dollars. I miss this part of the meetings. Those are fun things to do ! But alas, what's a fellow to do ?

I'll tell what we could do. We could stay for the entire meeting ! Instead of approaching the meeting as two separate segments, consider it "the meeting" ! We could probably shorten the whole thing and end at 1:15 or 1:20, instead of 1:30, if that ten or fifteen minutes makes enough of a difference, I could skip lunch entirely, and try talking to you while you are in line, but that won't work. That's the social time, the time to catch up with friends you see this one time a week, the time to get to know each other. The obvious solution is to stay. Sure there will be rare occasions when we have to leave, but if we have an hour we can spend one day a week, I'll bet we could spare that extra thirty minutes as well.

When I joined the club four years ago, the two segment format was in place. Maybe not enough of you want this change. Maybe I'm full of something, and should just shut up; let me know where you stand on this issue. Email me at dieboom@comcast.net, and register your opinion . For now, I'm keeping my new system in place.

In other news, we've got the Brandt's Beach Barbecue on August 19 and the installation dinner on September 30th. Both are fun events, plus the barbecue is a fund raiser for the administration account. If you are available to help organize the installation dinner, let me know.

John Bippart Singled Out "For Making A Difference"



In a series of articles in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat praising those in the community "who make a difference" Healdsburg Kiwanis Club member John Bippart was singled out for coordinating the Alzheimer's Memory Walk at Santa Rosa's Spring Lake Village where he now resides. The accolade reads: Shortly after moving to Spring Lake Village John Bippart got involved with the senior living community's outreach committee and took on coordinating the Alzheimer Memory Walk on behalf of his fellow residents. For years, John has been spearheading fund raising efforts, recruiting volunteers, spreading the word and encouraging maximum participation in the walk. Knowing it all goes to fund important research is rewarding for John." John is a 14 year member of the Kiwanis Club, a past president and presently serves as chairman of the membership committee. He also is a member of the Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Fund.



DONATION TO BOY SCOUTS: Mark Tietz, left, scout leader of Boy Scouts Troop 21, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, receives a check for \$2500 for the local troop from Kiwanis president George Diebold. The extra funds over and above the funds budgeted for the year, will be used to revamp the scouts' outdoor gear. The presentation was made at the club's July 8 meeting.

Hemo Cup Won by Soroptimists

With 48 members of the Soroptimist Club and their supporters donating 48 pints of blood in the recent blood drive at the Healdsburg Fire Department, the coveted Hemo Cup, won by Kiwanis Club previously, will be handed over to the Soroptimists by Fire Chief and Kiwanian Randy Collins.

Randy reported that Kiwanians and members of their families donated 16 pints with the Rotary Club coming in third with a donation of 10, in an ongoing contest between the two clubs.

Randy exclaimed that "we were clobbered" when the Soroptimists decided to enter the contest thereby boosting the donations bigger than ever.

Highest Net Ever for Foot Race

David Jones, chairman of the annual Fitch Mountain Foot Race, reported that the event had attracted more participants and netted more money than any previous race. He said that thanks to the participants and the generosity of the sponsors and the hard work of the committee and Kiwanis members, the race grossed \$13,899 and netted \$9,857. The funds will be added to the Healdsburg Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Fund.

He said that next year he hopes the race will be bigger and better than ever with more runners, more sponsors and perhaps vendors who will have booths in the Plaza Square.

Garlic Fries At The Street Dance

Once again the Kiwanis Club will participate in the annual Street Dance sponsored by the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club. Chris Metrulas advised the

membership that the Kiwanis Food Booth would have a prominent spot at the Plaza Square Saturday night, August 16. The club's "famous" garlic fries will be sold. Any member wishing to help should contact Dennis Stead at 433-6503

Board Approves Donation To The Habitat For Humanity Project And The Girls' Summer Softball Team

At the July 10 meeting the board of directors approved the donation of \$5,000 to the Habitat for Humanity project, \$200 to a Girls' Softball Team, a loan of \$3,000 from the project fund to the administrative fund and a Fall fund raiser.

A part of the \$5,000 approved for the Habitat project would include the money raised each week from the president's fund (formerly known as the charity fund). Amy Lemur, an official with the Santa Rosa office of Habitat for Humanity, appeared before the board to give a history of the local organization. She advised that the local office in Santa Rosa has changed from a volunteer only organization to a Santa Rosa operation with 12-13 staff members, with 4 full time. The homeowners are required to contribute 500 hours of sweat equity, that they are low income earners (\$25,000 to \$40,000 per year). The homeowners are required to take out an affordable level mortgage and keep payments current. Their ability to realize profits on resale is restricted. After the houses are complete the community retains "ownership" of the project. The local project is to build two \$170,000 houses on property on University Street across from Recreation Park. A groundbreaking is planned for September and a fund raising barbecue on October 11 hopefully to be sponsored by Kiwanis, Rotary and Soroptimists. The \$5000 was donated on the condition that Kiwanis president George Diebold chair the club's ongoing efforts of fundraising and labor in support of the project.

In other business the board approved a donation of \$200 to the 15 members 7th and 8th grade non-school summer Girls' Softball Team organized and coached by Rochelle Overstreet. The money will help to fund a two day tournament

Rick Norman, chairman of a proposed dinner/wine tasting /social outing fund raiser to help offset a deficit in the administrative fund, was granted permission to proceed with plans for the November 1 event. The evening would be funded by a mandatory \$100 per member assessment which would entitle the member and one guest to attend the function. Non-members may attend at \$50 per person.

Administrative treasurer Dennis Gary advised the board that the administrative fund was down to \$1600 and asked that the fund be loaned \$3000 from the Project Fund. The request was approved. He also advised the board that the administrative fund will have a projected \$8,000 loss after net Brandt's Beach fundraiser revenues are projected and taken into account. He further advised that if dues were increased by \$30 per quarter, an additional \$7,500 in administrative revenues per year would be raised. He will draft a proposal for the fee increase and present it to the members. (Information for this article was obtained from the July 10 board meeting minutes prepared by Phil Luks).



TO WISH THEM WELL: Kiwanian George Clough, center, chairman of the Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center's Advisory Council, presents a gift to ARC administrators Captains Diane and Ralph Jiminez at a farewell barbecue held July 12 at the Lytton grounds. The Captains Jiminez served at Lytton for a little over two years and have been assigned to the ARC in Long Beach, California. George, who has been chairman of the Advisory Council for the past three years, will relinquish his post to Kiwanian Joe Engler in September. Other Kiwanians who are members of the Lytton Advisory Council are Clarence Ruonavaara and Arnold Santucci. The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club has had a long history of helping the Salvation Army's Lytton facility since it was a home for Boys and Girls in the 1930s.

Installation of Officers September 30

President George Diebold reminded the members that new officers will take control of the club at the installation dinner slated for Tuesday, September 30. The event will start with a social hour at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and the traditional installation ceremonies. at the Villa Chanticleer Annex.

The officers for 2008-2009 will be Dennis Gary, president, Loretta Strong, first vice-president, Robert Taylor, second vice president, Phil Luks, secretary, Albert Peterson, treasurer. New members of the board serving for two years will be David Jones, James Colgan, Ron Doble and Doug Newton. Serving for one more year will be Jack Brandt, Chris Metrulas and Ken Scharer. Hunt Conrad will be on the board for one year replacing Phil Luks.

CONDOLENCES: To **Dee Whitehall**, our long time secretary, on the recent passing of her husband, Gene .

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Beth and Cullen Wilder** who recently celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary. Cullen gave a happy \$47 for the Memorial Scholarship Fund.... To **Hugo Bauer** who donated \$76 to the Memorial Scholarship Fund in celebration of his 76th birthday

HAPPY AND SAD: **Mario Lucchesi** a happy \$6 in celebration of July birthdays of three members of the family ...**Roger Dormire** a special thanks to the volunteers who helped with the pancake breakfast at the Relay for Life Walk for Cancer fund raising program.

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