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CALENDAR

September 5: Tom Crawford, Sonoma County Superintendent Of Schools.

September 9: District Committee Meeting for officers at the Windsor Mobile Home Park.

September 12: Marie Djordjevich Curator of the Healdsburg Museum.

September 19: Installation of Officers and Awards Presentation Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Villa Annex. Spouses and guests welcome. Reservations required. Contact John Bippart, Lee Gunnerson or Tim Tuscany. \$12 for guests

September 23: Installation Dinner of Lt. Gov. Bob Carver and the retirement of our own Lt. Gov. Alvie Rochester. No-host cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:15 p.m., Los Robles Lodge, Santa Rosa. \$20 per person, RSVP to the Carvers at 996-4200.

September 26: General Meeting of the Club members.

Happy Birthday to:

**Sept. 1: Merrily Tuscany
Sept. 5: Ernie Ralston
Sept. 8: Frederick Alves
Sept. 21: Les Davis
Sept. 23: Lindsey Wurlitzer
Sept. 27: Robert Taylor**

Installation of Officers and Presentation of Awards at September 19th Evening Meeting

New officers for the year 2000-2001 will be installed at a dinner meeting on Tuesday, September 19 at the Villa Chanticleer Annex with outgoing Lt. Gov. Alvie Rochester officiating. Installed will be Lee Gunnerson, president; Tim Tuscany, first vice-president; Nancy Curnow, second vice-president; Neil Iversen, secretary; Dennis Gary, administrative treasurer; Temple Smith, membership treasurer and Dan Gianni, project treasurer. Turning over the Kiwanis gavel to Gunnerson will be retiring president John Bippart

Newly elected members of the board of directors elected for a two year term are Dale Lynch, Dennis Stead, Dee Whitehall and Michael Villa. Board members who will serve for one more year are George Clough, Tom Rackerby, Rick Alves and Richard Norgrove.

A roast beef dinner will precede the installation and will commence at 6:30 p.m.

There will NOT be a noon meeting on September 19th.

Any member who may have concerns about driving at night will be transported to and from this event. Either Jack Brandt, 433-4436; or, Vince Dougherty, 433-4479, will see to your needs if you call them.

It is hoped that all members and spouses will attend this kick-off of Kiwanis' new year and show support for our new leaders, Bippart said.

A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the meetings prior to September 19th.

Please put this important date on your calendar, Bippart urged.

Boy Scouts Camp Rosenberg Project Now Underway With Volunteer Work Sessions

Don Reukema, chairman of the club's newest project – to renovate the fire pit (barbecue) site and other sections of the Boy Scouts Camp Rosenberg located in the Mill Creek Area – reported the program is now underway with three work sessions already accomplishing a great deal. He and Neil Iversen, Bob Taylor and Ernie Ralston initially visited Camp Rosenberg to more fully ascertain what needed to be done with respect to the deteriorated fire pit and general condition of the site. It was determined that the 50 year old fire pit should be torn down and completely rebuilt. The new fire pit not only serves as a cooking area but because of its system of underground plumbing, is a source of hot water for the campsite. It will need a 14' x 14' concrete slab foundation, topped by a 16' x 16' corrugated metal roof with a chimney. New underground plumbing for the hot water will have to

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The President's Message:

Kiwanis Does Make Difference; Our Club Leads in Healdsburg

By John Bippart

The past year has flown by and I can hardly believe that it's almost finished. One thing I know is that I have truly enjoyed every minute and I am most appreciative that you members gave me the opportunity. It's something each of us should aspire to do and I hope that you all feel well served.

Financially, we finish the year in great shape. Both the administrative and project accounts are rock solid and the scholarship fund is growing and enabling us to donate more and bigger scholarships to students from our community.

The board of directors has given me total support to develop new projects and venture into new areas of participation in the community and with Kiwanis International. I am reluctant to single out even a few of you for your help, because so many of you have participated, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention Don Reukema, Lee Gunnerson, Tim Tuscany, Nancy Curnow, Neil Iversen, Dan Maraviglia, Dennis Gary, Al Rochester, Arnold Santucci, Mike Villa, Jack Brandt and Dennis Stead. Suffice to say, they are stand-up people and assure us of great leadership in the years ahead.

Kiwanis really makes a difference and our club leads in Healdsburg not only with dollars but also with hands-on help. We deserve to be known as "The Builders". Onward and Upward. !

FLASH : At the recent Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention in San Diego, it was announced that the award for the most outstanding division newsletter was awarded to Alvie Rochester of Healdsburg, Lt. Gov. Division 32, for "Team 2000". As the name implies, our district comprises all of the state of California, Nevada and Hawaii. That's a lot of Kiwanis Clubs.

Al, as might be expected, gave great credit to his editor, Rita Schroeder from the Windsor Club.

You have done a great job as Lt. Governor of Division 32, Al, and you deserve this outstanding award. We are proud of you and Rita, too.

The District Conference Was a Great Opportunity To Learn

By Tim Tuscany

I recently attended the 80th Cal-Nev-Ha District Convention in San Diego, and I was fortunate enough to meet folks with similar interests, learn about Kiwanis Club management and have fun doing it. As a delegate to the conference I represented the club in several resolutions that were passed and one that failed, and I had the opportunity to cast votes in electing the District leadership.

One of my first meetings was with all the incoming club presidents. We were introduced to the incoming 2000-2001 District Governor Tom Vildibill. Membership development and membership retention is Tom's passion, so it seems fitting that his slogan is *Membership Matters*. He is committed to the lifeblood of Kiwanis, and that's membership. Music to my ears !

To further the commitment of the past year, the delegation passed several resolutions related to service. Governor Terri Neumann's Total K Day was made a yearly activity, after last year's 40,000 service hours by 8,500 members. Also, Kiwanians from Cal-Nev-Ha will continue to support family and children at UC Davis Medical Centers Family House. The family house is a safe, inexpensive place for family members to stay while their loved ones recover from their illness at UCDCMC.

Attending the district conference was a great opportunity to learn from district trainers, make contacts with other clubs, learn from other clubs and meet with the incoming leadership on the District and Division levels. I am proud to represent the club and would encourage others to attend future meetings.

Vickie Rainwater Liaison To Rio Lindo Academy's Proposed New Key Club

One of our newest members, Vickie Rainwater, at our last August meeting, volunteered to be the liaison from our club to the newly proposed Key Club at the Seventh Day Adventist Rio Lindo Academy following an urgent request from President John Bippart.

The club was advised that the Rio Lindo school's counselor and pastor would be the official Key Club advisor at the Academy. An organizational meeting will be scheduled shortly. Dennis Stead and Jack Brandt have been in charge of negotiating the establishment of a Key Club at the Academy.

Report: Minutes of the August Board of Director's Meeting

Submitted by Michael Villa for Secretary Neil Iversen

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dennis Gary reported that approximately \$400 in dues were two quarters in arrears. Statements were sent to the responsible members on August 1 and Dennis advised that he would be following up on the matter.

In the absence of Dan Gianni Dennis Gary reported that the current balance of the Projects Fund was \$24,971.

FITCH MOUNTAIN FOOT RACE: Dan Maraviglia reported that all expenses relative to the race have been paid. With the exception of the payment of \$600 in sponsorship fees from three sponsors all income from the race has been received. If the three sponsors do not pay their fees, net profits from the race will be \$6,304. If the sponsorship fees are paid net profits will be \$6,904.

Dan suggested that the board consider moving the race to April in order to attract more runners and entrance fees. Holding the race in April would make it one of the first races of the season and more likely to attract more runners including but not limited to high school runners who will still be in school and running track. Dan would like to see the number of race participants increased from 250 to 350 to 400. Dan will report back to the board in a few months about the pros and cons of moving the race to April.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Tom Rackerby reported that one out of the four recently awarded \$1,000 college scholarships had been distributed. The other three recipients have yet to submit proof of enrollment in school and hence no money has been distributed to them. The balance of the Scholarship Fund is approximately \$72,000 according to Tom. Phil Rice suggested the club should begin to focus on ways to increase the Fund, one of the Club's most important projects but also its most visible. Suggestions included donation envelopes in the monthly newsletter or give the envelopes to the members for distribution to the community at large so as to heighten awareness of the fund and perhaps to attract a large gift from a will or trust. President John Bippart offered to draft a letter on the subject as an insert in the newsletter. (see insert this issue).

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Rich Lehrmann suggested the board re-think its decision last month to award two Raven Theatre tickets to the Student of the Month and instead award the student a \$20 gift certificate to a Healdsburg bookstore. The suggestion was approved and Rich was asked to make the arrangements. He arranged for a gift certificate of \$20 at Levin & Co.

bookstore. In turn the store offered an additional 15% discount

CARSON WARNER SKATE PARK: John Bippart reported he was advised by Chick Warner that the club's recent offer to finance the construction of a drinking fountain at the park was not needed, as the park already had sufficient number of drinking fountains. Warner will submit a list of other improvements the park would like to John who will then present them to the board.

WINE AND ART FESTIVAL: Dennis Stead reported on the club's participation in this October 1 event sponsored by the Healdsburg Museum. It will feature some 30 local wineries and will be held in the Plaza Square from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. According to Dennis he has obtained assurances from the Museum's president, Jeri Myers, that our club's booth would receive a top location in terms of visibility and foot traffic. The big unresolved question is what kind of food is our club going to serve? A final decision on what food will be served, with or without the sponsorship of a local restaurateur or bakery, was deferred.

HHS CHEERLEADERS: John Bippart read a letter from Dan Conte on behalf of the HHS cheerleaders, soliciting funds for the squad. The board approved the award of \$200 with an accompanying request that the HHS cheerleaders squad support the club's Pancake Breakfast next year.

Past Lt. Governor Art Weaver Presents Club With the Distinguished Club Award

At the August 1 meeting a very special event took place. Art Weaver, past Lt. Governor of Division 32 presented to the club the Distinguished Club award as well as the Administrative Award, the Service Award and the Growth Award. The awards were for the year 1998-99 during which time Don Reukema was president and Neil Iversen served as secretary. They received special pins as Distinguished Kiwanians. Bob Maurer was governor of the Cal-Nev-Ha District in the 1998-99 year.

Other clubs in Division 32 who received the Distinguished Club awards for 1998-99 were the Clearlake Club and the Redwood Empire Club.

According to District officials "Distinguished" is a great achievement. To earn the coveted award, a Kiwanis club must stand up to rigid criteria. The winner must excel in service, administration and growth.

Our club, in 1999, experienced a surge in membership and in fund raising which allowed the club to give back more to the community. Hence the awards.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club was similarly honored during the presidency of Raymond Blatt, with Don Reukema as secretary in 1984 and in 1992 when Jack Brandt was president and Carl Elze was secretary.

Camp Rosenberg:

To be installed as well. Conde Mathias, Farm and Maintenance Manager of the Salvation Army's Lytton facility as well as a professional welder, through board member Nancy Curnow, will make and donate the new heavy duty metal grills for the new fire pit.

At the August 19 work session Kiwanians and friends tackled the job of cleaning the camp site and barbecue area. Through the generosity of Aaction Rentals who donated the backhoe at their cost of \$45 much clearing of the camp site was accomplished. Dennis Stead ran the backhoe and others helping on that date were Don Reukema, Neil Iversen, John Bippart, Dennis Gary, Michael Villa, Dick Bertepelle, Mark McCoppin, his wife Susan and son Jake. At the August 26 work session Don Reukema, Neil Iversen, Michael Villa, Mark and Jake McCoppin smoothed out and completed the foundation area and put part of the form work in place. The August 28 session saw Don Reukema and Neil Iversen clear up the rubble in the fire pit area.

Anyone wishing to assist in future work sessions at Camp Rosenberg should contact Don Reukema at 433-0384.

Thoughts of the Day :

Bills Travel Through the Mail Faster Than the Speed of Checks – Dorsey McLaughlin.

I'll Admit To Myself I'm Wrong, But I'll Never Admit It To You - Bob Marmor..

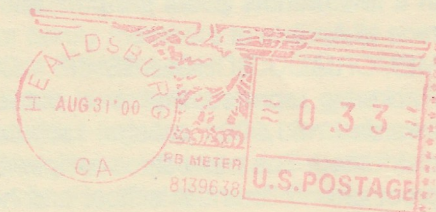
If All Our Troubles Were Hung On A Line, You Would Take Yours and I Would Take Mine – LeRoy Steck.

Happy and Sad \$\$\$:

Bill Talley happy \$10 about his forthcoming marriage. Date not set yet.....Tim Tuscany, happy our district is well served by Lt. Gov. Alvie Rochester who was a great host at the San Diego convention ...Don Reukema a happy \$10 for the great turnout at the work sessions at Camp RosenbergJim Silveira very happy he won a trip for two to the Olympics in Australia from General Motors Company (Buick, etc)Carl Elze, happy dollars in celebration of his and Mary Jean's 50th anniversary. Enjoyed a cruise with his family and his sister's... Richard Nair, happy to have found office space in Chuck Reichel's office area ...Ted Etheredge, happy to be recovered from his heart surgery ... Vince Dougherty, happy about successful Boys and Girls Street Dance fund raiser which netted the B&G Club \$18,000.

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