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Wine Tasting Main Event at February Evening Meeting



Dan discusses the wine with Jackie while Cindy shows us No.6

Club members enjoyed a special treat at the February evening meeting with a blind wine tasting hosted by one of our newest members. Cindy Schwartz, assisted by her husband, Wayne and sister, Jackie, poured wine from eight bottles concealed in brown paper bags. Participants were supplied with score sheets for entering the wine variatals and other evaluating comments. After about a half hour of tasting and other merriment, the wrappings were removed, revealing the labels as shown below:

1. Alexander Valley Vinyards 2011 Merlot
2. Coppola 2012 Zinfandel
3. Coppola 2012 Cabernet Savignon
4. Laughing Burro 2012 Zinfandel (Jim Lucchesi's label)
5. Alexander Valley Vinyards 2011 Temtation Zinfandel
6. Acacia 201 Pinot Noir
7. Sausal 2007 Zinfandel
8. Robert Young Sion Cabernet Savignon

The winner was Ron Doble with six out of ten correct varietal choices.



The winner awarded a measuring tape



Calendar

Meeting Dates:

Mar. 3: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Rachelle Jackson, Kathy Burgess, Mark Bunyad - Bank of the West History and Wealth Management/Wine Grp.

Mar 10: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Brad Sherwood - Sonoma County Water Agency

Mar. 17: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex: LaMarion D. Spence - Sonoma County Juice Co.

Mar. 19: Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m. Round Table Pizza.

Mar. 24: Evening Meeting 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex. 3/24 - (evening Meeting). Lucy Lewand, special event

Mar. 31: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Joey Gomes - GM & Manager of Healdsburg Prune Packers

Other March dates:

Mar.29: Pancake Breakfast

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex except the fourth Tuesday of the month is an evening meeting, 6:30PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting.

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact Dan or Jan Gianni, Co-Presidents at 836-1615, or 431-1650, 536-8286 (cells) or Phil Luks, secretary at 433-8055

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Happy Birthday

Lockie Gillies – March 12
Dorothy Colloran – March 15

Kiwanis Anniversaries

*Congratulations to the following members
who joined the Kiwanis Club during the
month of March*

Jack Brandt -3-6-79
Harry Jackson - 3-16-04
Michael Laird - 3-16-10
Patti Robarts - 3-16-10
Cynthia Brown - 3-23-10
Judith Everett - 3-23-10
Lucy Lewand - 3-23-10
Susan Sheehy - 3-23-10
Deborah Doble - 3-27-12

The President's Message

Greetings to all our of Club Members,

March is here already! And soon we will spring forward for that magical time of the year when we can experience more wonderful daylight in the wine country. The vineyard mustard is brilliant right now against the dark vines, blue sky and puffy white clouds. Sadly though, that predicted rain doesn't seem to be coming our way.

I smell pancakes and sausage in the air. Well, not quite yet, but are you getting ready? Have you signed up for your working position yet? I know Susan and Judy are looking to fill those open spaces. And how about your tickets? Please don't forget that as a club member you have an obligation to sell or give away your (10) tickets for a total of \$70 each. We know the community looks forward to attending each year. This is such a feel-good event and is a day we all feel especially proud to be a Kiwanian.

Did you miss out on our Tuesday evening meeting last week? If so, you missed some real FUN! Following our speaker, Susanne Esquivel, on the Healdsburg High School Graduation party, we enjoyed a blind wine tasting. Members tasted (8) wines hidden in brown paper bags while socializing with fellow Kiwanians. Notes were taken on the individual wines, varietals were chosen and ratings taken. Afterward, during the unveiling of the wines, prices were revealed and we even had a winner for the most correct varietals. A great time was had by all who came out for the event.

As you all know, this is the year for celebrating Kiwanis. Kiwanis has lasted an entire century and is thriving! The club was launched in 1915 by a handful of civic-minded community businessmen and has grown to become a global service club of over 600,000 members worldwide. The 100th anniversary international celebration will be held in Indianapolis this summer. Our own club has been exploring ways to celebrate and we hope to announce our plans soon, for a local give back gift to commemorate our great organization!

Please continue to work together and strengthen our community ties. Get out to the lunch meetings, evening meetings and keep up your volunteer service as much as you can. We are fortunate to have the strong club that we do!

You're Co-Presidents,
Jan and Dan

Rick Wood was the winner of Dan's monthly trivia quiz. He identified the most 1950/60's TV and movie westerns.



Rick with his Prize

Board of Directors Meeting

From notes provided by Phil Luks

The following are actions taken and items discussed during the Board meeting on Thursday February 19, 2015:

The Board welcomed Jerry Strong, filling the seat vacated by Steve Jones who recently resigned from the club.

Grant requests and expenditures

- Cloverdale Pony Tail Softball League - \$300. Healdsburg has no girls' softball league, and its girls participate in this program.
- Authorized Jan Gianni to spend \$400 to purchase wine for Club meetings and events at 50% off list price.
- Deferred consideration of a grant to Boy Scout Troop 21 to digest its grant request.
- Requested that PSST representatives present a lunch program considering a grant,
- In view of three potential attendees to the 100th Kiwanis International convention at KI headquarters in Indianapolis, \$2,000 was made available out of the Admin Fund to partially defer attendee expenses.
- Dick Bugarske described a series of large-scale equipment purchases for the High School baseball field, including a portable batting cage, to be used by Little League, the High School and the Prune Packers. Mr. Bugarske will follow up with other non-profits to see if joint funding can be arranged.

Other discussion and action

- Andy Smith was granted Associate Member status, in view of his taking a full-time job.
- Jeff-DeZurick's resignation from the Club was regrettably accepted – he is caring for three grandchildren.
- Dick Bugarske described a potential renovation of the outdoor barbeque at the Villa as a potential Club 100th anniversary project. The Board was enthusiastic, and Dick will follow up on potential costs.

Meeting Programs

February 3: Phil Luks – Review of By-Laws

Phil Luks, our speaker on February 3 outlined the key points in the newly revised Kiwanis By-Laws issued by Kiwanis International. All clubs are required to adopt the By-Laws. The By-Laws themselves basically allow the Club to function in its normal manner. The largest



change is the option (or requirement in some cases) that the club's governing policies be formerly spelled out.

Phil suggested formalizing the existing and proposed new policies listed below. Creating formal policies can both reduce repetitive discussion and provide a central place for new Board members to see important club policies.

Formalize the Pancake Breakfast policy. Each member is obligated to sell or purchase 10 tickets for the annual Pancake Breakfast.

1. Formalize the "Pay for No-Show at the Tree Lot" policy. Members who do not sign up or show up for three shifts at the Tree Lot must pay a "\$30 per shift" penalty (or an amount to be determined by future Boards).
2. Formalize the "Two Month in Financial Arrears" policy for allowing the Board to suspend or expel members.
3. Create a new policy that defines the financial relations between the Board and the event committees. The policy will have the following principals:
 - Formally adopt the current practice of membership election of member chairs.
 - Each committee chair will be required to formally appoint a committee member responsible for committee financial matters and coordination with the appropriate Club Treasurer.
 - Cash advances for committee activities will require advance Board approval. For larger activities, Board approval is required for committee submitted budgets.
 - Reimbursement of expenses incurred by members would require Board approval, and would require receipts or other backup within three months of incurrence.

Upon a motion made and seconded, the membership approved adaption of the revised By-Laws and the proposed club policies. The policies are not set in stone – they can be changed at any time.

February 10: Liz Bippart - Santa Rosa Symphony

Liz Bippart, the speaker at our February 10 meeting



described the Santa Rosa Symphony's music education programs for youth of the community. Liz is the VP for Music Education for the Santa Rosa Symphony League, the fund raising arm of the Santa Rosa Symphony Orchestra. The goals of the League are to enhance the quality of life in the

community, support quality orchestral music, support music education for youth, and promote personal and collegial relationships among members.

The Symphony youth education programs include "Training Young Musicians" and "Music for Our Schools".

Training Young Musicians

The Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Ensembles (SRSYE) offers young musicians an exceptional educational experience by providing the finest quality orchestral training and performance opportunities in Sonoma County. The goal is for young musicians to develop an awareness and appreciation of great music in the context of learning responsibility and teamwork, while they participate in our community through public performance. Students can begin instruments as young as five years old at the Summer Music Academy, and remain in the training programs as they excel, into their first years of college.

Music for Our Schools

The Santa Rosa Symphony provides resources for classroom teachers and local schools which include:

- *Simply Strings*, a five-year program providing hands-on music instruction 2 hours a day, five days a week after school to underserved elementary school students.
- *It's Elementary* - Four Sonoma County schools annually receive a full range of customized music education.
- *Free Concerts for Youth* - Elementary school students attend one of six live orchestral performances and experience the excitement of the concert hall.
- *Elementary Music Listening Program* - A daily classical music listening kit available to K-6th grade classrooms.
- *In School Performances* - Chamber ensembles of SRS professional musicians perform in area schools, offering students informative and entertaining concerts in an intimate setting.
- *Instrument Petting Zoo* - Real violins and cellos are put in the hands of youngsters. The Petting Zoo is part of the pre-concert fun at the new Family Concert Series.

February 17: - Salvation Army, Lytton Springs Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC)

Our guest speakers at the February 17 meeting were key staff members of the Lytton ARC, Lt. Joe Alvarez, Brian Shoopman, and Veronica



Velez.

Lt Joe opened with a three-word description of "what we do" at the ARC – "We recycle men". The ARC provides spiritual, social and emotional assistance for men who have lost the ability to cope with their problems and provide for themselves. The center offers residential housing, work, and group and individual therapy, all in a clean, wholesome environment. The physical and spiritual care that program participants receive prepares them to re-enter society and return to gainful employment. Many of those who have been rehabilitated are reunited with their families and resume a normal life.

Veronica presented an overview of the history of the Salvation Army. It was founded by William and Catherine Booth in 1865 in London. Booth, a Methodist minister, abandoned the conventional concept of a church pulpit, instead taking his message to the people. Thieves, prostitutes, gamblers, and drunkards were among his first converts to Christianity. To congregations who were desperately poor, he preached hope and salvation.

Since Salvation Army receives no government funding, the ARC program is made possible through the generosity of those who donate goods that can be sold in the family thrift stores, or make cash donations. Brian, the retail manager at Lytton, described the process of collecting donated merchandise and preparation for sale at the several stores and lots on the property. The sales outlets include Sallie's Attic clothing barn, an antique and furniture store, an as-is store, a yard sale for left over items and a car lot for donated used vehicles.



February 24: Evening meeting – Healdsburg High School Graduation Event

Ms. Susanne Esquivel, a guest at the February 24 meeting briefly discussed the Healdsburg High School Graduation Night Event now in its 24th year. The event will again be held at the Rohnert Park Driven Raceway. Our club has been providing the transportation. This year 3 busses will be needed at \$400 each.

The February 24 main event is described on page 1.

One Interclub Visit Completed in February

Oakmont – February 26



LeRoy Steck, John Bippart, Dee Whitehall, Harry Jackson, Oakmont President Andie Altman, and Jerry Strong

Steelhead Festival

A Kiwanis crew headed by Denny Stead cooked garlic fries and corn dogs for sale along with soft drinks and water at the annual Steelhead Festival at Lake Sonoma on Saturday February 7. The crew approached the task with much uncertainty because of the dire weather predictions. But the powers that control the weather were looking kindly upon us. The three day, Friday, Saturday and Sunday rainfall totaled 5.9 inches in Healdsburg (possibly more at Lake Sonoma), but miraculously skies temporarily cleared during the hours of the event.

A large crowd, reported in the thousands, turned out and many were hungry. Because of the weather uncertainty, not enough supplies had been purchased and the corn dog supply soon ran out. Jack and Joe Brandt made two runs to Safeway and eventually purchased their entire stock, which was delivered to the cooks. That supply soon ran out and Cilla Marshall purchased and delivered Big John’s entire stock. That too was exhausted by 3 pm.

Here is the accounting:

Gross sales	\$1390
Donation to Festival	-116
Net sales	\$1274
Food and misc. expenses	-348
Net proceeds	\$926

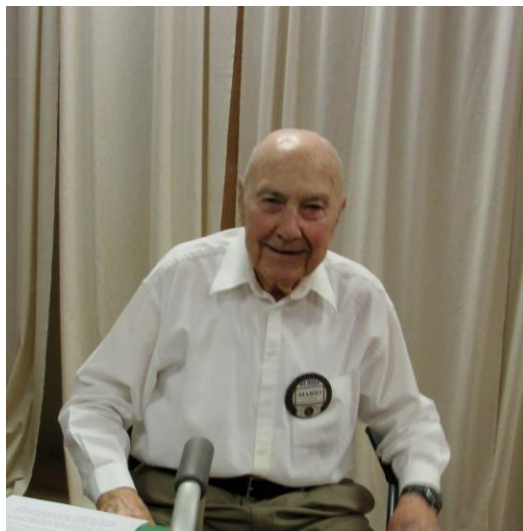
Good job team!!

Member Recognition



Ron Puccioni, Jerry Strong, and Dick Bugarske receive Valentines from President Jan in recognition of their hard work on the House Committee

Special Birthdays



Happy 97th Birthday Mario Lucchesi

Mario presented a check for \$97 and asked everyone 97 or older to stand and sing happy birthday to him. Since no one stood, he sang happy birthday to himself and. Mario also celebrated his 15th anniversary as a Kiwanian.

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\$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

Denny Stead happy that Ferrari Carano donated a case of wine during the Steelhead Festival. Six of the bottles actually survived the event.

John Bippart happy that Liz became so excited about her work with the symphony that she has taken up the violin.

George Clough happy for his association with Salvation Army ARC. "You guys are great".

Roger Dormire sad that wine number 8 was his favorite until he learned the price - \$60.

Denny Stead happy to be in the Caribbean for the next two weeks.

Andy Smith happy to be going to New Zealand for two weeks.

**59th ANNUAL
HEALDSBURG KIWANIS
PANCAKE DAY**
March 29, 2015 (Palm Sunday)
7:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Villa Chanticleer
1248 North Fitch Mountain Road, Healdsburg
Donation: Adults \$7 / Children \$4

MENU

- Fluffy Pancakes
- Fresh Fruit & Blueberry Pancakes
- Sausage Links
- Serambled Eggs
- Coffee/Milk/Juice



A cartoon illustration of a chef wearing a tall white hat and a white apron over a brown shirt. He is holding a stack of pancakes in his left hand and a frying pan in his right hand, with a pancake being flipped. The apron has a logo that says "SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD".

Tickets Available

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250 Healdsburg Avenue
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(707) 326-2712
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At the door or any Kiwanian

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