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Hunt Conrad, left, hands over the gavel to incoming president Loretta Strong at the annual installation ceremonies held September 25 at the Villa Annex. (Dick Bugarske Photo).

Loretta Strong, 2012-2013 Newly Installed President, Enumerates 3 Goals for Her Year

In a festive themed black and white Chicago style bash, officers for the new year, 2012-2013 were installed by Lt. Governor Doug Braik of Santa Rosa on Tuesday evening, September 25 at the Villa Annex.

Taking over the gavel from Hunt Conrad, outgoing president, was Loretta Strong who is starting her second term as president. She served as president in 2009-2010. Serving with Loretta will be Richard Bugarske, president-elect; Phil Luks, secretary, Albert (Pete) Peterson, treasurer and Hunt Conrad, immediate past president.

Board of directors installed for a term of two years were Susan Sheehy, Mark Zimmerman, Dan Gianni and Jerry Strong. Remaining on the board for another year are Jan Gianni, Ron Puccioni, Dee Whitehall and Richard Yates.

Completing two years of service were board members George Clough, Bob Santucci, Jim Schmidt and Richard Thomas. George and Richard were on hand to receive a Certificate of Appreciation for their years of service.

In her acceptance speech Loretta emphasized that she had three goals for her term of office – Increase the membership by 15 percent, a total of twelve new members; raise \$3,000 for Kiwanis International's Project Eliminate to eradicate Maternal neo-natal tetanus world wide; and last to spread the message of volunteerism to new populations. (For her complete message please turn to page 2).

Loretta in her final remarks expressed her appreciation to Patti Robarts for the elegant dinner and to Jan and Dan Gianni for the beautiful decorations.

Calendar

OCT. 2: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

OCT. 9: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Pat Callahan, Healthcare Foundation of Northern Sonoma County.

OCT. 16: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Carla Howell, Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce.

OCT. 18: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Conference Room at the Healdsburg Fire Station.

OCT. 23: Evening meeting, 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex.

OCT. 30: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Reanna Williams, Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club.

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The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex. For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club contact Loretta Strong, president at 473-8033 or Phil Luks, secretary at 433-8005.

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Jerry Strong
Dee Whitehall
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Dennis Stead – Oct. 7
Tim Tuscany – Oct. 11
Lucy LeWand – Oct.21
Vince Ciolino – Oct. 27
Dan Gianni - Oct. 27
Patti Robarts – Oct. 27
Lee Gunnerson – Oct. 30

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Charles Reichel: 10-24-74
Dana Burwell: 10-20-92
Hugo Bauer: 10-15-96
Dolores Whitehall: 10-5-99
James Lucchesi: 10-30-01
Phil Luks: 10-31-06
Jim Colgan: 10-9-07
Jan Gianni: 10-27-09
Jesse Whitely: 10-16-10

The President's Message:

**We Face A Challenge: To Increase
and Cultivate New Leaders For Our Club**

by Loretta Strong

Not sure if this is a bad movie or just a rerun ! But, I am back !! For those of you who did not attend the installation dinner, you missed one awesome party!! Patti Robarts outdid herself with her elegant black and white themed Chicago style gangsta bash.

I almost did not recognize Dick "Belushi" Bugarske all in black with cool shades looking like a Blues Brother ! Dennis Gary was pouring bubbly and a rum punch right out of the West Indies. It was righteous, baby!! Thank you to the Giannis and Cindi Brown for the lovely decorations, and thank you to Patti for my feather tiara with net veil. We were very stylish.

In 2009 when I first served, the Club looked very different. The changes have been good. Our administrative fund is not just solvent, but robust! We have many new members that brought new talent and energy to the club And we are participating now on a global level through Project Eliminate.

We have a challenge though and that is to increase and cultivate new leaders. This is a big responsibility and commitment and others need to step up to the plate for which Dick and I need your help and support. They say the third time is the charm but twice is plenty.

I always have three goals which I achieve and here they are for 2012-2013.

1. Increase membership by 15% which is 12 new members or one per month.

2 Raise \$3,000 for Project Eliminate to eradicate Maternal Neo-natal tetanus in the remaining 35 countries of the developing world. We will pass the bucket and the baby bottles to collect your spare change because it only takes \$1.83 to save a precious infant from an unnecessary and brutally cruel death.

3. We are the oldest and largest service club in our area, but we've been fairly static in our efforts to spread the Kiwanis message of volunteerism to new populations. So, in that vein I have begun exploratory discussions with Deb Hall, the dynamic principal of our middle school and she is very receptive to the idea of establishing a Builder's Club for grades 6-8. We have great energy this year at HHS with the Key Club and this will drill down our message to adolescent youth who in turn will become the new freshmen at HHS. This will greatly facilitate recruitment each fall. So I will be turning to some of you to kick start this initiative and help us capture a new group of future mentors to our community.



Newly installed Lt. Governor Doug Braik, right, congratulates Hunt Conrad on his successful year as Kiwanis president at the installation Dinner Tuesday Night. (Photo by Dick Bugarske.)



Oliver Evans, Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scout Troop 21, explains his Eagle Scout Project to the members at the September 11 luncheon meeting.

Three Grant Requests Are Approved by the Board and Two Are Tabled

Requests for financial assistance from the Fitch Mountain Day Camp, the Boys and Girls Club and a member of Boy Scout Troop 21 were approved by the board of directors at the September 20 meeting.

\$1500 was allocated to the Fitch Mountain Day Camp for specified utility items plus camperships. Payment will be deferred until January, 2013 pending final Tree Lot revenues.

\$1,149.50 was approved for the purchase of 50 stack chairs for the Healdsburg Boys and Girls' Club House. This grant is paid from the \$2,500 approved by the board in November 2011. This \$2,500 is contingent upon a Boys and Girls Club official being a Kiwanis Club speaker which is scheduled for an October, 2012 lunch meeting, specific expense receipts being provided to the Kiwanis Club and that Roger Dormire will oversee approval and disbursements of the \$2,500.

\$500 was awarded to Boy Scout Troop #21 Senior Patrol Leader Oliver Evans for his Eagle Scout Project – creating and delivering emergency kits for elderly Healdsburg residents.

A request for \$1,500 from the Healdsburg Regional Library for children's books was tabled for further information on selection and disbursements for children's books.

Also tabled was a request for \$1,000 from the Santa Rosa Symphony for further information as how such a grant would favor the youth of Healdsburg.

In other action the board approved a change of status for Robert Santucci to Associate Member from Regular Member. And Richard Wood was approved to become an Associate Member at a club meeting date to be determined. ---by Albert (Pete Peterson).

Garlic Fries and Brats Big Hit at the Beer Festival in the Plaza Square

Saturday, September 8 was a busy time for Kiwanis Club members. The Club's annual BBQ/Auction took place at the Brandt's Beach Picnic Grounds but the Club also partnered with the Soroptimist Club at its annual fundraiser, Beer in the Plaza Festival.

The Kiwanis Club partnered with the Soroptimist Club by providing a booth dispensing the club's famous garlic fries and sausages to the hundreds of beer drinking revelers. Bob Santucci, chair of the food booth, said that his crew including Dennis Gary, Mark Zimmerman, Andy Smith, Randy Collins, Richard Yates, Roger Dormire and volunteer Sean Sullberg of Highway 101 Cellars did a great job. We sold out, he added.

Bob expressed his appreciation to Sean Sullberg for his assistance.

"Thank you for coming out and supporting the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club at the Healdsburg Soroptimist Club "Beer In The Plaza". It was great to have you there for the entire event."



Top photo: Bob Santucci, left and Dennis Gary handing out garlic fries at the Beer in the Plaza attended by hundreds on a warm Saturday afternoon. Bottom photo, Sean Sullberg, left, Mark Zimmerman and Roger Dormire checking out the sausages,



from the Healdsburg Fire Department Birthday Truck bought by Jack Brandt for \$150; 4 tickets to a Giants Baseball game bought by John Bippart for \$375; Pops Concert at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, donated by Lucy Lewand and Debbie Doble (included a night's stay at the Camellia Inn) went for \$200 to Dan Gianni; A classic prime rib dinner for ten donated by Zinful Chef Sean Thomas was bought for \$475 by both Jim Silveira and Pat O'Rourke; for a bid of \$425 Jim Schmidt bought a case of Robert Young wine; a three day weekend at Lake Shastina donated by Loretta and Jerry Strong went to Debbie Doble for a bid of \$550; an International Dinner for 12 donated by Patti Roberts went to Judy Everett for \$300; Ernie Frandsen bought 6 bottles of Montemaggiore Syrah (donated by Vince and Lise Ciolino) for \$275; Judy Everett also purchased a Taste of Alexander Valley donated by Jan Gianni for \$250; A Tree Trimming by My Father's Touch went to Ernie Frandsen for \$400; and Phil Luks bought a Lake Sonoma Fishing Trip for 4 (donated by Hunt Conrad) for \$400; Kaaren Atkins was the top bidder at \$350 for Segheshio Private Wine and Food Pairing for 2 to 3 couples; A Twilight Cruise on Lake Sonoma, hosted by Loretta and Jerry Strong, went to Andy Grose for a bid of \$125.

The silent auction offered 39 special items, everything from bicycles to wine to gift certificates to original paintings. Gary Plass was high bidder at \$255 for a NIRVE Bicycle, two original paintings by Harry Jackson were purchased by Lorraine Plass and Ernie Frandsen, one for \$60 and one for \$95. Lindsay Brandt's bid of \$45 bought her a beautiful children's bike with helmet.

The proceeds from the BBQ/Auction will be placed in the club's administration fund.

Guest Speakers Wanted For Key Club Weekly Meetings at High School

Dick Bugarske, chair of the Kiwanis Club's Key Club committee, has put out a call for members to be guest speakers at the Key Club meetings.

Dick advised the membership that "our Key Club is off to a great start this year and the students asked if our "adult Club" had some members who could come and make presentation.. They would love to hear about the history of Kiwanis, past service projects, our fund raisers and activities, career paths of members."

The Key Club meets every Thursday from 12:25 to 1:05 p.m. in Room 41.

Dick said that he would like the Kiwanis members come to the Key Club meetings and make a 5 to 10 minute presentations. He will have a sign-up sheet at the weekly meetings and will plan on having members sign-up for selected Thursdays throughout the year.:

Top Photo: Dick Bugarske, general chairman, Ron Puccioni and Chris Metrulas, chef for the evening, getting ready to serve the special steak dinner at the annual BBQ and Auction held September 8 at Brandt's Beach Picnic Grounds. Bottom photos, Lucy Lewand, auctioneer, checking out the bicycle donated by David Jones for the silent auction and Marty Silge looking over the array of wine available at the auction,

Capacity Crowd Helps To Make The Annual BBQ and Auction a Success

Dick Bugarske, in his first year as chairman of the annual Barbecue and Auction held September 8 at the Brandt Family Picnic Grounds, reported that it was a very successful event. Aply assisted by his committee – Chris Metrula, chef, past chairman Dennis Stead, David and Keith Scharer, Jan Gianni and auctioneer Lucy Lewand – the annual event netted an estimated. \$14,400 as reported by treasurer Albert (Pete) Peterson

The treasurer reported that the dinner netted \$1,285; the silent auction \$2,445; drink tickets \$313; the Tapas Party coordinated by Judy Everett \$2500; and the live auction \$5,950.

Top bid for the live auction was placed by Dick Bugarske who won a four day three night stay at John Bippart's Bogeda Bay Home on the golf course with his bid of \$1200. Other bids included the following: A visit



(Photos courtesy of Dan Gianni and Hunt Conrad)

Golf Tourney Was A Fun Filled Event But More Players Needed Next Year

As advertised in the posters the 4th annual Healdsburg Invitational Golf Tournament at the Windsor Golf Course September 12 was a "fun filled" event. However, Dan Gianni, co-chair of the tournament with Hunt Conrad, said that "this year we only had 39 players but they all seem to have a good time.

However, he added, "we won't be able to continue the tournament in the coming years unless we start to get over 60 players."

"It doesn't pay the course to have that few players. We will have to market to other clubs in order to bring our numbers up."

He said that he believes that the tournament will have netted \$2700 for the administration fund when everything has been collected.

Roger Dormire was in charge of signing up the sponsors which this year numbered 27. They were Loretta Strong, Pete Peterson, Jim Schmidt, Michael Laird, Denny Stead, Ledge Dmaine, Silviera Buick GMC, Mark Zimmerman, Susan Sheehy, Eagle Distributors, June Smith, Redwood Moving and Storage, Gary Plass, Charles Reichel, Brandt Insurance, Eddinger Enterprises, Costeaux French Bakery, Kaaren Atkins, E & J Gallo, Big John's Market, Sothby's International Realty, Ken Spadoni, North County Council of Realtors, Wells Fargo Bank, Exchange Bank, Sonoma Bank and Passalacqua, Mazzoni, Gladden, Lopez and Maraviglia LLC.

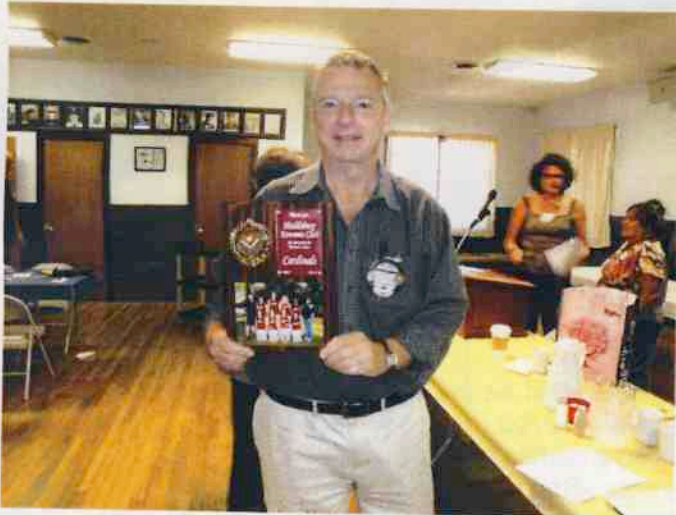


A GIFT FOR THE SALVATION ARMY AT LYTTON. Captain Jonathan Russell, center, Administrator at the Salvation Army's ARC facility at Lytton, accepts a check for \$1500 from Kiwanian George Clough, right, at the September 18 luncheon meeting presided over by president elect Loretta Strong, left. The \$1500 will be used to pay for the GED program of the Lytton home beneficiaries. Captain Russell expressed his appreciation for the Kiwanis Club donations which helped to purchase chairs for the dining hall plus the television for the Lytton's Media Room. George is a member of the Advisory Council at Lytton and a past president of the Council. (Bob Santucci photo).

CONGRATULATIONS to: Carolyn and Mario Lucchesi who celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary....Mary Jean and Carl Elze on celebrating their 62nd anniversary at a family gathering in Santa Rosa....Kerrie and George Diebold who celebrated their 34th anniversary in Seattle. **HAPPY AND SAD:** Vern Losh happy to announce that he will become a grandfather ...Roger Dormire sad that he burned his hand while making garlic fries at the Beer in the Plaza festival ... Dick Bugarske happy and thankful for the successful BBQ/Auction at Brandt's Beach and appreciative of all the help he received as first time chairman ...George Clough happy about his and Mary Lou's recent Alaska cruise... Kurt Hahn happy that he was selected to attend the Republican National Convention in Florida ...Harry Jackson happy that three of his paintings were chosen for exhibit...



Richard Thomas, left and George Clough received a certificate of appreciation for their two years of service on the board of directors at Tuesday's installation dinner. (Dick Bugarske photo)



A THANK YOU: The Pony Tail League, a softball league for young girls, presented the club with a special thank you plaque for the club's financial support. The plaque was delivered to the club by Dennis Stead at the September 18 meeting. (Bob Santucci photo).

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