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AT THE MacMURRAY RANCH: The club met for lunch on Tuesday, September 20 at the Gallo-owned Fred MacMurray Twin Valley Ranch on Westside Road. Guest speaker was Kate MacMurray shown here visiting with Dick Bertapelle, left and LeRoy Steck, right in the winery's beautiful garden during the reception hour. In the background, Jerry Strong This special event was arranged by hostess Jan Gianni and program chairman for the day was Dan Gianni. Please see article and more photos on page 3.

Sixth Annual First Book Project Underway With Dictionaries Being Given To 3rd Graders

Dennis Stead, chairman of the sixth annual First Book Project, announced that the approximately 250 dictionaries will be presented to all third grade students in the Healdsburg Elementary School area. All third graders will be given the Merriam-Webster Dictionary containing over 3,000 illustrations at the Healdsburg Elementary, Foss Creek, Westside, Alexander Valley and St. John's schools beginning the week of October 3.

Approximately 20 Kiwanians have signed up to help with the distribution process. The books were purchased, as in the past, at a discounted rate, from Costco. The books which in the past cost approximately \$2200 are beautifully illustrated. The children can keep the books at school or in their homes. Often they are the first books owned by the students.

At the presentation Dennis addresses the students assembled and advises them on what the Kiwanis Club is and how the club serves the community emphasizing the club's focus on the youth of the community and how the money is raised through fund raisers, such as the Pancake Breakfast and the FFCF Food Booth, to purchase the dictionaries.

Calendar

October 4: Installation of 2005-2006 officers and directors, 6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. dinner followed by installation ceremonies conducted by Lt. Gov. Rita Schroeder. Meeting will be held at the Villa Annex.

October 6: Installation of Officers of the Geyserville Kiwanis Club. Oriental Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.

October 8: First Division Council Meeting, 8:30 a.m. for coffee, 9 a.m. meeting starts. Secretaries, treasurers and Presidents-elect are urged to attend. See Neil Iversen for details.

October 11: Regular meeting, 12 noon, at Villa Chanticleer Annex.

October 13: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m., at the Community Room of the Healdsburg Police Department.

October 15: Clean Up Foss Creek Project, 8 a.m. Contact Neil Iversen for details.

October 18: Regular meeting, 12 noon, at Villa Chanticleer Annex.

October 25: Regular meeting, 12 noon, at the Villa 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 Neil Iversen, president at 433-1140 or Dee Whitehall, secretary at 433-4391

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Roger Dormire, First V.P.
Laughlin (Lockie) Gillies, 2nd V.P.
Dee Whitehall, Secretary
Dennis Gary, Adm. Treasurer
Albert (Pete) Peterson, Project and
Membership Treasurer
Dan Maraviglia, Past President

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George Diebold
Joe Engler
Chris Metrulas
Steve Metrulas
Rich Norman
Ken Scharer
Dennis Stead

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The President's Message:

A Toast To A Wonderful Year

By Dan Maraviglia

Well, so this is it, my final presidential message to the club. As I reflect on this past year, the one theme that keeps coming to me is one of thanksgiving. I was born Thanksgiving Day, so it is a theme that is near and dear to my heart.

I am so very thankful for having the opportunity to be your president. When Lee Gunnerson approached me three years ago and asked me to serve, I agreed with a fair amount of trepidation. I was worried that the time commitment as required by the position would be more than I could handle. What I learned however is that for every hour of service, I received back ten-fold in fellowship, friendship and goodwill. I'd make that deal every day of the week, and twice on Sunday. For those of you out there who are thinking you might want to be president, but are concerned about the time commitment, my advise is.... just do it. Yes, it is time consuming, but you get back so much more than you give.

At this time of the year, it is also customary to recount our achievements, of which there are many. Dictionaries, Christmas Trees, Pancakes, Foss Creek Clean-up, Fitch Mountain Footrace, Hot Dogs and Garlic Fries, More Pancakes at the Relay for Life, More Garlic Fries (and Free Beer) at the Soroptimist Festival, and the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center to name a few.

In addition to measuring our achievements, we should also reflect on our fun. We seemed to have fun at every meeting (even at the expense of some very interesting attorney "jokes"), and I think that it is the spirit of that fun that will be the greatest memory of my presidency. So as I turn the keys over to Neil, I wish him as much fun, fellowship and good will as I have received this past year. So a final toast to a wonderful year Salute.

**Announce New Board Member and Project
and Membership Treasurer Appointments;
Installation Dinner Is Set For October 4**

Outgoing president Dan Maraviglia advised the membership on Tuesday, September 27 that Steve Metrulas agreed to be a member of the board for a two year term, replacing Mario Lucchesi who resigned from the board because of illness. And Albert (Pete) Peterson has agreed to take over the post of treasurer for the project and membership funds from Dan Gianni who opted to resign from that post at this time.

Steve and Pete will be installed along with the other directors and officers at the annual installation ceremonies set for Tuesday evening, October 4 at the Villa Chanticleer Annex.

The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and ceremonies at 7 p.m. Newly installed Lt. Governor Rita Schroeder of the Windsor Kiwanis will preside at the ceremonies.

New officers are Neil Iversen, president; Roger Dormire, first vice-president; Laughlin (Lockie) Gillies, second vice president; Dennis Gary, administrative treasurer; Albert Peterson, projects and membership treasurer; Dee Whitehall, secretary and Daniele (Dan) Maraviglia, past president

Directors who will serve for two years are Dennis Stead, George Diebold, Rich Norman and Steve Metrulas; serving for another year will be Vincent Ciolino, Joe Engler, Chris Metrulas and Ken Scharer.

Happy Birthday:

- Oct. 7: Dennis Stead**
- Oct. 8 : Bruno Rodella**
- Oct.11: Tim Tuscany**
- Oct. 27: Vince Ciolino**
- Oct. 27: Dan Gianni**
- Oct. 30: Lee Gunnerson**

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

- 10-5-99: Dee Whitehall**
- 10-15-96: Hugo Bauer**
- 10-20-92: Dana Burwell**
- 10-24-74: Charles Reichel**



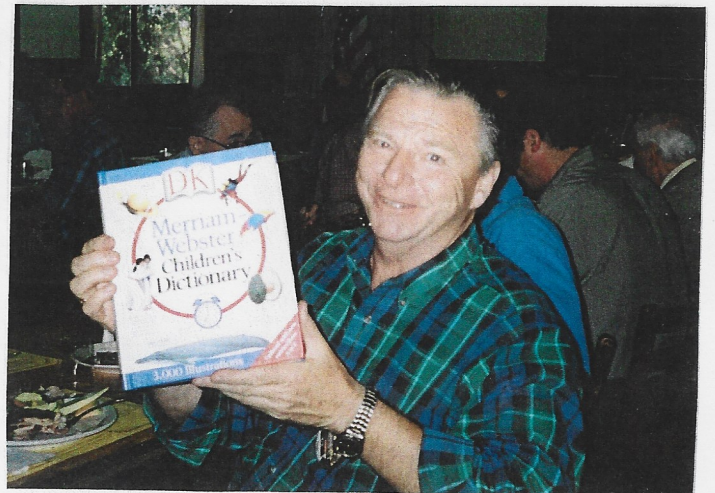
MEETING AT MacMURRAY RANCH: The Kiwanis Club members enjoyed a special afternoon at the Gallo-owned Fred MacMurray Twin Valley Ranch Tuesday, September 20. Following a social hour in the beautiful garden and a tour of the original farm home lovingly maintained with original furniture, Kiwanians and guests enjoyed a catered lunch in the barn. Kate MacMurray , traveling ambassador for the MacMurray Ranch wines , was the guest speaker and spoke about her family's enjoyment of the ranch and the many famous motion picture stars who came to visit. Top photo, Dan Gianni, program chairman, left, Kate MacMurray at the microphone and Jan Gianni who arranged for this special event . Center photo, Tom Rackerby , left, visits with Bob Malone, center and Clarence Ruonavaara, right, in the kitchen of the ranch house. Bottom photo, Genny Jackson, left, LeRoy Steck, Marta Peterson and Jim Schmidt on the ranch house porch.

Rotarians Pledge \$10,000 for Boys and Girls Club Teen Center Building

Jerry Ogden, Healdsburg Rotary Club president, confirmed that his club will donate \$10,000 to be used in establishing a teen center building at the Boys and Girls Club site. Jerry was a guest of President Dan Maraviglia at the September 27 meeting and told the Kiwanis membership that his club was happy to participate in this project with the Kiwanis Club.

The total cost of placing the 24 x 60 modular is \$50,000, with a purchase price of \$37,000 bought from the Baptist Church in Windsor. The bulk of the funding is coming from the Kiwanis project fund. However, the club did receive \$1500 from the Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation.

Rick Norman, chairman of the Teen Center project, said that the modular building will be placed on the Boys and Girls property by October 3. The building will be disassembled by the construction company handling the project and then brought to the Boys and Girls Club property where it will be assembled. The \$37,000 price tag includes the disassembling of the building, the delivery to the Healdsburg site and the assembly. Rick said that after the building is in place, skirting will have to be built as well electrical work and fire sprinklers installed. Rick added that the club had to pay the City of Healdsburg \$5500 in permit fees but hopes to be reimbursed from the city development funds. He added that President Dan had written to the City making the request.



FIRST BOOK PROJECT: Dennis Stead, chairman of the First Book Project, displays the dictionary that will be given to all third grade students at Healdsburg Elementary, Foss Creek, Alexander Valley, Westside and St. John's schools during the week of October 3 to 7. (See front page for article).



MORE GARLIC FRIES: Kiwanis Club members ready to dish up the club's famous garlic fries at the Soroptimist Club's annual Beerfest held Saturday afternoon, September 10 in the Plaza Square. Left to right, Kathy Stauffer, Chris Metrulas, Dennis Gary and Gary Plass who was in charge of the Kiwanis booth. The booth, open for about 4 hours, grossed approximately \$440, Gary Plass advised.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY: All generalities are false including this one – Mark Twain. Thanks to Dan Maraviglia for these words of wisdom.

Foss Creek Clean-Up October 15

Kiwanis Club members have been asked to take part in the second "Clean-Up Foss Creek" this time on the upper north of the creek. City staff, members of the other service clubs and volunteers are invited to participate in the clean-up set for Saturday October 15.

Outgoing president Dan Maraviglia made the announcement at the request of city councilman Mike McGuire. Kiwanian Gary Plass accepted the request for the Kiwanis Club to supply lunch for the volunteers on that day. Further information about this community project can be obtained from incoming president Neil Iversen.

Committee Chairs Asked To Submit Budgets for the Year by October 13

Incoming president Neil Iversen has requested that all committee chairs present their committee budgets for the year 2005-2006. He urged all chairs to have that information to him by the October 13 board meeting. A list of the committees, their chair persons and members can be found in the new membership roster found in this issue of *The Builder*.

Happy and Sad : Harry Jackson happy that one of his paintings at the Coddington art exhibit won an award ... John Bippart very happy that his grandson joined the Circle K ... Jim Schmidt happy that he and his wife Bonnie are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary.

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