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**SCHOOL PROGRAMS RECEIVE DONATIONS:** Top photo, President Loretta Strong, right, presents a check to Public Schools Success Team representatives, from left, Barbara Epstein, Jane Rosenberg and Tania Amochaev. Bottom photo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dick Bugarske, right, presents the club's donation to Rick Phillips of the Safe Schools program.

## Donations To Two Special School Programs Presented to Representatives at Meetings

Jane Rosenberg, Tania Amochaev and Barbara Epstein, representing Public Schools Success Team, were on hand Tuesday, October 27 to accept a check for \$3,000 from President Loretta Strong for their new program at the Fitch Mountain Elementary School. The funds will be used to pay for mentors and tutors for students in need. The PSST, a new program to help more students graduate from Healdsburg High School, is starting with a pilot program with one fifth grade class which it will follow through high school graduation.

Following his presentation to the members on October 6, Rick Phillips of the Safe Schools Ambassador program received a check for \$ 2,000 from

program chairman Dick Bugarske to be used to train teachers and students in the program. The Safe Schools program trains students to help prevent problems such as harrasment and bullying at the schools. This is the second time that Kiwanis has donated to this program.

### Calendar

**November 10:** Regular meeting at 12 noon at the Villa Annex.

**November 17:** Regular meeting, 12 noon at the Villa Annex.

**November 19:** Board of Directors meeting at 7 p.m. at the Healdsburg Police Department's Conference Room.

**November 24** Regular meeting at 12 noon at the Villa Annex.

**November 27:** Christmas Tree Lot Opens. Sign up for shift assignments.

**December 5:** Cloverdale Kiwanis Crab and Pasta Feed, Citrus Fairgrounds. 6 p.m. \$45. Contact Loretta Strong or Dennis Stead for tickets..

**The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex. For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club contact Loretta Strong, president at 433-6139 or Phil Luks, secretary at 433-8005**

**The Builder:**

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**Happy Birthday:**

November 1: Jack Brandt  
November 1: Temple Smith  
November 2: Rich Iverson  
November 4: Hunt Conrad  
November 7: Jan Gianni  
November 9: Joseph Engler  
November 10: Jerry Strong  
November 22: Loretta Strong  
November 23: Neal Bertrand  
November 28: Dan Maraviglia  
November 30: Jim Colgan

**KiwanisAnniversaries:**

Congratulations to the following members who joined the Kiwanis Cub during the month of November.  
11-14-91: Lee Gunnerson  
11-7-95: Dennis Gary  
11-26-96: Dan Gianni  
11-6-07: Neal Bertrand  
11-13-07: Ron Doble

**The President's Message:**

**Let Us Share This Club With Others**

By Loretta Strong

**D**ear Healdsburg Kiwanians:

Autumn is upon us and you can feel the change in the air. Colors are vibrant and the falling leaves signal that winter will soon follow. But no time to gather nuts ....we are really busy !! Here are a few accomplishments to date.

Jan Gianni is being inducted as our newest female member and brings me closer to my presidential goal of increasing membership by 20 %. One down and 13 to go !!

Effective November 3 Patti Roberts and Friends catering will start a 90 day trial service which is projected to save us \$2.50 per member per lunch or approximately \$6,250 annually which will help greatly to capitalize the Administrative Fund. Give me your input as we sample her menus.

Rick Norman has already convened the Membership Growth Committee and we are exploring a new tiered dues structure that could accommodate both Associate and Spousal memberships, This is really exciting and very positive because it would expand membership and stabilize the Administrative Fund which is a top presidential priority,

And finally, our first inter club meeting is shaping up with a record 31 members signed up to attend the Cloverdale Crab Feed on December 5<sup>th</sup>. This is huge ! Thank you for your support on this effort.

As I close, this is the season for giving thanks with my favorite holiday Thanksgiving beckoning on the horizon. I would like to formally acknowledge and personally thank our member Jim Schmidt once again for the gorgeous hand-crafted wooden lectern he built and donated to the club for use at the start of my presidency. What an elegant reminder of the generous spirit of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club fellowship.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO TIM:** President Loretta Strong and seven past presidents sing a lusty "Happy Birthday" to past president Tim Tuscany at the club's October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Joining in the special rendition were, from left, John Bippart, Dennis Gary, George Diebold, Loretta Strong, Jerry Strong, Dan Maraviglia and Robert Malone.



**NEW LECTERN:** Jim Schmidt, chairman of the House and Reception Committee, decided that the old Kiwanis Club lectern needed replacing. So instead of buying a new one at the cost of about \$450 he decided he would build one for the club and donate it in time for Loretta Strong to take over as club president. Shown here, Loretta and the beautiful new lectern. (See The President's Message, Page 2).

### **Memberships, Resignations and New Caterer on October Board Agenda**

In addition to approving a \$3,000 donation to the Public Schools Success Team, the board of directors at the October 7 meeting accepted the resignations of two long time members – Chris Metrulas and Rich Lehrmann. Rich, a past president, joined the club on September the 4<sup>th</sup>, 1979. He cited as his reason for resigning a conflict of personalities. Chris Metrulas, a member since April 4, 2003, has worked on many committees and served as chairman of the Food Booth at the Fair for a number of years. He cited economic concerns. Both will be contacted by members and will be asked to reconsider their decisions.

In other business, the board approved a request for a leave of absence by Richard Thomas who will be visiting family members in Australia for a number of months.

Don Marshall's membership was under discussion and the board agreed to extend his leave of absence until December 31.

The board awarded a new catering contract to Patty Robarts of Cloverdale for a 90 day period. When

the present caterer Trends decided to ask for an increase of \$1 to \$16 per week, the board opted to seek new bids. Patty Robarts, a member of the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club, came in with a low bid of \$13.50 per lunch, a savings to the club's administrative fund, over the year, of \$6,250.

A contribution of \$11 for the Lt. Governor was approved as well as a change in the meeting day of the board. The board will meet at the Police Department's Conference Room on the third Thursday of the month i.e. November 19 and December 17 at 7 p.m.

### **Schools and Many Area Organizations Benefit from the Kiwanis Club's Project Fund**

Treasurer Pete Peterson, in his end of the year report, gave the club members a written detailed account of how the club earned the income for its project fund and how much of it was given to the schools and many area organizations.

Benefitting from the club's generosity were the Healdsburg schools, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts Troop 21, Healdsburg Animal Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, Recreation Park improvements, Raven Performing Arts Theater, Healdsburg Food Pantry, First Book Project (Dictionaries), American Legion Fireworks Project plus miscellaneous charities.

To donate to these causes and projects, the club netted \$56, 873 from the following fund raising events: \$36,709 from the Christmas Tree Lot Sales; \$7,898 from the Future Farmers Country Fair Food Booth; \$12, 267 from the Pancake Breakfast.

Receiving donations were: American Legion for Fireworks, \$2,000; Boy Scouts Troop 21, \$4,022; Dunlap Fund (Pediatrics) in honor of Dennis Stead, \$1,000; Shared Ministries Healdsburg Pantry, \$1,401; Raven Performing Arts Theater, \$500; Miscellaneous charities, \$525; Healdsburg Animal Shelter, \$1,000; Healdsburg Graduation Celebration, \$1,000; Healdsburg Greyhounds Booster Club Recreation Park Improvements, \$7,000; Healdsburg Greyhounds Boosters Club Giants Night, \$500; Kiwanis Memorial Scholarships, \$4,800; Healdsburg Junior High Laptop Program, \$10,000; Healdsburg Junior High Library Book Club, \$1,404; Healdsburg Junior High Community Matters (Safe School Ambassadors) \$2,000 ; Third Grade Dictionary Program, \$2,987; Habitat for Humanity, \$5,000; Salvation Army Kitchen Repairs, \$3,000.

### **Board of Directors Meeting Has Been Changed to the Third Thursday of Month**

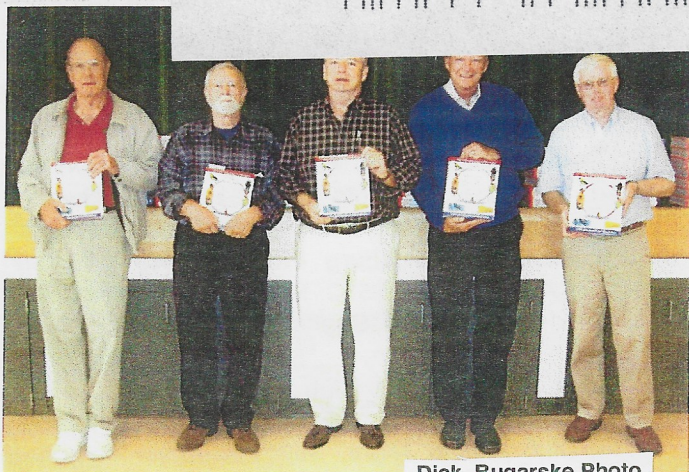
Members are reminded that the board will meet on the third Thursday of the month from now on. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, 7 p.m. at The Police Department's Conference room.

# The Builder -- KIWANIS CLUB OF HEALDSBURG



**NEW MEMBER:** Jan Gianni, wife of long time member Dan Gianni, was inducted as a member on October 27 with Membership chairman Rick Norman conducting the ceremony. The Giannis are the third husband-wife duo to join the club, The first husband-wife team to belong to Kiwanis was Bev and Tom Dordahl. Followed by president Loretta and past president Jerry Strong. Jan is employed in the wine industry and is associated with the Alexander Valley Growers. Prior to joining she had expressed interest in the club by volunteering for Kiwanis projects. Left to right, Rick Norman, Dan Gianni and Jan Gianni

**KEY CLUB WINS CRUD CUP:** Kiwanian and City Councilman Gary Plass said that the annual Foss Creek Clean Up on October 10 was a success and that the Key Club won the Crud Cup for picking most of the debris. Gary added that 107 volunteers signed up and that Kiwanis served lunch to about 90. Shown in photo below with Gary is Key Clubber Eric Smith and to the right, Jim Colgan.



Dick Bugarske Photo

**FIRST BOOK PROJECT:** Every year for the past 11 years the Kiwanis Club has distributed a dictionary to every third grade student in the Healdsburg area. The first distribution this year was at the Fitch Mountain School under the chairmanship of Dennis Stead. Joining him were, left to right, Carl Elze, Pete Peterson, Dennis Stead, Guy French and Jim Colgan. About 250 books will be given to the third graders in the four area schools again this year. The cost last year came to \$2,987.

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