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Of Healdsburg



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CALENDAR

December 5: Steve Burden, Calpine Corporation, will speak on Waste Water Use at the Geysers. (Fred Haley, Program chairman).

December 7: Interclub with Santa Rosa Kiwanis Club, Los Robles Lodge, 12:15 p.m. Representative of the Kiwanis House in Sacramento will be the guest speaker. Contact President Lee Gunnerson if you wish to attend.

December 12: Heather Peterson will tell us of her stay in Costa Rica.

December 19: Christmas Dinner Party, 6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. dinner, spouses and friends invited. Bring a gift. If you don't bring a gift, you will not get one! Live music; Santa will visit. (Nancy Curnow, Program Chair).

December 26: No meeting
January 2: No Meeting

Happy Birthday To:

December 16: Harold "Lin" Hazel

December 22: Vern Losh

December 26: Rich Lehrmann

"Help A Child To Read", Newest Club Program, Seeks Volunteers

Since its founding 76 years ago, the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club has concentrated its efforts on helping the children and youth of our community. Over the years we have assisted the scouting program, the Boys and Girls Club, awarded scholarships to graduating seniors at the Healdsburg High School, donated to the American Field Service Exchange Student program, in the early years in the 1930'-50's assisted the children at the Salvation Army's Home for Boys and Girls at Lytton plus we maintained a fund at the elementary and high schools to help students financially in times of need.

This year the club is launching another service to help the children of our community – "A Help A Child To Read" program.

Under the leadership of club member Dee Whitehall, the program asks Kiwanis Club members, their spouses, family members and friends to volunteer one or two hours per week at the Fitch Mountain Elementary School.

Marcie Alvey, Fitch Mountain Elementary School Community Liaison, said, in a letter to Dee Whitehall, that "we would be extremely happy to have members of your club volunteer here at Fitch Mountain School".

"The Principal, Mrs. Aracely Romo-Flores, the Reading Specialist, Mrs. Phyllis Walters and myself have conferred and would like to set up a program where students in need of reading assistance are 'buddied up' with volunteers from your organization. Mrs. Walters will compile a list of our students who would most benefit from additional reading support."

Alvey asks that the club compile a list of potential volunteers: name, phone number, days and hours of the week they would be available. A general consensus of which day of the week would be best to meet at the school with the Reading Specialist to coordinate the program should also be determined. After this is determined the volunteers will be contacted and advised of the meeting date and time.

So far Lee Gunnerson, John Bippart, Wayne Carr, Dee Whitehall and Don Reukema have volunteered. If you want to be a part of this exciting new program contact Dee Whitehall as soon as possible at 433-4391.

Annual Kettle Bell Ringing Now Underway

Our annual Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Bell ringing campaign started on Friday, November 24 kicked off with Merrily Tuscany and Tony Tuscany ringing the first bells at Safeway Store at 11 a.m. followed by Carl Elze from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is a real community service project and members should be proud of their efforts helping those in need.

Hopefully our club will sign enough volunteers to "man the bells" on Fridays and Saturdays until Christmas. Try it, it will give you a good feeling – by Phil Rice, Chairman.

The President's Message:

Please Take Part In The Many Holiday Activities Planned

By Lee Gunnerson

Many of our activities revolve around Christmas. Please participate.

First, thanks to Jerry Strong for organizing our volunteer effort at the "Lights of Life" program on November 24 benefitting the VNA and Hospice program and thanks to all the members who performed a shift — Mike Villa, John Dayton, Bob Taylor, Tom Rackerby, Mario Lucchesi, Rich Lehrmann, Chris Holleran, Sandy Dunn, Tim Tuscany and Jack Brandt.

Second, thanks to Phil Rice for organizing the bell ringing for the Salvation Army and thanks to those members who have signed on to help. We still need more people to do shifts so please call Phil at 433-9358 if you have 2 hours to contribute over the December holiday period.

Third, we need a volunteer to lead our caroling group. (Carl Elze with his tuba has agreed to lead this effort). We go to the local convalescent homes.

Fourth, thanks to Phil Rice, Carl Elze, Ken Turnbow and Les Davis for volunteering to assist the Santa Rosa Salvation Army Corps food pick-up activity.

And lastly, please try to make our Christmas dinner on December 19; no host bar at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. at the Villa Annex. Let's all be there with spouses and guests if possible.

Besides the holiday activities, here is what is going on:

Thursday, December 7: Interclub to Santa Rosa Kiwanis at Los Robles. A "Kiwanis House" representative will be the speaker. Signing up to go are Don Reukema, Vicki Rainwater, Dennis Stead, Chris Holleran, John Bippart, George Clough, Jerry Strong and myself.

Saturday, February 17: Total K Day. John Bippart will organize, possibly another Oak Mound Cemetery project.

Trees: Phil Rice has volunteered to lead our local tree planting effort. You will be hearing more on this.

Tutoring: Dee Whitehall has contacted the Fitch Mountain School about providing reading tutors. So far, we have five volunteers — Dee, John Bippart, Don Reukema, Wayne Carr and myself. We could use some more so please call Dee at 433-4391. We are talking about only one hour per week to start the program.

Graffiti Removal: We are still planning to take on this project for the city and await the Police Department giving us more specifics so we can begin.

Saturday, March 10: Governor's Dinner. Cal-Nev-Ha Governor Tom Vildibill will be honored at a dinner at Los Robles Lodge, Santa Rosa.

Sunday, April 8: Our Pancake Breakfast. Tim Tuscany will be in touch with all of us.

Sunday, June 10: Fitch Mountain Footrace. And finally, there is still an opportunity to help out on the Boy Scout Camp construction project. Let Don Reukema know that you want to participate.

Have a great holiday season and let's have a productive and fun 2001 !

David Meeker Is Student of Month

Our second Student of the Month for the year 2000-2001 is an athlete and scholar with a grade point average of 4.1. David Meeker, son of Darla and Tom Meeker of Healdsburg, received his student of the month certificate as well as a gift certificate from chairman Dick Bertapelle.

David attended Healdsburg schools, grades K-12 and upon graduation plans to attend one of the universities in the UC system. His major will be philosophy with a minor in music.

He was a member of the HHS tennis team for 4 years, North Coast Scholar Athlete for 3 years and a member of the Healdsburg Tennis crew for one year.

His clubs and activities are numerous — California Scholarship Federation for 4 years; Healdsburg High School band, 4 years; Sonoma County Honor Band, 2 years; Sonoma County Math Steeplechase, 2 years; French Club, 2 years; American Field Service, 2 years; Community Band, 1 year. 6th Grade camp counselor, 1 year; and he played taps for the American Legion at 3 cemeteries on Memorial Day for 4 years.

New Kiwanis Club in Cloverdale ?

By Tim Tuscany, 1st VP

For some reason, I'm not sure why, membership seems to hang on to me. Well, I guess things could be worse.

Last August, in San Diego, Lt. Gov. Bob Carver approached me about starting a new club in Cloverdale. I know a few years ago, some folks tried to get a club started in Cloverdale. It didn't work out, but things have changed.

I think it's a viable community for Kiwanis. So far it's been pretty much a lot of talk, but I'm going to start asking for help.

Along for the ride and co-sponsoring the Cloverdale Club will be the Ukiah Club. Ukiah's president Bob McAllister lives in Cloverdale, so we have some help straight away.

Save April 8 For Our Annual Fundraiser

Pancake Breakfast News: It's never too late stirring the pot of batter. A few words about our upcoming Pancake Breakfast. Save April 8 for the date of our annual fundraiser. The club will have a high mark to surpass last year's fantastic results. Lee and the club did a great job and I'm sure with all of your help it will come out just as well. I'm planning to continue Lee's ideas, so I'll ask for help from club members to sponsor portions of the project to help defray costs.

Rich Iverson has agreed to help with the advertising. He has had quite a bit of experience and I'm looking forward to working with him.

It's an important piece for the success of the event. More to follow — by Tim Tuscany.

Report of the Official Minutes of the November 9 Meeting

(Submitted by Michael Villa for Secretary Neil Iversen)

A quorum being present President Lee Gunnerson convened the meeting at the Healdsburg Police Department at 7 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Administrative and Dues Delinquencies: Temple Smith reported regarding club members in arrears on his or her dues. Debate followed on when a member should be deemed "in arrears". Without a vote the board directed Temple to call any member about his or her unpaid dues when the dues are 60 days or more overdue.

PROJECTED BUDGETS: President Lee Gunnerson circulated projected administrative and project budgets for 2000-2001. According to Lee, on the project side, it is projected the club will take in approximately \$15,000 in the next year from the charity fund, the pancake breakfast, Future Farmers Country Fair food booth and Wine and Art food booth. This means it is expected the club will have \$15,000 available during the next year for charitable and community service projects including but not necessarily limited to the HHS Key Club, Boy Scout Troop 21, Camp Rosenberg and miscellaneous donations. On the administrative side, Lee projected the club would have a total of \$36,214 in income in the next year from all sources, including but not limited to the income from membership dues which comprises the majority (\$31,214), leaving the club a modest surplus. Lee emphasized the club should seek another significant community project to commence after the work at Camp Rosenberg is concluded. Tom Rackerby suggested the club entertain increasing the size of the four Memorial Scholarships presently awarded from \$1,000 to \$1,500. No vote was taken on this proposal which was met with general acceptance. The board felt it was best to defer a vote on this idea until later in the fiscal year. The proposed budgets were approved by the board.

LT. GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: The board approved Lee Gunnerson's request for the expenditure of \$500 for the Lt. Governor's budget. This was computed based on 80 club members @ \$6 per member (\$480) plus \$1 for each of the 20 HHS Key Club members (\$20)

.DICTIONARIES: Dennis Stead reported regarding this very popular and well received community project. Initially Dennis reported that 42 hard bound dictionaries for each of the third graders at Fitch Mountain Elementary School would cost \$344.40 (@ \$8.20). Dennis suggested the club expand this program to all third graders in Healdsburg, including Foss Creek Elementary and Healdsburg Elementary, a total of 138 children. Another board member suggested adding St.

John's Elementary School, another 30 children. The board approved \$1,378 for 168 hardbound dictionaries, inscribed "Given By Kiwanis" to be distributed to each of the four elementary schools.

TOTAL K DAY 2001: Lee Gunnerson reported that the Lt. Governor wanted all clubs in Division 32 to plant trees on Total K Day next year. Lee advised that he would contact the City of Healdsburg to see if and where the City would like trees planted and whether the City would be willing to assume responsibility for the daily watering the new trees will need for the first two years after they are planted.

DALE LYNCH/RICK ALVES: A short note was read from Dale Lynch who indicated he needed to resign from the club and board for unstated personal reasons. Also read was a request from board member Rick Alves for a leave from all club activities for the next five weeks due to professional commitments. The board approved both requests. Dale who was elected to a two year term on the board will need to be replaced.

MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION; Lee Gunnerson asked the board for suggestions on how to encourage greater participation from the membership in various club activities. Jerry Strong volunteered to take responsibility for calling individual members if and as may be needed in the future.

SCHOOL READING PROGRAM; In Dee Whitehall's absence Lee Gunnerson reported that the principal at Fitch Mountain Elementary School expressed interest in the club's offer to have members assist in a reading program. Details need to be worked out and Dee will report to the board next month. Volunteers from the Club will be needed for this worthwhile project.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INSURANCE: Jack Brandt reported that D & O coverage for the board and the board of the Memorial Scholarship Fund was available for purchase through Kiwanis International. Two million dollars of coverage was available for an annual premium of \$750. The board approved the expenditure for the insurance

Scholarship Fund "Richer" by \$790

Thanks to Rich Lehrmann's offer to pay \$1 for each point scored against the Healdsburg High School Greyhounds this football season, the scholarship fund is \$158 "rich-er". Plus, his spirited salesmanship about the great Greyhound defense brought John Bippart, Jack Brandt and Bob Young into the group. Thanks to all, the fund grows by \$790. Rich - we understand they have a great team coming back for next year!

Total fund assets stood at \$82,412.50 as of September 30. We need more to provide interest income for the scholarship money we would like to contribute each year. Please think about the fund when giving charitable contributions for whatever occasion.

Declare No Fine In The Courtesy To Speakers

President Lee Gunnerson said that "we have improved greatly, so thanks for hearing the plea to let the speaker know if you need to leave the meeting early."

There is now NO FINE for leaving early if you let the speaker know. However, there is still a fine of \$1 if you forget or ignore the courtesy (to be paid at a future meeting).

Membership Chairman Needs Your Help

Do you know of someone new to our community, a business person or professional? Someone who might be a potential Kiwanis member. If so, let our Membership Chairman, John Bippart know.

At our last meeting John issued a request for help in obtaining new members to our organization. But he can only do his job if the present members will give him leads for potential members.

"Just give me the names, addresses and phone numbers and I'll do the rest," John said.

Thoughts of the Day !!

Don't be afraid to start something new. The ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic by professionals – Dan Gianni.

Ken Turnbow tells us that Confucius says : Learning without thinking is useless. Thinking without learning is dangerous.

Happy and Sad \$\$\$\$\$\$

Jim Silveira very happy about his trip to the Olympics in Australia but sad that he was run over by a golf cart at the Santa Rosa Golf Club during a Twilight Game Halloween night ...Don Reukema very happy he had the opportunity to see his grandson become an Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor in Flagstaff, Arizona... John Bippart happy about attending his 50th college reunion in North CarolinaTim Tuscany happy that he has now lost 65 pounds !Vince Dougherty happy that the Boys &

Girls Club received a \$7000 donation and another \$3000 on the way.

Trees, Trees, More Trees

If a Kiwanian or Key Club member joins the Arbor Day Society for \$10, the Arbor Day Society will donate 10 trees to them to be planted.

For more information write to Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, Ne, 68410 or try www.arborday.org.

Anniversaries:

Now Celebrating the anniversary that they joined Healdsburg Kiwanis in December are Tom Roscoe who joined December 3, 1974 (26 years) and Dorsey Crogan, December 5, 1989 (11 years). Congratulations.

**Happy Holidays to all
Kiwanis Club Members
and Their Families**

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