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# KIWANIS CLUB

of Healdsburg



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Mario Lucchesi, left, is congratulated by past president Tim Tuscany on receiving the coveted AIMS award.

## Mario Lucchesi Receives The AIMS Award

In recognition of his achievements on behalf of Kiwanis, Mario Lucchesi, a three year member of the Healdsburg Club, was presented with the coveted AIMS award at the November 12 meeting. The award was presented to Lucchesi by past president Tim Tuscany on behalf of the Cal-Nev-Ha Governor.

According to Neil Iversen, the club's secretary, the AIMS Award is built on the following: A is perfect attendance for 3 consecutive months; I is for attending 5 Interclubs; M is for Membership i.e. sponsoring a new or former member into the club; S is for service i.e. work on a club service project. Lucchesi was the one member of the club to complete all the goals set forth.

A retired insurance executive, World War II veteran and an avid Bocce player, Lucchesi has served as chairman of the Interclub Committee. He and his wife Carolyn recently celebrated their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

## Stand Kettles and Ring Bells for Salvation Army

A number of club members have signed up to stand the kettles and ring the bells for the Salvation Army's annual fund drive at the Safeway Store. However, more are needed, President Nancy Curnow said. She has taken over as chairman of this program this year. And if possible sign up for an extra shift. The shifts are two hours long on Fridays and Saturdays through December, 12 noon to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The money donated by Safeway clients is used to supply food and toys for needy families. Kiwanians stand the kettles at the south entrance to the store and the beneficiaries of the ARC Program at the Salvation Army's Lytton facility "man" the kettles at the north entrance.

## Calendar

December 3: TBA

December 10: TBA

December 17: The Annual Christmas Luncheon, 12 noon at Villa Chanticleer Annex, Bring your spouse or guest. There will be a gift exchange. Men bring a gift for a man, women bring a gift for a woman. Musical program by Rio Lindo Academy. Santa Claus will make an appearance.

December 17: Following the annual Christmas party members of the club will go caroling at Rest Homes, Citrus Court in Healdsburg and Convalescent Hospital in Cloverdale. Carl Elze in charge.

December 19: In A.M. Wrap Christmas Gifts for needy at the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club. Part of Project Presents. Contact Richard Iverson for information.

December 24: No meeting

December 31: No meeting

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The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets on Tuesdays, 12 noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex, 1246 North Fitch Mountain Road Healdsburg. For information about the Kiwanis Club and its meetings please contact Nancy Curnow, President, 433-0546 or Neil Iversen, Secretary, 433-1140.

***Happy Birthday To:***

Albert Miller, December 4  
Dana Burwell, December 9  
Vern Losh, December 22  
Rich Lehrmann, December 26

***Merry Christmas  
And  
Happy New Year  
To All Kiwanians  
And  
Their Families***

**The President's Message:**

**Here We Are: A Very Busy Time of Year**

**M**any things are happening. Many of you have signed up for the VNS / Hospice Tables and Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Plaza Square and merchants open house on Sunday, December 1. It's a wonderful night and a marvelous community event.

We have a chance to stand kettle and ring the bells for the Salvation Army at the Safeway Store on Fridays and Saturdays for the month of December. Please make sure you sign up.

The Christmas party is December 17 at noon. Bring your sweetie ! We will have a gift exchange. Men bring a man's gift and gal's bring a gal's gift. Our special guests will be the music groups from the Rio Lindo Academy. Santa Claus will also make an appearance that day.

I want to wish all of you a blessed holiday time and I pray that you will have a wonderful time with friends and family.

**Christmas Is A Time For Sharing; "Project Presents" Generously Supported by Club**

By Richard Iverson

Christmas is a time for sharing with those more needy. For the last few years Kiwanis members have opened theirs with gifts to local families who otherwise would receive nothing.

Marcia and Clark Lavine are again working with the Boys and Girls Club to identify families in need who are surveyed ahead to learn the size, sex and wants of each family member. Last year gifts were purchased for 180 people in 40 families and this year even more are expected.

Last week we passed the hat to support this effort and the members present generously donated \$386 with the club adding an additional \$250. More donations would be welcome and can be made this week or mailed to the club, designated for the Boys and Girls Christmas Gift program. You can also select one of this year's families and purchase the gifts yourself. For more information contact Richard Iverson at 431-8088.

Your help is needed to assist in wrapping the gifts on Thursday morning, December 19, at the Boys and Girls Club. All gifts will be wrapped for distribution the following day. A sign up sheet will be circulated.

"Project Presents" was originally started by Terri Amoruso of Amoruso Printing.

**Division 32 Supports The Kiwanis Family House  
You Might Win Enough Wine To Fill Your Cellar !**

Dennis Stead is in charge of selling tickets to a fundraiser for the Kiwanis Family House located in the Sacramento Area. For \$10 you will have the chance to win a first prize of 100 bottles of assorted wine, donated by Division 32 members (Joe Weathers this past week donated one case). Second prize will get you 50 bottles of wine, third prize 30 assorted bottles of wine and 4<sup>th</sup> prize 12 assorted bottles of wine. Tickets are \$10 for one and 3 tickets for \$20.

The mission of the Kiwanis Family House is "dedicated to providing temporary housing and support to families of seriously ill children being treated at the University of California at Davis Medical Center" The KFH officially opened with 6 rooms in 1984 and in 1990 expanded to 14 rooms. There is a charge of \$15 per night per family. However many families pay nothing. A new KFH is being planned with 32 bedrooms, private bathrooms, fully equipped kitchens, common areas and play areas.

## Report of the Official Minutes of November 14, 2002 Board Meeting

(Submitted by Secretary Neil Iversen)

**P**resident Nancy Curnow convened the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Healdsburg Police Department. The following officers were present: President Nancy Curnow; Vice President Jerry Strong; Second Vice President Dan Maraviglia; Secretary Neil Iversen; Administrative Treasurer Dennis Gary and Past President Tim Tuscany. Board members: Jim Birdsong, Fred Haley, Rich Iverson, Todd Brandt, John Dayton and Steve Metrulas. Visiting was Dennis Stead, Key Club Advisor.

**MINUTES:** Rich Iverson moved we accept the minutes of October 10, Fred Haley seconded the motion and it passed.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT: BILLS:** All bills were paid for October at the November 12 meeting. **DUES:** From October 10 to November 14 we collected \$3,097 (21 active, 6 seniors and 2 admittance fees). **COMMUNICATIONS:** (A) Robert S. Ward running for Governor Elect for the Cal-Nev-Ha District for 2003-2004. (B) Kiwanis International looking for club donations to support Kiwanis Family Sponsored programs and to serve the youth during the holiday season. (Suggest \$5 per member; with 74 members @ \$5 equals \$370. Tabled until the December 12 board meeting. **OTHER:** Kiwanis International has a plan similar to the Cal-Nev-Ha "AIMS" award. So will continue it for this coming year to encourage members to earn this "AIMS" award. The board accepted the secretary's report.

**TREASURERS' REPORTS:** Dennis Gary reported on the Administrative fund and the Project fund. Jerry Strong moved we accept the reports, Steve Metrulas seconded the motion and it passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Fred Corson is involved with the Dry Creek Association board meetings on the same night so he can't attend our board meetings. He will see if the Dry Creek Board can change that board meeting to another evening.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (A) **DUES:** President Nancy Curnow went over the list of members in arrears in dues. The secretary looked the list over and found 11 of the 34 had paid since her list had been printed, therefore totaling only 23 unpaid as of November 14. Dennis Stead said he would talk to Martin Edwards, as he has a new job now and may be attending more meetings. Tim Tuscany said he would talk to Vern Losh.

**NEW BUSINESS:** (A) **DUES:** The board talked over raising the club dues. Administrative Treasurer Dennis Gary said he totaled up the monthly bills and

International dues and divided by the total membership came to \$141 per person. Dennis Stead said you can draw from the Project Fund to pay insurance bills helping to cut dues fees. The board brought up other ideas. The matter was tabled until the next meeting to act on. (B) My Body Is Healthy asking for a Kiwanis donation as we have done for many years. Jim Birdsong moved we donate \$250, Jerry Strong seconded the motion and it passed. (C) The Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club asking for help with a donation or adopt a family this holiday season. Dan Maraviglia moved we donate \$250, Todd Brandt seconded the motion and it passed. (D). Animal Shelter Project: President Curnow announced that the project will be delayed until Spring. Jerry Strong and Tim Tuscany plan to talk to Ken Turnbow, James Lucchesi and George Clough on their plans and thoughts and will report at the next board meeting on December 12. (E) 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: President Nancy announced that next November 3, 2003 our club will be 80 years old and we had better get started on planning. Dennis Stead volunteered to be chairman. Others present said they would help. (F) Tree Lighting: VNA / Home Hospice Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on December 1 in the Plaza reported by Richard Iverson and they wanted Kiwanis to set up card tables and take part as in past years. Richard had a sign up sheet. (G) Leave of Absence: Richard Nair asking for a 6 months leave of absence commencing mid-October through March. Secretary Neil Iversen moved we accept his leave of absence, Jerry Strong seconded the motion and it passed (at the club meeting of November 19, 2002)

**DIVISION BUSINESS:** None to be acted upon. Only a Lt. Gov. message of "How to Spend Your Dash".

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS:** As for Gifts for International Foundation will act upon at the club meeting by collecting donations November 19 and 26, then the board will match the donations with up to \$250.

## A Busy Time For the Key Club

By Dennis Stead and Vicki Rainwater, Advisors

The club is off to a strong start this year with an average of 20 students attending the meetings.

The Key clubbers collected about \$170 for the UNICEF Drive. On Tuesdays the club members are at the Fitch Mountain Elementary School helping their "little buddies" with reading lessons.

Everyone is signing up to help the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club sell their Christmas Trees and also to help the Salvation Army "man" the kettles and ring the bells.

### Kiwanis Anniversaries:

Congratulations to Dorsey Crogan who joined the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club 13 years ago on December 5, 1989.

## AFS Christmas Greeting Card Another Special Community Event

If you wish to participate in the annual Christmas Greeting card, sponsored by the American Field Service Exchange Student Program, you may contact Tina Crabtree, 730 College Avenue, Healdsburg, phone 433-6711. Clarence Ruonavaara, long time Kiwanis liaison with the AFS program, said that if you have participated in the program in the past you will be called by an AFS Committee member. You may give your check to Ruonavaara after you have been called if that is more convenient than mailing your check.

The Christmas Greeting Advertisement will appear in the Tribune on December 18.

The AFS Exchange Student Program started in the 1960's and was supported by Kiwanis and its members since that time. A number of Kiwanians served as president of the organization and many exchange students enjoyed coming to Healdsburg and many Healdsburg students had the opportunity to go abroad.

The Christmas Card donations usually raise about \$6500. This coming year students will be going to Chili and Australia.

**Congratulations:** To Camille and Richard Lehrmann who recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.



**LEGION AUXILIARY HONORED:** For cooking and serving lunches to the Kiwanis Club for 79 years, 13 members of the American Legion Auxiliary were honored at the Kiwanis' November 12 meeting. Each member received a box of chocolates and the Auxiliary was presented with a check for \$1,000 to be used for their various projects. Shown here are four members of the Auxiliary with long time Kiwanis members. From left, Helen Roberts, Jean Woolman, Florence Musselman, Clarence Ruonavaara, Robert Young, Mildred Gagliardo and Fred Haley.

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