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# KIWANIS CLUB

of Healdsburg



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Joe Engler, left, who was in charge of assignments at the Christmas Tree Lot and Ken Scharer, chairman of the fund raising event, check one of the many beautiful trees sold to the community residents during the month long event.

## Many Volunteer Hours and Dedication by the Members Spells Success for Tree Lot Sale

Nine years ago the Kiwanis Club took on the task of raising funds by selling Christmas trees. The club had been helping the Boys and Girls Club in this endeavor but took over the program from the Boys and Girls Club when B&G Club, because of the lack of volunteers, decided that they could no longer sponsor the program. Since Kiwanis took on the task Ken Scharer has been its guiding force, serving as chairman all these years. For the first two years the lot was located on Matheson Street just south of the Healdsburg Bar and Grill and was moved to its present location when the owners of the Matheson Street lot decided to build again. The Matheson Street lot housed the venerable Fred Young & Company mortuary, a landmark for over 50 years.

The Christmas Tree Lot sale again this year was deemed a success. Raising, according to treasurer Pete Peterson, an estimated net profit of \$32,500, close to last year's, on the sale of approximately 1400 trees. The gross sales as of December 22 were \$78,567. The net monies raised will go into the Project Fund and will allow the Kiwanis Club to follow through on its mission to support the children and youth of our community. In addition to the club members volunteering for four hour shifts, the Christmas Tree Lot committee members were assigned to be in charge for an eight hour day. Also helping were Cloverdale Kiwanians and men from the Salvation Army at Lytton. Christmas Tree Lot committee members are Ken Scharer, chairman, Roger Dormire, Joe Engler, Guy French, Jerry Strong, Rick Norman, Dee Whitehall, Rich Thomas, LeRoy Steck, Jim Schmidt, Dennis Stead, Michael Laird, Mark Zimmerman, Richard Yates, Keith Scharer.

*Happy New Year*

## Calendar

January 3: Regular meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Program: Renaissance of Traditional Chinese Culture, Asian Art Museum.

January 10: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Speaker: Capt. Jonathan Russell, Salvation Army ARC at Lytton.

January 17: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Speaker Magdalena Ridley, Langpaths Program Coordinator.

January 19: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Conference Room at the Healdsburg Police Station.

January 24 Evening meeting, 6:30 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex. Speaker will be Richard Norgrove, Bear Republic Brewery.

January 31: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex. For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club contact Hunt Conrad, president at 431-9715 or Phil Luks, secretary at 433-8005.

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**Happy Birthday**

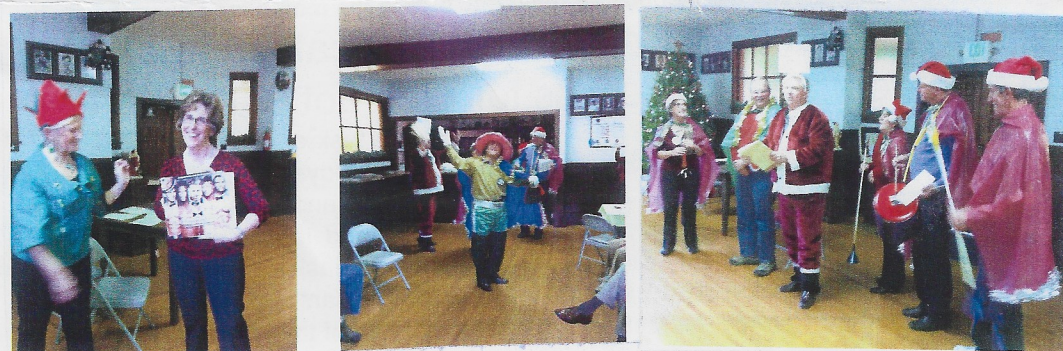
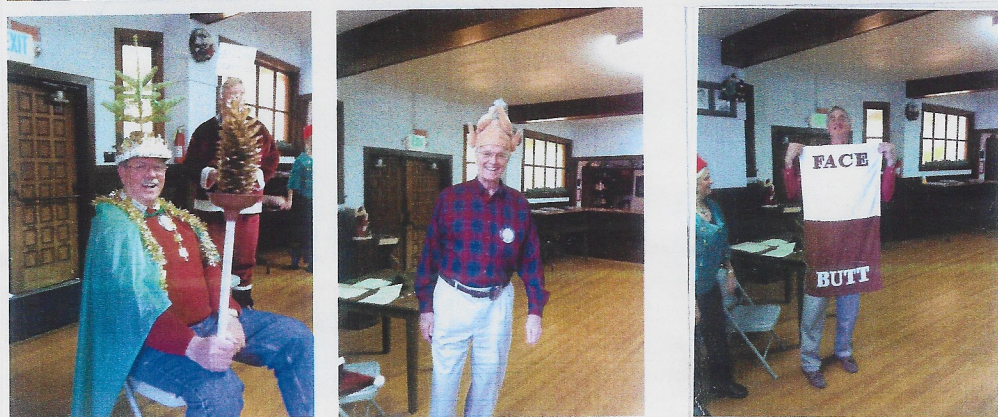
Bruce Main: January 1  
Ronald Puccion: January 5  
Richard Norgrove: January 8  
Dennis Gary: January 9  
Arnold Santucci: January 12  
Andrew Smith: January 12  
Phil Rice: January 24

**Kiwanis Club Anniversaries**

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

James Silveira: 1-30-68  
John Bippart: 1-4-94  
LeRoy Steck: 1-4-00  
Andrew Smith: 1-4-05

**Christmas Party Was A Blast ....**



Thanks to Dennis Stead and his crew. Special and unusual gifts were presented to a number of club members when Santa Claus (aka Dennis Stead) paid a visit at the club's annual holiday party, December 13. Santa, helped by his elf Judith Everett made a special effort to remember the following with unusual gifts : (top row) left, Secretary Phil Luks received a full head of hair with a shade; center photo, president Hunt Conrad, a very special cowboy hat; treasurer Pete Peterson, a full bag of beans; middle row, Tree Lot chairman Ken Scharer crowned the king; John Bippart, a chicken hat; Roger Dormire, a special towel; third row, left, Interclub chair Susan Sheehy, a calendar and a hook; Dennis Gary received a pair of boxing shorts while the theme song from "Rocky" was heard in the background. Photo to right, the "Royal" band serenades "The King " Ken Scharer. From left, Susan Sheehy, Ken Scharer, Dennis Stead, Jan Gianni, Guy French and George Diebold; photo extreme left. Carl Elze hands a gift to a resident of the Healdsburg Senior Living Complex where Kiwanians entertained with the singing of Christmas Carols following the Christmas luncheon.—photos courtesy Dick Bugarske

## Kiwanis Profile

By June Maher Smith

### Cindi Brown Enjoys Being Involved In the Community



Cindi was born in San Francisco, spending the first 7 years living in East Palo Alto, then moving to South San Francisco where she attended high school. She has been working since she was 15 when her father passed away and she needed to support her mother and younger sister. Her first marriage produced two sons who are in business in the Healdsburg area. Dan owns D.L. Catering and Mike is a winemaker at Copain Winery, Marty came into their lives in 1992 and they have been married since 1994. She enjoys being with her grandson Jaiden. The Browns live in town with a Border Collie named Muddy Waters and two cats.

Cindi is vice president of the local North Coast Bank which was chartered in 1990 thanks to the efforts of Robert Young, Edgar Deas, Herb Steiner and other local businessmen. They wanted a bank that focused on businesses and understood their needs. In 2002 the bank became a division of American River Bank so they could accommodate larger loan requests.

Cindi likes being involved in our community and choose Kiwanis over other service clubs. (She is a former Rotarian.) She believes Healdsburg will continue to be a unique community which focuses on its wonderful ambience and citizens.

### Directors Approves \$350 Grant Request at One Hour Meeting

The board of directors approved a \$350 grant requested by the Pathfinders to participate in a cleanup at Lake Sonoma, The Pathfinder is a world wide teenage oriented group sponsored by the Seventh Day Adventist Church. It has the essential community service goals coupled with outdoor activities of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. This sponsorship is similar to Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops being sponsored by church groups and local Kiwanis Clubs.

Denied was a request for a grant of \$750 from the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society to be used to enclose the curator's office. It was denied because it was deemed not to be principally a youth oriented activity.

Once again, the Healdsburg Jazz Festival Funding request was tabled pending information from the Healdsburg schools as to the greater student impact from a one week jazz music exposure as compared to the longer school year symphonic exposure from the

Santa Rosa Symphony and the Russian River Chamber Music.

The board approved Jesse Whitley's request to transfer to associate member status from regular member status. His request was based professional time constraints and the impact of a new baby on his ability to attend regular Tuesday meetings.

The board approved the payment of the City of Healdsburg \$2,600 invoice for the Villa Annex rent for the period July 1, 2011 through December 13, 2011. The City of Healdsburg does not charge in advance for the use of the Villa Annex.

District 32 Governor's dinner, originally scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 2012 at the Villa Chanticleer, was cancelled because of the conflict with family on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012. The dinner was to be sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Petaluma which now, apparently, has declined to continue as the dinner's sponsor. The Healdsburg board, if asked, will continue to participate with the Petaluma Kiwanis Club in its efforts to host the dinner. However, the Healdsburg club will not host the dinner as we have hosted the dinner twice in past years.

Club president Hunt Conrad was congratulated on chairing a one hour board meeting. No club records exist that any prior board meeting has lasted only one hour. It should be noted that past president Dick Bigarske ably assisted president Conrad in this achievement.-----By **Albert Peterson**.

### An Opportunity for Kiwanians to Support Career Development at the HHS

Healdsburg High School is piloting a 12 week academic internship program for 35 students with local businesses and organizations to enable students to discover the connection between their studies and future work and learn valuable workplace skills. It starts on January 25 and ends on April 25 for two hours on Wednesday afternoons. Would you be interested in participating ?

One of the keys to the success of this program is a mentor who gets the student off to a good start, monitors his/her progress, and gives helpful coaching. Healdsburg High School will hold an orientation /training session for the mentor on January 24 and support the mentor and student throughout the program.

If you have questions or want a description of the program, please contact Todd Everett, who is volunteering as the school's internship coordinator. He can be reached at (707)847-6188 or [Teverett@husd.com](mailto:Teverett@husd.com). He will review the assignment with you to make sure it's going to be a success for you and the student.

Please refer this to your friends and associates as well. This is a great opportunity to invest time in the next generation of community leaders. ---by **Richard Bugarske**



**STRONG-GIANNI CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Loretta Strong, center, and Jan Gianni right, are joined by Susan Young Sheehy, left, in greeting the guests at the Christmas party given by the Strongs and Giannis at the beautiful Robert Young Estate Winery home. invited to the beautifully appointed event were clients, colleagues and fellow Kiwanians of Loretta and Jerry Strong and Jan and Dan Gianni.

### Fill Out Your Monthly Volunteer Form

President Hunt Conrad reminded the members to fill out the monthly forms indicating the volunteer work you performed for the month. He stressed that all members who worked at the Tree Lot should include the hours you worked on the form. Carefully noting all the outside help you give during the month will help the club to become a Club of Achievement.

### Agenda Shows Outstanding Programs Planned For the January Meetings

The program committee headed by Loretta Strong has a number of interesting programs planned for the month of January.

Starting off at the first meeting of 2012, January 3, we will be treated to a program entitled *Renaissance of Traditional Chinese Culture*, *Asian Art Museum*. The following Tuesday, January 10, Captain Jonathan Russell, on site administrator at the Salvation Army's Lytton facility, will give us an update on the program.

On January 17 Magdalena Ridley, program coordinator for Landpaths will explain the program to us. And on January 24, our evening meeting, our own Richard Norgrove, will tell us about his company, The Bear Republic Brewing Company

### Lotto Is Back, Win Wine, Cash ?

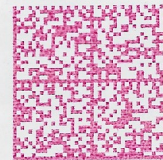
President Hunt Conrad has brought back an in-house fund raiser that was a staple for the club for many years. John Uboldi, a retired educator, was in charge of the program for many years and built the spinning "cage" holding the numbered dice. The person holding the winning number received a cash

award. Later, Rich Lehrmann took over as Lotto chairman and gave the program a few unusual twists regarding the prizes--- depending on what bag you picked.

The Lotto today is chaired by Judith Everett. Tickets at \$1 each are placed in a glass bowl. The holder of the winning ticket then has the opportunity to pick another ticket from a black bag. This ticket, depending on its color, gives you a bottle of wine or a share of the available cash which at the last count came to over \$500. No one yet has won the cash.



**SINGING TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** Following the annual Christmas luncheon and party on December 13, Kiwanians visited at the Healdsburg Senior Living Complex where they entertained the guests with the singing of Christmas carols lead by music program chairman Carl Elze, front. Taking part in this program were, left, Hugo Bauer, Arnold Santucci, Bruce Main, Loretta Strong, Roger Dormire, George Clough and Dick Bugarske (not shown). Photo by Dick Bugarske



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