

THE BUILDER

KIWANIS CLUB



Of Healdsburg

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February, 2001

Calendar

(Michael Villa, Program
Chairman)

February 6 : Hon. Alan
Jaroslovsky, United States
Bankruptcy Court for the
Northern District of California

February 13: Shirlee
Zane, Executive Director,
Council on Aging. Valentine's
Day Luncheon, spouses,
friends invited.

February 20: Membership
general business meeting.
No guest speaker.

February 27: Robert
Fletcher, President/Owner,
Sonoma County Crushers.

February 17: Total K Day.
Work Day at Oak Mound
Cemetery. Information: Vince
Dougherty or Dennis Stead

February 27: Petaluma
Kiwaniis Club's Annual
Oyster Feed. \$20. Interclub.
Contact Al Peterson

Happy Birthday To:

Feb. 7: Chuck Reichel
Feb. 8 : Edgar Deas
Feb. 10 : Rich Passalacqua
Feb. 18 : Mario Lucchesi
Feb. 19 : Vicki Brannon-Rainwater
Feb. 21 : Bob Marmor
Feb. 25 : George Hicks
Feb. 26 : George Clough

The Second Annual Total K Day Is Set For Saturday, February 17 At Cemetery

Along with other Kiwanis Club's in the Cal-Nev-Ha District, the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club will participate in the second Annual Total K Day on Saturday, February 17.

Started as a special project by past Kiwanis Governor Terri Neumann, Total K Day is a day when every member of the K family – Kiwanis, Circle K, Key Club, Kiwins – joins together to perform meaningful service in a community within their division. The project should involve no expense and should not be a fundraiser.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis project this year is to clean up a family plot in the historical section of Oak Mound Cemetery. Through the research facilities of the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society it was determined that the Willson family plot would be the focus of our efforts this year since there are no family members in this area to help maintain the plot.

Club members and other volunteers (families, Key Clubbers, etc.) are asked to meet at the Cemetery, on top of the hill, at 8:30 a.m. (for donuts and coffee). Work will start at 9 a.m. Wear gloves and long sleeve shirts. Bring gardening tools. The work should be completed by noon. Any questions call co-chairs Vince Dougherty (433-8638) and Dennis Stead (433-6503).

More Committee Members and Sponsors Are Needed for the Fitch Mountain Foot Race

By Dan Maraviglia, Chairman

This is a reminder to reserve Sunday, June 10, 2001 from 7 a.m. to approximately 11 a.m. for the Fitch Mountain Foot Race. I know it is early, but June will be here sooner than we think.

I am also looking for assistance from the club for some new committee members to help expand the race. Over the past two years, the core of the committee has consisted of John Bippart, Jack Brandt, Carl Elze, Jerry Strong, Tim Tuscany, Dee Whitehall and myself. With their tireless work, we had our most successful year last June with 260 runners. I want to try to expand on last year and get 300 or more runners/walkers to the race. I need four or five more committee members to make this happen, so if you are even remotely interested, please contact me. I think we can do a much better job of advertising the race, but it requires some additional man power to do so.

We are also in the process of soliciting sponsors for the race. A \$200 sponsor receives a T-Shirt, race acknowledgement on our Race Day Sponsor Board and inclusion in our advertising for the race, which in the past has included print and radio advertising. Our sponsors are the real life blood of the race. Any assistance that the membership can provide to solidifying the help of our past sponsors and enlisting new donations would certainly be appreciated. It is also important to spread this by word of mouth. Let your friends and neighbors know about the race and give them the hotline

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The President's Message:

Legion Auxiliary Will Still Cater One Luncheon A Month For Us

By Lee Gunnerson

The big news is that after 73 years the American Legion Auxiliary is forced to reduce its role in providing our lunches. They just do not have enough people to cook every week. They will continue to be involved by doing lunch on the first Tuesday of each month. We feel fortunate that the Western Boot has agreed to cater all of the remaining lunches each month and at the same cost as we now pay the "gals" i.e. \$8 per person with a guaranteed minimum of 50 each week.

The Western Boot's first meal will be February 13th which is our Valentine's Day lunch. A sign up list will be passed around on January 30 and February 6 so that we can hopefully provide a good head count of how many will attend on February 13 and start out on the right foot with our new caterer.

A number of happenings are scheduled for February:

1. Dee Whitehall's crew of reading tutors has met with the reading specialist at Fitch Mountain School, Mrs. Phyllis Watters, We began working with selected students on January 30. So far we have five Kiwanians and two spouses agreeing to be tutors. It is going to be a useful and fun project and only takes one to one and a half hours per week on your own schedule. We need some more volunteers.

2. Phil Rice, our tree leader, chosen for his tree like stature, made a presentation to the City Council in January. The City is enthusiastic about our project. A meeting is being held on February 1 with the new manager of Parks and Recreation and the city arborist as to what kind of trees should be planted where. Our goal is to provide 50 trees.

3. Vince Dougherty volunteered to lead our Total K Day on Saturday, February 17. His co-chair is Dennis Stead who can provide experience from last year. It involved cleaning up at the old part of the cemetery. Those of us who acquired poison oak last year plan to be extra mindful of it this time around. Please try your best to save that morning so you can help out.

4. We have signed up to be a part of the Lip Sync Show at the Raven Theater on March 3 so practices will be in February. Here is an opportunity to have some fun and help the Boys and Girls Club fund raiser. We envision a group of between 5 and 20 singers and tone death folks so be ready to volunteer early in February.

That ought to keep us busy for a short month. Keep the Faith!

Club Members Challenged To Meet Scholarship Matching Funds

Chuck Reichel, treasurer of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Fund, advised club members that two of our members, anonymously, have pledged \$1000 each for the Scholarship Fund providing the club members donate a like amount. For every new dollar donated by a member, family member, friend, to the Scholarship Fund that money will be

matched by the anonymous donors. The club has six months to raise funds to match the \$2000.

Many thanks also to Phil Rice who donated \$59 to the scholarship fund in honor of his and Melba's 59th wedding anniversary and his birthday on January 24.

Key Club Raises \$770 at Bake Auction

By Dennis Stead, Advisor

\$770 ! That's how much was raised at this year's Bake Sale-Auction (last year we raised \$460). The Key Clubbers very much appreciate the generous bids for their baked goods. The club is working on other plans to raise more funds to enable them to attend their convention in Long Beach.

Key Clubbers once again are helping Mrs. Jackson's class at Fitch Mountain School, every Wednesday helping students with their reading.

Saturday, January 27 saw our Key Club helping out at the Healdsburg Animal Shelter.

The club was in Santa Rosa on January 20 at a District Conference Meeting held in the Multi Cultural Center. After the meeting they helped set up a children's carnival.

During the month the members also collected canned goods for the food pantry.

A Real 6 Star Interclub Outing !

By Mario Lucchesi, Interclub chairman

On December 2, 2000 an intrepid group of Healdsburg Kiwanians journeyed into the lair of the Redwood Empire Kiwanians for an early morning breakfast after which the group toured the Sonoma County Air Museum.

Carl Elze, leader of this interclub, reported that the home club had 21 members in attendance (and you won't believe this !) it did not render a patriotic song (horrors !) as is our custom. Probably due to a lack of vocal virtuosity.

The speaker of the day was a Mr. Bauer (not our Hugo) who concerned himself with the Santa Rosa Recreation and Improvement Center for the Blind.

The tour of the Air Museum was conducted by docents who opened the doors at an earlier time to accommodate our members. In addition to Carl our venturers were Neil Iversen, Dennis Stead, Ken Turnbow, Al Peterson and Dale Lynch. A real 6 star outing !

Also on December 7 six Kiwanians attended the Santa Rosa Kiwanis Club meeting at Los Robles Lodge. Jeff Weller was the speaker who gave a talk on the Kiwanis House of Sacramento, patterned after the Ronald McDonald House. Led by Lee Gunnerson others attending were Don Reukema, Vicki Rainwater, Dennis Stead, Chris Holleran and John Bippart

Hugo Bauer led a contingent consisting of Bob Meyer, Dee Whitehall, Rich Iverson, and Fred Haley to the Sonoma Club's meeting at Zino's, where they were feted and toasted by the Sonoma Club members.

Mark McCoppin and a contingent attended an interclub at the Oakmont Club on February 1.

An interclub will be held at Petaluma on January 27, led by Al Peterson. This is Petaluma Kiwanis Club's annual Oyster Feed. Cost is \$20, with \$5 of the ticket cost going to an organ donation fund. Contact Al Peterson if you wish to attend this meeting.

Report of the Official Minutes of the January 11 Meeting

(Submitted by Michael Villa for Secretary Neil Iversen)

A quorum being present, President Lee Gunnerson convened the Board of Directors meeting at the Healdsburg Police Department at 7:03 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: **Administrative/Dues**

Delinquencies: Dennis Gary reported the club's cash position as of December 31, 2000 was \$17,307. The club had a \$2,595 operating deficit for the month of December, 2000, due primarily to expenses associated with the Christmas party and the fact the club paid its annual rent to the City of Healdsburg for the Villa Annex in one lump sum payment. This deficit will rectify in January 2001 after dues payments begin to come in. Overall, said Dennis, the club is in good financial shape.

Membership Treasurer Temple Smith reported 12 club members are in arrears on dues collectively totaling approximately \$1,600. Almost all delinquencies are just one quarter in arrears and Temple is following up.

PROJECTS: In Dan Gianni's absence, Dennis reported the Project Fund balance was approximately \$11,800.

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL REPORTS:

Dictionaries: Dennis Stead reported the 212 dictionaries ordered for local 3rd grade students would be in by the end of the month. Dennis suggested the club place an insert in each dictionary which describes Kiwanis, its goals and the role it plays in the community. Michael Villa volunteered to write something up and Yolanda Rinaldo volunteered to translate the insert into Spanish. John Bippart reported on the stickers which will be placed inside the dictionaries stating they are a gift of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club.

Reading : In Dee Whitehall's absence, Lee Gunnerson reported 3 more club volunteers have stepped forward, bringing to 9 the number of club members who will soon be assisting in a reading program for students at Fitch Mountain School.

Camp Rosenberg: Don Reukema reported the roof on the new cooking facility at Camp Rosenberg has been completed. \$700 in bricks, mortar and sand were recently donated and delivered to the site for the new BBQ/stove, while the final design thereof is still in the finishing stages. Don is optimistic the entire project will be finished before Spring. To date the club has expended a total of \$1,523 on this project.

New Club Development: Tim Tuscany reported about his recent meeting with Lt. Gov. Robert Carver about starting a new Kiwanis Club in Cloverdale. John Bippart, Les Davis and others have agreed to help in this project which will take a minimum of 20 prospective new members to get off the ground. Tim requested the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club serve as the official sponsor of the proposed Cloverdale Club and pay the required \$100 application fee to the Division. The request was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Bylaws: Dan Maraviglia reported his review of the club's corporate bylaws is completed and they look fine. No revisions or amendments are needed at this time.

Dale Lynch: Lee Gunnerson read a letter from club member Dale Lynch. Dale advised he did not want to resign from the club, but rather would like to change his membership to "Senior Status". He cited health and other personal reasons for the proposed change. The request was approved by the board unanimously.

Tom Rackerby : He requested a temporary leave of absence through May 1, 2001 so he could focus on the incoming high volume of tax-related business during tax season. Tom stated the leave would only apply to weekly club luncheons, not board meetings and that he would pay his full dues during the entire leave. The request was approved unanimously.

Lip Synch: Lee Gunnerson read a letter from club member Vince Dougherty who was writing in his capacity as the executive director of the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club. He wanted to know if any club members would be interested in putting on a skit at the Lip Synch performance at the Raven Theatre by the Boys and Girls Club. Date was changed from February 17 to March 3.

Alison Carney: Lee Gunnerson read a letter from HHS student Alison Carney who was soliciting the club for money to defray costs associated with her attendance at a summer program in London this summer. The board declined the request without a formal vote.

Club IDD Patch: Lt. Governor Robert Carver presented Lee Gunnerson with a Division IDD (Iodine Deficiency Program) Patch in recognition of the club's outstanding contributions to this important cause. According to Lt. Gov. Carver the patch should be proudly added to the club's many banners, the most he is aware of among the countless clubs he has visited over the years, he said.

Need Your Help To Keep Accurate Records of Membership Dues

By Temple Smith, Membership Treasurer

As we come to the end of the first month of the second quarter of fiscal year 2001, I can report that 56 members are in good status and 22 members are still unpaid. That's a pretty good return for the first month, 72 %.

I know I sound like an accountant (which I am not, and Dennis Gary can attest to that) but I must point out that there are 7 members in arrears to the previous quarter or beyond. The record shows that 4 of those 7 have not paid since before the beginning of this fiscal year which began in October, 2000.

Let me emphasize that the above is only a result of what the record shows. If you get a statement that doesn't agree with your records please don't ignore it, but give me a call so I can set the record straight. My goal is to keep an accurate record of membership dues and I need your help to do that.

Last, but not least, I would ask all members to pay their dues as early as possible at the start of each quarter. If you have any questions, please call me any time at 433-3614.

Congratulations To: The following members are celebrating the anniversary they were inducted into Kiwanis: Bruno Rodella (2-9-58); Gary Rosenberg (2-9-48); Arnold Santucci (2-21-84); Harold Lin Hazel (2-10-98); William Talley (2-23-99); Mario Lucchesi (2-01-00); Frank Bellagio (2-22-00).

Blair Mitchell Our Student of Month

With his parents Cyndi and Steve Mitchell and his grandparents Sue and Glenn Mitchell, in attendance, Healdsburg High School senior Blair Mitchell was named Kiwanis Student of the Month at our January 30 meeting. He was presented to the club members by Student of the Month chairman Dick Bertapelle.

Blair has a 4.0 grand point average and plans to attend UC Davis, Cal Poly or UC San Diego and will major in international business or international agricultural development.

Under the leadership category he has been Associated Student Body secretary, 00-01 and Key Club secretary and treasurer. In sports he was the Most Improved Player in JV football 1998, scholar athlete in varsity football '99 and '00 and most improved in wrestling, 99-00 and 00-01. He volunteers as assistant coach, referee and pairer for the freestyle wrestling team. In the Golden State exams he received high honors in biology, chemistry and geometry plus honors in geography and Spanish.

In addition to his award he was given a gift certificate to Levin's Book Store.

Community Concert At New Location

Carl Elze has announced that the Community Band's Winter Concert featuring marches, classics and swing will be held at the Jackson Theater of the Sonoma Country Day School, 4400 Day School Place just off Airport Blvd on Saturday, February 24, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$6 pre concert, \$8 at the door. For information call Carl at 433-0517 or 433-6715.

Fitch Mountain Footrace

number. Pre-race applications can be obtained by calling the Fitch Mountain Footrace Hotline at (707) 576-6147 beginning March 1, 2001.

"Kids First Book" : Dictionaries To All Third Graders In Healdsburg

by Dennis Stead

In a few days we should be receiving the 213 dictionaries we ordered for all of the third graders in Healdsburg's public and parochial schools.

John Bippart has ordered book plates that will go into each book to identify the child's ownership and date given.

We are also having printed in the form of a bookmark information about the Kiwanis Club and what it stands for. The information will be printed in English and Spanish. Michael Villa and Yolanda Rinaldo are working on this phase of the project. The cost of the dictionaries is \$2,120, not \$210 as was printed in the December official minutes.

Congratulations To: Phil Cadosi on receiving his 50 year pin; Bruno Rodella and Alvie Rochester, awarded new badges indicating their service as Lt. Governors;

Happy and Sad \$\$\$: Clarence Ruonavaara happy that he and Betty are celebrating their 55th anniversary; Phil Rice very happy he and Melba are now 59 years married. He donated \$59 to the Scholarship Fund in celebration. Mario Lucchesi happy he passed his driver's test and that he will be celebrating his 83rd birthday.

Welcome To: Yolanda Rinaldo, our newest member inducted by Tim Tuscany into the club on January 9 with Dennis Stead as her sponsor. She and husband John, a member of the Santa Rosa Kiwanis and purchasing agent for the City of Santa Rosa, moved to Healdsburg from Petaluma last fall. She is retired having worked in Human Resources for Santa Clara and Sonoma Counties. They have two sons, Paul, 25 and John, 21, both in school.

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