

THE BUILDER

KIWANIS CLUB



Of Healdsburg

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March, 2001

Calendar

(Vince Dougherty, Program Chairman).

March 6 : Video and history on Smith Robinson and "This Is Your Life."

March 13: Phyllis Walters, Fitch Mountain Elementary School Reading Program Director

March 20: Jack Trotter – Historic Guns from the American Revolution to the Civil War.

March 27: Holly Hoods, Assistant Curator of the Healdsburg Museum – Presentation on the Preston Community.

March 10: Governor's Dinner, Los Robles Lodge, Santa Rosa. Contact President Lee Gunnerson if you wish to attend

Happy Birthday To:

March 1: Vince Dougherty

March 6: Robert "Bob" Young

March 11: Michael Villa

March 13: Robert Malone

March 20: Arthur McCaffrey

March 20: Carl Elze

March 27: Neil Iversen

Governor's Visit:

Reukema and Ruonavaara Will Be Presented With Distinguished Service Awards March 10

Two long time Healdsburg Kiwanis Club members will be among those honored by Cal-Nev-Ha Governor Tom Vildibill at his official visit to Division 32 on Saturday, March 10 at Los Robles Lodge, Santa Rosa.

The two members so honored are Don Reukema, a past president and chairman of the renovation project at Camp Rosenberg and Clarence Ruonavaara, chairman of the House and Reception Committee.

Ruonavaara, retired Healdsburg High School educator/administrator, and a US Navy veteran serving in World War 11, has served on the Scholarship Awards committee for many years and has worked on behalf of the American Field Service Exchange Student Program since its inception in the 1960's. In addition he serves on the Advisory Council of the Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center at Lytton and is very active in the Federated Church.

An avid baseball fan he played ball for the UC at Berkley baseball team as well as local ball clubs. He took a very active part in raising funds to build the lights at Recreation Park. He joined Kiwanis in April, 1981.

The club during Don Reukema's presidency, 1997-98, achieved Distinguished Service Award status and during his seventeen years as a member of Kiwanis has served on numerous committees and headed programs for the betterment of the community, including beautification of the garden at the Healdsburg Museum and the renovation of the Boy Scouts Camp Rosenberg. He has been very active in the community having served on the City Planning Commission and the Sonoma County Grand Jury. He is also an Advisory Council member of the Salvation Army's ARC at Lytton. He and his wife Betty retired in Healdsburg in 1983 following a number of years abroad as a construction trouble shooter (Australia, Indonesia, Canada near the Arctic Circle) as well as in Texas.

Club members and their guests wishing to attend the Governor's official visit and dinner on March 10 at the Los Robles Lodge in Santa Rosa should make arrangements with president Lee Gunnerson.

Gift baskets donated by each club in Division 32, will be auctioned off at the dinner. This Chinese auction is in support of Shirley Vildibill's project, "HOPE FOR KIDS", a project to help homeless children. Lt. Governor Bob Carver said that "rather than ask each club for yet another donation, this seems like a fun way to raise money." His goal is to average \$100 for each basket.

Memorial Scholarship Fund Challenge

President Lee Gunnerson says "C'mon Kiwanians. We need some more donations to match the \$1000 from our two anonymous contributors."

So far we have \$100 from Denny Stead (thanks, Denny) and a pledge from Rich Lehrmann to give \$5 for every victory his son racks up as a pitcher for the HHS Greyhounds. (Rumor has it that he should go 20 wins easy !).

The President's Message:

Many Important Upcoming Dates and Events Noted

By Lee Gunnerson

Our major event in March is the Cal-Nev-Ha Governor's Dinner on Saturday, March 10 at the Los Robles Lodge. There is still time for you to join the group from our club. We had 15 (including spouses) signed up as of February 24. We will honor the governor Tom Vildibill and our own Distinguished Service Award winners, Don Reukema and Clarence Ruonavaara.

We had 71 people, including spouses, for our Valentine's lunch on February 13. The Western Boot did a fine job on its first Kiwanis lunch and followed again with excellent food on February 20. To those members who have not been able to make the recent meetings, please come in March. You may not have to eat dinner on Tuesday nights if you do.

The cemetery clean up scheduled for Total K Day was postponed from February 17 and February 24 because of rain. The work will happen and Vince Dougherty and Denny Stead will be in touch about a future DRY day.

When word leaked out that Kiwanis was going to do the "Full Monty" at the Lip Sync on March 3 to benefit the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club, the whole event was abruptly postponed indefinitely. This town is full of pretty smart people.

Phil Rice reports that the city arborist has chosen the spots for our planned tree planting. Look for an April work detail on this project.

A lunch on Tuesday, June 5 is planned to honor all of the past Healdsburg Kiwanis presidents. We have nineteen former presidents who are still active members and will be the nucleus of our honorees. We are also contacting the following to invite them: Dr. Charles Campbell (1955); Gerold Hodges (1968); Lloyd Decker (1972-73); Ken Hampton (1976-77); Bill Kassin (1970); Glen Davis (1982-83); James Gentry (1983-84); Fred Besio (1988-89); Ben Collins (1989-90); Steve Tice (1995-96).

In addition to these ten whom we have tracked down, we need help in reaching Richard Saxton (1981-82) and Ed Burke (1974-75). Please contact me if you know where to look for either of these men.

Here are reminders of future activities: March ? Cemetery Clean-up; March 8 Board Meeting; March 10 Governor's Dinner; April 8 Pancake Breakfast; April ? Tree Planting; May 24 Future Farmers Country Fair Parade; May 24-27 Food Booth Fund Raiser at Future Farmers Country Fair; June 5 Past President's Lunch; June 10 Fitch Mountain Foot Race fund raiser.

And don't forget reading with 1st-3rd graders at Fitch Mountain School. You can go for 1 or 1-1/2 hours per week at your own schedule. Please consider volunteering.

Children's First Book Program

Dennis Stead reminds us that we now have all of the dictionaries, book plates and informational bookmarks. Within the next two weeks all of the dictionaries will be distributed to every 3rd grader in all the Healdsburg schools.

Members Asked To Help Defray Expenses of Pancake Breakfast

By Tim Tuscany, Chairman

As the club approaches the Pancake Breakfast (April 8) it becomes apparent why it has been historically such a successful project. I have taken the opportunity to evaluate why we have been fortunate enough to be able to raise as much money as we do. First, we have generous club members who support the project by selling or purchasing all their tickets. Many members are able to sell additional tickets. Second, we have a supportive business community that purchases advertising space in the Healdsburg Tribune. Thirdly, club members have sponsored expenses and therefore defrayed all the costs of putting on the Pancake Breakfast.

As April 8 quickly approaches, I will be coming to club members asking for assistance in helping to defray the expenses of the breakfast. Examples where help will be needed include: rental for the Villa Chanticleer, place mats, syrup and butter, place settings, coffee, tickets, pancake mix, sausage, orange juice, eggs, posters.

The advertising committee is working to fill all available spots for this year's advertising page in the Healdsburg Tribune. Rich Iverson reports that all is going well.

If any one has questions or needs more tickets, let me know and I'll get them out right away.

Healdsburg Key Club Member Was Elected Lt. Governor of Division 32

By Dennis Stead, Key Club Advisor

On Saturday, February 24 elections were held at the Division Conclave and Healdsburg Key Clubber Stephanie Bedolla was elected Division 32 Lt. Governor. It has been a long time since Healdsburg held this high position. Congratulations, Stephanie!

During February the Key Club has been busy helping out with Mrs. Jackson's reading classes at Fitch Mountain Elementary School. The club worked at the Animal Shelter and also planted trees for the Key Club "K" Day.

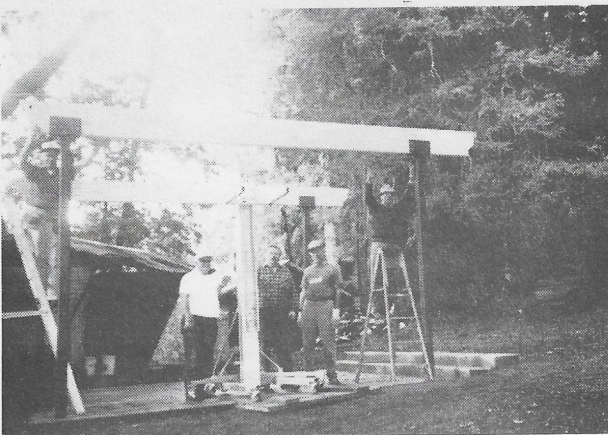
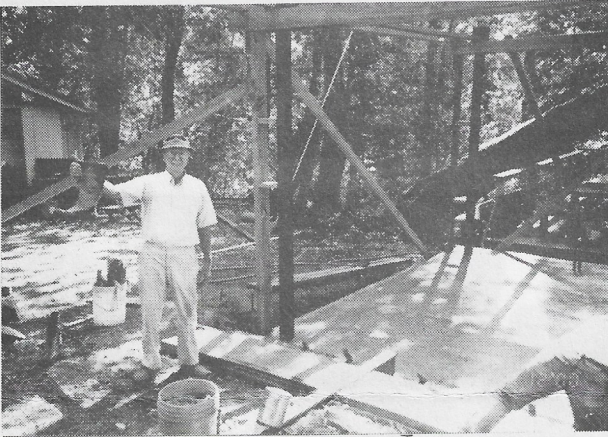
Five of the Key Club members are busy preparing to attend the Key Club convention which will be held in Long Beach on March 30 to April 1.

Report of the Official Minutes of the February 8 Board Meeting

(Submitted by Michael Villa for Secretary Neil Iversen)

President Lee Gunnerson convened the board of directors meeting at the Healdsburg Police Department at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was not initially present, but was obtained five minutes after the meeting began with the arrival of Dan Maraviglia.

DUES/BILLS PAYABLE: Neil Iversen reported \$3,754 in dues were collected during January from 30 active members and 8 senior members. An additional \$2700 in dues were collected in February from 21 active members and 7 senior members. All club bills have been paid. (cont'd on back page).



Camp Rosenberg Project Should Be Completed in The Spring

Kiwanis Club members were advised by Don Reukema , chairman of the Boy Scouts Camp Rosenberg project that club members will be able to visit - and enjoy a lunch meeting- at the newly renovated camp located in the Mill Creek area this Spring.

Reukema and working committee members - Neil Iversen, John Bippart, Alvie Rochester, Carl Elze, Dennis Stead, Dennis Gary, Michael Villa, Dick Bertapelle, Mark McCoppin, Phil Rice, Ernie Ralston, Ken Turnbow , Lee Gunnerson and Bob Taylor- started the project last August with the first session devoted to determining what was needed to bring the camp into the 21st century.

Initially it was determined that the 50 year old fire pit be torn down and completely rebuilt since the fire pit serves as both a cooking area and also is the source, with its underground plumbing, of hot water for the camp site.

After a couple of sessions of clearing the site, a new 14' x 14' concrete slab foundation has been built, topped by a 16' x 16' corrugated metal roof with a chimney. New underground plumbing for the hot water will be installed and new heavy duty metal grills for the new fire pit will be made by Conde Mathias, farm manager of the Salvation Army at Lytton.

Many local businesses have assisted with materials and equipment for this project including Aaction Rents (backhoe), Silveira Pontiac Buick GMC (a truck) , F & M Steel, Wheeler and Zamaroni, Healdsburg Lumber Company, Jerry Eddinger, Shively Lumber Company of Petaluma, Nu Forest Products, Nor Cal Building Materials, Domenichelli Masonry and Tuscany Plumbing.

The cost to the club, so far, has been \$ 2000 , Reukema said.

Photos: Top - Neil Iversen clearing the site; second - Don Reukema checking out the concrete work; third from top - Up goes the beams, from left, Alvie Rochester, Dennis Stead, Carl Elze and Don Reukema; Bottom photo - from left, Denis Stead, Ken Turnbow, Lee Gunnerson, Neil Iversen, Phil Rice and Carl Elze.

"Help To Read " Program Very Rewarding

Now in its first month The Kiwanis Club's newest project, the tutorial help children to read program is well underway and deemed a success. Both president Lee Gunnerson, one of at least six volunteers for the program and Dee Whitehall, program chair, indicated that "it is a very worthwhile and rewarding experience."

The volunteers meet with the second and third grade students at the Fitch Mountain Elementary School once a week for one to one and a half hours. It's a one-on-one program with fifteen young students, targeted by the school's reading specialist, Mrs. Phyllis Walters, receiving help from the Kiwanis volunteers.

More volunteers are needed, Dee said and you can start at any time.

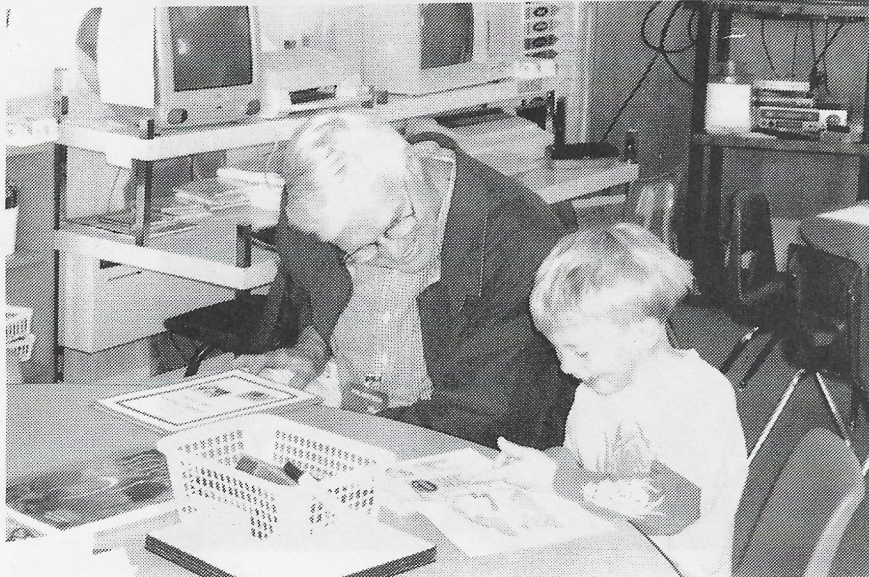
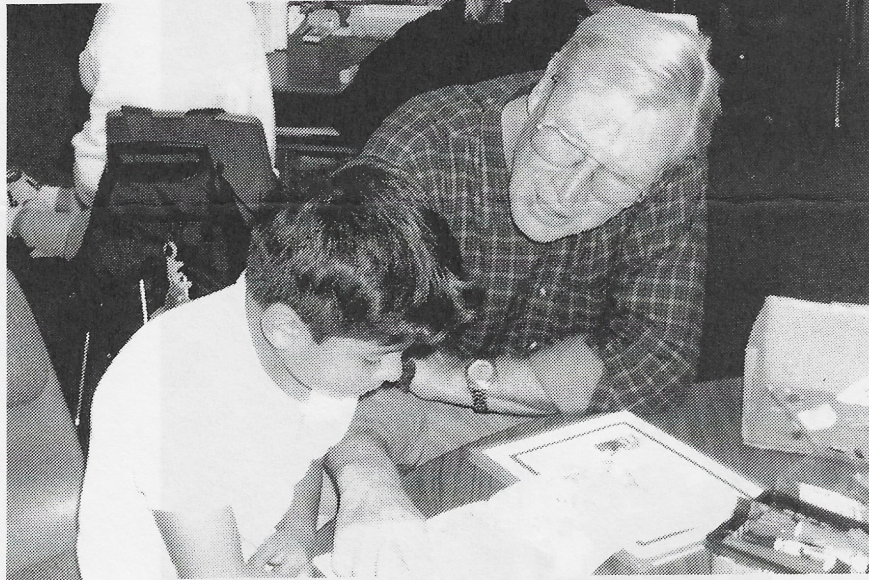
Taking part in the program in addition to Dee Whitehall and Lee Gunnerson are Don Reukema, John Bippart, Betsy Bippart and Mario Lucchesi

If you want to become a part of this worthwhile Kiwanis endeavor contact Dee Whitehall at 433-4391.

Top photo: Dee Whitehall, chair of the Kiwanis tutorial Help A Child To Read Program at Fitch Mountain Elementary School with one of her pupils.

Middle Photo: President Lee Gunnerson with one of the students getting the benefits of the special reading session.

Bottom Photo: Past President John Bippart enjoying a light moment with his young student.



Plans To Establish A New Club In Cloverdale Now Underway

By Tim Tuscany,

Our club is currently working to establish a new club in Cloverdale. There have been several attempts in the distant past, and one recent attempt at starting a new club. Past attempts have failed, for various reasons.

Along with Bob Carver and Bob McAllister, I have taken several measures to ensure a successful campaign in establishing a new club for Division 32. First, I have formed a small cadre of members who have knowledge of Cloverdale. They have dedicated themselves to working towards the common goal of a new goal. We surveyed the community and there was a strong response in their desire for another service club. Bob Carver even attended a Rotary luncheon, was the program for the meeting and received their support. We will meet frequently till we have reached a solid list of leads for the community. A pared down list, while maybe small, everyone has agreed will generate more leads. It will also build momentum and success for our project. This is part of the project we are currently working on. The third part of the plan will be to start training for the cadre and a larger group of volunteers on recruiting. After everyone feels comfortable with the techniques of talking to strangers about Kiwanis, then we will go into the community to start our active recruitment of members.

While the Healdsburg Club is the sponsoring club, I have heard from many clubs offering to help in starting this club. The New Club committee would appreciate any assistance any individual can offer. Here are a couple of examples: if you can refer a name of someone in Cloverdale you feel may be interested in Kiwanis, or you can volunteer in the club building project. Your time commitment would be about 6-8 hours over 2-3 weeks. If our organization is truly here to serve the community, then let's get a new club started, so the citizens of Cloverdale can reap the benefits of Kiwanis.

If you have any questions, you have contacts that you want to pass along, or you want to volunteer you can contact me at tuscany@sonic.com or 433-8856.

Jeffrey Dale January Student of Month

By Dick Bertapelle, Chairman

Our January student of the month was presented to club members and guests at the February 13th luncheon meeting. He is Jeffrey Dale, son of David and Cacilia Dale.

Jeff is a senior at Healdsburg High School where he participates in California Scholarship Foundation and MESA engineering clubs, soccer, football and wrestling. He has developed keen interests in math, aeronautics and aerospace and has accumulated an impressive 4.06 grade point average. Jeff also works in construction with the family business and helps out at the Bishop's Ranch.

Jeff plans to pursue his interests at the University of California in San Diego or Cal Poly where he will major in engineering.

He was presented with a Student of the Month certificate plus a gift certificate to Levin's Book Store. Other students honored so far this year are Sam Nalle, David Meeker, Cody Mork and Blair Mitchell.

Sonoma, Oakmont, Petaluma and Geyserville on Interclub Agenda

By Mario Lucchesi, Chairman

That eminent entrepreneur and man about town Robert Meyer was the leading light of an interclub into the far off land inhabited by the ferocious Geyservillians (more appropriately called Geyservillains!). Well, whatever they be it did not deter the likes of "Big Guy" Bellagio, Bobby Malone, Chucky Reichel and Bob (Curley Top) Young. Very nice going, guys!

The Oakmont tribe was honored by a visit from four of our more prominent members, namely to wit, e.g., and i.e. better known as Mark McCoppin, Yolanda Rinaldo, Dennis Stead and Neil Iversen. According to all reports it was a boisterous affair with a sumptuous breakfast consisting of oatmeal mush laced with aged Zinfandel! Ugh! What a way to spoil good oatmeal mush!

On February 27 Al Peterson led a large contingent to the Petaluma Fairgrounds to partake of the Petaluma Club's annual Oyster Feed. A portion of the ticket price went to a worthy charity — organ donations program.

Tree Planting Program On Hold Until April Chairman Advises Club Members

Phil Rice, club chairman of Cal-Nev-Ha Governor Tom Vildibill's goal of planting 50,000 trees during his tenure, advised the club members at our February 20 meeting, that the tree planting program won't take place until April. Mostly due, he said, because of the delay on the part of city officials.

The 50 trees will be planted on city property — at the Healdsburg' Tayman Park Golf Course and at the Retention Basin at the north end of Healdsburg. The type of trees to be planted will be selected by the city's arborist and the trees will be given to the club without cost by the Sonoma County Honor Farm located near the Sonoma County Airport.

Phil advised that the city will supply the equipment and the "manpower" will be furnished by the club members. He also said this could be a project in which the Key Club members and Boys Scouts could take part.

Report of Membership Treasurer

By Temple Smith

The following is a report on dues collections for the current quarter and previous quarters:

Five members are not paid for the current quarter, but are completely paid up through all past quarters. Six members are not paid for this quarter and are also not paid for the previous quarter. Some of these are in arrears for more than that. One member is paid for the current quarter but still owes for the fourth quarter of the last fiscal year.

The above is based on the records provided by treasurer Dennis Gary as of February 16. And I have deposited all checks received up to the 21st.

Finally if you are not sure about your payments, you can check your own records or you can call me and I'll be glad tell you what the records show. If there have been errors, I would like to get them resolved.

Board Meeting:

ADMINISTRATIVE/DUES DELINQUENCIES: Dennis Gary reported the club's cash position as of January 31, 2001 was \$21,723. According to Dennis \$3,522 in dues were presently outstanding as receivable. In Dan Gianni's absence Gary reported the Project Fund balance was approximately \$6,985.

NEW BUSINESS: Sandy Dunn was granted a leave of absence for 6 months until June 30, 2001 while she is recovering from eye surgery. She agreed to pay dues of \$42 for each quarter.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: John Bippart was appointed chairman of the Nominating Committee to nominate new officers and directors for next year.

MID WINTER CONFERENCE: The board approved an expenditure of \$150 for Tim Tuscany and Dennis Stead to attend the February 23 Conference of the Northern Section of Cal-Nev-Ha in Modesto.

Celebrating Anniversaries: The following Healdsburg Kiwanians joined the club during the month of March: John F. (Jack) Brandt, March 6, 1979; Ted Etheredge, March 22, 1988; Robert Malone, March 13, 1954 ; Richard Passalacqua, March 29, 1988. Congratulations !

Congratulations To: Fire Chief Bob Taylor on receiving the Boy Scouts Senior Beaver Award.... Phil Rice on the Christmas Bell Ringing program, 100 man hours and \$2,047.70 raised !! ; Hugo Bauer for the great thought of the

day at our Valentine's Day luncheon. Really set the tone for the meeting. ... Earl Osborn on turning 93. Clarence Ruonavaara, John Uboldi, Art McCaffrey, and other retired educators visit him weekly at the London House Convalescent Home.

Happy and Sad \$\$\$\$: Police Chief Rick Alves happy that 22 will be participating in a second annual Citizens Academy , a 14 week program hosted by the SRJC sponsored jointly by the Healdsburg and Cloverdale Police Departments. Participants spend 2 hours per week with the police department learning how law enforcement works. Taking the course from our club will be Phil Rice, Les and Shirley Davis and Vickie Brannon- Rainwater and her father. Dan Maraviglia took the course last year and highly recommends it.....John Bippart happy to present Martin Edwards with his Kiwanis badge. Martin recently rejoined the club.... Tim Tuscany happy he was the top bidder for two tickets to Romancing The Vine fund raiser sponsored by the Sonoma County Museum. The tickets worth \$70 and donated by Temple Smith brought another \$40 to the Scholarship Fund.

Geyserville Club Rib Feed and Pie Auction

Secretary Neil Iversen reports that he contacted Ryan Peterson, Geyserville Kiwanis Club president who advised that the Geyserville Club would not be having their annual Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner. However, they are planning to have a Rib Feed and Pie Auction on April 26 to raise money to buy dictionaries for the 3rd graders at Geyserville Elementary. For information contact Peterson at 431-7418.

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