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KIWANIS CLUB

of Healdsburg



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A VERY WARM WELCOME: Deborah Robley was inducted as an associate member joining her husband, Ron, a long time member who just reverted to associate status because of work commitments. Deborah, our 81st member and second new member inducted since October and Ron join two other couples as husband/wife members. They are Jan and Dan Gianni and Loretta and Jerry Strong, Remember to welcome her to Kiwanis by signing her apron. From left, membership chairman Loretta Strong, Deborah Doble, Ron Doble and President Hunt Conrad.

Chairs and Members Signify That the Club Is Ready for Pancake Day, A Community Event

Bob Taylor, generak chairman and Bob Santucci, in charge of the kitchen, advised the membership that the annual Pancake Breakfast, scheduled for Sunday, April 1 will be a successful venture again. Now in its 55th year, the Pancake Breakfast is the club's second biggest fund raiser and has become a community special event as well as a tradition. Many of our supporters look forward to a delicious breakfast but also to visiting with friends and neighbors. And President Hunt Conrad added that it will be "a fun event."

Dick Bugarske, now in his second year as chairman of the advertising committee, said that the business community has been very supportive in taking space in the Pancake Breakfast advertising special insert in the Tribune (which appeared on March 29). This year he invited club members who wanted to support the advertising program with an innovative suggestion y.e families take a space congratuating the club on its many years of helping the youth of the community.

Bob Taylor has assigned a Pancake Breakfast task for each member of the club. If you don't know your assignment or time you should contact Bob Taylor. If you can not keep your assignment you need to find your own replacement.

Serving time is from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon. (For companion article see Aunt Jemima on page 5.)

Calendar

April 1: 56th annual Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon, Villa Chanticleer.

April 3: Regular meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. PSST update to Kiwanis by Barbara Epstein.

April 10: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Tom Brand of the Raven Performing Arts Theater.

April 15: Windsor Club Chicken Dinner, 4 p.m. auction and no host social hour, 5 p.m. dinner, \$35 At Mary Agatha Center, Windsor.

April 17: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Frank Chong, new president of Santa Rosa Junior College, guest speaker.

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

April 21: Kiwanis One Day, Community Service Project TBA

April 24: Evening meeting, 6:30 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex. Canon Marvin Bowers will talk about his missionary travels to Arequipa, Peru,

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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Robert Meyer: April 6
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Guy French: April 24
David Scharer: April 29

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Kurt Hahn 4-11-78
Albert Peterson:4-19-88
Phil Rice: 4-19-88 (11-27-79)
John Dayton: 4-2-91
Richard Norgrove:4-7-96
Dan Maraviglia: 4-8-97

The President's Message:

Looking Forward To Another Great Six Months

By Hunt Conrad

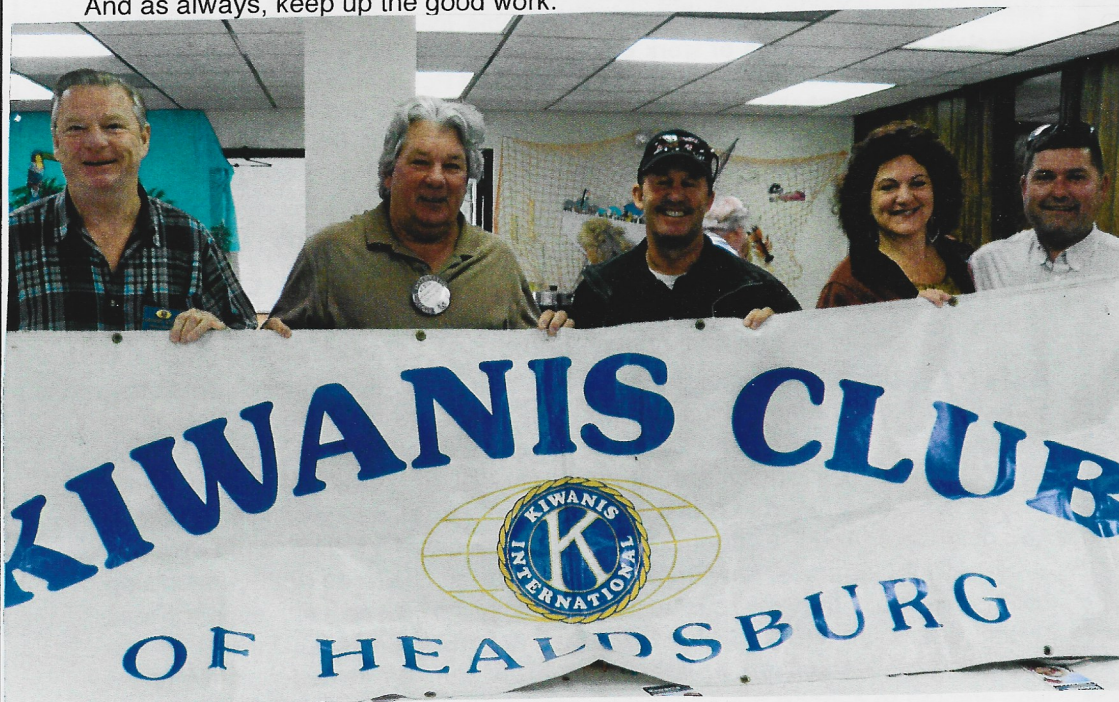
Well I am half way through the voyage of being your president and so far the ship hasn't wandered too far off course (amazingly enough). March was pretty quiet as far as activities go but by the time you read this our Annual Pancake Breakfast will be in the books and I am sure to be a great success.

One of our major accomplishments, thanks to the direction and persuasive techniques used by our inter club chairwoman Susan Sheehy, was the number of inter clubs that were accomplished. I counted at least four and there may have been more. One that I attended was coupled with the Division Council Meeting in Petaluma and the Oyster Feed. This was a great event and very informative. Did you know that past and future president Loretta Strong can eat a lot of raw oysters ? At last count it was 14 and sliding !

The Board voted to support a variety of projects including the Boy Scouts Troop 21, the Salvation Army at Lytton and Kiwanis International which in turn supports the Project Eliminate helping to stamp out neo-natal tetanus. Cal-Nev.Ha Governor Richard Olmstead,Jr. will visit our division on May 12 in Cloverdale and I hope we can muster a strong showing of support.

So I am looking forward to another great six months of Kiwanis fun and activities. I appreciate all of your support and carefully constructed criticism.

Remember to invite guests and make as many meetings as you can. And as always, keep up the good work.



ONLY FOUR MORE: Inter Club chair Susan Sheehy told the members that only four more visits to Division 32 clubs remain to complete the program for this year. Official visits need to be made to Ft. Bragg, Sonoma Plaza, Willits and Lakeport. Anyone who organizes a visit will receive a bottle of Robert Young Estates wine, courtesy of Susan and the Young family. So if you have not yet taken part in an inter club meeting, now is your opportunity to enjoy what is usually a special event. Photo above shows the group that attended the DCM meeting and Oyster Feed in Petaluma. Left, Dennis Stead, Richard Yates, Hunt Conrad, Loretta Strong and Mark Zimmerman. (Photo courtesy of Dennis Stead).

Kiwanis Profile **Dee Whitehall**



By June Maher Smith

Native Californian Dee Whitehall was born in the heart of Los Angeles, grew up in Glendale and Eagle Rock with her four siblings and she is now happy to be a Northern Californian. She attended a girls high school and then took an Altadena Junior College two-year business course. She soon used her education to manage her father's two grocery stores when he became ill and passed away. She has traveled to her father's birthplace, Spain, and to her mother's birthplace in Mexico to visit family members living in those countries.

After her marriage to Gene the couple moved to San Gabriel Valley, and then came to our area over 30 years ago. She often took her six children to swim in the Russian River, so they were disappointed when she decided to return to work and not have that free time.

She worked two years at Macy's Men Department in Santa Rosa and says her husband and sons were the best dressed fellows in the area. She spent several years as personnel manager at Geysers Peak Winery where Bob Meyer was her boss.

Currently five of her six children live in Healdsburg and the other one lives in Windsor, so family gatherings are easy to arrange. She has a large backyard with a vegetable garden and is proud of her rose garden.

Dee joined Kiwanis in October, 1999 and served 11 years as secretary. She enjoys attending many inter club meetings and seeing what's happening in other towns and cities.

Thanks, Dee for all you've done and continue to do for our club.

Board Approves Associate Member And a Number of Grant Requests

Four requests for funding and a new associate member were among the agenda items approved by the board of directors at the board's meeting held March 15 at the Conference Room of the Healdsburg Fire Department. One request was tabled.

Deborag Doble, spouse of long time member Ron Doble, was accepted as an associate member. She completed her indoctrination and was inducted as a member at the March 27 evening meeting.

It was confirmed by Treasurer Pete Peterson that a Memorial Brick had been ordered in the name of Clarence Ruonavaara for the Kiwanis Half House in Sacramento.

A \$2,400 grant to Healdsburg Boy Scout Troop 21 was approved, \$1,500 for the annual rent of Clary Hall and \$900 for the troop's annual charter renewal.

Also approved was a \$400 grant to Kiwanis International at \$5 per member.

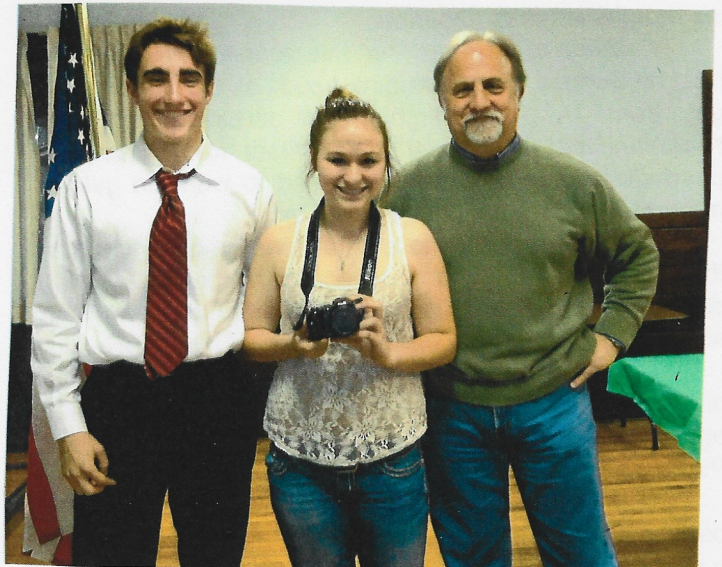
A \$2,584/25 grant to the Salvation Army at Lytton was approved for the purchase of an Overhead Projector plus accessories.

A \$100 grant to the Healdsburg High School baseball program was approved. The funds will be used to pay the annual renewal fee for the Kiwanis Club's Fence Banner.

A \$300 grant request from the Cloverdale Pony League was tabled for a second time because of a lack of sufficient information as how a Cloverdale based young ladies baseball league impacts on the club's primary goal of helping Healdsburg youth.

A \$70 administrative fund payment was approved to reimburse president Hunt Conrad for the purchase of a food basket which was raffled at the recent Division Council Meeting. Since Hunt won the raffle, there was discussion as to the propriety of President Hunt keeping the basket for personal use rather than sharing it with the board.

The final item involved the question of No Shows at Club Fund Raisers. Methods of encouraging all club members to fulfill their obligation to work at all club fund raisers was tabled for future discussion.--by **Albert Peterson**



NEW CAMERA FOR JOURNALISM CLASS: Past president Dick Bugarske, right, generously donated the \$300 to purchase a new camera for the Healdsburg High School Journalism Class. The money came from his President's Fund collected weekly from the members. Expressing their thanks for his generosity were Journalism students Raul Friedmann and Zoe Santucci.

Honorees For Annual High School Scholarships Selected By Committee

The seven member Scholarship Selection Committee met Tuesday afternoon, March 27 to review the 25 applications submitted by Healdsburg High School seniors.

The scholarships are based on grade point average, community and school extra curriculum activities, work experience, and travel experience plus future goals and plans. Each applicant had to have achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average. Some consideration was given to the student's plan for a vocational or agricultural career as well as academic performance.

Depending on how much funding is available from the Memorial Scholarship Fund and from the Project fund will determine the amount of the scholarship. Seven scholarships will be awarded at the school's award night in May.

Chair of the committee is Loretta Strong and assisting her in the selection process were Lee Gunnerson, Dick Bugarske, Michael Laird, Jerry Strong, Guy French and Arnold Santucci,

Fitch Mountain Foot Race Scheduled for Sunday June 3; Your Help Is Needed

Vince Ciolino as co-chair of the annual Fitch Mountain Foot Race has taken over as spoke person for the committee because his co-chair David Jones is on a six months leave of absence.

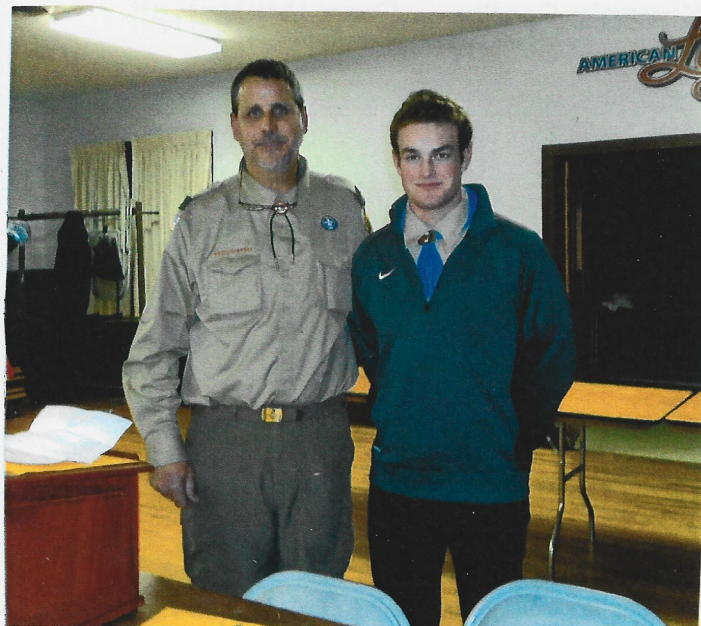
Vince announced that this year the Race will be held on Sunday, June 3 and he needs all the help he can get from the membership. He stressed that the Kiwanians not only need to volunteer for the various posts during the race but also need to work on getting more participation and more sponsors.

Invite your friends and family members to run in the race so there will be more local participation, He also said that he wants to encourage elementary and high school students to take part..

Also we need more sponsors. Any help in that direction would be much appreciated, he said. The race again will consist of 3K and 10K runs all starting at the Plaza Square.

If you have any ideas on how to increase the participation in the race contact Vince at 433-9441 or by e mail at vince@montemaggiore.com.

Members of his committee are Joe Engler, Carl Elze, Jerry Strong, Bob Taylor, Phil Luks and Lee Gunnerson.



Doug Price, left, Troop 21 scoutmaster and Eagle Scout Jamison McKay were the guest speakers at the March 27 evening meeting. They gave an update on the coming events for Troop 21 and Jamison explained what his project was to gain his Eagle Scout rank— planting 12 trees on the high school campus. He will be graduating from Healdsburg High School in June and plans to continue his education at Sonoma State University.

Programs for April Will Include a Visit From Newly Appointed SRJC President

Dr. Frank Chong, the newly appointed superintendent/president of Santa Rosa Junior College, will be the guest speaker at the April 17 noon meeting. Dr. Chong who has taken over his duties replaced Dr. Robert Agrella who retired after 21 years in the post. Dr. Chong left his position as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges at the United States Department of Education in Washington D.C. He formerly served as president of Laney College in Oakland and Mission College in Santa Clara. He also served as Special Assistant to the Speaker of the California Assembly, Willie Brown from 1987-1991.

Other programs for April include an update by Barbara Epstein of PSST, the tutoring and mentoring 5th grade program on April 3; Tom Brand of the Raven Performing Arts Theater will visit the club on April 10 and on the evening of April 24 Canon Marvin Bowers, retired Episcopal Church priest will tell us about the missionary program he and his wife Bonnie are involved in at Arequipa, Peru.

Dick Bugarske and Loretta Strong are in charge of obtaining speakers for the weekly meetings.

HEF Needs More Funds To Match Kiwanis \$10,000 Challenge Grant

The Healdsburg Education Foundation has issued a call to the community to help them raise funds to match a challenge grant recently approved by the Kiwanis Board. So far about \$2,000 in matching funds have been received according to Kiwanis treasurer Pete Peterson who contacted HEF at the request of *The Builder*.

The funding will be used to purchase more laptop computers for both the Junior High and High School libraries. The demand to use the now available laptops by the students has grown and more laptops are needed in both schools to stay abreast of the ever growing technology.

HEF, in its request for help from the generous community, emphasized that at both the Junior High School and the High School, "the ratio of readily accessible computers to students is 1:10."

To access these funds from Kiwanis, HEF will have to match the donation from the community. When these funds are matched it will bring HEF closer to its goal of \$40,000 to expand technology at both schools.

If you wish to donate to help HEF meet the Kiwanis Challenge go to hefschools.com or contact Pamela Swan at 433-1223, P.O. Box 1668, Healdsburg, CA 95448.

It's Elementary Santa Rosa Symphony Programs Were Held at Local Schools

With a \$1,000 funding from the Kiwanis Club, the Santa Rosa Symphony *It's Elementary* presentation of four programs were held at the two elementary schools, two in the morning at Healdsburg Elementary and two in the afternoon at Fitch Mountain Elementary, on Friday, March 2. The performance was by a string quartet.

In an e-mail from Benjamin Taylor of the Santa Rosa Symphony to club member Tom Rackerby, Taylor explained that the in-school performances happen several times a year, each time featuring a different family of orchestral instruments so that over 2 years each school is introduced to a string quartet, a brass quintet, woodwind quartet and a percussion trio.

Another example of Kiwanis project funds at work and our pledge to give back to the community.

Governor's Official Visit Set for May 12

Cal-Nev-Ha Governor Richard G. Olmstead Jr. will pay his official visit to Division 32 on Saturday, May 12. The Cloverdale Kiwanis Club will be the host club for this event.

Hunt Conrad, Healdsburg Kiwanis president, reminded the club members to save that date. We need to have a good representation at the Governor's official visit and

dinner, he emphasized. Awards will be presented by various clubs following the dinner.

Down Memory Lane, 1957:



Pancake Breakfast 1957: The caption from the October 3, 1957 Tribune reads: The Kiwanis Club's Pancake Breakfast Saturday was a huge success, with a large crowd attending. Top photo, pancake cooks, left to right, Ray Skinner, Aunt Jemima, Finnly Frisch, Dr. Charles Campbell and Jack Wheeler. (Healdsburg Museum photo)

Aunt Jemima Visits Healdsburg, Helps Publicize Pancake Breakfast

Fifty five years ago someone in the club came up with the idea of sponsoring a pancake breakfast for the community. And, as the saying goes, the rest is history.

The club, then in its 34th year, was 50 members strong. One of the very active members was Ernie Biasotti (president in 1964), one of the owners of Biasotti Bros. Market. Through his efforts the club was able to bring to Healdsburg for the first Pancake Breakfast the world famous Aunt Jemima who entertained with songs during the breakfast and conducted "a pancake eating contest: for youngsters. On Friday before the breakfast Aunt Jemima visited the schools to invite the students to come to the breakfast and take part in the contest. The breakfast was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Guild hall with Charles East as general chairman Tickets were \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

In 1957 Dwight D. Eisenhower was President of the United States, Goodwin J. Knight sat in the Governor's office in Sacramento, Art Ruonavaara was Mayor of Healdsburg,, Albert Giorgi was Police Chief, Harold Sullivan was Fire Chief and Edward Neilson was president of the Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanis One Day April 21

President Hunt Conrad announced that our club along with all other clubs in the Cal-Nev-Ha District will be participating in Kiwanis One Day on April 21. This is a day set aside for club members to devote time and effort for a special community project. Last year Healdsburg members spent many hours cleaning and repairing the bleachers at Recreation Park..

This year, as of this date, the project has not yet been firmed up. However, under consideration is the clean up of the train turntable recently discovered at the Healdsburg Depot in collaboration with the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society. Lockie Gillies, Kiwanis member and a member of the Museum board, brought the proposed project to the attention of president Hunt Conrad and the members.

Windsor Club Sponsors Annual Chicken Dinner at Mary Agatha Furth Center

Here is an opportunity to support a neighboring Kiwanis Club and enjoy a special event. The Windsor Club will hold its annual Chicken Dinner fund raiser on Sunday, April 15 at the Mary Agatha Furth Center starting at 4 p.m.. A no host social hour and raffle will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. followed by dinner and auction.

Tickets are \$30 prior to the event and \$35 at the door.

Bring A Guest To A Meeting

The best way to introduce a friend, family member or colleague to Kiwanis and what it stands for is to invite him or her to a meeting either one of the three luncheon meetings or if you are bringing a potential associate member the one evening meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

This month we are having some outstanding programs including Dr. Frank Chong the newly appointed superintendent/president of the Santa Rosa Junior College.

Congratulations: To Claudia and Dick Bugarske who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on March 27... to past president Kurt Hahn (1993) and retired City of Healdsburg Finance/Economic Development Director on his re-election to the board of the Sonoma County Taxpayers Association,

Happy and Sad: June Smith sad about the clock on the wall at the Villa Annex; it needs fixing. She will give a happy dollar when it is repaired.... Dick Bugarske happy with his committee who sold many advertisements for the special Pancake Day advertising insert ... Guy French, first time on the Scholarship Selection Committee, happy and very impressed with the high achievements of the high school scholarship applicants.

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