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KIWANIS CLUB

of Healdsburg



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FLIPPING THOSE PANCAKES: A large crowd turned out for the 56^h annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 1 at the Villa Chanticleer. Making certain the cakes were cooked to perfection were, left, Keith Scharer, Ron Puccioni and Cindi Brown who shows her expertise in “flippin’ those cakes”.

Twilight Parade, Food Booth at FFC Fair and Fitch Mountain Foot Race Next Big Projects

The club's calendar will be a busy one in May and early June. First on the agenda will be the annual Future Farmers Country Fair Twilight parade scheduled for Thursday, May 24 starting at 6 p.m. The club's entry will include the usual decorated Bike Brigade plus the Sedgeway People Mover vehicles and Hugo Bauers decorated antique truck. The Food Booth featuring Polish sausages, hot dogs, corn dogs and our famous garlic fries will open on Thursday evening and continue to serve on Friday and Saturday. Every member is urged to sign up for at least one shift and many more if possible. Lots of help will be needed immediately following the parade. It's our busiest time Sign up sheets will be available at the May meetings. If you haven't signed up show up at your convenience. The crew can always use extra help. Dennis Stead, Chris Metrulas and Ken Scharer are co-chairs of the Food Booth. Jerry Strong who is coordinating the bike brigade again, asks members to let him know if you can take part in this annual event. It's fun, he said. Let Hugo Bauer know if you are willing to ride in his beautifully restored truck.

No sooner will the FFC Fair end then the club will need to gear up for Fitch Mountain Foot Race scheduled for the following Sunday, June 3. The 10K and 3 K races will kick off at 8 a.m. at the Plaza Square and will end up there where medallions and ribbons will be awarded. Vince Ciolino, in charge of the race this year, said he needs all the help he can get especially in the realm of obtaining sponsors. See him if you can assist in this way. Jerry Strong emphasized that he needs help in processing applications from the runners. Contact him if you are willing to assist in this way.

Calendar

May 1: Regular meeting, 12 noon, at Villa Annex. Guest speaker Bo Simons, Healdsburg Library manager.

May 6: Geyserville May Day Festival, Rib Cook Off. Patti Roberts in charge of booth. At Geyser Peak Picnic Grounds, Geyserville.

May 8: Regular meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Student of the month ceremony.

May 12: Cal-Nev-Ha Governor Official Visit to Division 32, at Cloverdale 5 p.m. Contact Hunt Conrad for information.

May 15: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Guest speaker Mary Ellen Raynor, from the Bird Rescue Center. She will be bringing 2 raptors.

May 17: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Conference Room at the Healdsburg Fire Station.

May 22: Evening meeting, 6:30 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex.

May 24: FFCF Parade, 6 p.m.

May 24-26: FFCF Food Booth at Recreation Park.

May 29: 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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Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Lindsay Wurlitzer: 5-15-79

Carl Elze: 5-15-87

Lockie Gilles: 5-14-02

Don Marshall: 5-14-04

Bruce Main: 5-18-04

George Diebold: 5-25-04

Richard Norman: 5-25-04

Loretta Strong: 5-16-06

Eric Smith: 5-25-10

The President's Message:

We Have A Couple of Great Events This Month

By Hunt Conrad

April started off with a bang or a flip to put it more aptly as the club rallied together to put on one of the best Pancake Breakfasts that I can remember. Nary a hitch was perceived if there was one. Pancake Breakfast King, Bob Taylor, lead the motley crew of Kiwanians, Boy Scouts and Key Clubbers alike. Many a pancake was distributed and many dollars were made for the club (over \$11,000 at last count). Bob is going to be traveling next year so anybody that would like to volunteer to take on the temporary (I'm sure) title of Pancake Breakfast King please let Bob know and he can get you the recipe for success.

A warm welcome to our newest member, Debbie Doble, who not only has participated in the Pancake Breakfast but has also attended a board meeting. Remember that all fines are the responsibility of her sponsor (Ron Doble) although that doesn't seem quite fair. We have a couple of interested parties in joining so make sure if you see someone new at a meeting, you welcome them.

Our own past president Dick Bugarske who epitomizes the "do all you can do for your community" mantra was honored this month by the City of Healdsburg with the Marie Sparks award as the Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations. It couldn't be more deserved.

I felt like Clarence was smiling down on the proceedings when various city dignitaries anointed the Grandstand at Rec Park , The Clarence Ruonavaara Grandstand. The baseball team was obviously motivated as they went out and crushed their opponents.

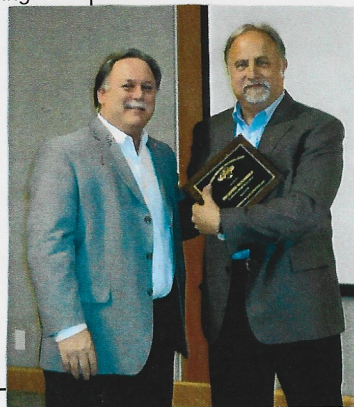
We have a couple of great events this coming month that welcome your participation. First off is the Geyserville Rib cook off on May 6. Patti Robarts is going to be leading the char...ge. May 12th Cloverdale will be hosting the Governor's Dinner at 5:30. Special awards will be given out and a lot of good Kiwanian information will be disseminated. At the end of the month we will all be involved in the Future Farmers Country Fair parade and fair. This is one of our biggest money makers so please sign up often for the food booth. Not to mention we have a really good time.

Highlights of the board meeting this month were the approval of \$15,400 for 7 high school scholarships. In addition we approved \$1200 for the 4th of July fireworks and we increased our contribution to the Salvation Army's new video projector to \$3289.48

Thanks again for all of your participation in everything Kiwanian. Inviting potential member helps the club grow.

City of Healdsburg Honors Richard Bugarske With the Annual Marie Sparks Memorial Volunteer Award

The Healdsburg City Council on April 16 paid tribute to two Healdsburg citizens who exemplify the art of volunteerism. The two so honored at ceremonies held in the council chambers before a packed house of friends and family were Kiwanis past president Richard Bugarske and Mary Lou Eddinger. Both received the Marie Sparks Memorial Volunteer Award for 2011 from Mayor Gary Plass. Dick's many years of working for the youth of our community was detailed by Presenter Ray Holley, 2010 honoree, Dick has served on the Recreation and Parks Commission for 31 years; for over 20 years he has been the announcer for more than 100 sports teams; a long time member of Kiwanis and a past president; a member of the Grandstand Renovation Committee; Healdsburg SOS (Care packages to troops overseas); founding member of Healdsburg Youth Soccer League and Healdsburg Little League. (Photo at left, Mayor Plass presents award to Dick Bugarske).





Clarence Ruonavaara Day Family, Friends On Hand When Grandstand Dedicated in his Name

The meticulously restored and renovated grandstand at Recreation Park, under construction for about two years, was dedicated to Clarence Ruonavaara, well respected educator, a top notch baseball player who once said that baseball was his passion, a World War 11 Navy pilot, an active volunteer for many organizations and a long time Kiwanis Club member, on Friday, April 13 with many family members and friends in attendance.

Unfortunately Clarence died in January , but as many friends pointed out, he did see the completion of the project. And was pleased and proud of the end results. The Kiwanis Club donated \$25,000 to the project. And Edgar and Judy Deas (Edgar is a longtime member of the club and a past president) donated funds for the new gate at the entrance to the Park.

Ray Holley who headed up the Grandstand Renovation Project, was master of ceremonies and gave due recognition to Jerry Eddinger and his family and the Healdsburg Little League for being the driving force behind the renovation project.

Mayor Gary Plass in his remarks said that he was proud to be a Kiwanis member with Clarence

The Healdsburg Little League was presented with a check for \$15,000 by the Sotoyome-Curtis Masonic Lodge to purchase a new scoreboard.

The traditional first pitches were thrown by Jim and Tom Ruonavaara, Ray Holley and Jerry Eddinger.

Cloverdale Will Host Governor's Official Dinner and Visit Set for May 12

President Hunt Conrad and a contingent of at least eight members will attend the dinner honoring Cal-Nev-Ha Governor Richard Olmstead, Jr. being held in Cloverdale and hosted by the Cloverdale Club on Saturday, May 12 starting at 5 p.m.

The dinner, the official visit of the Governor to Division 32, will be attended by representatives from all the 17 clubs in the division. The Governor will be sharing with the assembled Kiwanians his plans for the future ,

In addition, many of the 17 clubs will be honoring members with special awards.

If you wish to attend this once a year event contact Hunt Conrad.



TOP PHOTO: Mayor Gary Plass reads the proclamation naming April 13 Clarence Ruonavaara Day at the dedication of the newly renovated grandstand at Recreation Park. **Center photo,** the Ruonavaara family listens intently to Mayor Plass read the proclamation. **Bottom photo,** Edgar and Judy Deas stand by the Deas Family gate at the entrance to Recreation Park.

Six Grant Requests on Monthly Board Agenda, Four Are Approved

At its monthly meeting on April 19 the club's board of directors considered seven agenda items including six requests for grants. Of the six requests four were approved, one was denied and one was tabled.

A \$1200 request from the American Legion Post 111 to help fund the 2012 Fourth of July fireworks display was approved.

\$300 was approved for the Cloverdale Ponytail League Girls Softball. Healdsburg Junior High School no longer has a girl's softball team presumably due to school finance constraints. Several Healdsburg Junior High School girls must play in the Cloverdale softball league or not play at all. The \$300 pays for insurance for these girls plus a share of the umpiring costs.

\$200 was approved for cleaning supplies reference the recently discovered turntable at the Healdsburg Train Depot. The timing and details of this club activity will be announced later.

\$100 was approved for an advertisement in the Cloverdale Reveille regarding the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club's annual Pancake Breakfast in May. All net proceeds from the breakfast will be used to fund Cloverdale High School scholarships.

The Sonoma County Wine Library's request to help fund improvements in the Healdsburg Library's patio in memory of Millie Howie who founded the Wine Library was tabled pending more information as to the nature and details of this memorial.

A grant request from a local student, Julia Pacheco, was denied based on the very short time period for her to complete her fund raising activities by May 1, 2012 and the relatively substantial amount remaining for her to collect. Her proposed activity was 21 days in Thailand through the auspices of the Global Leadership Adventures organization. She would be at a Thailand orphanage helping with an English class, building a new facility and at an Elephant Camp learning to train and care for elephants. She has been invited to be a guest speaker so the club members can know her better.

In other business, the board approved a request from Loretta Strong, Membership chair, to again advertise in the Healdsburg Tribune with the goal of increasing the membership. She was the chair of the New Member campaign two years ago when the Associate Membership was introduced. Loretta and her committee did such an outstanding job two years ago that the board readily approved a second try. She will report back to the board at the May board meeting with her budget and advertising recommendations.

In administrative actions Michael Laird was transferred from regular membership to associate

membership due to work constraints. Currently he is unable to attend weekly luncheon meetings. His request was approved from April 1, 2012.

Bruce Main's six months administrative leave request was approved effective from April 1, 2012. His leave request is due to pressing family matters. It was affirmed that all membership changes and/or leave requests must be in writing.

Under discussion and approved was an invoice from the Healdsburg Tribune for advertising the annual Pancake Breakfast in April. The invoice came to \$1,849.84 for two full page advertisements at \$750 each plus a one quarter page advertisement at \$349.84. The Healdsburg Tribune's normal cost per a full page advertisement is \$1,200 and, we are told, it is rare for a full page ad to be under \$1,000. So we received a substantially handsome price at \$750 per our full page ads.

Also under discussion was the \$372.30 State Board of Equalization invoice regarding underpaid tree lot sales tax. The Sonoma County 9 % sales tax rate was effective prior to July 1, 2011 and was 8 % after July 1, 2011. The Board of Equalization assumed that part of our Tree Lot sales were prior to July 1, 2011 and therefore should be taxed at the 9% rate. Club treasurer Pete Peterson was able to convince the Board of Equalization by telephone and letter that 100 % of our Tree Lot sales were after July 1, 2011. No board action was taken or needed.

Treasurer Peterson's request to destroy club financial records more than three years old was approved. He will report later regarding the details. However, he intends to retain at least electronic check registers and dues spread sheets for six years. - **By Albert Peterson**

Seven High School Seniors Will Share \$15,400 Scholarship Fund

\$15,400 was approved for Healdsburg High School scholarships for the 2012 school year by the club's board of directors at the April 19 meeting. The Scholarship Selection Committee, chaired by Loretta Strong, recommended \$14,000 for scholarships, i.e. 7 students at \$2,000 each. However, the board accepted a proposed amendment to increase the scholarships to \$15,400 (7 students at \$2,200 each.).

\$3,500 (\$500 to each of the seven awardees) will be paid directly to the scholarship awardees with the balance of \$11,900 to be paid directly by the club to the university or college the student will be attending. Scholarships are paid only upon written notice showing that the student has enrolled at a specific college.

The scholarship awards will be presented at the awards ceremony scheduled for May 21 at the high school. Loretta Strong as chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee will make the presentations.

Consensus: Our Annual Pancake Breakfast Was A Successful One

Under the watchful eye of chairman Bob Taylor everything went very smoothly at the 56th annual Pancake Breakfast held Palm Sunday, April 1 at the Villa Chanticleer.

The kitchen crew, headed by kitchen chairman Bob Santucci, had everything in readiness for the first guests to arrive at 7 a.m. and "things went according to plans" from then on. Kiwanis members and volunteer helpers from the Boy Scout Troop 21 and Key Club members took over their assigned posts.

Termed "a fun event" by Kiwanis President Hunt Conrad, the Pancake Breakfast has become a traditional community event where friends and family members have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious breakfast as well as an opportunity to visit and renew acquaintances.

Dick Bugarske again this year headed up the advertising sales committee, selling space in the special section published in the Healdsburg Tribune the Thursday before the Sunday breakfast. The advertising committee sold two and a quarter pages of ads bringing in a gross of \$7,030. The revenue from the advertising campaign helps to enhance our total net on the project.

Treasurer Albert Peterson reports that the breakfast project netted the Project Fund \$11,925. He warned that this "figure assumes that these income receivable items will be collected."

Still to be collected as of April 24 are the following:

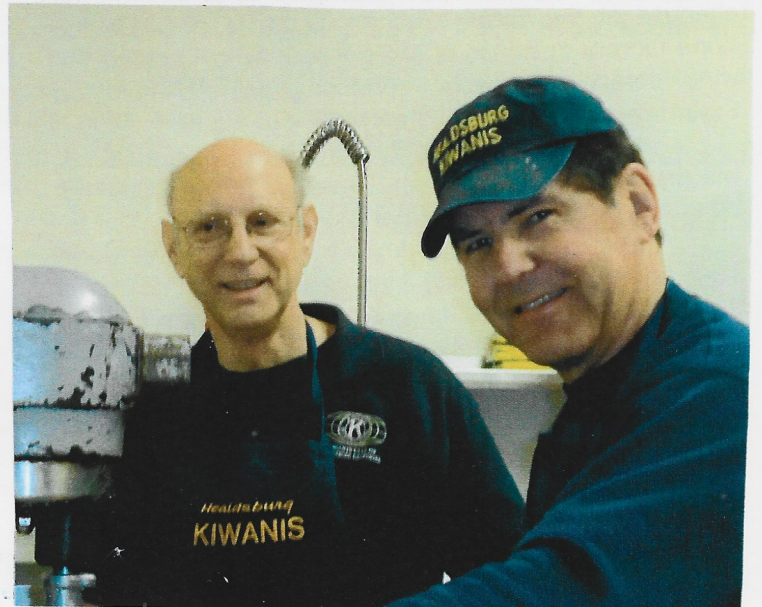
\$1,605 from advertisers; \$1,470 from members tickets (21 members owe for ten tickets each); \$352 from members who pledged to help pay for incidentals; for a total receivables of \$3,427

Gross revenue amounted to \$15,434 : \$7,030 from advertisers; \$5,152 from member tickets; \$192 from non-member tickets, pre-sold; \$1,688 at the door sales; \$139 flower sales; \$371, member pledges for food costs; \$150, member pledges for rental of Pancake machine; \$712 member pledges for Villa rental.

Total costs for the operation came to \$3,509.

This includes \$1,850 for advertising in the Tribune; \$900 Villa rental and custodial fee; \$349 food, plates, napkins, etc.; \$260 printing tickets, flyers and placemats; \$150 pancake machine rent.

Photos: top. Putting the finishing touches on the decorations at the Pancake Breakfast: Left, Jerry Strong, Hugo Bauer, Dennis Stead and Barbara Bauer. Again this year the Bauers were in charge of the decorations which followed the Kiwanis blue and gold theme; Middle photo: Hunt Conrad, left and Kitchen crew chairman Bob Santucci are happily awaiting the arrival of the first guests; bottom photo, Bruce Wells, left and Randy Collins in charge of the pancake mixer.



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Dr. Frank Chong, newly appointed president of the Santa Rosa Junior College, was the guest speaker at our April 17 meeting. Visiting with Dr. Chong before the meeting was Susan Sheehy. Randy Collins, Director of Fire Technology at SRJC, was program chairman for the day and in his introductory remarks gave a brief summary of Dr. Chong's history and his accomplishments in education.

Students of the Month Will Be Presented to the Membership at the May 8 Meeting

Prior to two years ago the Kiwanis Student of the month, picked from the seniors at Healdsburg High School, were presented at one of the Tuesday meetings during the months of September through May. Last year the Student of the Month Committee decided to honor all 9 students at one time –in May. This year the students will be guests of the club on Tuesday, May 8 when they will be honored with a special presentation. The membership committee reminds us that This is a good time to invite a guest to the meeting to show what Kiwanis is all about.

On Tuesday, May 1 Bo Simons, Manager and Librarian of the Healdsburg Library as well as librarian of the Wine Library housed at the Healdsburg facility will be the guest speaker. He will bring us up to date on the changes at the library plus the plans to dedicate the Wine Library in honor of Millie Howie who founded the wine library. A special ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 12 at the library from 4 to 6 p.m.

Mary Ellen Raynor from the Bird Rescue Center will present the program on Tuesday, May 15. She will bring two raptors as part of her program.

The following Tuesday, May 22, will be the fourth Tuesday evening meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. This is the last meeting before the busy weekend of the Twilight parade and Future Farmers Country Fair.

Kiwanis One Day Was Cancelled

In an e-mail to the members dated April 20 President Hunt Conrad advised that the project for the Kiwanis One Day,

scheduled for April 21 at the Healdsburg Depot, was cancelled. In his e mail Hunt said "Upon further review of this project it has been decided that there really isn't enough for us to do on this clean up project....I want to thank you for making yourselves available ... don't worry however we will be rescheduling another work day to alleviate any weight on your collective conscientiousness."



CLOVERDALE KIWANIS: Captain Jonathan Russell, second from left, on site coordinator of the Salvation Army's ARC facility at Lytton, was the guest speaker at the Cloverdale Kiwanis meeting on April 12. He is shown here being greeted by Cloverdale president Patrick O'Rouke, left, Dennis Stead, Healdsburg and Cloverdale Kiwanis member and Steve Tice, Cloverdale Kiwanis Club program chairman and a past president of the Healdsburg Club. (Photo courtesy of Dennis Stead).

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