

THE BUILDER

# KIWANIS CLUB

Of Healdsburg



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## CALENDAR

**August 7:** Ron McCue, CEO of Becoming Independent (Nancy Curnow, Program Chair).

**August 14:** Gary Plass, Sgt., Healdsburg Police Department (Nancy Curnow, Program Chair).

**August 21: Annual BBQ Dinner at Brandt's Beach. Spouses and guests welcome. 6 p.m. (No Lunch Meeting This Date).**

**August 23:** (Thursday) Board Meeting at Healdsburg Police Dept., 7 p.m.

**August 28:** Dr. Michael Deas (Pete Peterson, Program chairman).

### Special Events:

**August 8-12:** CAL-NEV-HA District Convention, Sparks, Nevada. Tim Tuscany, Michael Villa and Alvie Rochester will represent Healdsburg.

**August 14:** Division 32 Annual Golf Tournament, hosted by Healdsburg Kiwanis, John Dayton, Chairman, 12:30 p.m. at Tayman Park Golf Course, Healdsburg. \$55 includes carts, refreshments, dinner & prizes. Deadline for reservations August 7. If you do not play golf just plan to attend the social hour and dinner at Tayman Park (\$16 for dinner). Contact John Dayton (433-4476) or Todd Brandt (433-4567) for information and reservations.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

**August 5:** Kurt Hahn

**August 13:** Joe Weathers

**August 17:** Dale Lynch

## On the Agenda For Incoming President: An Intense Money Making Project

By Tim Tuscany, First Vice President

The past months have been momentous ones for the club. We have been working hard in forming a new club in Cloverdale. I am glad to say another highlight occurred on July 20 with the Charter Night dinner. It was attended by the whole division, with only Clearlake Club absent because they were chartering their own Key Club that same night.

The development and formation of this club was truly a team effort with 7 different clubs and over 28 individuals involved in recruiting of new members. According to the immediate Past Governor of Alabama Stephen Cragon, it is one of our keys to success. The team work and planning paid off.

The real winner of our success is the City of Cloverdale. They will see the efforts of service to the community where it really matters. I couldn't have done it without the leadership of Lt. Governor Bob Carver and everyone else who helped. Anytime I asked for help someone stepped in to help. Thank all of you very much.

On to bigger and better things. You didn't really think I would rest on my laurels. I am looking for a money making project for the fall. The project should be something that the whole club can be involved in and should be an intense outpouring work. Think fast and furious. Please pass on suggestions to me.

I am also finalizing my cabinet positions for the coming year and will need budgets for all the committees. I know this has been a weak area in the past, but it can be something simple that the board can get their hands to work from. It will be greatly appreciated.

## The Membership Committee Feels Like It Is Treading Water-Four Losses, One Gain

By John Bippart, Membership Chairman

On the bright side, we have recently inducted Joe Weathers, Fred Corson, Todd Brandt and Steve Metrulas, each of whom are hands-on people and will make fine additions to our membership. Joe Engler will have attended his third meeting and be ready for induction by the time you read this.

Sadly, we have recently lost Rick Alves, now the Chief of Police in Weed, California; Chris Holleran, now principal at Tamalpais High School, Marin County; Lin Hazel, due to illness; and Mark McCoppin, who is moving his family and business to Modesto, California.

The membership badge box has been refurbished and up-dated. Some of you may have to learn your new badge location, according to the alphabetical listing; however, the new arrangement will make future changes easier to accomplish.

Some of our badges have become badly damaged, due to years of use. Anyone who would like a refurbished badge, or one with a "clip" need only to hand it to John Bippart.



The President's Message:

## Suggestion For Volunteers To Give The Weekly Invocation

By Lee Gunnerson

I'm not counting, but this is my 11<sup>th</sup> president's message and next month I already have a long last column planned to thank all of the members who have made this a successful year.

First some dates:

**Tuesday, August 14:** Kiwanis Golf Tournament. Please plan to play golf, but if you can't, come for dinner (\$16) at Tayman Park, Healdsburg.

**Tuesday, August 21:** Dinner meeting at Brandt's Beach for members, spouses and guests. Sign up sheets will be sent around. Let's have a big turnout. No lunch that day.

**Thursday, August 23:** Board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Healdsburg Police Station

**Sunday, September 16:** Lt. Governor installation at 1:30 p.m. at Los Robles Lodge, Santa Rosa.

**Tuesday, September 25:** Installation of Tim Tuscany as our president. No lunch that day, but a full attendance for our installation dinner.

Jerry Strong's bocce team is taking shape and we definitely have a better shot at Rotary in this sport than in softball.

As you know, Nancy and Father Tom do our invocations when they are present and Vince and Art do a good job of substitutions when they are not. For the rest of you the words below were written by the Rev. Martin Miller Hessell of the Oakmont Kiwanis Club.

*"Invocations you say ?*

*Every week we turn ourselves into an impromptu choir of sorts before we say the Pledge of Allegiance. Since inheriting the task of "Spiritual Aims" (have I been type cast ?) I have asked many of you to do the invocation which follows. Some of you have politely turned me down, most agree, with trepidation.*

*But why an invocation ? We are a non-sectarian social and service club, not a religious group. Some of us participate actively in a congregation, others observe a "private" religion, and a few would call themselves agnostics ("there's no way to know") or atheists ("there is nothing to know"). We should not assume that everyone at a Kiwanis is Christian or even religious. I strongly believe that we must respect and protect these differences in our club and in our society.*

*Nevertheless, we do well to pause and remember how fortunate we are to have food, friends, a safe place to meet, something worth doing, and enough health and strength to get together. Some of us express*

*this appreciation in reference to "God", others in secular terms. An invocation (in-voicing ! is a rough translation) puts that awareness into words.*

*So, use a prayer or some lines from a spiritual poem or song if that has integrity for you. Or share a wise or helpful thought or quote. It doesn't have to be religious. Listen to the "spirit" behind the words. Keep it simple, respectful, honest and brief. We'll all have a better day for it. Thanks for your help."*

So now we should have an overwhelming number of invocation volunteers !!

## Club Honors Raymond Bushnell As The Student of Month For June

By Dick Bertapelle, Chairman

The Student of the Month award recipient for the month of June is Raymond Bushnell, son of James and Carol Bushnell of Healdsburg.

As a graduating senior at Healdsburg High School, Raymond has been active in the Interact and AFS clubs. His athletic endeavors during high school include varsity tennis, and earlier, was a member of the baseball team. He has a cumulative grade point average of 3.5

Other special interests include wakeboarding, snowboarding, swimming, physics and English. Raymond plans to attend Chico State University this fall and is undecided as to what his major will be.

He could not be present to receive his award but hopes to visit our club near the end of the summer vacation period.

## Budgets For New Year Need To Be Finalized At August Board Meeting

Secretary Neil Iversen today reminded all committee chairpersons that you need to start working on your 2001-02 budgets and be prepared to present it to the members of the board on Thursday, August 23. Present your budgets in August and we will finalize them at our September board meeting.

He also advised that he needs a planned budget for the club's year-end report to be sent in before October 1, 2001.

## Welcome To New Member, Steve Metrulas

Our newest member, Steve Metrulas, was inducted into the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club on July 3 by Membership Chairman John Bippart and his committee. Steve's sponsor is president Lee Gunnerson.

A three year resident of Healdsburg, he and his wife Patricia moved here from the Bay area upon his retirement and are occupying the Metrulas family home on College Street. He was a maintenance machinist in the lithography business for about 30 years.

The Metrulas have five children and 10 grand children. He is an accomplished Bocce player.



## Report of the Official Minutes of the July 10 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 7:00 p.m. at which time a quorum was present.

Officers present were President Lee Gunnerson, First Vice President Tim Tuscany, Second Vice President Nancy Curnow, Administrative Treasurer Dennis Gary and immediate Past President John Bippart. Board members present were Dan Maraviglia, Michael Villa, Dennis Stead, Jerry Strong, Dee Whitehall and Ernie Ralston. Also present were new club members Steve Metrulas and Fred Corson. Michael Villa took the minutes of the meeting in place of Neil Iversen who could not attend.

President Gunnerson called for any corrections or amendments to the Minutes of June 10, 2001 board meeting. Ernie Ralston stated the minutes erroneously indicated he was absent when in fact he was present. John Bippart stated the minutes erroneously indicated he had volunteered to continue to serve as the Membership Chairman beyond his existing term. A motion was made and passed to so amend the Minutes. A second motion was then made to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

**DUES/BILLS PAYABLE:** Michael Villa reported that \$1,981 in dues were recently collected from 15 active members, 3 senior members and 2 new members. All club bills have been paid.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Michael also reported concerning the club's recent receipt of a \$1,500 grant from Cal-Nev-Ha which shall be deposited into the Project Fund and the Geyserville Kiwanis Annual Steak and Corn Feed on July 26, 2001. The secretary's report was approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

**ADMINISTRATIVE/DUES DELINQUENCIES:** Dennis Gary reported the club's cash position as of June 30 was \$24,706. Account's receivable stood at \$345. As of June 30, 2001 the club's fiscal YTD profit and loss income position was \$1,501 to the positive. In Temple Smith's absence his report on delinquent dues was deferred.

In Dan Gianni's absence, the project report was deferred.

### COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL REPORTS:

**Healdsburg Police Command Post Van:** This item was actually addressed first at the meeting immediately after Roll Call was taken. As a follow up to a written appeal to the club from Retiring Police Chief (and fellow Kiwanian) Rick Alves – a letter President Lee Gunnerson read aloud to the board – Det. Tony Pinochi of the HPD addressed the board concerning the HPD's need for funds to pay for radios, computers and other equipment and fixtures that are to be installed in the Department's new mobile command post van which the City of Healdsburg recently purchased for approximately \$100,000. Det Pinochi advised that the Department which intends to use the van for civil emergencies and expanded crime scene investigation, needed approximately \$15,000 to help defray these costs. After Det. Pinochi left, the board debated the request. A motion was made (Curnow/Maraviglia) the club should donate \$500 to the Department. The motion passed with one board member casting a nay vote.

**Cloverdale Kiwanis:** Lee Gunnerson read a letter from Linda Pardini, the newly appointed President of the equally new Kiwanis Club, asking for our Club's financial assistance with some initial start up costs: a. \$240 to help defray part of the costs for their upcoming Charter Dinner; and \$250 for three specific items ( Club Banner - \$100; gavel - \$35; bell - \$75). Following debate on the request during which the strong consensus was our club should do what it could to assist our fellow Kiwanians, a motion was made (Bippart/Maraviglia) that the request should be approved and that two checks, one for \$240 and the other for \$205, be given to the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club for the specified purposes. The motion passed unanimously.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Scholarship Money:** Lee Gunnerson reported for the record that the \$2000 which several months ago the board voted should be transferred from the administrative fund to the Project Fund (to increase by \$500 the size of the four scholarships awarded this year) had not been transferred. The reason, said Lee, is that the scholarship funds will not be disbursed to the four HHS winners until such time as they submit proof of their enrollment in college. To date this has not been done. According to Lee, at the appropriate time, Chuck Reichel will advise Dennis Gary when the money is actually needed so that it can be transferred. Each of the four \$1,500 scholarships will consist of \$1,000 from the Project Fund and \$500 from the administrative fund.

**Dictionaries:** Dennis Stead reported he was recently advised by local school administrators that, if Kiwanis intends to repeat its extremely popular dictionary giveaway program this year, the schools would be deeply grateful if the distribution could take place in September, at the beginning of the school year. Dennis indicated he is continuing to work with local bookstores and other sources about securing this year's supply of books at an affordable price to the club.

**Devereaux vs Healdsburg Kiwanis Club:** Lee Gunnerson reported on the status of this lawsuit and indicated information about the lawsuit would be presented to the club membership at an appropriate future date.

**NEW BUSINESS: Lin Hazel:** Lee Gunnerson reported he had obtained information to the effect that, due to his ill health, member Lin Hazel must resign from the club. At Lee's suggestion, John Bippart volunteered to write Lin a letter, on behalf of the club, to advise him a formal letter of resignation will be unnecessary and that the club wishes him all the best.

**IDD:** Lee Gunnerson read a letter from Kiwanis International soliciting our club to purchase collection cans to be distributed throughout our community so that the public may contribute toward this ongoing project. A motion was made and passed unanimously to purchase a package of 50 collection cans from International at a cost of \$10 which will be distributed among the club's membership for dispersal around town.

**Reno Convention, August 10-12:** Lee reported concerning the upcoming Kiwanis Convention in Reno. Tim Tuscany and Michael Villa will be attending on behalf of our club. The cost will be \$70 each for registration and \$90 each for each of two nights for a hotel room. A motion was made and passed that the club approve \$270 for Tim's attendance and an additional \$270 for Michael Villa's attendance, if the latter determines his schedule will permit him to attend.

## Membership Treasurer's Report; Let's Start New Year with Clean Slate

By Temple Smith

Thanks to those 45 members who paid their dues soon after receiving a statement for the 4<sup>th</sup> and last quarter of this fiscal year. But, this is the bad news. There are still 30 members unpaid. However, some of these may already be in the mail or may not yet have been given to me to record and deposit. As I mentioned before, I would really like to see everyone paid in full before the end of the quarter so that we can start the new fiscal year with a clean slate.

If by chance, you didn't receive a statement, please let me know and we'll get one to you.

### Booth At Wine & Art Festival, September 30

Dennis Stead today reminded the members that the club again will be selling Polish sausages and hamburgers at the Art and Wine Festival in the Plaza Square as a fund raiser. Please keep September 30 open on your calendar. We will be looking for volunteers.



## Bocce Team Gearing Up For Tournament Against Rotary

Jerry Strong, co-chair of the Bocce Tournament, announced that there will be a practice session on Monday, August 6, 5 p.m. at the Bocce Court at Giorgi Park. The team is gearing up for the tournament against the Rotary Club. No firm date has been set, Jerry advised, however an early September time is being sought.

Jerry also said that he is aiming to have two teams, eight players out of the three teams that have been formed.

Mario Lucchesi, champion player and chairman of the planned tournament, gave the members a run down on what Bocce is. It should not be called Bocce Ball. He pointed out that we do not play Golf Ball or Soccer Ball. As such we play Bocce and he termed the court at Giorgi Park as "one of the best."

Signed up to be a part of the Kiwanis team are Mario Lucchesi, Jerry Strong, Vince Dougherty, Dan Maraviglia, Yolanda Rinaldo, Lee Gunnerson, Don Reukema, Dennis Stead, Joe Weathers, Vicki Rainwater Brannan, Dick Bertapelle, Rich Lehrmann, Jim Silveira, Dennis Gary and Rich Norgrove.

If you can't be a player, Mario said, how about coming out and cheering on our team.

**Congratulations To:** To Tim and Barbara Tuscany celebrating their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; to Jerry and Loretta Strong, celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; and Arnold and Vi Santucci, celebrating their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

To Francis Branern on his birthday July 31 (he asked for a \$10 special) and then gave a generous donation to the Memorial Scholarship Fund, one dollar for each of his birthdays!

To Rich Lehrmann best wishes on retiring from your 25 years in the investment business.

To Bob Young for being honored as Wineperson of the Year by the North Coast Wine and Visitor Center, Cloverdale.

**Thoughts of the Day:** "Never Test the depth of the water with both feet" – Fred Haley. .... "I love my country, it's my government I'm worried about: - Lee Gunnerson ... "We are all angels with one wing and we need each other" – Jim Birdsong.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** The following joined Kiwanis during month of August: Rick Alves- August 20, 1985; Nancy Curnow, August 19, 1997; Richard Bertapelle, August 3, 1999.

**Saving the Raven USO Show:** Do you remember the USO shows? The Big Bands of the 40s, the swing dancers and singers like the Andrews Sisters. That's the program coming to the Raven Theatre on Saturday, August 25, 7:30 p.m. This program is a fund raiser for "Save The Raven" Project. Tickets are \$15 by August 18 and \$20 after that date. For tickets call Carl Elze at 433-0517 or Judy at 433-6715.

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