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A SUCCESSFUL BARBECUE AND AUCTON.: LEFT TO RIGHT, DAVID SCHARER, KEN SCHARER, CHRIS METRULAS, DICK BUGARSKE AND RICK NORMAN AMONG THE MANY WORKERS WHO PUT ON THE ANNAL BBQ AND AUCTION ON SATURDAY NIGHT AT BRANDT'S BEACH. (See page 6 for article, photos).

2010-2011 Officers and Board of Directors Will Be Installed on Tuesday Evening, September 28

Newly installed Division 32 Lt. Governor Eric Wheaton of Lakeport will "do the honors" when our club's 2010-2011 officers and directors will be installed on Tuesday evening, September 28 at the Villa Annex. The annual event will get underway at 6 p.m. with a social hour followed by the dinner and installation ceremonies.

Installed will be Richard Bugarske, president; Hunt Conrad, vice-president and Loretta Strong, immediate past president, Phil Luks, secretary and Albert (Pete) Peterson, treasurer. Members of the board who were elected for a two year term are George Clough, Bob Santucci, James Schmidt and Richard Thomas. Remaining on the board for another year will be Martin Silge, Harry Jackson, Tim Tuscany and Rick Norman. Retiring from the board after serving a two-year term are Hunt Conrad, James Colgan, Ron Dobley and David Jones.

This year a number of changes have been made with respect to the number of officers and length of service. The office of second vice-president has been eliminated and his duties as chairman of the annual Pancake Breakfast fundraisers has been assigned to a standing committee chairman. Instead of a presidential advisor, an executive committee has been formed consisting of the immediate past president and vice president who will assist the president with his/her duties. A suggestion tat the president serve for a two year term instead of the traditional one year was voted down.

The installation dinner will take the place of the fourth Tuesday evening meeting. Spouses, family members and guests are invited and urged to attend this annual event.

Calendar

September 7: Regular meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex.Guest speaker: Stefone Freele, Healdsburg's Literary Laureate.

September 11:Eric Wheaton of Lakeport will be installed as Lt. Gov. Division 32, 3-6 p.m., dinner at 4:15 p.m., \$30 per person, (707) 279-4840 or eewwheaton@hotmail.com.

September 14:: Regular meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Kurt Hahn, guest speaker, update on Healdsburg District Hospital.

September 16: Board of Directors Meeting, 7 p.m., Conference Room at the Healdsburg Police Station.

September 21: Regular meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex.Guest speaker: Kirby Bobo, CASA instructor.

September 28: Installation of 2010-2011 officers and board of directors, 6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. dinner followed by installation ceremonies.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex. For about the information Club Kiwanis Healdsburg contact Loretta Strong, president at 433-6139 or Phil Luks, secretary at 433-8005

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Richard Bugarske, President Elect
Phil Luks, Secretary
Albert (Pete) Peterson, Treasurer
Dennis Gary, Immediate past
President

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Thomas Barron-9/12
David Jones-9/16
Ken Rochioli-9/19
Chris Metrulas-9/20
Cynthia Brown-9/23
Lindsay Wurlitzer-9/23
Robert Taylor-9/27

Kiwanis Club Anniversaries:

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

Vince Dougherty: 9-30-90

Jerry Strong: 9-8-92 Gary Plass: 9-25-01 Randolph Collins: 9-25-01 James Schmidt: 9-7-04

The President's Message

A Big Thank You

By Loretta Strong

I want to thank Denny Stead and his great committee for the outstanding job at Brandt's Beach. And thanks to the entire club for inviting your friends, family and neighbors to join us. It was the largest turn out ever.

My year as your president is rapidly drawing down and I am already missing it. We have a phenomenal club and it feels like family each and every day.

I look forward to our next evening meeting which is September 28 at the Annex. I will save our parting comments for our "year in review" as I officially welcome and pass the gavel to Dick Bugarske. See you all there .



The Trip Was Awesome

Julia Pacheco and Christian Guerrero, recipients of the Kiwanis Club's Healdsburg Junior High School's Bruno Rodella/Clarence Ruonavaara scholarship thanked the club members for the award which enabled them to join some of their 8th grade classmates, following graduation, in the annual trip to Washington D.C. The trip is conducted and chaperoned by long time HJH teacher, Pat Sabo. The Kiwanis Board of directors, this year, established the scholarship honoring the two men for their service to Kiwanis and the schools. Bruno Rodella served as president of the club in 1971 and 1979 and also served as Division 32 Lt. Governor. Clarence Ruonavaara, a member of Kiwanis since 1981, is a retired school administrator, educator and community leader well admired by the community. An avid baseball player since his grammar school days (he played for Healdsburg High School, Santa Rosa Junior College, UC Berkeley and home teams, the Prune Packers and the Odd Fellows) the grandstand at Recreation Park was named in his honor by the committee now renovating the grandstand. This took place on June, 19, his 91st birthday, officially designated Healdsburg Day at Recreation Park. In 2007 he was presented the History Lives/Pioneer Award by the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society.

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President's Award: George Clough, a member of the Healdsburg Club since 1998, was presented the July President's Award Run Silent, Run Deep by President Loretta Strong at the club's August 10 meeting in recognition of his work with the club and the community. George retired in 1994 after a career in education that included counseling, teacher supervision and Career Vocational Education Director in Campbell. He served on the Santa Clara Fair Board for 7 years and joined the Kiwanis Club in Campbell in 1975 and served as president in 1982. In addition to his Kiwanis Club activities (he will be installed as a member of the board on September 28) he is an active member of the Healdsburg Museum and is a past president of the Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center Advisory Council at Lytton.

New By-Laws Approved by Membership

Phil Luks, club secretary, advised that new bylaws, which were approved on August 17 by the club members, were needed because of two factors: the club's old by-laws were out of date (for example, a committee structure that was outdated and did not reflect the way the club operates) and the change approved by the board that eliminated a second vice president.

Phil pointed out that "while Kiwanis International allows few changes or option selections in local club bylaws, the good news is that the new by-laws allow us to operate in the manner we, in fact, follow."

Most importantly, he added,"they allow for a committee structure as determined by the board" as well as "allow for the two tier membership we recently adopted, so long as all active members are treated equally in every manner except dues, which is how we, in fact, treat all active members.

The new by-laws were approved after a reading of the changes at two of the luncheon meetings. A two thirds vote of members present is required for adoption. The new by-laws will become effective on October 1, the

start of the club's fiscal year. At this time the new single vice president structure will begin.

Earlier this year the board approved a new membership structure with reduced fees accommodate those who could not attend noon time meetings. The structure consists of regular and associate members. Regular members pay dues of \$120 a quarter and attend noon meetings three or four Tuesdays a month. Associate members attend the one evening meeting a month held on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Dues for associate members are \$60 a quarter. Beverages and light snacks are available at the evening meeting. With this dues structure the club has attracted 15 new members, some attending on a regular basis and some at the evening meeting only.



Kiwanian Kurt Hahn

Guest Speaker Kurt Hahn Will Discuss Health Care at September 14 Meeting

So many times some of our best meetings involve a presentation by some of our own members. A case in point: our own Kurt Hahn will bring us up to date on new programs at Healdsburg District Hospital on September 14. Kurt promises an interesting program including how diabetic patients can avoid amputations of limbs at the hospital's new wound care clinic as well as the benefits of the state of the art highly recognized total joint surgery and emergency stroke treatments now being performed at the hospital.

Kurt is a past president of the club serving in that capacity in 1993 and has been a member of the Healdsburg Hospital's board of directors since 1998.

Kurt was recognized this year by the California Hospital Association for his two years of service on its board of trustees and with their 2009 Leadership in Governance award. He was diagnosed in May 2009 with Mantle Cell Lymphoma but after six months of treatment at Stanford Medical Center now is celebrating 6 months in full remission. (Please see Programs on page 5).

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Top photo, Dennis Stead, chairman of the Barbecue and Auction, right, visits with his daughter Paula Dougherty and Jim Silveira. Center photo, Dick Bugarske and Lindsay Brandt check out the crowd Saturday night. Bottom photo, Cindi Brown,left and Vince Ciolino visit with the bartenders. Top photo, right, Celebrity Chef Charlie Palmer, owner of the Dry Creek Kitchen in the Hotel Healdsburg, lends a hand with the festivities Saturday night at the Brandt's Family Picnic Grounds. (Photos courtesy of Vince Dougherty).



Fundraising Committee's Barbecue and Auction Is A Huge Success

It was an enthusiastic Dennis Stead who reported on the results of Saturday night's barbecue and auction held at Brandt's Beach and Picnic Grounds.

Dennis, chairman of the event and the Fundraising committee, said that 94 had signed up to attend but 130 showed up causing some to forego a place to eat. He attributed the success of the event – the money raised to go to the club's administrative fund – to the hard work of the committee and the members who not only worked the event but contributed to the silent and live auctions,

Twenty items were up for sale in the live auction – everything from special wines, time shares, special dinners, SF Giants tickets. Lake Tahoe Condo, Pasta Feed,, among others - brought in a gross of \$8, 180. The silent auction grossed \$1,847 for a total auction of \$10,027.

Dinner tickets brought in \$3,075 (125 x \$25), drink tickets \$725 and Charlie Palmer's book \$300.

The estimated net profit came to \$12,200. Last year the event netted \$6554.

Dennis said that he attributed the success to number of factors. The committee worked all year planning, hoping the changes would bring results.

The committee decided that the dinner would not be catered, as in the past and that the members would cook and plan the event saving considerable costs.

Also the event was moved to a Saturday night so other clubs could attend. In fact, 10 Windsor Club members showed up and 18 from the Cloverdale Club. (See Page 7)

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Recent guest speakers were, left, 4th District supervisorelect Mike McGuire and "our own" Jim Silveira who spoke of the upturn in the automotive business, especially with the General Motors Corporation. Jim is owner of the Silveira Pontiac-Buick-GMC dealership, a family business established in 1954.

Programs: Other featured speakers during the month include Stefonie Freele, Healdsburg's Literary Laureate on September 7 and CASA instructor Kirby Bobo on September 21.

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Board Approves \$5,000 For The New High School Vocational Shop Program

At its August 19 meeting the board of directors authorized the payments to a number of programs including a \$5,000 donation to the Healdsburg High School's new vocational shop class.

Albert (Pete) Peterson, club treasurer, reported to the board that the project was up and operating and that the current need was for tools. The board approved the \$5,000 donation with the stipulation that the funds be used to acquire tools for the class.

In other business, Hunt Conrad requested a grant of \$3,000 for the High School Key Club's 2010-2011 activities. The funds, he advised, will be administered by the high school. Noting issues regarding budget matters, and also understanding that the Key Club needed start-up funding for the school year even before the officers could prepare a budget, the board approved \$1,000 in start-up funding, with the remainder to be approved when the Key Club presented a budget. Hunt advised the board that 42 freshmen and sophomores had indicated an interest in joining the Key Club.

Discussed by the board was the request from PSST for a grant of \$5,000 to assist with the 2010-2011 school year. The board discussed PSST's accounting and reporting in connection with the club's grant for the prior school year. It was noted that the standard is set by the Healdsburg Education Foundation. A decision was deferred pending Treasurer Pete Peterson's discussion with PSST principals regarding reporting and metrics.

PSST (Public Schools Success Teams) provides mentoring and tutoring for a fifth grade class at Fitch Mountain School. The program is designed to help more students graduate from Healdsburg High School and was started last year. This year the program will take on a second fifth grade class and follow the students through high school graduation,

A request by Andy Smith, Kiwanis Key Club Committee chair, to be reimbursed in the amount of \$1,360 for out-of-pocket expenses for the Key Club over the past several years was approved after a discussion of the club's existing policy regarding reimbursement of expenses based on prior approval or budget authority and prompt presentation of supporting receipts.

David Jones noted that the financial reports contained a club reserve, in the Project Fund, for a scholarship for Emma Collins, authorized in connection with the shirt designed contest for the 2009 Fitch Mountain Footrace. He asked whether this obligation shouldn't be the Healdsburg Memorial Scholarship Fund's obligation, since the footrace proceeds go to that organization. It was noted that the question of the timing and communication of the Fund's decision of how their respective scholarship amounts were to be determined, appear to have been resolved.

The board agreed that the new Executive Committee would pursue the matter of the relationship between the Club and the Memorial Scholarship Fund when it is organized in October. Hunt requested that the board members and the club members in general, provide the Executive Committee with ideas for improvement in this area.

David Jones also reported that the Foot Race Committee was investigating the possibility of combining the Foot Race with a more generalized Plaza event, potentially including a breakfast, a dinner "hosted" by many of the local restaurants and, in general, combining the functions of the "Celebrate Healdsburg" activities with the Foot Race.

It was decided to defer the payment of the \$3100 loan from the Project Fund to the Administration Fund until after the results of the Brandt Beach BBQ and Auction were tabulated. The chairman of the fund raising event was asked to provide his receipts and bills to the treasurer by September 15 (**Phil Luks contributed this article**).

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New Inter Club Committee Chair Working Hard to Complete Project

Susan Sheehy, asked to take over the chairmanship of the Inter Club committee, is working hard to complete the task of visiting every club in Division 32.

Of the 17 clubs in the division (this number includes Healdsburg) our club has made 12 official visits to other clubs including Ft. Bragg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Ukiah, Willits, Cloverdale, Geyserville, Oakmont, Redwood Empire, Santa Rosa Suburban, Sebastopol, Sonoma Plaza and Windsor. In August alone we have visited Windsor, Geyserville, Cloverdale, Ft. Bragg, Willits and Cotati.

Susan has been faithful in advising The Builder of the visits including a number of photos "to prove that the visits were made" she said.

On April 24 she emailed a photo with the captian "Proof we made it to Ft. Bragg today, Tuesday, August 24. We avoided the heat. It was a beautiful day. Accompanying Susan was her daughter and new member Kelly Sheehy, Rick Norman and Clarence Ruonavaara. Clarence who was born in Ft. Bragg reported that it was 67 there and over a 100 in Healdsburg

Next stop was Willits for a 7:15 a.m. meeting . on August 30. Joining Susan were Neal Bertrand, Dee Whitehall and Patti Robarts.

On August 31 Susan writes "Cotati Inter Club visit today with Neal Bertrand, Rich Thomas, and Kelly Sheehy. We eat at the Gallery Restaurant . Very small club of four hardy souls."

The next inter club is scheduled for September 11 at Lakeport when Eric Wheaton will be installed as Lt.

Governor, Division 32, taking over the post from Cathy Demattei of Cloverdale.

AUCTION: Denis praised Charlie Palmer and said that "he pitched in" and was very helpful. He added that "Charlie Palmer was a big draw."

Live auction results:

Russian River Rental , \$225, Patti Robarts; 1 Case Coffaro Wine, \$250, Ernie Frandsen; 1 Case Robert Young Wine, \$300, John Bippart; My Father's Touch Tree Trim, \$350, Martin Silge; Mexico Time Share, \$450, John Bippart; Robert Young Winery Dinner, Phil Luks, \$1,100; Bodega Bay Home, Pete Peterson, \$1,000; Booze Cruise #1, Kerry Diebold, \$300; Booze Cruise #2, John Bppart, \$300; Booze Cruise #3, Larry Metzger, \$300; Alexander Valley Tasting, Harry Jackson, \$200; Giants Tickets, Cathy DeMattei, \$275; Fire Truck Visit, Dan Maraviglia, \$200; Lake Tahoe Condo, Guy French, \$200; Conrad Fishing Trip, Bruce Main, \$475; Bolognese Pasta Feed, Dennis Stead, \$700; Camellia Inn, Jack Brandt, \$275; Champagne, 1 Case, John Bippart, \$200; 1 Case Wine, Chris Metrulas, \$255; 1 Case Wine, Rick Norman, \$325; So Eventful, Lucy Lewand, \$500.

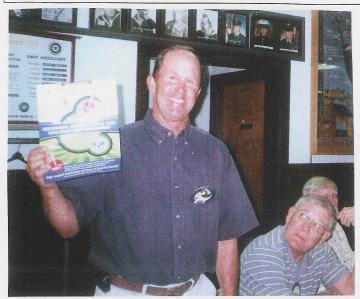
Official auctioneer was Dennis Stead.



MEMBER PROFILE: Richard Thomas, a member of the club since June 2008, was one of four elected to serve as a member of the governing board and will be installed on Tuesday evening, September 28 at the Annex. Joining him will be three members who were elected to serve for two years – George Clough, James Schmidt and Bob Santucci.

Rich is a graduate of Santa Rosa High School and received his B.S. in Vocational agriculture at UC David in 1963 and his teaching credential at UC Davis in 1964. In 1972 he obtained his Masters in Viticulture in 1972. He is the Director of Viticulture Emeritus at Santa Rosa Junior College and a vineyard consultant.

Rich and his wife, Barbara, have resided in Healdsburg for many years. His son Sean is a member of the Cloverdale Club and his daughter and family live in Australia.



Hunt Conrad, co-chair of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Service Club Challenge Golf Tournament, reminds the members of the fund raising event set for September 29 at the Windsor Golf Club. Shown on the right are committee members Jim Schmidt and Pete Peterson.

Sign Up Now For the Annual Healdsburg Kiwanis Golf Tournament

If you sign up before September 10, you can save \$10 to enter the Healdsburg Kiwanis Service Club Challenge Golf Tournament. After that date the fee will go up to \$110 per person.

The tournament which will benefit the Kiwanis Club's administrative fund, is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29 at the Windsor Golf Club with a shotgun start at 1 p.m Hunt and co-chair Dan Gianni and the committee promise a fun filled afternoon and evening of golf, food and beverages.

This second annual Challenge Tournament is open to all service clubs and those who help support them. Dan said that individuals are encouraged to participate. With less than four players signing up the committee will set you up in a foursome.

The \$110 (\$100 prior to September 10) entry fee includes golf, carts, range balls, tee gifts, tri-tip and chicken dinner, beverages on the course and wine with dinner.

If you do not wish to play in the tournament you might consider sponsoring a player or being a \$100 sponsor.

For entry forms or more information contact Hunt Conrad at 431-9715 or Dan Gianni at 431-1650.

The committee also can use your help on the day of the tournament. Contact Hunt or Dan if you wish to participate by helping the day of the event..

Lakeport Club's Eric Wheaton Will Be Installed As Division 32 Lt. Governor

Division 32 Lt. Governor Cathy Demattei of Cloverdale will relinquish her post when Eric Wheaton of Lakeport takes on the duties for the next year.

Wheaton will be installed on Saturday, September 11 at the Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street, Lakeport. The event will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. with dinner served at 4:15 p.m. He is the past president of the Lakeport Club.

The cost is \$30 per person and each club in the division is asked to donate a basket to be raffled off.

For more information contact Eric Wheaton at (707) 279-4840 or eewheaton@hotmail.com

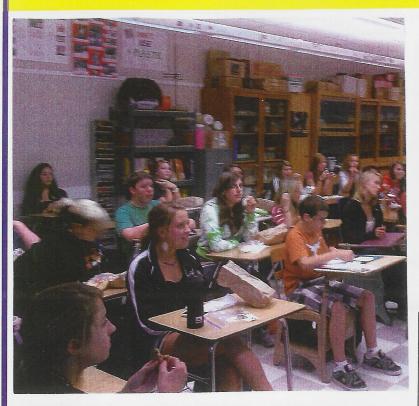
Board Approves the Restructuring of the Club's Standing Committees

At the meeting in July, the board of directors approved the Committee Restructuring proposal as prepared by Dan Maraviglia, Dan Gianni and Loretta Strong.

The committee suggested that an executive committee be added comprised of the president, vice president and past president plus the addition of a Sunshine/Bereavement committee and expanding the Program Committee so that more members will be responsible for the weekly programs. The vice-president (president elect) will be chairman of this committee and will be assisted by, at least, twelve members of the club giving us a wider range of guest speakers. Members were asked to choose what committees they wished to serve on. If you have not yet done so, contact Loretta Strong or Dick Bugarske.

The standing committees which will be listed on the Membership Roster are Executive Committee (Loretta Strong, Dick Bugarske and Hunt Conrad); Student of the Month (Vince Doughery, chair and Hunt Conrad); House and Reception (Jim Schmidt, chair, Jerry Strong, Jim Colgan, Clarence Ruonavaara); Membership (Rick Norman, chair, Dennis Gary, Dan Maraviglia, David Scharer, Loretta Strong); Publications (Arnold Santucci, chair , Rich Iverson); Fundraising (Dennis Stead, chair, Bob Santucci, David Scharer, Dick Bugarske, Susan Sheehy, Rick Norman, Lucy Lewand, Patti Robarts, Ken Scharer, Dennis Gary); Public Relations (Bob Santucci, chair, Gary Plass, Ron Dobley, Dick Bugarske, Vince Dougherty); Nominating (Lee Gunnerson, chair, Dennis Stead, Dan Maraviglia, Vince Dougherty); Inter-Club (Susan Sheehy, chair, Martin Silge, Cullen Wilder, Dennis Gary, Neal Bertrand, John Bippart, Jerry Strong, Patti Robarts, Kelly Sheehy); Programming (Hunt Conrad, chair, Dick Bugarske, Lucy Lewand, John Bippart, Vince Dougherty, Jerry Strong, Phil Luks); Key Club (Andy Smith, chair, Denise Paup, Dennis Stead, Hunt Conrad, Dick Bugarske, Randy Collins, Kelly Sheehy, Patti Robarts, Jerry Strong, Eric Smith, Susan Sheehy); Sunshine/Bereavement (Jan Gianni, chair, Dee Whitehall, June Smith; Boy Scout Troop 21 (Bob Taylor. chair, Kurt Hahn, Bruce Wells); Financial Review (Dan Maraviglia, chair, Cindi Brown, Roger Dormire, Jim Colgan, Dennis Gary). These assignments will go into effect October 1.

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Healdsburg High School students at the orientation meeting of the Key Club

Committee Reports That HHS Key Club Off To Great Start With Many Sign-Ups

The 2010-2011 Healdsburg High School Key Club is off to a great start with over 60 student sign-ups.

The initial orientation meeting on Friday, August 27th was attended by over 45 students and the first official meeting took place on Wednesday, September 1.

Kirsten Smith, Key Club president, gave an overview of the goals of Key Club and anticipated activities.

Andy Smith is the Kiwanis Club's Key Club advisor and Fred Roberts is the Key Club's faculty advisor.

Also at the meeting were Kiwanis members Susan Sheehy, Hunt Conrad and Dick Bugarske. . Other members of the Kiwanis Key Club committee are Denise Paup, Dennis Stead, Randy Collins, Kelly Sheehy, Patti Robarts, Jerry Strong and last year's Key Club president Eric Smith. (Text and photos courtesy of Dick Bugarske).

HAPPY AND SAD: Hunt Conrad happy that the two HJH winners of the Rodella/Ruonavaara Scholarships visited the club but sad that his son now has his driver's license ... George Clough happy that he and Mary Lou are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary ... Bob Taylor happy that he was able to attend the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America in Virginia ... Carl Elze a happy \$60 in celebration of his and Mary Jean's 60th wedding anniversary.





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