

THE BUILDER

KIWANIS CLUB

of Healdsburg



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Club welcomes new member Diane Norgrove Pierce



The Norgrove family celebrate Diane's Kiwanis membership.
Lt. to Rt. Tami Norgrove, brother Richard Sr., daughter Leslie, Diane, membership chair Loretta Strong, sponsor, Nephew Richard Jr.

Richard Norgrove Sr., a Rotarian, was named an honorary Kiwanian for the day to talk about his sister, Diane at her membership induction at our November 14 meeting. Richard had suggested to Diane that she join Kiwanis because he believed that it would be a perfect fit because of her passion for volunteerism. Diane has been volunteering at the Sonoma Development center. She is motivated by our community and youth programs.

Welcome Diane!

Toys-for-Tots

A barrel for Toys-for-Tots donations is available in our Villa Annex meeting room. Please bring new unwrapped gifts on lo before the December 12th meeting. Note that the toys will be picked up on December 16, before our December 19 Christmas party. It was noted that gifts for the 10 to 14-year age group are usually in short supply.



Calendar

Meeting Dates:

Dec. 5: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. – Bill Halliday, HHS Principal.

Dec 12: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. –

Dec 19: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Christmas Lunch with Caroling after meeting.

Dec. 26: No Meeting.

No Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for December.

Other December Dates

Dec. 2: Cloverdale Kiwanis Crab Feed.

Dec. 12: San Francisco interclub at the Fairmont Hotel.

Save the Date

Apr. 21, 2018: Governor's Visit, tentatively planned to be held at Robert Young Vineyards.

Feb. 10, 2018: Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference will be Saturday, at Double Tree in Sacramento.

Jan: 13, 2018: DCM at Santa Rosa Salvation Army from 10 AM to noon.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex except the fourth Tuesday of the month is an evening meeting, 6:30PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting.

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact Vern Losh, President at 540-2929 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314

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Dick Bugarske, Jan Gianni, Susan
Sheehy (Serving each quarter)
Secretary - Liz Bippart
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Cindy Schwartz	Rita Loskill
Cindi Brown	Loretta Strong
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Patti Robarts	Richard Yates

Memorial Scholarship

Board of Directors

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Hunt Conrad	Charles Reichel
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The Builder

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Happy Birthday

Vern Losh: Dec. 22
Terry Kemp Dec. 9
Richard Yates: Dec. 24

Kiwanis Anniversaries

*Congratulations to the following members
who joined the Kiwanis Club during the
month of December*

Hunt Conrad - 12-4-07
Martin Silge - 12-4-07
Darlene Prigmore – 12-9-14

The President's Message

By the time you read this I'm sure your stomachs are tired of Turkey and pie and it's the start of the holiday season. I hope you didn't spend too much time shopping and more time with friends and relatives at the past Thanksgiving holiday. There are so many things to be thankful for in these trying times, so I hope you had time to reflect on those good things.

December will fly by with more family and friends and holiday cheer. The Christmas parties will come and go, the presents will be presented and soon it will be a new year.

There just seems to be a gap in our activities this year, yes no tree lot. Where am I going to get my tree? What am I going to do with all this free time? There are so many questions that need to be answered.

You can get your tree at Grandma's Pumpkin Patch out on North Healdsburg avenue or at Kringles Korner Tree Lot next to the Luther Burbank Center. There are several other places out there that probably support a non-profit that you can find throughout Sonoma County.

Speaking of the tree lot we do have an ad-hoc committee established to look at what we can do to bring the lot back. As we have discussed there will need to be a new model of doing business if we are to do it again. Look for a report on what they come up with soon.

As for your free time, I am sure that there is a couple of friends or business associates that you could invite as a guest to one of our meetings. Start cultivating now for 2018, yes 2018!

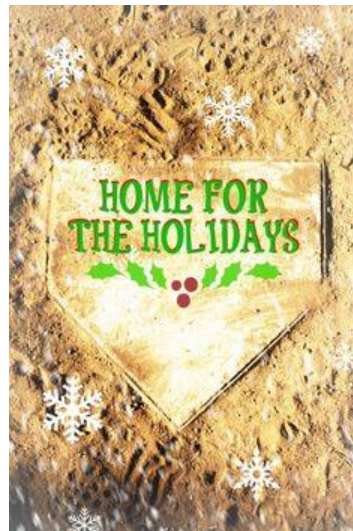
At our last Board meeting we did discuss the financial impacts of the loss of revenue from the tree lot. We will be looking at our budget soon to establish what giving we can do during this next year.

We also will be forming a group of a couple of members to look at some sort of planning workshop to look at our club membership and structure going forward into the future. Look for more of that soon.

Please stay safe in the next few weeks with all the many holiday activities, get the lights up safely, keep water in the tree, be careful with any open flames and don't go crazy with the present wrappings in the fireplace.

And remember, Merry Christmas, baseball season is just around the corner.

Vern



Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the November Board meeting:

Grants and payments

- Denny Stead - \$2735.29 reimbursement for dictionaries.
- AAUW - \$950 to send one girl to the Tech Trek program at Stanford. Granted with the stipulation that AAUW recognize participation by Kiwanis in their publicity campaign.

Money Matters

- Admin Fund – \$9,619 as of 10/31/17.
- Project Fund – checking account - \$58,369, Christmas Tree Lot Checking account - \$9,397, Money Market Fund balance - \$38,407 (includes tree lot reserve)

President's Report

- Vern expressed 2 topics of concern regarding membership: how can we increase our membership numbers, and should we have a planning session to brainstorm ideas? A meeting is planned.

Committee Reports

- Nancy Arsenault's application for membership was approved.
- Christmas Tree Lot – Dick, Denny, Randy and Vern have not met yet to discuss the issues of lost labor (Salvation Army), location of the lot, and internal club leadership.
- Pancake Breakfast – Jan, Loretta, and Susan will chair this event on Palm Sunday, March 25 2018.
- Fitch Mountain Footrace – Vern will check the date for 2018.

Other Business

- Randy presented his After Action Report for the Bike Safety Fair. The report is very thorough and will provide a great template for planning future Fairs.
- Board meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM. Vern will determine the location. There will be no board meeting in December.
- The 20/30 Club of Healdsburg is interested in being involved with Kiwanis projects. Vern proposed we have a joint board meeting to discuss the feasibility.

- The Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference will be Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Double Tree in Sacramento.
- The next DCM will be January 13, 2018 at Santa Rosa Salvation Army from 10 AM to noon.
- Randy reported the distribution of his President's Fund: \$200 donated to Corazon as thanks for their participation at the Bike Safety Fair; \$200 to Save Life Sonoma; and the balance in excess of \$700 to Cal Fire's Forestry Crab feed to support first responders who lost their homes in the recent fires.

Meeting Programs

November 14: Healdsburg Fire Chief, Jason Boaz

Jason described his experiences during the October firestorms, and the Healdsburg Fire Department's response to the fires. Immediately upon request, two engines and their crew were dispatched to the Tubs fire where they aided in evacuating people and moving them to safety from the fire's path in the Mark West and Fountaingrove areas. Jason personally witnessed the destruction in Coffee Park including the total loss of Kmart.



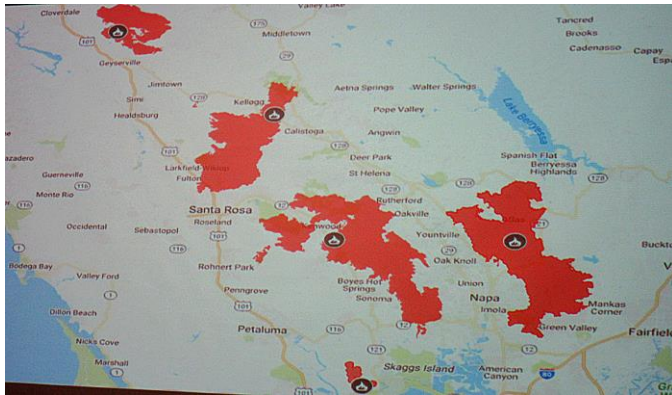
In accordance with protocol, two thirds of Healdsburg's engines and reserved fire fighters remained in Healdsburg at all times during the fires. There was concern that shifting winds would change the course of the Pocket Fire burning near Geyserville and endanger Healdsburg. It was decided to declare a voluntary evacuation of the Fitch Mountain and Parkland Farms areas. Many people did evacuate these areas, and this would have been a great help to fire fighters if fires did get started. Fortunately Healdsburg was spared.

November 21: Todd Derum, Cal Fire Division Chief, Sonoma, Lake, Napa Unit

Todd began his presentation with a short video taken by a brave fire fighter driving through the Coffee Creek neighborhood during the height of the Tubs Fire. The video showed the total destruction and the effect of the high winds in driving the fire and the blowing, swearing embers that were carried as far as Sebastopol.

The Tubs fire was the most destructive of the several fires in Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. Driven by the 70 to 80 mph winds, the fire traveled from its beginning near Calistoga to Santa Rosa in 4 to 6 hours. Destruction was nearly total in

the Fountaingrove and Coffee Creek neighborhoods. The Tubs fire covered 36,800 acres, destroyed 5643 structures and resulted in 21 deaths.



Map showing major fires in Sonoma and Napa Counties during the October Firestorm

Fighting the many fires was a huge effort and a challenge to the resources of Cal Fire and the other responders. Over 11,000 firefighters were doing their best to make people safe and contain the fires. Aerial support was very helpful in delivering over 3.5 million gallons of fire retardant.

Total fire siege damage from all of the fires: Structures destroyed – 8920, damaged – 726, fatalities - 43.

November 28:

There was no scheduled speaker for the November 28 evening meeting. The program consisted of a bingo game designed by Dick Bugarske which substitutes club member names and joining date for the numbers. Winners were Randy Collins, Rita Loskill, Liz Bippart, Rowdy Yates, Denny Stead, Cindy Schwartz, and Jerry Strong.

First Book Project dictionaries distributed to third graders

The Healdsburg Kiwanis First Book Project for 2017 was nearly completed on November 30, with the distribution of 88 dictionaries to all third graders at Fitch Mountain Elementary school. A total of 166 dictionaries were given to every third grader in all the local elementary schools. The other schools are St. Johns, Alexander Valley, West Side and the Healdsburg School. This marks the 17th year of this program. Over 3200 dictionaries have been given out since the program's inception. The dictionaries are obtained from Costco at a significant discount (\$13.99 vs. \$23.00 list price). The total cost to the project fund was about \$2735.



Jan, Judy, Rita and Cindy prepare the dictionaries



Fitch Mountain Elementary School Principal, Erica McGuire talks to the third graders



Fitch Mountain Elementary Third graders listen to Denny Stead talking about Kiwanis and the First Book Project



Jerry, Jan and Rita pass out the dictionaries



The third graders check out their dictionaries

Special Birthdays



Jerry Strong shares his birthday with the Marine Corps. He requested a special birthday song from all former Marines. Since there were only two, selected women officers of the club joined the choir



Loretta Strong, celebrating a milestone, presented a check for \$65 to Vern's President's Charity Fund.



Neal Bertrand asked all the women and girls to sing a special happy birthday song

\$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

Dick Bugarske sad to note that Jim Silveira lost his home in the fire.

Richard Thomas happy to be off to Australia.

Hugo Bauer happy he and Barbara are celebrating their 61th wedding anniversary.

Roger Dormire happy that his daughter is organizing help for the 148 hospital workers who lost their homes in the fire. Sad to awaken the day after Thanksgiving with the feeling that something was wrong. After 18 years he did not have to go to the tree lot.

Susan Sheehy sad that while visiting the dump on Mecham Road, she observed the many trucks delivering debris from the fire clean up. Sad that each truck load represents someone's lost home and valuables.

Loretta Strong happy that Jerry brought limes for the gin and tonic at the Board meeting. Also, happy that Jerry's son will be a manager for rebuilding Coffee Park.

Postcards

Don Marshall – New Hampshire.

Randy Collins – Grand Canyon, along with 9 visitors from Turkmenistan.

Closing Thought

"You better cut the pizza in four pieces because I'm not hungry enough to eat six."

- Yogi Berra

Kiwanis Healdsburg *Kiwanis*

**The Kiwanis
Christmas Tree Lot
WILL NOT BE
Open This Year!!**

**Trees will be
Available at**

Kringles Korner Tree Lot
(Remember to bring your Tree Stand)
Next to Luther Burbank Center
50 Mark West Rd

or

**Grandma's
Pumpkin Patch**

17740 North Healdsburg Ave.



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