



Club welcomes new member



Healdsburg Kiwanis newest member Terry Kemp with her sponsor, Loretta Strong and President Randy Collins

The first club meeting of 2017 included the New Member Installation of Terry Kemp, a Past President and nine-year veteran of the Ft Bragg Kiwanis Club. Terry is eager to serve and has already shared many good fundraising ideas with Membership Chair Loretta Strong and President Randy. Welcome Terry!

Memorial Scholarship Directors Elected

The club membership voted on January 31 for the election of three members to fill three vacant or expiring positions on the Healdsburg Memorial Scholarship Board of Directors.

Members elected for a two-year term are: Other continuing Board members are:

Charles Reichel (continuing)
Hunt Conrad (continuing)
Ron Doble (replaces Ken Scharer, no longer a club member)

Dan Mariviglia, Chair
John (Jack) Brandt
Guy French
Dennis Stead

The current value of the fund is about \$341,000 which is invested in bonds (40%) and equity funds (60%). Earnings from the investments are available for scholarships with the annual amount allocated based on a three-year average of fund earnings. The funds are turned over to the club's Scholarship Committee chaired by Loretta Strong and the committee reviews student scholarship applications, interviews the applicants and awards scholarships.

The Memorial Scholarship Fund contribution is usually supplemented by funds from the club's project fund. Last year, scholarships were awarded to 8 HHS seniors for \$1875 each. The total of \$15,000 was made up of \$8500 from

Calendar

Meeting Dates:

Feb 7: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. SMART Train Community Education and Outreach

Feb 14: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Santa Rosa Symphony.

Feb 16: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Round Table Pizza.

Feb 21: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex.

Feb 28: Evening Meeting at Villa Annex. 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting

Other February Dates:

Feb. 11: Steelhead Festival

Save the Date

Apr. 9: Pancake Breakfast

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 Randy Collins, President at 433-7759 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314

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Memorial Scholarship

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The Builder

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Arnold Santucci, Sr. Advisor
Richard Iverson, Member

Happy Birthday

Mario Lucchesi – Feb. 1
Charles Reichel – Feb. 7
Edgar Deas – Feb. 8
Randolph Collins – Feb. 11
Liz Bippart – Feb. 19
George Clough – Feb. 26

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Arnold Santucci - 2-21-84
(First Inducted May 1950 and
was member to 1965)
Mario Lucchesi - 2-1-00
Bob Santucci - 2-2-10
Vern Losh - 2-1-11 (reinstated)

The President's Message

Dollars and Sense

As a "Service" club, we are consistently reminded by our fund raising activities that one of the reasons we exist is to provide funding for causes that are consistent with the Kiwanis Mission of "Serving the Children of the World". But did you know that to accomplish this task, we are required by Kiwanis International to maintain two entirely separate funds that cannot be co-mingled and must each have their own Treasurer? One is known as the Project Fund and the other known as the Administrative Fund. What are these you ask? Well, simply put, the Project Fund is the pot of money raised by activities such as the Christmas Tree Lot, Pancake Breakfast and Future Farmers Fair booth that we use to gift our various causes such as the Boy Scouts, Bulldogs, Boosters Club, School Dictionaries to name but a few. The Administration Fund is used to pay for things such as our lunches, Villa Rent, dues to the Kiwanis International and the like. Admin Fund monies are generated by activities such as Brandt's Bar-B-Que, the Golf Tournament and Lotto.

For the majority of our club's history, we have had robust fund raisers that covered our Admin costs. However, as our diligent Admin Fund Treasurer has recently brought to the Board's attention, the amount of revenue generated by these activities has dwindled over the last year creating a situation that obviously will need to be corrected. Without getting too much into the minutia, we will need to collect approx. \$15,000 more each year to keep the fund in the black. While this may seem like a formidable amount, it is not the first time we have run into this situation and the solutions we came up with in the past were done without much pain or anybody really noticing.

You might ask why am I devoting my monthly message to share this with all of you? There are several reasons. The first is I see one of my primary responsibilities as your President is to be as transparent as possible and communicate all issues that are both important and relevant with the membership. The second is to apprise you that when this matter was discussed at our January Board meeting, a committee comprised of Dick Bugarski, Rick Norman, Patti Roberts (and open to others) was formed to examine this issue and identify options to bring back as recommendations for the Board to consider in February. The third is to ask that if you have an interest in serving on this committee to contact Dick as we all know it's easier to solve problems when you have more brain power.

While finances can often be a sensitive issue and are often not without controversy, if we promote clear communication and active participation, with the assistance of our dedicated and sagacious members, I have full confidence we will be capable of resolving this matter.

Randy



Board of Directors Meeting

Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the Board meeting for January 2017:

Grant requests

- No grant requests were considered
- HHS Booster support has been postponed.

Money Matters

- Administrative Fund - The Fund balance as of 12/31/16 was \$4,175. The sustainability of the Fund was discussed. The income from Brandt's Beach and the Golf Tournament has been declining over the past 5 years. A subcommittee was formed and will meet to discuss remedies for the shortfall and present ideas to the membership.
- Project Fund – The Christmas Tree Lot income is approximately \$64,760 pending adjustments for sales tax and several additional expenses.
- Expenses for the cancelled New Year's Eve party will be approximately \$2,650.

Other discussion and action

President's report:

- Kelly Blanchard will now be responsible for enhancing our Kiwanis Facebook page.
- By-laws update – Some minor changes will be made to clarify the by-laws before formally presenting them to the membership.
- Poster boards will be created to highlight our club's achievements. They will be visible at our events so the community can be better educated about our club's activities.
- Kids' Safety Fair – We have begun a conversation regarding the feasibility of holding the event at Fitch Mountain School.

Meeting Programs

January 10: Julie Hagele - Rio Lindo Academy

Our January 10 speaker, Julie Hagele, Development Director at the Rio Lindo Academy gave an overview of the School and it's history.

Rio Lindo Adventist Academy is unique. We are the Adventist boarding academy for the Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Our co-educational high school offers a commitment to excellence in its quiet, safe and picturesque location. Our culturally diverse student body creates



an opportunity to interact globally while fostering a close-knit community based on mutual respect. Every student is encouraged to develop their potential in a nurturing environment. Staff, who live on campus and students work, study, pray, and socialize together, create lasting relationships unique to the boarding school experience.

Rio's ultimate goal in teaching is to maximize every student's potential, no matter the background; to make student thinkers and not mere reflectors of others' opinions, whether in the classroom, church, or among peers. Rio's tagline is "Learn. Serve. Lead." and our hope is that every student will graduate and make a difference in the world by continuing to learn, serve, and lead.

<http://www.riolindo.org>

January 17: Troop 21 Update.

Two members of Boy Scout Troop 21 along with Scout Master Doug Price visited our January 17 meeting. In a very well prepared and informative PowerPoint show, Henry Dreiling and Quentin Molena gave us a tag team presentation describing their activities for the past year.



Scouts Henry Dreiling and Quentin Molena with Scout Master Doug Price

Henry has fulfilled all requirements and was recently awarded rank of Eagle Scout

Scouting activities focus on three areas: adventure, leadership and community service.

Adventures (partial list):

- "We hike cities": Urban hike in San Francisco – learning to navigate the city

- “We invent meals”, Camp Rosenberg “Chillin” campout
- “We get really cold, and wet”: Winter camping at Bear Valley including skiing, snowboarding and winter adventures.
- “We raft”: Rafting on the American River
- “We bike”: Mountain biking at Wentle.
- “We go to camp, Bigtime”: Summer camp – one week at Wolfboro in the Sierra. 22 scouts this year.
- “We have big adventures in big country”: Annual 50 miler (+) on the High Sierra Trail to the Matterhorn. Biggest crowd ever.

Leadership:

- “We show other troops what we’re made of”: Pomo District Camporee
- “We parade around”: Design and build float for Twilight Parade – won first place in youth division for third year in a row.
- “We make pancakes too”: Best Pancake Breakfast in town
- “We build”: Annual Pioneering campout
- 2016 Eagle Scout: Henry Dreiling.

Community Service:

- “We serve water” Manned water stations for the Fitch Mountain Foot Race and Gut Buster.
- “We canoe and cleanup”: Russian River Cleanup
- “We throw food”: Volunteered at the Redwood Empire Food Bank, Healdsburg Food Pantry.
- “We burn buildings”: Camp Rosenberg stewardship
- “We help our neighbors”: Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Kiwanis Christmas Tree Lot, Eagle Scout project.

What’s Next

- Troop 21 alumni project
- Removal of totem pole at Camp Rosenberg
- Vision for Clary Hall renovation
- More scouts in 2017
- More leadership
- More adventure

Jan 24: Evening Meeting - Sheila Almquist - Well Water Angels program in Kenya



President Randy thanks Sheila for an interesting presentation

Our January evening meeting speaker, Sheila Almquist is very excited about her upcoming trip to Kenya to support the Well Water Angels program. Her goal is to help kids in Kenya and support the effort to bring much needed clean water to Kenyan villages. The Water Angels program is financed through donations to lovemanifest.org. Funds will be provided to construct a well for the community. One well will cost about \$15,000 and will provide clean water for 10,000 people.

In addition to supporting the well construction project, Sheila will be teaching English to local school children during her stay in Kenya.

Jan 31: Dick Bugarske – Club history

Dick Bugarske, our unofficial club historian, presented some interesting material about the formation of our club and some of the early year by year activities.

Here is an interesting article from a 1923 Healdsburg Tribune discussing the club’s founding:

According to its sponsors, Kiwanis is an organization of virile, progressive, right-thinking, broad minded business and professional men. Its membership is formed by the careful and discriminating selection of the most representative men in their particular calling – men who, by virtue of their talents can be relied upon cheerfully to cooperate with their fellow members in actively supporting the Kiwanis movement in its steady

unflinching march toward the attainment of its high ideals.

The Kiwanis International is today (1923) an organization located in 1030 cities with a membership approximating 80,000.

Young, as measured in years---for the club had its beginning only eight years ago---its moving spirit is as old as the human soul with its craving for fellowship.

Kiwanis is more than a club: it is an attitude of mind; a way of thinking; an application of that sane American spirit, which is what it is because it is constructive and not destructive, set in its purpose "to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before"; an American spirit of humanity; of generosity; of helpfulness; of good cheer; a spirit nourished by its belief in the home as the center of permanent social advancement.

Kiwanis is this American spirit applied and given direction through the efficiency of organization. This spirit appropriated by Kiwanis will, in turn, we believe, react upon the community and impress upon an age which seems to falter, that sane thinking and higher living which characterized our forefathers.

This is the spirit and purpose of Kiwanis, according to its members and promoters.

Salvation Army ARC property sold

Escrow closed on January 31 for the sale of the Lytton Springs Salvation Army ARC property. The reported sale price was \$40 million, well above the \$30 million asking price. The purchaser was the Lytton band of Pomo Indians.

The dismantling of the facility will be a huge undertaking. The men currently residing at Lytton will be sent to either the San Francisco, San Jose or Sacramento ARC facilities. Most of the store inventory will be sent to the Santa Rosa store.

The closure of the ARC will also be a great loss to our club as the men will no longer be available to help at the Christmas tree lot, pancake breakfast and other events.

Buccaneer of the Month

The Buccaneer of the Month was born in San Francisco during the World War II era, lived for a time in San Diego and then moved to Marin County and established a boutique store. A blabbermouth in small groups. Large groups not so much.

Who is it?



Interclubs

Four members of Healdsburg Kiwanis attended the monthly meeting of North Bay Kiwanis at Mi Pueblo Restaurant in Cotati on Wednesday, January 25th. Four new members were installed to their club.



Susan Sheehy, Loretta Strong, Jan Gianni and Cindy Swartz at the North Bay Interclub

Special Birthdays



Arnold Santucci donated \$97 to celebrate his birthday and requested a special happy birthday song from everyone over 21

\$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

Dick Bugarske happy to thank Susan Sheehy for gifts purchased by her president's fund for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program.

Randy Collins happy/sad? Excused from jury duty when defense attorneys learned he worked with cops.

Denny Stead happy to be going to Yellowstone to see animals freezing.

Patti Roberts happy to see guests at evening meeting. Sad the soup was late.

Tim Tuscany happy that son Massimo has achieved Black Belt.

George Clough sad about Salvation Army ARC sale and closure.

The Sick List

Get well soon guys!

Neil Bertrand – Flu

Kurt Hahn – Open heart surgery at Stanford.

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