

THE BUILDER

KIWANIS CLUB OF HEALDSBURG

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HOW DID KIWANIS COME TO HEALDSBURG ?

THE CURRENT PUBLICATION OF THE HEALDSBURG MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANSWERS AS FOLLOWS: NATHAN COMBS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN NAPA COUNTY AND A MEMBER OF THE NAPA KIWANIS CLUB, AND FRANK KEAN, THE STATE ORGANIZER FOR KIWANIS, TRAVELED TO HEALDSBURG IN THE EARLY PART OF JUNE, 1923 TO TELL THE STORY OF KIWANIS. JOE MILLER, GEORGE IMRIE, DR. JULIAN WRIGHT AND FRED YOUNG MET WITH COMBS AND KEAN IN THE FRED YOUNG MORTUARY. ON JUNE 25, FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE NAPA KIWANIS CLUB MET WITH A LARGER GROUP OF HEALDSBURG BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN AND FOUR DAYS LATER AT A THIRD MEETING THE FOLLOWING PERMANENT OFFICERS WERE ELECTED: JOSEPH MILLER, PRESIDENT; GEORGE IMRIE, VICE PRES; CHARLES COMSTOCK, SECRETARY; MIKE CUMMINGS, DISTRICT TRUSTEE AND GEORGE HAYES, TREASURER. THERE WERE 60 CHARTER MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITIES OF HEALDSBURG.

MORE KIWANIS HISTORY BY CLARENCE RUONAVAARA

THE KIWANIS CLUB GAVE A PLACQUE FOR THE " OUTSTANDING STUDENT" OF THE HIGH SCHOOL IN 1931 AND HAS GIVEN SCHOLARSHIPS EVER SINCE.

KEY CLUB WAS SPONSORED BY KIWANIS IN 1949 ART Mc CAFFREY WAS THE FIRST FACULTY ADVISOR.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ARNOLD SANTUCCI, GARY ROSENBERG AND CLARENCE RUONAVAARA GRADUATED FROM CAL WITH THE CLASS OF 1942; ALSO HENRY TRIONE OF SANTA ROSA.

COMEDY CORNER

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS LIVES IN LAS VEGAS. WHEN A KID TELLS A DEPARTMENT STORE SANTA WHAT HE WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS, SANTA GIVES HIM THE ODDS ON GETTING IT.

LAST CHRISTMAS I TOLD SANTA WHAT I WANTED, AND HE SAID ME TOO,

I GAVE MY YOUNG NEPHEW A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS. HE SPENT SIX MONTHS LOOKING FOR WHERE TO PUT THE BATTERIES.

MY WIFE LOVES TO WATCH MY KIDS WITH THEIR STOCKINGS. IT'S THE ONLY TIME THEY EVER HANG ANYTHING UP.

IF ANY CHAIRMAN WISHES TO REACH THE MEMBERSHIP FOR WHAT EVER REASON HE OR SHE DEEMS NECESSARY, PLEASE PASS IT ON TO ME. ALSO, LET ME KNOW OF SOME INTERESTING PART OF YOUR LIFE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US. THANKS, LES DAVIS

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Announcements/Correspondence

It was good to see Dorsey Crogan, Rich Norgrove and John Dayton back after extended absences Rich Lehrmann reported the Project Committee meeting had been postponed until November 11, 4 pm at Jack Brandt's office Vince reported the Mentor Program was now well organized and had hired a program coordinator Bob Malone reminded everyone of the aquarium opening at the fish hatchery at Lake Sonoma on Thursday evening (11/5) from 5 to 7 pm The monthly board meeting will be November 12, 7 pm at the police department President Don proudly announced our club had received a Worldwide Service Award for its outstanding contribution to the IDD project Jack Brandt wasn't present for his birthday serenade, but Rich Iverson chose President Don to sing the special Les Davis introduced his guest and potential new member Jerry Meyers President Don noted today's attendance was the largest turnout in months.

Presentations

Alvie Rochester was presented with the President's Plaque Bruno Rodella received a Certificate of the Legion of Honor for his service to Kiwanis, noting "all you have to do is not die to get one" Rick Alves received the Project Treasurer plaque, even though the audit is not yet complete.

Happy/Sad Dollars

There were too many happy and sad dollars to list....however, Rich Lehrmann used the opportunity to tell a dead cat joke.

Student of the Month

This month the Kiwanis recognized George Gordon for his outstanding achievements. George's activities include Interact Club, California Scholarship Federation and Junior State, while maintaining a 4.27 GPA. He plays varsity football as a receiver, and runs track in the spring. Upon graduation, he wants to major in engineering at Stanford or UC San Diego, with hopes of becoming a software engineer. One of his hobbies, which was appreciated by many members, is playing poker. Congratulations to George Gordon.

Program

Phil Rice introduced Jim Clegg, Director of the Bodega Marine Lab at Bodega Head. Jim earned his Ph.D. from John Hopkins University, and has been at Bodega for 13 years now. The lab at Bodega is affiliated with UC Davis and is one of four marine labs in California. It is unique in that it provides research opportunities for virtually every coastal habitat, including terrestrial habitats such as dunes and fresh and salt water marshes. It is also unique in that the entire site is managed as a preserve, with no public access except for scheduled tours. One of the lab's current research projects deals with the winter-run chinook salmon, which is on the endangered species list. The lab has been developing parent/brood stock based on genetic diversity, and are using this stock to produce millions of salmon offspring for release into the Delta. Docent lead tours of the lab are available Friday afternoons between 2 and 4 pm.

Meeting adjourned at about 1:30 pm.

Ernie Ralston

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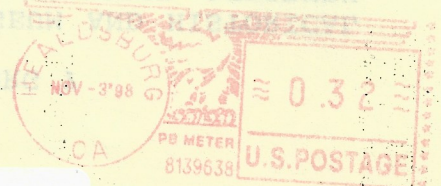
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GUEST HISTORIAN THIS WEEK

MILT BRANDT

NOTE FROM EDITOR:

DEAR MILT:

Thank you so much for your most expressive and beautifully written letter covering a bit of Kiwanis history here in Healdsburg. Clarence Ruonavaara passed it on to me for reproduction in this news-letter.

The "BUILDER", conveniently left on our kitchen table by my son Jack is even read by an honorary life member of Rotary. I noticed Clarence Ruonavaara's history item. Due to the fact I was a Kiwanian at one time, I thought I may qualify for a few lines.

My first contact with the Healdsburg club was in the old Legion Building on Center Street, about where the Wells Fargo Bank moved from and the Brandt Insurance temporary offices were.

Being a member of a Cub Scout Troop in about 1934, we were guests of the Kiwanis Club to hear Senator Presley Abshire give a run-down on citizenship, along with Lenore Kiesling singing a patriotic song accompanied by Elmer Sandborn on his personal concert grand piano (which was later left to the club in his will). This was long before Kate Smith's "God Bless America". Lenore was about the same size and had the same volume as Kate, who entertained our Navy unit in 1942. The main difference was that Kate sang in an outdoor amphitheater but Lenore was singing in the Legion dining room. Needless to say, this was very impressive.

In later years, Kiwanis, being the town's leading organization at that time, attracted me. I left Rotary and joined Kiwanis in 1958. I enjoyed the plate spinning and wet napkin throwing, along with a great group of fellows. Walt Wright was Mr. Kiwanian, and meetings were held at St. Paul's Hall where Father Ray Baskin was the "Padre". The Legion Auxiliary was serving those excellent luncheons, similar to what was served in 1934, only now a new group of Auxiliary members of World War II had replaced some of the World War I members, but not all.

Due to my busy schedule in the engineering contracting company I was working with at the time, it became inconvenient and next to impossible to continue with noon time luncheon meetings, so I was forced to terminate my membership, which was a great disappointment to me. Later I went back with Rotary since they were still meeting in the evening.

Needless to say, I was quite thrilled when my Son Jack decided to join Kiwanis and carry on where I left off. I will add that the Kiwanis Club has profited more from him than I could have ever contributed. I say this in all sincerity this guy is something else when it comes to responsibility.

I am taking this opportunity to express Mary's and my pride in having two sons who have contributed so much to this community through their service club affiliations. Joe is the Rotarian that replaced "Ol'Dad" on the roster, now both "Past Presidents" of their organizations and still working hard.

Thanks, Kiwanis, for your recognition of Art and myself at the dinner last fall.

Thanks to what the club and its members have done for son Jack.

Milt Brandt

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- December 8: To be arranged.

Announcements/Correspondence

Always in 'fine' spirit, President Don collected several dollar fines, including Vince Dougherty for throwing his flatware. Also, seating fines abounded – so take note of the new presidential seating policy and executive order. President Don reminded that spouses were invited to the Thanksgiving luncheon meeting on November 24. Kurt Hahn-regretfully announced that the recognition dinner for Clarence Ruonavaara had been cancelled – seems it was competing with several other functions that weekend and the ticket sale response was disappointing. Wayne Carr announced the Community Chorus was holding its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday December 13, with performances at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Advance tickets may be purchased for \$3 (children & seniors) and \$5 (everyone else). Tickets at the door will cost a dollar more. Carl Elze reported the Community Band will hold a Christmas Concert on December 3 in Cloverdale. Vince announced he was coordinating the Catholic church clothing drive for the flood victims in Nicaragua, and donations should be to him by Friday, November 13. Call him to arrange a pick up.

Thought for the day

"Nothing makes a person more productive than the last minute."

Lotto

After a winning number was not picked for the grand prize, Vern Losh won the \$10 consolation prize.

Birthdays

Jerry Strong and Alan Owen both opted for the standard rendition, ably accompanied by Nancy Curnow at the piano.

Happy/Sad Dollars

Again there were too many happy and sad dollars to list.

Program

Fred Haley introduced County Supervisor Paul Kelly. Supervisor Kelly was first elected to our district in 1994 and successfully defended his seat in the June elections. Paul noted that there did not appear to be any political changes in the three city council elections in his district. Similarly, the election of Mike Kerns to the Board of Supervisor will also contribute to continued stability at the Board. Regarding the state level initiatives, Paul noted that the passage of Proposition 5 may make it easier for two local Native American tribes to pursue the 180-room hotel and gaming facility they have considered in the Alexander Valley. Paul indicated water resource issues will continue to be important in the near future. Background was provided on PG&E's Potter Valley Project and the controversy over continued diversions of water from the Eel River to the Russian River watershed. The decision is in the hands of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington D.C. After years of studies and law suits, work will be proceeding on the fish ladder at the Healdsburg Memorial Beach dam. Paul hopes that this will also be an opportunity to improve the dam so it can be raised back to 10 feet from the existing 7-foot height.

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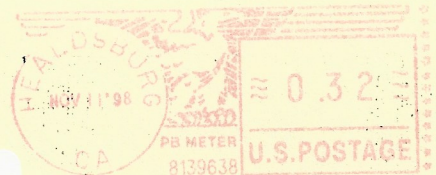
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Did You Know?

In July of 1987, the assembled delegates meeting in Washington, D.C. at the 72nd Annual Kiwanis International Convention voted to permit women to be sponsored for membership in Kiwanis Clubs. This change will continue to affect the dynamics of Kiwanis International. Here is another note of interest: Kiwanis is a part of a 20th century phenomenon. The "Service Club Movement," as it has been termed, is one of North America's most important contributions to the life of our times. Today, the service club movement is bigger, better accepted, and more desired than ever before in its history.

Comedy Corner

Some thoughts on Aging: You're aging if you remember when radios plugged into the wall and tooth brushes didn't. When dialing long distance wears you out. When the little old lady you help across the street is your wife. A man is only as old as he looks – and if he only looks, he's old. You're getting old when you paint the town red and have to take a long nap before you put on a second coat. Aging is the time of life when you get up and go did. You know you're getting on in years when your knees buckle but your belt won't. Anybody who can still do at seventy what he was doing at twenty wasn't doing much at twenty.

Board Meeting Summary for November 12th, 1998

The meeting was held at the Police Station, hosted by Rick Alves. Present in addition to the board members was Vern Losh working on his permanent members badge. The minutes of the Previous Board meeting and the Administrative and Treasures Report were accepted as read. The Protect Committee Report from Rich Lehrmann reviewed the two gazebos which could be worked on at the high school. In addition there are a number of areas at the high school which could be improved. The Project Committee also recommended we donate \$250 to the Museum Endowment Fund and \$250 to the High School Graduation Night Program.

Old business: A bill from the swim club for annual dues for a sign at the pool compound was discussed. Club rules prevent a sitting board from committing a new board to expenditures. We are checking the old records to identify the problem. President Don will check the pool to see if there is a sign still there.

New Business: Phil Rice suggested we renew our old program of members of the club going to the convalescent homes and singing carols. The board agreed. Rich Lehrmann suggested we renew our practice of having a Santa Claus and exchanging nominal gifts at our Christmas meeting. The board agreed. Rick Alves brought up the Chamber of Commerce Annual Trade Show and suggested we have a space to advertise Kiwanis. The board was in favor of this program. While discussing membership and delinquent payment of dues, Hugo Bauer requested that an information sheet telling all about Kiwanis and the dues and obligations should be given to all members so they can explain in detail to a prospective member exactly what is expected of each member. Dan Maraviglia reported that Jerry Strong had obtained the date of June 13th, 1999 for the Fitch Mt. Foot Race..... The meeting was adjourned.

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December 8: Dr. Dan Rose (Chairman of the Board) and Ed Bland (CEO) will provide an update on Nuestro Hospital Inc.

Announcements/Correspondence

The arrangement of the tables across the room with the head table on the right wall caused major disorientation for most members upon entering the Villa Annex – so much so that one of the four rows of tables was not even occupied and Father Ray's prayer requested the Almighty grant us strength to endure these changes... Clarence Ruonavaara announced that the American Field Service Annual Christmas Card drive is on for the next three weeks. For the last 27 years, this fund raiser has been the primary funding source for sending local high school students abroad... President Don announced that a summary of the Board meeting would be included in the bulletin from now on.... The sign-up sheet was passed around for the 'Lights for Life' campaign sponsored by the Soroptimists and held prior to the Christmas tree lighting ceremony on the plaza November 29.

Birthdays

Ed Smith and Jack Brandt both opted for the standard rendition – Father Ray accompanied on the piano with his usual flourish.

Happy/Sad Dollars

Again there were too many happy and sad dollars to list. However, especially notable was Father Ray's happy dollar for celebrating today his '60 something' wedding anniversary.

Program

John Bippart introduced John Howell who recently returned from living a year in Hong Kong. John explained that his sister-in-law and her husband work for a large corporation and had been assigned to Hong Kong. Since his business was such that it could be monitored from abroad, he, his wife and two daughters decided to spend a year there as well. John and his wife obtained two consecutive 6-month travel visas, and their daughters were granted student visas. Approaching Thanksgiving as we now are reminded John that it was not celebrated in Hong Kong except by the few Americans there. However, Christmas is vigorously celebrated primarily because of its retail benefits, but also because of the bright lights and festive colors. John noted that most international companies provide home leave for their employees about June or July every year to allow them to return to their home country and take care of their affairs. Because of the down-turn in the Asian economy, a large percentage of those international employees did not return. As a result, the apartment vacancy rate is very high and rental rates have come way down. He advises that there are some great travel bargains to Hong Kong now because of the economic situation. John described the geography of the island and its relationship to the rest of the 'administrative area' on the mainland. He depicted Hong Kong as a very lively city, full of hustle and bustle, with almost everyone talking on a cell phone! Regarding the recent return of Hong Kong to Chinese rule, he feels the liberties currently enjoyed by Hong Kong residents will gradually evaporate and become more like the mainland. For example, journalists are encouraged to 'self-police' themselves and certain topics – e.g. Tibet and Taiwan – are just not discussed.

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