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of Healdsburg



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Carl Elze with some of the coffee cans he has collected to be used as Christmas tree stands for small trees. So far he has collected 35 cans and is aiming to have 50 ready by the time the Christmas Tree lot opens on November 26. Carl gives the 2 and 3 pound cans two coats of spray paint and then adds rocks for balance. Bring your empty 2 or 3 pound coffee cans to Carl at club meetings.

Sign Up for Christmas Tree Sales Assignments, Indicate Help Required from All Club Members

Sign up to work at the Christmas Tree Lot. Help from all members will be needed for the club's largest fund raiser. And committee members especially invited new members and women members to take part in this labor intensive program.

The women members were told that they won't have to "drag Christmas trees" but will be needed to sell the trees and work with the customers. The heavy work will be done by the younger male members and volunteers from the Boy Scouts and the men from the Salvation Army at Lytton.

A crew is needed to clean up the lot on Saturday, November 20 starting at 8 a.m. to prepare the lot for the arrival of the trees from Oregon. (sign up for this work session). The lot will open officially on Friday, November 26.

Work sessions are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. During the week the lot is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Ken Scharer is chair of the Christmas Tree Lot sales and is assisted by Roger Dormire, Joe Engler, Guy French, Jerry Strong, Rick Norman, Dee Whitehall, Rich Thomas and Harry Jackson.

Calendar

November 2: Regular meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex.

November 9: Regular meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex.

November 13: Division Council Meeting, 3 to 5 p.m. followed by Evening of Italian Tastes Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Windsor Grange, 9161 Starr Rd., Windsor, DCM only or Dinner only \$7, DCM and Dinner \$9, information contact Rich Fuller, 291-5223

November 16: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

November 18: Board of Directors Meeting, 7 p.m., Conference Room at the Healdsburg Police Station.

November 20: Christmas Tree Lot Clean Up, 8 a.m., lot next to City Hall, Grove Street.

November 23: Evening meeting, 6:30 p.m. social ½ hour, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex.

November 26: Christmas Tree Lot Opens.

November 30: Regular meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex. For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club contact Richard Bugarske, president at 433-1771 or Phil Luks, secretary at 433-8005

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Jack Brandt: 11/1
Temple Smith: 11/1
Richard Bugarske: 11/2
Richard Iverson: 11/2
Jan Gianni: 11/7
Joe Engler: 11/9
Jerry Strong: 11/10
Hunt Conrad: 11/14
Loretta Strong: 11/22
Neal Bertrand: 11/23
Dan Maraviglia: 11/28
Jim Colgan: 11/30

Kiwanis Club Anniversaries:

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

Phil Rice: 11/27-79
Lee Gunnerson: 11/14-91
Dennis Gary: 11-7-95
Dan Gianni: 11-26-96
Neal Bertrand: 11-8-07
Ron Doble: 11-13-07

The President's Message

Service – With A Smile

By Dick Bugarske

“So what does Kiwanis Do in Healdsburg ?”

“Do you need to do anything special to become a Kiwanian?”

So with a smile I respond that Healdsburg Kiwanis is a local service organization of over 80 members who raises funds for community needs. We donate over \$50,000 each year back to our community and annually provide \$12,000 to \$15,000 in scholarships to our local graduating seniors.

“So how much service do you do?”

Again with an even bigger smile I responded that I thought that our 80 strong members donated over 20,000 hours a year.

“How do you know that?”

So I asked Phil Luks if he could pass on to me the “Community Service Report” slips from September so I could “run the numbers”.

Phil had 31 member slips.

The total hours noted were about 640 (not all writing was completely legible), which is an average about 21 community service hours per member for the relatively quiet month of September.

The number of local organizations served was 35 after combined duplicates.

So I took the liberty of using about 25 hours per month per member (some months are very busy for us) and came up with about 25,000 community service hours per year from our Club and adding another 15 groups, projects and organizations to the list of those served, I feel pretty confident that (“How do you know that?”) can be answered by:

“Well, from data from our members, we provide about 25,000 hours of community service to about 50 groups and organizations in the greater Healdsburg area.” Of course, stated with a smile.



The Go Getter Award

President Dick Bugarske, left, presented his first Go Getter Award to Roger Dormire for his willingness to jump in and help whenever needed. Roger, a member since March of 2002, served as president in 2007 . A financial advisor he was appointed to the newly formed Financial Review Committee. He has worked many hours at the Christmas Tree Lot, for the club's golf tournament as well as taking on the job of chair of the Relay for Life Walk for Cancer Research Pancake Breakfast. He has sponsored his own Relay for Life Team, is active in his church and is a member of the North County Community Service which supplies shelter and help to the needy.

Windsor Hosts DCM and “Evening of Italian Tastes” Dinner Nov. 13

The Windsor Kiwanis Club will host the quarterly Division Committee meeting on Saturday, November 13 at the Windsor Grange Hall. The event not only will feature the regular meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. but following the meeting there will be an “Evening of Italian Tastes” dinner starting at 5:30 p.m.

Each club in Division 32 is asked to participate in the competition by bringing a one gallon entry of their “Most Spectacular Spaghetti Sauce”. Entries will be voted on and awards presented. The menu will consist of spaghetti, Caesar Salad, French Bread, Biscotti and Ice Cream.

Prices are: DCM only or Dinner only \$7; DCM and Dinner \$9.

RSVP to Rich at 291-5223 or blkbhut@aol.com.

Presents Project Adopt-a-Family Program Seeks Volunteer Help

Over the years during the Christmas season, many families have received gifts due to the generosity of the Presents Project Program. This year will be no exception. However, as usual, the program can use volunteers to help wrap the gifts on Saturday, December 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club.

If you would like to participate contact Richard Iverson at 431-8088. Anyone wishing to adopt a family should contact Beth DeCoss at 433-2721.

The Presents Project coordinators expressed their appreciation to the Kiwanis Club for its support each year.

Now in its 11th year Presents Project/Adopt a Family Program brings holiday gifts to many families in need in the Healdsburg area. The coordinators work with the Healdsburg School District, Fitch Mountain Preschool, Day Care camps, Alliance Medical Center and the Boys and Girls Club. Individuals, organizations, businesses, employee groups can adopt a family or can contribute to the program.

The purpose is “to make sure that families with children not only receive needed items but also gifts from a personal wish list”. And the program is successful because “it provides sponsors with an opportunity to provide real and meaningful gifts to an entire family”.

Community Band Holiday Concerts

The Healdsburg Community Band begins the 2010-2011 season with two winter concerts on December 7 in Healdsburg and December 10 in Cloverdale.

Both concerts will feature Christmas music from many different lands.

The Healdsburg concert will be held at the Healdsburg Community Church, 1100 University Avenue at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 from band members or at the door.



Retired Fire Chief Randy Collins, right, shown here with former Fire Chief Bob Taylor.

Retired Fire Chief Randolph Collins Accepts Position With Junior College

If you've missed seeing Randolph Collins at meeting lately, there is a good reason.

A member of Kiwanis since September 2001 retired Healdsburg Fire Chief Randy Collins is now Director of Fire Technology at Santa Rosa Junior College. He oversees the entire Fire Technology program and teaches only “when he has to fill in for an absent instructor”.

Randy retired as chief of the fire department in June of this year and served as Fire Chief since 2003 when he took over from then Fire Chief Bob Taylor.

Randy has had a 30 years career in firefighting with 23 of those spent in Healdsburg. While attending Humboldt State University he volunteered with the fire department and after graduating with a degree in industrial arts he took a position with a circuit board company and continued with volunteering as a firefighter. He decided after two years to pursue a career in fire science earning an Associate Degree. He accepted a position in Healdsburg's Fire Department in 1987, becoming a Captain in 1989 and Fire Marshall in 1990 when Kiwanian Bob Taylor became Fire Chief.

Randy has had a career in firefighting for 30 years and now in retirement continues doing the work to which he has devoted so many years.

Randy lives in Healdsburg with his wife, Darlene and children, Bill, 18 and Emma, 16. He is a long time member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and devotes time to North County Community Services.

Thought of the Day: Loretta Strong

Our immediate past president expressed her appreciation to the club for the wonderful experience she had serving as president.

She reminded the members that **our mission is to serve the children and to give back to the community.**

Board Adopts A Policy Regarding Reimbursement of Club Expenses

“To Be Reimbursed for club expenses, club members must submit receipts to the club treasurer with 90 days from the date the expenses were incurred.”

The above policy was adopted by the board of directors at the October 21 meeting held at the Healdsburg Police Station's Conference Room. In the board's discussion period it was noted that late reimbursement requests created fiscal planning problems. It was pointed out, further, that late requests "may lead to a lack of supporting documentation."

In other business, the board considered the \$5,000 PSST (Public School Success Team) request and it was agreed that, in place of last month's approval, the treasurer would be authorized to make grants up to the cumulative amount of \$5,000, based on specific requests and/or expenditure reimbursements communicated to the treasurer, Pete Peterson.

At the meeting Jane Rosenberg and B. Epstein made a presentation on behalf of PSST which at the September meeting had been conditionally awarded a \$5,000 grant for the 2010-2011 school year. The board was informed that the following were metrics associated with the first year of the program's efforts in one of Fitch Mountain School's fifth grades:

- 1. Teacher feedback from the current sixth grade teachers of last year is good.***
- 2. 100% of the children participated and there was meaningful involvement by 70% of the families.***
- 3. STAR test scores for the individual class involved and the individual children involved could not be publicly released. However, the number of children significantly exceeding basic language requirements increased from 12 to 17, and the number who were below requirements dropped from 12 to 4. In mathematics, the number exceeding went from 13 to 19 and the number below dropped from 7 to 2.***

A new school year program will start both with another fifth grade and continue with last year's students. A summer program was also conducted last summer. It was also revealed that a local accountant had become involved in setting up the organization's books and accounts.

A request from Lt. Governor Eric Wheaton for \$1,230 (\$15 per member) as the club's contribution to Division 32 Lt. Governor's expense account was tabled until the board's November meeting. Lt. Governor Wheaton will pay a visit to our club on November 2 at which time his budget can be discussed.

The treasurer reported that there was approximately \$11,000 in unreserved cash in the Project Funds. The Administrative Fund, it was revealed, is in current good shape as a result of the Brandt's Beach Dinner and Auction and the Golf Tournament. However, reserves are required for year-end rent and first quarter Kiwanis International membership fees.

In a discussion regarding the members' grant preference percentage recommendations, it was decided that the Club's grants should be made predominately on a request basis rather than a budgeted basis.

A donation request from my.HBG.tv for \$400 was tabled with the suggestion that Mark Decker, chairman of the organization, should speak to the club in the first instance.

A request from the North County Realtors Council golf fundraiser to split the funds, \$2006, between the Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels was approved.

Rick Norman, Membership chairman, reported that attendance of the active as well as associate members at the evening meetings needed to be encouraged. It was agreed that additional email publicity should be undertaken and that e-mail signups for committee work and Christmas Tree lot work should be available by e-mail. Loretta Strong agreed to follow up on the potential for corporate memberships,

Treasurer Pete Peterson reported that the club's financial oversight committee (Dan Maraviglia, Cindi Brown and Charles Reichel, advisor) was about to review the club's books of account

Pete also notified the board that Kiwanis International has clarified that the insurance the club purchases from KI as part of its membership fees, \$12 per member per year, as well as the directors and officers' insurance the club purchases directly (about \$750 per year) can be paid out of either the Administrative or Project Funds, or split at the club's discretion. The decision will be made when these payments come due.

Loretta Strong advised that David Jones, chairman of the Fitch Mountain Foot Race, was in the process of coming up with a proposal to increase the size of the race and combine it with a "Celebrate Healdsburg" event in the Plaza Square. Income from the race is placed in the Healdsburg Memorial Scholarship Fund. A general discussion was held concerning the relationship between the Club and Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the various communication and governance issues associated with the separate yet overlapping nature of the two organizations. The Executive Committee will address this by year-end and Secretary Phil Luks will submit a memo outlining some of the issues involved (**Phil Luks Contributed To This Article**).



Life Membership

Robert (Bob) Malone, a member since 1954, has submitted his resignation. However, at the October board meeting the directors refused to accept his resignation and instead voted to award him a Life Membership "in light of his long and dedicated membership and service to the club." Bob, a retired educator, served as principal and then as superintendent of the Healdsburg High School. In addition to his tenure with the Kiwanis Club, he was active in a number of community activities and organizations including the Salvation Army's Advisory Council at Lytton and the Friends of Lake Sonoma in which he served as its second president for ten years. He was the president of the Kiwanis Club in 1960,

Lt. Governor Will Visit Healdsburg at The Tuesday, November 2 Meeting

Division 32 Lt. Governor Eric Wheaton of the Lakeport Club will pay a visit to our club at the Tuesday, November 2 luncheon meeting and will update us on the activities of Division 32 which encompasses the 17 clubs in Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties.

During the past month program chairman Hunt Conrad has presented a number of interesting speakers/programs. On October 5 the membership was introduced to the new principal of the Healdsburg High School, Chris Vanden Heuval whose last assignment was principal of the Windsor High School.

Nicole Young, a 16 year old high school student, at the October meeting gave the membership a fascinating account of her trip to Kenya where she spent two and a half weeks.

And on the following week Sonja Drown, Recreation Manager of the Healdsburg Parks and Recreation Department and Patty Morandi, Before and After School and Early Childhood Services Coordinator explained the many activities being provided by the Parks and Recreation Department to the youth of our community. The Department is now housed at the Former Foss Creek School located near the northern end of Healdsburg Ave near Grove Street.

Ray Holley and Jim Walters, representing the Alliance Medical Center, pointed out some interesting and startling statistics: a registered non-profit

organization, it was founded in 1971 by community volunteers to serve migrant farm workers and their dependents. It has grown so now there are three facilities – Healdsburg headquarters, a Windsor facility and a Teen Health Center. It has an annual budget of \$9.4 million, treats 13,000 patients and employees 110, the fourth largest employer in Healdsburg. Its service area is from Larkfield to Geyserville and Knights Valley to the Coast.



Chris Vanden Heuval, center, principal of the Healdsburg High School, is presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by president Dick Bugarske, left and program chairman Hunt Conrad, right, for being the guest speaker at the club's October 5 meeting.



Hunt Conrad, standing in the center, tells the golfers the results of the 2nd Annual Healdsburg Invitational Golf Tournament held at the Windsor Golf Course on September 29. Hunt told the membership the tournament raised about \$5,000 for the club's Administrative Fund.



CHRISTMAS TREE LOT ASSIGNMENTS

Left, Jerry Strong checks out the assignment sheets for the upcoming Christmas Tree Lot Sales Fundraiser. Looking on is Ken Scharer, chairman of the annual event. Club members are urged to sign up for multiple work sessions, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends. Shifts are four hours each. The assignment sheets will be available at all the luncheon meetings. The lot will open officially on Friday, November 26, the day after Thanksgiving. The work session to clean up and prepare the lot is set for Saturday, November 20 starting at 8 a.m.



DINNER IN THE CAVE AT ROBERT YOUNG WINERY

One of the most popular auction items at the club's annual barbecue and auction at Brandt's Picnic Grounds and Beach is the dinner in the cave for 20 at the Robert Young Winery. This year the dinner, catered by Sean Thomas, was held on Saturday, October 24 and was deemed a huge success and "lots of fun". Top photo shows some of those who attended and bottom, the chef and "servers". Bottom photo, left, Susan Sheehy, Kelly Sheehy, Bruce Main and back, Sean Thomas. (Photos courtesy of Susan Sheehy).

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