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# KIWANIS CLUB

of Healdsburg



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**NEW MEMBER INDUCTED:** Aaron Taeuffer, center, is welcomed into the club with appropriate and traditional ceremonies on Tuesday, March 31 by Membership chairman John Bippart, right, and sponsor, Vince Dougherty, left. Aaron, who is a third generation member of a Healdsburg family, is in the property management business.

## 53<sup>rd</sup> Pancake Day is Sunday, April 5 And We Are Ready Says Chairperson Loretta Strong

Despite the economic downturn, the Healdsburg business community again responded to the club's request by buying over \$5,000 worth of advertising for the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Pancake Day., Sunday, April 5.

Loretta Strong, Pancake Day chairperson and Richard Iverson, advertising committee chairman, said that the advertising committee's efforts paid off to the tune of over \$5,000, a little less than last year's. A few business people opted not to advertise with us this year. However, the committee salespersons were able to pick up a few new ones. Advertising Committee members helping to sell were Carl Elze, Chris Metrulas, Don Marshall, Martin Silge, Roger Dormire, George Clough, Jack Brandt, Dick Bertapelle, Dennis Stead, Phil Luks, Arnold Santucci and Richard Iverson.

In addition, to assure that this year's Pancake Day, one of our major fund raisers, would be a financial success, Loretta was able to muster 18 Kiwanians to pledge approximately \$2,000 to offset the basic costs of running the event, a tradition started by last year's Pancake Day chairman, Rick Norman. Last year the club netted \$13,195 for the project fund.

Loretta also reminded the members that the assignment sheets are available from her and also from the club's Website which has been designed by Dick Bugarske. The Web site – [www.healdsburgkiwanis.org](http://www.healdsburgkiwanis.org) – has much information including a membership list, members biographies, current newsletter plus basic information about the club. She praised and thanked Dick Bugarske for his work on the site. If you are unable to fulfill your obligation on Pancake Day please make your own arrangements with a

## Calendar

**April 7:** Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. A representative of the American Cancer Society, guest speaker.

**April 9:** Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the Healdsburg Police Department's Conference Room, 7 p.m.

**April 14:** Regular Meeting, 12 noon at Vila Annex A member of the Healdsburg Athletics Boosters Club will explain their agenda.

**April 21:** Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

**April 28:** Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Anex. A representative of the Safe Ambassadors program will explain how the program works for students being bullied by other students.

**May 3:** Healdsburg Community Band's Sousa Concert, 3 p.m. at the Jackson Theatre, Sonoma Country Day School, Santa Rosa. Contact Carl Elze for tickets..

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer's Annex. For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club and its meetings please contact Dennis Gary, president at 433-2552 or Phil Luks, secretary at 433-8005.

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fellow Kiwanis member. Loretta stressed.

Pancake Day will get underway at the Villa Chanticleer starting at 7:30 a.m. and will continue until 1 p.m. Invited to help are members of the Key Club, Boys Scouts and the Salvation Army at Lytton.

Hugo and Barbara Bauer and Jerry Strong are in charge of decorating the hall.



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**OFFICERS 2008-2009**

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Loretta Strong, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.  
Robert Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.  
Phil Luks, Secretary  
Albert (Pete) Peterson, Treasurer  
George Diebold, Past President

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Chris Metrulas  
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Vincent Ciolino, Member  
Cullen Wilder, Member

**Happy Birthday**

Robert Meyer-April 6  
Martin Silge - April 14  
Dick Bertapelle - April 15  
Gary Plass - April 16  
Guy French - April 24

**Kiwanis Anniversaries**

Congratulation to the following who  
joined Kiwanis during the month of  
April.

4-11-78: Kurt Hahn  
4-21-81: Clarence Ruonavaara  
4-19-88: Jim Birdsong  
4-19-88: Al (Pete) Peterson  
4-2-91: John Dayton  
4-7-96: Richard Norgrove  
4-8-97: Dan Maraviglia  
4-13-99: Dennis Stead  
4-17-01: Todd Brandt  
4-16-02: Roger Dormire  
4-15-03: Chris Metrulas  
4-12-05: Guy French



**CHILI and RIBS DINNER:** Some of the 15 winners of the Chili and Ribs Dinner auctioned off at the annual Kiwanis barbecue and auction fund raiser held at Brandt's Beach last August. The dinner, cooked by Ken Rochioli, center, back row, was held at the home of Dennis Stead, front row, second from right on February 28. —Photo courtesy Dennis Stead/



**HAPPY 90 :** Robert Young, a 36 year member of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club, celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at the club's March 3 meeting and was happy to donate 90 dollars to the Memorial Scholarship Fund. Helping him celebrate on that day were his daughters, Joanne Young and Susan Sheey who presented him with a very special birthday cake . Also present to take part in this special event was his son, Jim. Bob joins two other Kiwanians who are in their nineties - Robert Meyer and Mario Lucchesi. Joining this group of novenarians on June 18 will be Clarence Ruonavaara.



## Financial Status Presented To Board

As reported in the April 8 Minutes by Secretary Phil Luks

Mr (Al) Peterson presented the March 31, 2009 Treasurer's report. On a going forward basis, the administrative fund has approximately \$9,300 on hand or estimated from dues, and a projected \$12,875 outflow over the next several months. , including the \$7,400 international dues payment.

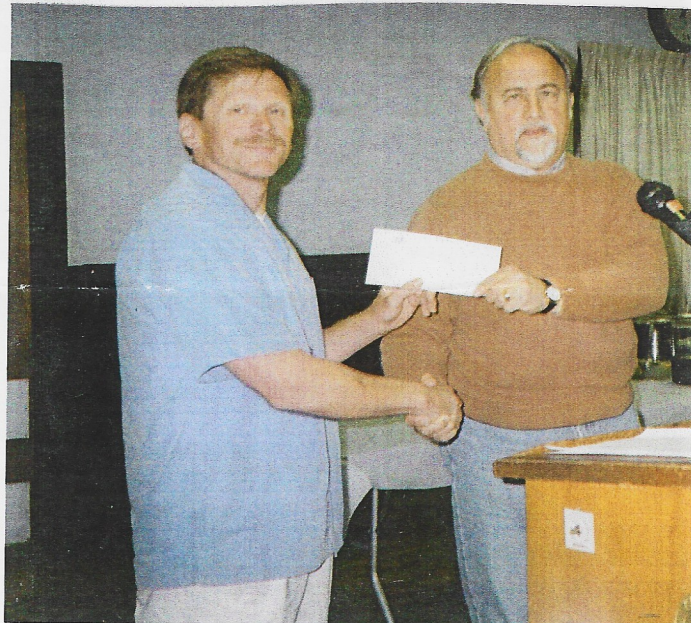
Mr. Peterson reported that the net profit from the Pancake Breakfast is \$12,875. Cash available for project spending was \$69,814 of which \$29,6671 is available assuming the membership's recommended allocations are followed.

Mr. Peterson brought up the club's approach to High School scholarships for 2009. He pointed out the meeting Mr. Luks and he had with Messers Reichel and Maraviglia and Mr. Maraviglia's subsequent letter, which indicated that the Scholarship Fund had decided to make no scholarships for 2009, but to rebuild corpus, in light of recent investment shortfalls.

In other business, Mr. Gary brought up Robert Young, our district trustee, and his request for a \$2 per member travel reimbursement. No motion was made on this issue.

Mr. Gary brought up discussion with Mr. Stewart, of the Tayman Park Golf Course, who offered his facility for the club's weekly lunches, at a cost of \$75 per meeting, compared to the \$110 per meeting which will be charged by the Villa in July. It was agreed that Mr. Gary should discuss this move with the membership at a lunch meeting.

**Happy and Sad:** Loretta Strong a happy \$10 that the Pancake Breakfast is over ...**Roger Dormire** very happy about the birth of a second grandson ...**Jim Silveira** very sad about the death of his sister Diane Sammet ...**George Clough** a happy thank you to the club for donating \$3000 to the Salvation Army at Lytton ...



Top photo, left, President Dennis Gary presents a check for \$1,500 to Bob Taylor of the American Legion Post 111 to help defray the costs of the Legion's Fourth of July Fireworks. Bob accepted the donation, approved by the Kiwanis board of directors at its April 8 meeting, on behalf of American Legion Commander Lorraine Plass. Bottom photo the Kiwanis board also approved a donation of \$500 for the Healdsburg High School Athletic Boosters Association. Accepting the donation for the Boosters from Kiwanian Dick Bugarske, right, was Kim Thompson, president of the Boosters . The funds will be used to help defray the cost of chartering a bus to travel to San Francisco's A T & T Park on June 15 when it will be Healdsburg Night at the ball park. The game will feature the Giants versus the L.A. Angels. The



**EARLY SHIFT:** Rich Thomas, left and Todd Brandt visiting and waiting for the first customers at the Pancake Breakfast.





**DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED:** Top photo, left, Rodger Swan, business director of the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center at Lytton, expresses his appreciation to Kiwanian Joe Engler who was instrumental in having the Kiwanis board approve a donation to the Lytton facility. The donation of \$3,000 was given to thank the Salvation Army for the work the men did for the Kiwanis Club's Christmas Tree Sales and the April 5 Pancake Breakfast. Joe is presently the president of the the Salvation Army ARC Advisory Council at Lytton, Bottom photo, left, Jo Ann Bursick, Healdsburg Education Foundation Library Development member, expresses the Foundation's gratitude for the Kiwanis donation of a matching \$10,000 for the Healdsburg Junior High School project to "transform the antiquated Healdsburg Junior High School's Library into a state of the art



Research and Technology Center." In addition to technology equipment, the project will refurbish the library. She told the club that Kiwanis was the first to jump on board and that \$81,000 has been raised to complete the project. Top photo, right, Hallie Collins, Healdsburg Junior High School Librarian, explains the Library's Reading Guild in which the library receives 9 new books, approved by the state, every month. The books, geared to the 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade level, are designed to enrich the library program. The books are not text and include both fiction and non fiction. Bottom photo, Diane Estrin, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County, accepts a check for \$5,000 from immediate past president George Diebold, The funds will be used in building two new Habitat homes on University Street across from Recreation Park



**In Memoriam:**

**A Tribute To Neil Iversen**



The March 31 meeting of the Kiwanis Club was opened with the Boy Scouts Prayer in memory of Neil Iversen who died on his birthday, March 27 at his Healdsburg home at the age of 72.

The official scouts' prayer was read by past president Vince Dougherty. His brother Dale Iversen advised that Neil did not want a memorial service and that he wished the Community Dinner sponsored by the Kiwanis Club last year in which he was honored as a lasting memorial. Neil Iversen was a past president and for five years served as secretary receiving a special award from the Kianis Lt. Governor for his services to the Division 32.

Neil, a graduate of Healdsburg High School, was a third generation Kiwanis member and worked for the City of Healdsburg for 45 years. Kurt Hahn, a fellow Kiwanian and chairman of the Neil Iversen Recognition Dinner held April 18, 2008, described Neil "as a genuine local hero noting that he had worked for the City of Healdsburg for 45 years in which he was the eyes and ears of management often reporting potential problems before they became serious."

Known as "Healdsburg's Mr. Scouting" he served as an adult scout leader for Troop 21 for over 50 years following in the footsteps of his father Waldo Iversen. He witnessed many scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout as did he.

Neil is survived by his 99 year old mother Evelyn Day Iversen, his brother Dale Iversen of Santa Rosa and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Bike Riders Needed For Fair Parade**

Jerry Strong has taken over the chairmanship of the Kiwanis annual Bicycle Brigade from past chairman Roger Dormire. The Bike Brigade participates once a year in Healdsburg's Future Farmers Country Fair twilight parade which opens the 3-day event. This year the parade is scheduled for May 21.

Jerry urged as many as possible to take part in this traditional event. It's a lot of fun, Jerry says.

**Inter club Meetings Under way, More Participants Are Sought for Program**

If you want to know how other Kiwanis Clubs in Division 32 function, now is the time to get on board.

Jerry Strong, chairman, said that this is a great way to become acquainted with the members of the other clubs and see how they operate.

Jerry has solicited the help of three other club members to lead members on these excursions. They are Dennis Gary, Cullen Wilder and Martin Silge

So far inter clubs have been made to Petaluma, Windsor, Geyserville and Oakmont in Santa Rosa.

**Board Meetings**

**Funding Was Approved For Education Foundation, Boosters**

A request from the Healdsburg Education Foundation for \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the computer room and new computers at the Healdsburg Junior High School presented at the board's February meeting was approved with the stipulation that the funding be split and matched by the HEF. It was approved that two separate and consecutive "one for one" challenge grants be spent on computer acquisition, each for \$5,000.

At the March 11 meeting, Kim Thompson of the Healdsburg Athletic Boosters advised that the Boosters has taken over the sponsorship of "Healdsburg Night at the Giants" scheduled for June 15. The event will raise money for the Healdsburg High School athletic teams. Thompson asked that the club sponsor the cost of one bus at \$1,000. However, the board opted to help underwrite a bus to the extent of \$500.

In other business, secretary Phil Luks advised the board that it had been some time since the club reviewed its bylaws. He distributed a draft of the current national Kiwanis Club approved by laws together with a memorandum which discussed how choices could be made within approved alternatives to conform that draft to current club practices. Board members discussed provisions dealing with the separation of project and administrative funds and the potential for creating two-year, rather than one-year, officers terms. The suggestion was taken under advisement.

Board member Hunt Conrad suggested that the club pursue a softball game with the Rotary Clubs, as a fund raising event. After discussion, the board approved Hunt's continuing efforts to organize a game.

**No Dessert and Save a Buck !**

It was a slam dunk !!

The club members, with a show of hands, opted to forego dessert at the weekly luncheon meeting so that the weekly tab would not be raised.

The governing board had been advised by the caterers that they would have to raise the cost of the weekly luncheon by \$1 because of rising costs. The suggested increase would cost the club approximately \$2500 a year. However, if the club members decided they could do without dessert, the luncheon fee would not be increased.

By a show of hands the members, at the March 31 meeting, unanimously indicated that they did not need dessert and would rather save a dollar a week.





**WINE TASTING:**

Two past presidents, Jerry Strong, left and Roger Dormire, visit at the wine tasting social held at the Chateau Souverain Tasting Room across from the Healdsburg Plaza on Center Street on March 5. The event, arranged by Roger Dormire, was attended and enjoyed by a number of Kiwanians, spouses and friends

## Funding Will Determine Number and Amount of Scholarships

Laurie Nimmo, in charge of the career development and the scholarship counseling department at the Healdsburg High School at the March 10 meeting, in reviewing how the school helps graduating seniors apply for scholarships, told the club members that since the ten years she has been in charge of the program the Kiwanis Club has given over \$60,000 to outstanding graduating seniors.

This year the scholarship awards night program at the high school is set for May 18. Applications for the four Kiwanis Scholarships are now being reviewed by the Scholarship Awards committee chaired by Loretta Strong. Lee Gunnerson, Pete Peterson, Jerry Strong and Arnold Santucci are presently reviewing the applications. Of the many received, ten or so applicants will be interviewed by the Awards Committee and four will be chosen for the scholarships..

The Awards Committee and the Memorial Scholarship Fund board are planning to meet to discuss the funds available for the scholarships.

**HAPPY AND SAD:** Many sad dollars given in memory of past president Neil Iversen who passed away March 27... Bob Taylor happy that he and Melanie are celebrating their 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary ... Cullen Wilder happy that the operation on his knee was so successful ...

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