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Last year 350 runners took part in the annual Fitch Mountain Foot Race and this year it is estimated that 500 will participate in the event which will raise funds for the Healdsburg Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Off and Running at the Annual Fitch Mountain Foot Race Scheduled for Sunday, June 13

David Jones, chairman of the Fitch Mountain Foot Race and his committee, are planning to host 150 more runners than last year in the annual 10K and 3K race set to take place on Sunday, June 13 starting at the Plaza Square at 8 a.m. The net income from the race will be invested in the Healdsburg Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Fund which generates some of the funding for the club's scholarships awarded to Healdsburg High School graduating seniors.

David advised that partnering with Heart and Sole Sports this year the club was able to reach more participants. However, the committee agreed to limit the number of runners to 500 "so as not to overwhelm the police department."

Again this year the Fitch Mountain Foot Race will feature two categories – 10K and 3K run/walk and there are 14 age groupings in each division from 12 years of age to 80 and over. The course takes the runners through neighborhoods and out around Fitch Mountain bordering the Russian River.

This is an all-members event and club members are reminded that one of the most important duties for the sponsor is to provide safety for the runners. That is why there is a club member as a Traffic Monitor at each street intersection along the course. Traffic Monitor assignments and rules will be available from the chairman and his committee.

The awards will be presented in the Plaza Square following the race where refreshments will be available for all participants. Winners in each category will receive a medallion.

Pre-registration fees to enter the race are \$25 for adults (13-59) and \$20 (Children 12 & under and seniors 60 plus) by June 9. After that date adults are \$30 and children/seniors \$25. All registered runners receive a commemorative T-Shirt. Registration forms are available from Jerry Strong.

Calendar

June 1: Regular meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Program: Patch Guglielmino, speaking on Creating Wellness Program at Sutter Hospital.

June 8: Regular meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Program: Dan Bunting, The Berlin Airlift.

June 12: Oakmont Club's Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 12, at Oakmont, See Loretta for tickets and information.

June 15: Regular luncheon meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Program: Jeff Mall, owner of Zin Restaurant

June 17: Board of Directors Meeting, 7 p.m., Conference Room at the Healdsburg Police Station.

June 22: Evening meeting, 6:30 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex. Program: Amy Racina, author of "Angels in the Wilderness".

June 29: Regular luncheon meeting, 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 Loretta Strong, president at 433-6139 or Phil Luks, secretary at 433-8005

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Kiwanis Club Anniversaries:

Congratulations to the following members who joined the Kiwanis Club during the month of June..
6-17-86: Robert Meyer
6-24-86: Robert Taylor
6-16-92: Tom Rackerby
6-3-97: Tim Tuscany
6-24-08: Richard Thomas

The President's Message

:Important Changes for 2010-1011

By Loretta Strong

Dear Healdsburg Kiwanians:

I need to bring you up to date on some important changes to our club administration. At the last meeting of the board of directors on May 20th, I accepted the formal resignation of Bob Taylor as 1st Vice President. He is not resigning from the club, thankfully, and will continue as Pancake Breakfast chairman. He is stepping down as 1st Vice President and effective October 1st we will install 2nd Vice President Dick Bugarske as your new president. Dick will be an outstanding president, is ready to go having served closely at my side during my term.

The board of directors spent several months as you know reviewing the by-laws and the possibility of a 2-year presidency. After much analysis it was decided that the potential negatives could outweigh in some cases the greater benefits. Some important revisions were made, however, which have resulted in the elimination of the 2 vice president positions. Instead, the club will approve one individual as President Elect and this officer will work closely as an Executive Committee with the past president and the current president. This will strengthen the role of club president and include a description of job duties and functions that the club expects to be implemented. The Pancake and Speaker Program will be standing committees like the Fitch Mountain Foot Race and the Christmas Tree Lot and will not fall to one new individual each year.

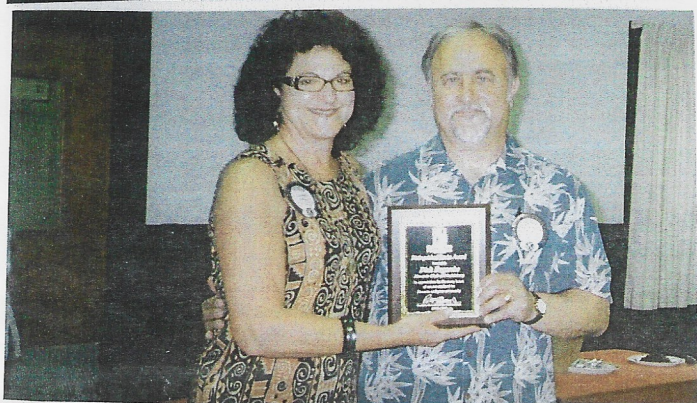
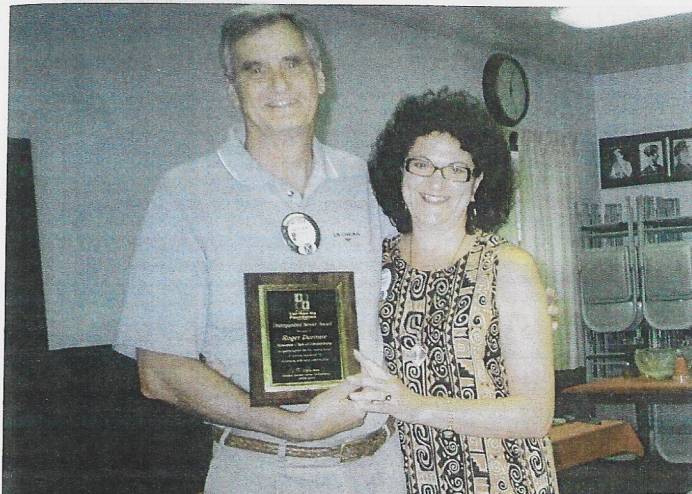
Lastly, the board of directors has requested that the process of announcing vacancies and recruiting candidates be as inclusive and transparent as possible so that all interested individuals have the opportunity to explore their interests and intentions. Hopefully, this process will facilitate the often arduous task of our nominating committee.

In closing I wish to say that I am so extremely pleased with all that we have done so far this year. The meeting at Tayman Park was truly memorable – the food, the company and the talent of Jennifer Farmer Bugarske.

Philanthropic Award

LeRoy Steck accepts an award from President Loretta Strong on behalf of Kiwanis International for his generous contributions to the Kiwanis International's Children's Fund. The presentation was made at the club's May 11 meeting.





DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS: Top photo, past president Roger Dormire accepts his award from President Loretta Strong and bottom photo, Dick Bugarske receives his DSA from Loretta.

Two Members Honored With DSA at Cal-Nev-Ha Governor's Dinner

Presidents, officers and guests assembled at Reali Hall, St. Peter's Catholic Church, Cloverdale for the official visit of Cal-Nev-Ha District Governor Roy Talley and Mrs. Talley on Sunday evening May 2 to Division 32.

The dinner, hosted by Lt. Governor Cathy DeMattei and the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club, was a sold out event and representatives of all 17 Division 32 clubs were on hand.

Bob Leonard, president of the Cloverdale Club, gave the opening introduction, followed by Lt. Governor DeMattei's welcome address. Division 32 Lt. Governor Elect Eric Wheaton lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the patriotic song was sung by the Cloverdale Key Club.

Rich Fuller, Immediate Past Lt. Governor, Division 32, presented the Distinguished Club Awards and Dennis Tuomala, Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation Representative presented the Distinguished Service Awards to the 15 recipients.

Healdsburg Kiwanians Roger Dormire and Dick Bugarske were DSA recipients who were honored. Dick was on hand for the ceremony but Roger was unable to attend. The actual presentation of the citations was made by president Loretta Strong at the club's May 4 meeting.

Roger, a past president, was recognized for his service to the club as well as his service to the community - North County Community Service volunteer, Relay for Life Walk for Cancer Research, and to his church. He is called upon to give the invocation at each of the club meetings.

Dick Bugarske, presently serving as program chairman, is a retired teacher/administrator, and devotes many hours to the youth of our community. He is in charge of the club's web site and is also involved as a committee member in the renovation of the Grandstand at Recreation Park.

Kiwanis Members Will Serve Up A Pancake Breakfast at Relay for Life

On Sunday, June 13 from 6 to 8 a.m. the Kiwanis Club will offer a free pancake breakfast to all those participating in the Relay for Life Walk to Raise Funds for Cancer Research held at Recreation Park.

The committee, headed by Roger Dormire, will set up the breakfast in the northern end of the Park.

For the past few years the club opted to serve the free breakfast instead of forming a walking team as in the past.

Thank You From :

President Loretta during the month shared a number of letters expressing appreciation for the donations given by the club to various organizations and projects.

Debbie Hall, Children's Librarian, wrote her thanks for the donation we made to the Children's Library.

A thank you from Cindi Brown, a new member, for transferring our checking and other accounts to North Bay Bank.

Peter Fong, principal of the Healdsburg Elementary School, expressed his appreciation for the \$5,000 we donated for the school's enrichment program.

Also thanking us for the donation to the enrichment program, was Gina Fontanta of the Healdsburg Education Foundation. Nancy Davis of the local Science Fair, now in its 52nd year, expressed her appreciation for our donation as did Mike Roas of the Sonoma County Office of Education for our donation to the Science Olympiad.

A Very Special Night:

An Award, the Induction of Our 14th New Member, Music Highlight 4th Tuesday Meeting

The 4th Tuesday night meetings, created to accommodate associate members, have been very successful. But as president Loretta Strong remarked at the closing of the May 25th meeting “This has been a very special night”.

Originally planned as a barbecue/picnic at Brandt’s Beach the event, designed to honor and welcome the new members, was moved to the Tayman Park Clubhouse because of the inclement weather. The dinner was prepared by two new members – Patti Robarts with Bob Santucci as guest chef.

Following the dinner, the program began with the introduction of the new members who were present – Jan Gianni, Bob Santucci, Patti Robarts, Cindi Brown, Susan Sheehy, Lucy Lewand, Richard Yates, David Scharer, Michael Laird, Kelly Pafford. Unable to attend were Brian Wells, June Smith and Judith Everett.

Fourteenth New Member

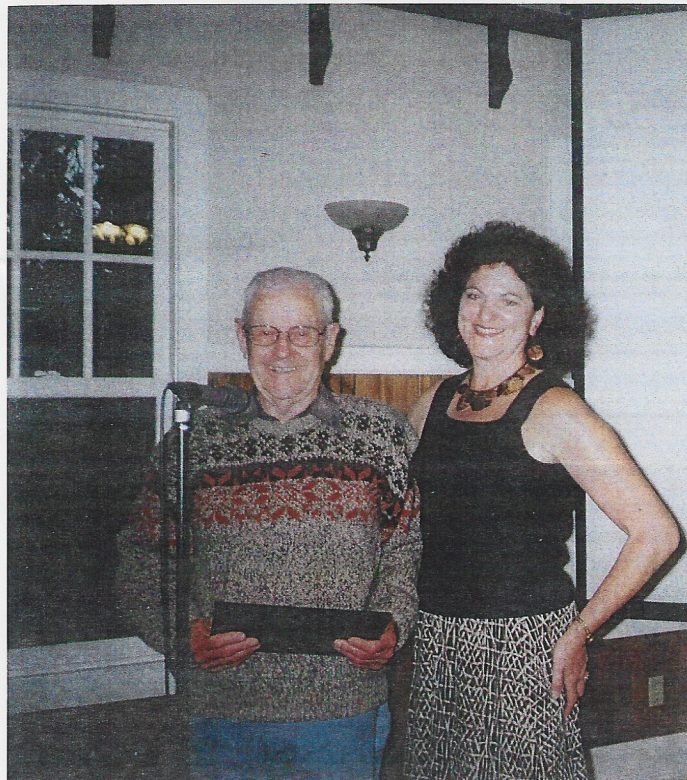
With the induction of Eric Smith by Rick Norman, the membership committee reached its goal of increasing the membership by 20 percent. Eric, the son of Andrew Smith, Kiwanis Key Club advisor, is a graduate of Healdsburg High School class of 2010, an active member of the high school Key Club and plans to attend Santa Rosa Junior College. He is one of the recipients of the Kiwanis Club’s scholarships this year and plans to follow a career in firefighting.

The President’s Award

In recognition of his many years of volunteerism with the Kiwanis Club as well as the community, Loretta presented the May President’s award to retired teacher/school administrator Clarence Ruonavaara. He received the “Run Silent, Run Deep” citation. (See article “City Council Approves Naming Recreation Park Grandstand in Honor of Clarence Ruonavaara”).

A Special Musical Program

Program chairman Dick Bugarske treated the members and guests to a very special musical program. Jennifer, Dick and Claudia Bugarskes’ daughter-in-law, a professional singer/actress, who recently had a starring role in Greece in the musical production of *Grease*. She told the audience of her experiences in musicals and in opera and sang a number of selections from *Grease* and another Broadway musical, *Wicked*. Her performance was the highlight of what Loretta termed a very special evening.



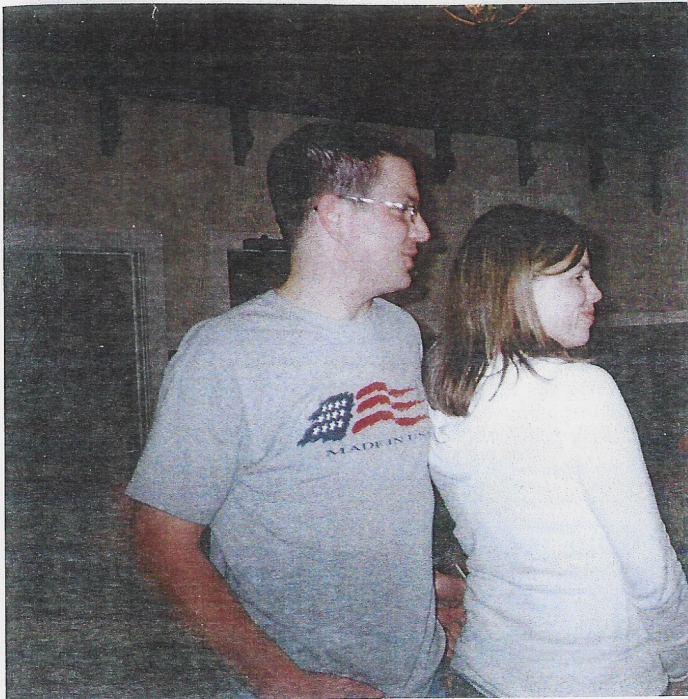
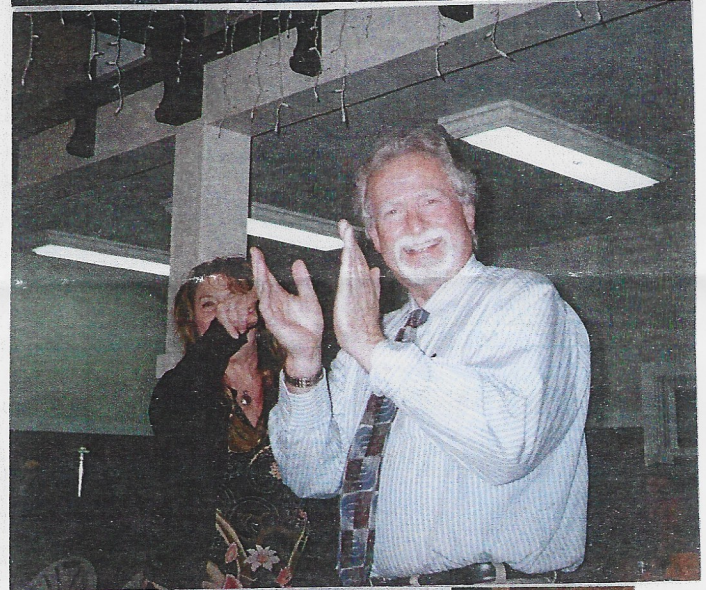
President Loretta Strong presents Clarence Ruonavaara with a Presidential Certificate of Recognition the “Run Silent, Run Deep” award.



OUR NEWEST MEMBER: Loretta Strong and Rick Norman, right, Membership Chairman, welcome the club’s newest and youngest member, Eric Smith, second from left. He was inducted in traditional ceremony on May 25, with his father, Kiwanian Andy Smith, third from left, sharing his K with his son.



Loretta Strong, left, with Dick Bugarske, second from left, and Claudia Bugarske, right and the Bugarskes' daughter-in-law, Jennifer Farmer Bugarske who entertained the club members and guests at the Tuesday evening meeting held at Tayman Park clubhouse,



The dinner and reception honoring new members to the club was well attended – 45 club members and spouses or guests and 14 new members and guests Tuesday evening, May 25 at Tayman Park Clubhouse. New members and their guests were introduced by Loretta Strong and were asked to remain standing to receive acknowledgement from the assembled guests. Photo above, David Scharer



and his wife, Rebecca. Top photo, right, Susan Young Sheehy and her husband Wesley. Center photo, Michael Laird is caught in a happy mood. And bottom photo, Patti Roberts, a new member and our caterer acknowledges the applause,

Board Approves Changes in By-Laws, Eliminates Vice Presidents Positions, OKs Donation To Scouts

A number of changes in the club's by-laws were approved by the board of directors at its May 20th meeting. As previously announced the tenure for the president will be one year. However, the president can submit his/her name to the nominating committee if he/she wishes to serve another term.

The board accepted the resignation of Bob Taylor as first vice president. However, he did not resign from the club and will stay on as chairman of the Pancake Breakfast committee. Dick Bugarske, second vice president, will become the 2010-2011 president when he is installed on October 1. The offices of first and second vice president will be eliminated and in place of those two positions will be created the office of president-elect. This person will work closely with the past president and the current president to help the current president in his/her duties. The duties of the two vice presidents will become part of standing committees i.e. Pancake Breakfast Committee and the Program Committee. Dick Bugarske will continue as Program chairman through the rest of the present administration. **(For commentary see The President's Message on Page 2).**

In other business the board approved an allocation of \$4,590 for Boy Scout Troop 21. The troop operates under the sponsorship of the club and has for over 70 years.

Also approved was a request for \$500 to help offset the dinner honoring the Healdsburg High School's Basketball team.

Deferred until June was a request for \$700 from the Hockert Foundation for \$700 to help with the costs of the Girls Basketball summer program.

Tom Barron's request for senior status received board approval.

Program Chairman Will Present Four Exciting Programs in June

In an e-mail to the editor, program chairman Dick Bugarske advised that four very interesting and exciting programs have been planned for the month of June.

Patch Guglielmino of Healdsburg will be the guest speaker on June 1. Her topic will be "Creating A Wellness Program at Sutter Hospital". She spoke to the club a few years ago when she related her experiences as a volunteer following the bombing of the towers in New York.

Daniel Bunting, who spent fifty years as a teacher/administrator in Sonoma County, will talk about his experiences in Berlin as a teenager after World War 11 during the Berlin Airlift when Harry Truman was president of the United States. He is scheduled to speak on June 8.

Jeff Mall, owner of Healdsburg's Zin Restaurant, will be the guest speaker on June 15 and for the Tuesday evening meeting, June 22, Amy Racina, author of "Angels in the Wilderness" will tell us of her experiences as a solo backpacker who fell sixty feet onto solid granite near the remote Tehipite Valley in King's Canyon National Park in the Sierra Nevada during a 16-day hiking trip. She was airlifted after four days alone and suffered many injuries and underwent many surgeries.



BARBECUE RIB COOK-OFF: Bob Santucci, right, chaired the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club's BBQ Rib Cook-off committee at the Geyserville May Day festival held May 2. The booth, decorated in an Hawaiian theme, attracted many festival goers especially children who were given Beanie Babies and other toys. The booth served over 50 pounds of ribs cooked with Bob's special sauce. Helping at the booth were, left, Rick Norman, Don Marshall and Dennis Gary.



Accepting a check for \$12,500 from treasurer Pete Petersen for the Grandstand Renovation Project was Clarence Ruonavaara, in whose honor the Rec Park Grandstand has been named. Above, left to right, Peterson, Dick Bugarske, Ray Holley, a member of the committee, Ruonavaara and Nancy Madarus, a committee member.

City Council Approves Naming Recreation Park Grandstand in Honor of Clarence Ruonavaara

Speaking before the members of the club for the second time, Ray Holle, representing the Committee To Renovate the Grandstand at Recreation Park, told the assembled members that on June 19 the Grandstand Renovation groundbreaking ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m. at which time the Grandstand will be named in honor of Clarence Ruonavaara who, he said, embodies the spirit of community involvement and volunteerism.

Clarence, a retired teacher/school administrator, was a member of the Healdsburg Lighting Committee who sold bonds in the late 1940's, in a very short time, to pay for the lights in Recreation Park. A 29 year member of the Kiwanis Club, Clarence has been very active in the community devoting time and energy to many organizations and programs including the American Field Service Exchange Students Program (He and Betty and their two sons, Jim and Tom, hosted two exchange students) and for many years helped with the AFS fund raiser – the Community Christmas Card which is ongoing. However his “passion was baseball”, He played for the Healdsburg High School team, at the

Santa Rosa Junior College and at UC Berkeley. A World War II naval pilot, he returned to Healdsburg to teach and played ball with the Prune Packers and the Odd Fellows team. As such, it is indeed fitting that Clarence should be honored by having the Grandstand named for him.

Clarence was also honored by the Healdsburg Museum with the prestigious History Lives/Pioneer Award in 2007.

Ray Holley, in his remarks said that the Healdsburg community has been very generous in the funding of the Grandstand renovation project and that the goal of \$400,000 has almost been reached. However, he advised that the committee hopes to raise another \$100,000 so the plan to increase the size of the dugout and to add storage space to the grandstand can be realized.

Saturday, June 19 has been declared “Healdsburg Day at Recreation Park” and many activities have been planned including a pancake breakfast hosted by the Kiwanis club from 9a.m. to 11:30 a.m., a groundbreaking ceremony at 11:30 a.m., carnival from 12 to 4, home run derby from 4-5 p.m. and a family barbecue from 5 to 8 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will be used for the grandstand renovation project.

Holley, in speaking of the special places that make Healdsburg what it is said that “The Plaza is the city’s living room” and “Recreation Park the city’s family room” where the local residents enjoy the many events and programs and is utilized by young and old.

Over One Million In Scholarships To High School Class of 2010

In her report on May 18 to the club members following the May 17 awards night at the Healdsburg High School, president Loretta Strong praised how well the program was conducted and revealed the names of the Kiwanis Club Scholarship recipients. She was assisted in the presentation by past president Jerry Strong.

She said that Laurie Nimmo, of the high school counseling department, advised that the class of 2010 had been awarded 1.13 million dollars in scholarships and of that amount \$300,000 came from local organization, clubs and businesses.

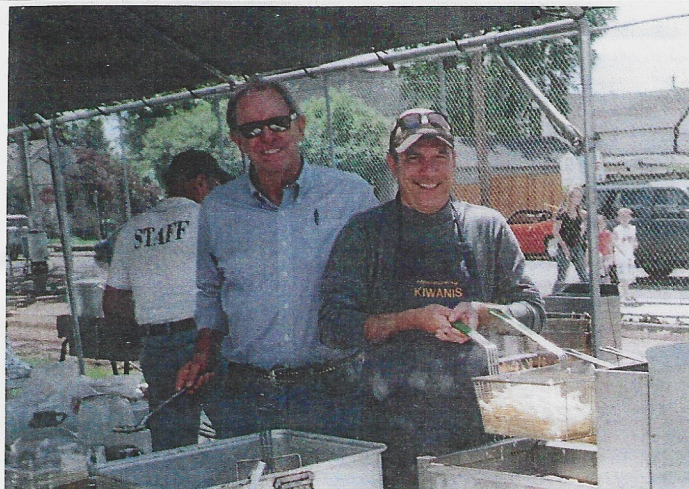
The five recipients of the Kiwanis Scholarships, \$3,000 each, included Eric Smith, a very active member of the Key Club and son of Kiwanian Andrew Smith, who helped with many Kiwanis Club projects. He plans a career in firefighting and will attend SRJC; Angela Perez plans to attend Brigham Young University where she will major in nursing; Ryan Powers will attend UC Berkeley and plans a career in research medicine; Quaid Mancini, a Kiwanis student of the month, will study engineering and Elizabeth Bucher wishes to study biochemistry and eventually work in the medical field.

Food Booth at the Country Fair Still A Successful Venture In Spite of 13 Percent Decrease in Profits

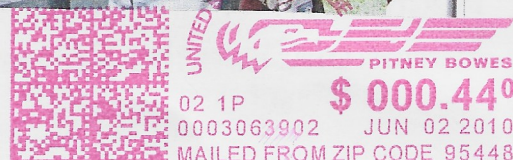
Dennis Stead, chairman of the food booth at the annual Future Farmers Country Fair, said that the food booth – featuring hot dogs, Polish dogs, corn dogs and garlic fries – brought in a gross of \$9700, about 13 percent less than last year.

With expenses of about \$2300, the net profit for the three day event will be about \$7400. Dennis also revealed that the big seller was, as usual, corn dogs, with 1,456 sold over the three days. The profits from the booth will become a part of the project fund.

The club members also took part in the Twilight Parade on Thursday. The entry consisted of the members riding colorfully decorated bicycles, Hugo Bauers' restored antique truck plus a new addition of eight Kiwanians riding Segway Two Wheel Human Transporters.



Top photo, right column, Jim Silveira; left and Vince Ciolino check out the French Fries. Carl Elze, bottom photo, taking care of the corn dogs. Bottom photos, left, some of the bicycle and Segway riders who participated in the parade.



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