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# KIWANIS CLUB

of Healdsburg



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**WORKING AT THE HEALDSBURG COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL** to demolish the old ceiling on June 18 were back row, left, Rick Norman, Cindi Brown, Dan Gianni, Phil Luks, David Jones, Marty Brown; front row, left, Jim Schmidt, Clarence Ruonavaara and Dick Bugarske. On June 24 Rick Norman, Don Marshall and Jerry Strong put the first coat of primer on the ceiling and the crew will finish painting after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

## Our Involvement With Community Projects Spans Many Years; the Latest with the Nursery School

Since its inception 83 years ago being involved with the community, children and special projects has been the number one priority of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club starting with the Salvation Army's facility at Lytton when it was a home for boys and girls. A number of very special projects have occupied the services of our members during the past 20 years. Among the memorable projects in which we have participated or spearheaded are cleaning up, remodeling and building new dog runs at the Healdsburg Animal Shelter; the purchase of a trailer and its renovation as a Teen Center at the Boys and Grls Club site; and the donation of \$25,000 for the refurbishing of the grandstand at Recreation Park; the refurbishing and painting of the bleachers at Recreation Park as a part of Kiwanis One Day; the cleaning up of the old and historic part of Oak Mound Cemetery; the planting of trees at the original Fitch Mountain School site. The latest Community Project is partnering with the Healdsburg Community Nursery School, a building, as president Dick Bugarske noted "steeped in great Healdsburg history." (A number of our members recall attending kindergarten in that building): this involved donating a \$2600 matching grant for a new roof plus our members taking on the onerous task of removing the very old ceiling and then painting the new professionally installed sheetrock ceiling. The club contributed \$1400 to this part of the project.

Removing the old ceiling, estimated to be at least 70 years old, was a very dirty job said Rick Norman, in charge of the project. The workers were

supplied with covers=alls, caps, face masks and gloves by the Nursery School personnel.

This was a cooperative venture with the Community Nursery School. The club supplied funds for the new roof and the new ceiling and parents of the Nursery School offered to help with Kiwanis Club projects. A number of them assisted serving at the Future Farmers Country Fair Food Booth and plan to help with the Christsmas Tree Lot sale.

## Calendar

**July 5: Regular meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Healdsburg Fire Chief Steve Adams will be the guest speaker.**

**July 12: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Jim Forkhum, Santa Rosa Junior College Dean of PE looks at the grouping of our generations here in the United States.**

**July 19 Regular meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Aussie Paul Georgiads will discuss the state of Australian wines.**

**July 21: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Conference Room at the Healdsburg Police Station.**

**July 26: Evening meeting starting with social hour at 6:30 p.m. at Villa Annex. Meeting called to order at 7 p.m**

**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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#### Happy Birthday

George Diebold: July 1  
Harry Jackson: July 1  
Al Peterson: July 1  
John Dayton: July 2  
Michael Laird: July 6  
Tom Rackerby: July 8  
Sean Thomas: July 8  
Todd Brandt: July 10  
Hugo Bauer: July 17  
Dolores Whitehall: July 21

#### Kiwanis Club Anniversaries

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

Richard Iverson: 7-15-86  
Edgar Deas: 7-22-86  
George Clough: 7-14-98  
Steve Metrulas: 7-3-01  
Richard Bugarske: 7-1-03  
Kelly Ann Sheehy: 7-27-10

#### The President's Message;

### A Few Kiwanis Statistics

By Richard Bugarske

I love statistics and I am always amazed when perusing Kiwanis stats.

Here are a few:

**Kiwanis Clubs:** 234,200 members, 7,800 clubs in 80 nations.

**CKI Clubs (College):** 12,700 members, 500 clubs in 18 nations.

**Key Clubs (High School):** 269,000 members, 5,000 clubs in 18 nations.

**Builder's Clubs (Junior High):** 45,000 members. 1,500 clubs in 18 nations.

**K Clubs (Elementary):** 36,000 members, 1,200 clubs in 8 nations.

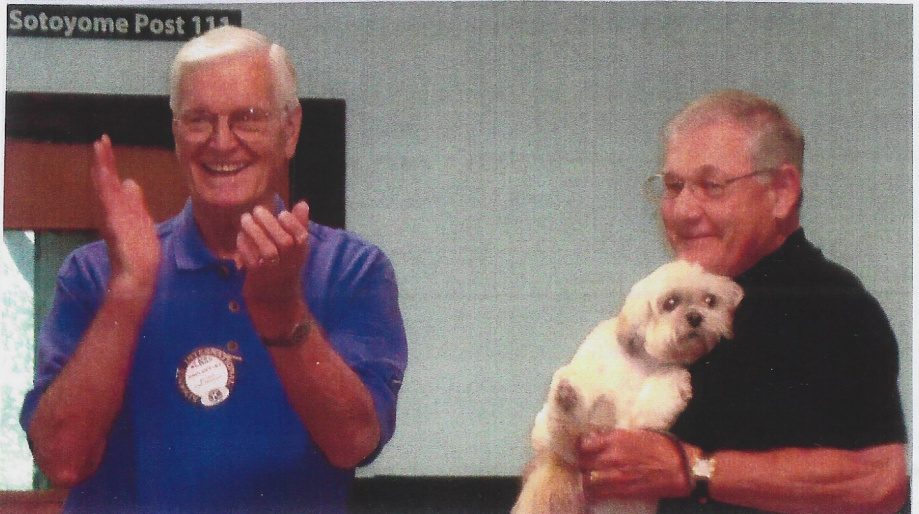
**Action Clubs (Disabled):** 9,600 members, 400 clubs in 8 nations.

Our average age is 57 years old, 75 % of us are men and 28 % are women.

Over 40 % of us are adults and fewer than 60 % are youth.

So we are part of a global organization of members dedicated to serving the children of the world. We are nearly 600,000 members strong: we annually raise more than \$107 million and dedicate more than 18 million volunteer hours to strengthen our communities and serve children.

Not a bad group with which to be involved.



#### Happy Birthday Celebrations

Top photo the women of Kiwanis were invited to sing the traditional song for John Bippart left and Jim Schmidt who share a birth date of June 22. In response June Smith asked John and Jim to return the favor. All this took place at the June 21 meeting. Taking part in the song fest were, left, Key Club member Zoe Santucci, June Smith, Susan Sheehy, Dolores Whitehall and Loretta Strong, Not shown Jan Gianni.



## Survey of Members To Guide the Board on Club Project Funding

Seeking comments from club members, on how the club's project funds should be distributed, the board of directors is conducting a survey of the members. The surveys were distributed at the June 21 and 28 meetings and by e-mail. So far, according to president Dick Bugarske 34 surveys have been returned.

Dick said that he will be sending out another mailing next week and he will have the results in time for the board of directors meeting in July.

The Project Fund survey is being conducted by the board "to help guide our funding decisions over the next few years."

The survey points out that the club has donated approximately \$350,000 over the past six years to the greater Healdsburg Community. These funds have gone to youth and youth organizations with 50 percent going to schools and 50 percent to community organizations.

The board asks you to give them feedback on seven questions:

1. Should the donation split between the school and community be: 50/50 split? ;more to schools ? more to community ? or other ?
2. The club has been giving \$15,000 a year to the Healdsburg High School scholarships. Should we keep it to this amount ? more for scholarships? Less for scholarships ? or ?
3. Over the years the club has given large donations to community projects leaving less money for other projects. Should fund large projects as needed ? keep large donations under \$20,000 ? keep large donations under \$15,000 ? keep large donations under \$10,000? Or ?
4. Our club has obligations to fund the Key Club and Boy Scout Troop 21. Each can receive up to \$3,000 per year. Should we keep these amounts the same ? provide more funding for them ? provide less funding for the ? or ?
5. Funding decisions are made at board meetings with occasional full membership input: should we keep this process as is ? have more membership input ? or ?

The last two questions ask you to tell the board where you would like us to donate or spend more money. And lastly where you think we should spend less money.

Dick Bugarske emphasized that your ideas and input are important. If you have not received a copy of the survey to fill out contact him by email at [rbugarske@gmail.com](mailto:rbugarske@gmail.com), by telephone at 433-1771 or at his home at 238 Theresa Court, Healdsburg 95448.

Accompanying the survey is a list of donations which the club has made over the past six years. The list was put together by treasurer Pete Peterson.

The list is an impressive one pointing out the many community organizations we have helped as well as how we have donated for various needs and improvements at the schools.

The six years community service donations came to \$182,300 and includes such donations as \$3500 to the American Legion annual fireworks display; \$1200 to Healdsburg Animal Shelter, \$33,900 to the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club, \$17,900 to the Healdsburg Boy Scout Troop 21, \$2,000 to the Fitch Mountain After School/Summer program, \$10,800 to the Future Farmers Country Fair, \$5000 to Habitat for Humanity, \$4,000 Healdsburg Community Nursery School, \$2,600 Food Pantry, \$7,900 Healdsburg High School Boosters Club, \$1,900 Healdsburg High School Graduation Celebration, \$2000 Healdsburg Medical Explorer Post, \$25000 Recreation Park Grandstand Renovation Project, \$9500 Healdsburg Regional Library Youth Science, Math and Children's Books, \$1000 Healdsburg Senior Center computer and installation, \$1800 Pediatric Trauma Center of Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation, \$1400 to the North Country Community Center, \$2200 Kiwanis High School Leadership Program, \$5,408 Key Club, \$13,400 Salvation Army at Lytton, \$2400 Unicef Haiti Relief and Eliminate Maternal Neonatal Tetanus, 6 Miscellaneous donations ranging from \$501 to \$1,000, 60 Miscellaneous at \$500 or less \$16,552.

Donations to the Healdsburg schools amounted to \$165,700 for six years --- \$28,700 to the elementary schools, \$49,000 to the Junior High School and \$85,500 to the Senior High School.

Donations to the elementary schools included \$13,600 for dictionaries to all third grade students, \$6,800 for the enrichment program and \$8,300 to the Public School Access Team.

The Junior High School donation program included \$10,000 for the program to prevent bullying, \$3000 for the eighth grade trip to Washington DC, \$1900 for garden renovation, \$10,000 for the laptop program, \$5300 for the Library book club, \$7000 for the science laboratory equipment, \$11,800 for 30 microscopes.

Programs included in the Senior High School donations were Construction and Sustainability Academy (\$5000), Ceramics Oven Shelves (\$3000), Challenge Day, 2 years (\$5000), Laptop program (\$6500), Scholarships (\$66,000).

The board is anxious to hear what you think and would appreciate receiving your input.

President Dick Bugarske indicated that he already has received some interesting feed back but welcomes more.





**President Dick Bugarske, left, displays a Chamber of Commerce Memorial Brick as Chamber president and CEO Mo McIlroy looks on.**

## **Chamber of Commerce Capital Campaign Presented by New CEO**

Mo McIlroy who took over as CEO and president of the Chamber of Commerce about five months ago presented at the June 7 meeting one of the Chamber's capital campaigns whereby donors contribute \$1,000 to have their name or business name inscribed on an 8 inch memorial brick. The bricks will be imbedded in the sidewalk in front of the Chamber's new office on Healdsburg Avenue located in the H2 Hotel. The proceeds from this program will be used to help offset the cost of remodeling/rebuilding the Chamber of Commerce building. The old Chamber office located in the two story WPA built building next to the H2 Hotel will be utilized as a Visitors' Center.

A request for the Kiwanis Club to invest in this program was under discussion at the board's June 16 meeting. The request was tabled pending further evaluation as to whether such an expenditure meets the community goals of the club.

In other business the board at its monthly session approved two leaves of absence – six months starting July 1 for Robert Meyer and two months commencing July 1 for Jim Colgan.

The board accepted the resignation of Kelly Sheehy who was recently married and is moving to Virginia. She joined the Kiwanis Club on July 27, 2010.

The Healdsburg Community Nursery School requested that the \$1400 grant to repair the ceiling at the school be reallocated to increase the \$2600 roof repair grant. This request was tabled pending completion of the ceiling repair when final repairs costs will be known.

The payment of the \$2000 grant to the Safe Ambassador Program at the Healdsburg Junior High School was approved for September, 2011

The board also closed its regular session and re-opened into a closed session. An issue of substance was discussed at length and some direction was given to President Bugarske to move forward with a resolution to the issue at hand. Following the adjournment of the closed session, the board reopened the regular session and adjourned the meeting. (Al Pete Peterson contributed to this article).

## **June 12 was Double Duty Day – Pancakes Served at Relay for Life plus Annual Fitch Mountain Foot Race**

As President Dick Bugarske put it in his email "as always Healdsburg Kiwanis does it right. A pancake breakfast for the Relay for Life folks and then off to the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Fitch Mountain Foot Race."

Again this year instead of sponsoring a team at The Relay for Life Walk for Cancer Research the club sponsored a pancake breakfast for all the participants in the Walk. And from all reports it was much appreciated.

Helping with the Pancake Breakfast were Steve Metrulas, Dennis Gary, Andy Smith, Clarence Ruonavaara, Harry Jackson, Bob Santucci, Phil Luks, and Dick Bugarske. Club members also donated to the Relay for Life by sponsoring a team headed by Roger Dormire

## **Annual Administrative Fund Raiser- Barbecue Needs Donations for Auction**

It is not too soon to consider what you can donate for the live and silent auctions, a vital and important part of the annual club barbecue which raises money for the club's administrative fund.

The event has been scheduled for Saturday, August 27 at the Brandt Family Picnic Grounds. The barbecue will be prepared by a committee headed by Dennis Stead. Charlie Palmer of the Dry Creek Kitchen located in the Hotel Healdsburg will be the celebrity chef again. This year again the event will be held on a Saturday, instead of the usual Tuesday evening, so that members of other clubs can attend. Family members and friends are encouraged to take part in this special event.

The committee asks that you contact your business associates, colleagues, friends and family members asking for donations especially for the live auction segment – vacation homes, trips, fishing excursions, dinners, lunches, etc. And the silent auction can use your donations of art work, home wares games, memorabilia, etc.

Lucy Lewand will be the auctioneer for the live auction replacing committee chairman Dennis Stead who served in that capacity for many years. The funds from the barbecue are used to help offset any increases in administration costs



## Committee Pleased With Results of the 37<sup>th</sup> Fitch Mountain Foot Race

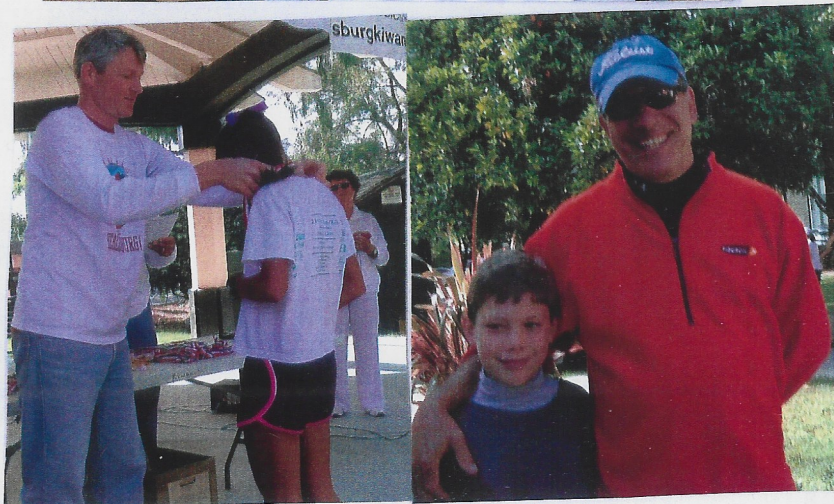
"It was a fun run, a great race", so said David Jones, chairman of the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Fitch Mountain Foot Race. In his report to the membership on Tuesday, June 14, David advised that everything went fairly well, "not too many hitches."

The event held on Sunday, June 12, attracted 320 runners, about 100 more than last year. The runners participated in 3K and 10K runs according to age categories. All participants received a special T-Shirt with a new logo designed by a fifth grade student at Fitch Mountain School who took part in the art contest sponsored by Kiwanis.

He also said that the event netted about \$5400 which will be deposited in the Healdsburg Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Fund. The income from this fund is utilized for the scholarships presented to graduating seniors at the Healdsburg High School. It is not, as reported, used for sports programs.

Helping to make this event a success are the faithful sponsors whose names are printed on the back of the T-Shirt. They are in the Gold Division: Brandt Insurance, Montemaggiore Estate Wine, Silveira Pontiac Buick GMC; Silver Division: Robert Young Estate Wines, Bob's Signs, Sanderson Ford, Healdsburg Floor Covering, Ledger Domaine, Passalacqua, Mazzoni, Gladden, Maaraviglia and Lopez, LLC, Raymond James Financial (Loretta Strong), Edward Jones Investments (David Jones), Charles Reichel, CPA, Amoruso Printing.

The special T-Shirts – "a shirt you can't buy anywhere else in the world" – are on sale for a nominal price. Contact David Jones if you wish to have one as a souvenir.



Photos on left: Top photo, waiting for the gun to go off; bottom, left, off and running. Top photo, David Jones and Dick Bugarske getting ready to present the prize medallions and ribbons; center photo, Loretta Strong, left, and her step-daughter Tori Meredith of Santa Rosa check out the T-Shirt which each participant received; left, David Jones presents a medallion to a first place winner and right Vince Ciolino and son Paolo watch the winners receive their prizes.



## Fire Chief, SRJC Dean and Aussie on the Agenda for the July Programs

Hunt Conrad, program chairman, has announced the programs that will be featured at the noon meetings during July.

Heading the list of guest speakers will be longtime firefighter Healdsburg's fire chief, Steve Adams. Adams, a member of the fire department for 14 years, was named Fire Chief in October, 2010 replacing Randolph Collins who retired from the post in July, 2010. In 1996 he joined the Healdsburg Fire Department as a reserve and two years later was appointed fire captain. He was interim fire chief from July to October.

On July 12 James Forkhum, Santa Rosa Junior College athletic director and Dean of the Physical Education Department will look at the groupings of our generations in the United States.

The guest speaker for the July 19<sup>th</sup> program will be Paul Georgiadis who will discuss the state of Australian wines.

Remember that Hunt is always looking for new and interesting programs and speakers. As he has pointed out many times everyone in the club is a member of the program committee.

**Congratulations:** to Clarence Ruonavaara who celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on June 18 ... LeRoy Steck on celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> ... Kelly Ann Sheehy on her recent marriage... to Rick and Barbara Norman on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary ... John Bippart and Jim Schmidt who shared a happy birthday on June 22 ... June Smith a happy birthday on June 25.

**Happy and Sad:** Loretta Strong happy that Mo McIlroy, CEO of the Healdsburg Chamber was our speaker for the day but sad that she joined that other club" ... Jerry Strong happy that his granddaughter graduated from high school in Santa Cruz ... Clarence Ruonavaara happy that his older brother celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 25

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