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CHECKING OUT THE SILENT AUCTION: Top photo, Martin and Ellen Silge admire the watercolor painted by Kiwanian Harry Jackson. Photo below David Jones, left and auctioneer Vince Dougherty visit after inspecting the many items available at the silent auction.

Estimate Live and Silent Auctions Will Bring \$6,554 To Club's Administrative Fund

The annual August barbecue and auction held at the Brandt's Picnic Grounds on August 25 will enrich the club's administrative fund by \$6,554, about \$5,000 less than last year's event.

The Barbecue/auction is held each year to offset the rising administrative costs and to keep from increasing the membership dues.

Treasurer Al (Pete) Peterson reported that the 14 items making up the live auction, Vince Dougherty serving as auctioneer, brought in \$6,075 and the silent auction consisting of 35 varied items took in \$1,523. Other income included \$391 from the sale of drink tickets and \$1,210 for dinner tickets. Catering and other miscellaneous costs came to \$2,645.

In the live suction category here are some of the winning bids: A dinner for 20 at the Robert Young Estate Winery went to John Bippart for a bid of \$1050; The Paella Dinner with chef Gerard Nebresky went for a low bid of \$500 to Dan Gianni; Ken Rochioli's award winning Chili and Ribs dinner went to Chris Meterulas for a

minimum bid of \$700; Dan Gianni bought the Soletric Skylight System for an under minimum bid of \$250, the system was donated by Andy Smith; the CK Lamb (See Page 2)

Calendar

September 1; Regular Luncheon meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

September 8: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex

September 10: Board of Directors meeting, at 7 p.m. at the Healdsburg Police Department's Conference Room.

September 15: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex

September 22: Regular meeting at 12 noon at the Villa Annex.

September 23: Kiwanis Invitational Golf Tournament, 1 p.m. shotgun, at Windsor Golf Course, \$145, Contact Hunt Conrad, 431-9715 or Dan Gianni, 431-1650.

September 29: Installation of 2009-2010 officers, at Villa Annex, 6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. dinner and installation ceremonies. Family and friends invited.

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

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Happy Birthday:

September 12: Thomas Barron
September 19: Ken Rochioli
September 20: Chris Metrulas
September 23: Lindsay Wurlitzer
September 27: Robert Taylor

Kiwanis Anniversaries:

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

9-4-79: Rich Lehrmann
9-30-90: Vince Dougherty
9-8-92: Jerry Strong
9-25-01: Gary Plass
9-25-01: Randolph Collins
9-7-04: James Schmidt



COMMUNITY WORK DAY: Fifteen Kiwanians took part in the City of Healdsburg's Community Work Days, August 8, at Giorgi Park. Giorgi Park has been under renovation and modernization for the past few months and work on the project is expected to be completed in late September. On August 8th the Kiwanis Club members worked on constructing play structures (one shown here). Taking part in the project were Randy Collins who served as chair of the Kiwanis committee, Rich Iverson, David Jones, Roger Dormire, Jerry Strong, Bob Taylor, Jim Schmidt, Martin Silge, Vince Dougherty, Andy Smith, Phil Luks, Dennis Gary, Rick Thomas, Dick Bugarske and Jeff DeZurik. Shown here, Jim Schmidt inspects the play structure while Rich Iverson looks on. Andy Smith is checking out the under structure.

Auction: dinner for 10, prepared by Chris and Maggie Metrulas, was bought by Bruce Main with an underbid of \$400. Bidding was lower also in the silent auction category: the Segway guided tour for two went for \$60; the watercolor painted by Harry Jackson brought in \$50; the set of four official Obama inauguration glasses sold for \$30; and 1 matted print suitable for framing entitled "Cycle of The Vine" and one copy of the children's book "The Grapes Grow Sweet", book rights owned by Corinne Reichel, sold for \$45.

At right, Jerry Strong tries out the Segway Human Transporter at the Club's August 11 meeting. Shown with him is Stuart Steiger, Healdsburg Segway owner who told of the two Wheel device use in touring and in industry



Save Your Coffee Cans For Our Annual Christmas Tree Project

Something new for the club's annual Christmas Tree Sales project has been planned.

Carl Elze has put out a call to save your discarded coffee cans. He plans to paint the cans a Christmas red and will use the cans as stands for the small table top trees, a great new merchandising idea.

Bring your empty coffee cans to Carl at our club meetings or contact him at 433-0517.

Public School Success Team Seeks Your Help As Tutors and Mentors

A new program to help more students to graduate from Healdsburg High School was presented to the club membership at the August 18 meeting. The new program, entitled Public School Success Team Inc., was explained by Tania Amochaev, Barbara Epstein and Jane Rosenberg, daughter of the late Garry Rosenberg, a longtime member and past president of the Kiwanis Club.

PSST is starting with a pilot program with one fifth grade class and will follow the class for 8 years to graduation.

Tania Amochaev pointed out that the fifth grade class is 65% Latino and 65% "economically disadvantaged". She said that these students historically have the hardest time finishing high school and continuing beyond. She stressed that PSST is partnering with other school oriented organizations and enlisting volunteers as tutors, mentors and providers of "random acts of kindness".

If you are interested in helping and being a tutor or mentor contact Jane Rosenberg at 431-0511

Board Approves Donation to NCCS, Sets Ground Rules For Auction Items

A 250 donation to the North County Community Services (NCCS) and setting the ground rules for financial arrangements for auction items at the annual August BBQ and Auction were among the items on the agenda at the board of directors meeting held August 12 at the Police Department's Conference Room.

The NCCS, sponsored by St. Paul's Episcopal Church, assists the homeless by offering showers and overnight shelter at St. Pau's Hall, a weekly Sunday night dinner, low cost housing for families and individuals, financial help with utility bills.

There were no resolutions regarding the financial arrangements for the annual auction but the consensus was that "the manager of the affair should have the discretion, prior to the auction, whether and to what extent expenses of persons providing auction items should be reimbursed; prior to the auction, the

manager should get at least a rough estimate of the amount of the expected reimbursement; and those whose reimbursement is approved should be expected to turn in reimbursement requests promptly after expenditures are made and to turn in receipts.

In other action, the board approved the resignation of Douglas Newton and directed Treasurer Pete Peterson to transfer \$1,982 from the administrative fund to the project fund. This was the amount collected during Fiscal 2008 and designated as the President's Fund. Combined with the Club's share it was donated to Habitat for Humanity as part of the club's \$5,000 grant to that organization,

Golf Tourney Committee Chairman Says That He Can Use Your Help

If you aren't a golfer but still would like to participate in the First Annual Kiwanis Invitational Tournament, here is your chance. Hunt Conrad, chairman of the event, said he needs help to set up for the tournament and for money takers.

The Kiwanis Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, September 23 at the Windsor Golf Course with a shot gun start at 1 p.m. The tournament is open to all area service clubs and individuals who support them. The entry fee of \$140 includes golf, carts, range balls, tee gift, box lunch, tri-tip and chicken dinner, beverages on the course and wine with dinner. If you wish to help or want to enter the tournament contact Hunt Conrad at 431-9715 or Dan Gianni at 431-1650.

The net receipts of the tournament will benefit the Kiwanis Club's administrative fund.

2009-2010 Officers Installation Set for Tuesday, September 29 at Annex

A new slate of officers will take over the reigns when the elected officers for the 2009-2010 fiscal year will be installed at traditional ceremonies set for Tuesday, September 23 at the Villa Annex. The festivities will get underway at 6 p.m. for a social hour followed by dinner and the installation of officers and governing board members. Division 32 Lt. Governor Richard Fuller of Windsor will be the installing officer.

Taking over as president from Dennis Gary will be Loretta Strong, the second woman in the club's history to serve in that capacity. The first woman to serve as president was Salvation Army Major Nancy Curnow. Serving with Loretta will be Robert Taylor, first vice president, Richard Bugarske, second VP, Phil Luks, secretary, Al (Pete) Peterson, treasurer and Dennis Gary, immediate past president. New board members serving for two years are Rick Norman, Martin Silge, Harry Jackson and Tim Tuscany. Remaining on the board for another year will be James Colgan, Ron Doble and David Jones.



NEW MEMBER WELCOMED: Jeff DeZurik was welcomed into the club at the August 4th meeting. Jeff was sponsored by President Dennis Gary and the induction ceremonies were conducted by Membership Chairman John Bippart. Jeff is retired and moved with his wife, Peggy, to Healdsburg about five years ago. They have three grown children.

A Combination Social Event, Fund Raiser Planned for September 19

Combining a social outing with a fund raising aspect is set for Saturday, September 19.

Rick Norman in charge of the event said that many club members have voiced an affirmative response to having more social events which include family and friends. Rick announced that in this spirit a wine tasting and dinner will be held on September 19

The cost of this event will be \$100 per couple and 20 couples will be accommodated. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the club's administrative fund.

Happy and Sad: **Richard Iverson** happy about his tour of Vince Ciolino's winery, Montemaggiore--a great experience ...**Rich Thomas** happy that his family is visiting here from Australia ... **Carl Elze** happy to welcome a great great grandchild ...**Kurt Hahn** happy that he joined the Key Club 55 years ago and the Kiwanis Club 48 years ago....**Clarence Ruonavaara** sad that he lost one of his hearing aids while working in his yard...**Fire Chief Randy Collins** very happy that our club won by one pint the July 21st annual Mayors challenge for blood donations,

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