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of Healdsburg



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Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Christmas Tree Lot Open for Business



The Healdsburg Kiwanis Christmas Tree Lot opened for business on November 29 and sales have been brisk. In addition to several varieties of trees other items for sale include tree stands, Noble Fir wreaths and cedar garland. An ample supply of mistletoe is being sold by Key Club members.

The first shipment of about 930 trees was received on November 24 on a 56 foot long semi. An additional shipment is expected in early December for a total of about 1400 trees. This is about 120 more trees than the 1260 ordered last year. This year the slow moving Grand Fir trees have been eliminated and replaced by more of the best selling Noble Firs and a new height category of Norman Firs.

The 2012 net proceeds from tree lot sales was about \$38,000 and the net is expected to be about the same this year. Although there are more trees to sell, there have been some additional expenses including upgrading to a more reliable lighting and electrical system.

The tree lot is staffed by the tree lot committee and all able bodied members who are obligated to sign up for at least three shifts. In addition a number of men from the Salvation Army ARC help out on weekend days. The club is very appreciative of the many hours donated by electrician Frank Teuschler and John Fineren installing the lighting and electrical system.



First Load of Trees



Ready for Sale



Frank Teuschler Installs the Lights

Calendar

Dec 3: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Margie Pettus, Healdsburg City Manager

Dec 10: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Chris Phipps - Dir., Solar Finance, Soligent, LLC-New Solar Energy Economics - The Straight Skinny

Dec 17: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Annual Christmas Celebration

No Board of Directors meeting, scheduled in December

Dec 24: No Meeting

Dec 31: No Meeting

Other Events:

Dec.14: Cloverdale Kiwanis Crab & Pasta Feed

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex except the fourth Tuesday of the month is an evening meeting, 6:30PM Social, 7:00PM Meeting.

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact Richard Bugarske, President at 433-1771, 540-1237 (cell) or Phil Luks, secretary at 433-8055

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Happy Birthday

Vern Losh - Dec. 22
Richard Yates: Dec. 24
Steve Jones – Dec. 31
Kelly Sheehy Keller

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Hunt Conrad - 12-4-07
Martin Silge - 12-4-07

The President's Message

By Richard Bugarske

Why We Are Kiwanians!!

Last month I talked about why we are Kiwanians and thanks to Pete Peterson, we are passing out the following information at this year's tree lot. We are quite a Club. We touch the lives of so many. This time between Thanksgiving and Christmas gives us time to reflect on our efforts. Thanks to you all for making this happen.

Healdsburg Community Donations over the past 8 years

= \$225,722

American Legion Post 111 – Fireworks
Animal Shelter Plus Over 2,000 Service Hours
Boys & Girls Club
Boy Scout Troop 21
Other Local Charities
Fitch Mountain After School/Summer Program
Healdsburg Food Pantry
Future Farmers Country Fair
Healdsburg Community Nursery School
Habitat for Humanity
Healdsburg Hounds Booster Club - Rec. Park
Healdsburg Graduation Celebration
Healdsburg Medical Explorer Post - Start Up Cost
Healdsburg Recreation Park Grandstands Renovation
Healdsburg Regional Library-Youth Science/Math & Children's Books
Healdsburg Senior Center – Computers & Installation
Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation – Pediatric Trauma Program
Kiwanis High School Leadership Program
Kiwanis Key Club – Healdsburg High School
North County Community Service
Russian River Chamber Music - Youth Program
Salvation Army - Lytton Springs
Tomorrow's Leaders Today
UNICEF - Haiti Relief
10 donations between \$501-\$1,000
76 donations of \$500 or less

Healdsburg Schools Donations over the past 8 years

= \$222,526

3rd Grade Dictionaries
Elementary Schools, Other Programs
Healdsburg Middle School Programs
Healdsburg High Scholarships
Other Healdsburg High Programs
Healdsburg K-12 Library Books

TOTAL EIGHT-YEAR KIWANIS DONATIONS

= \$448,248



Board of Directors November Action

Provided by Treasurer Pete Peterson

No grant requests were approved in November. The following grant requests were considered and tabled:

- Boys & Girls Club - \$5,542 for Lunch Tables. About 150 lunches are served at the Healdsburg Club House and new, sturdier tables are needed. Item tabled pending information on the quantity and quality of tables.
- Healdsburg Junior High - \$10,000 for Chromebooks and Cart. Item tabled pending information on quantity and function of Chromebooks. How do Chromebooks differ from other types of laptop computers?
- Healdsburg High - \$8,500 Internship Program Matching Grant The Internship Program is an On-The-Job Training Program with local employers. Item tabled for more information on how many students are expected to participate and the source(s) of the matching grant funds.
- Healdsburg Food Pantry- \$2,000. Item tabled for information as to whether this is a direct request from the Healdsburg Food Pantry or is from the North Sonoma County Realtors
- Kid Scoop News - \$1,000. Item tabled for the third time pending information if this will be on ongoing program at Healdsburg Elementary Schools or will it soon be phased out.

The following expense payments were approved:

- Kiwanis International Annual Dues for Fiscal Year 09/30/2014 - \$5,394 (\$62 per 87 members on 09/30/2013).
- Cal-Nev-Ha District Annual Dues for Fiscal Year 09/30/2014 - \$3,654 (\$42 per 87 members on 09/30/2013).
- Kiwanis International New Member Registration Fees - \$110. (\$10 per 11 New Members). The \$10 is based on a graduated scale on 09/30/2013 based on the month in which the new member is inducted into the Club. For FY 09/30/2014, Kiwanis International fee will be a fixed \$25 plus a Cal-Nev-Ha District graduated fee. These combined fees produce an average \$75 fee which is what our Club is assessing new members for registration. These registration fee are not Club fees; but are paid to Kiwanis International.

In other action an initial discussion was held regarding the new Kiwanis International "Youth Protection Guidelines".

- During the Club's FY 09/30/2014, we are required to: "Educate and Inform" members regarding the protection of youths participating in Kiwanis activities with Kiwanis Clubs, K-Kids, Builders

Clubs, Key Clubs, Action Clubs and Circle K International Clubs. This also includes adults with disabilities. Kiwanis International and/or its insurance carrier(s) has paid over eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) in Sexual Abuse claims.

- A "clear" criminal history background check is necessary for any Club Member serving as an advisor to any Service Leadership Program including the clubs set forth above.

A discussion was held regarding our club crime insurance. We pay \$155 annually for "Crime Insurance" which provides coverage up to \$50,000 for theft of money or other property. Treasurer Pete has not been able to determine what "proof" of theft is required by the insurance carrier to support a theft claim. David Scharer will assist in pursuing this issue. If we cannot obtain good information regarding support of filed claims, perhaps we should drop this coverage or seek another insurer.

Table wine will be obtained from sources other than bidding on auction items at the Cloverdale Kiwanis Crab and Pasta Feed.

Elizabeth (Liz) Bippart's member status was approved to change to Regular Member from Associate Member. Applause from the Board!

There will not be a scheduled Club Board Meeting in December, 2013. Should circumstances require the Internet can be used to poll Board Members and receive votes from them and for really serious issues, an emergency Board meeting can be convened.

November Programs

Greg Carter, 2013-14 Lt. Gov. Division 32 California – Nevada - Hawaii District of Kiwanis International.



Healdsburg Kiwanis President Dick Bugarske and Division 32 Lt. Governor Greg Carter

The November 5 meeting was the occasion of the official visit of the Division 32 Lt. Governor, Greg Carter, a member of the Cloverdale Club. In his address to the club, Greg described the organization and function of the various levels of Kiwanis from Kiwanis international down to the Division and individual clubs.

He discussed the goals for the 2013-14 year which include Growth, Service and Leadership.

- Growth – continue to expand with a goal of a 5% increase in membership, of at least one new member for each club.
- Service – a goal of one million recorded service hours. In this regard it is very important for each member to report his/her service hours each month both within Kiwanis and for the community.
- Leadership – succession of leadership advanced planning, participating in DCM's, conventions etc., networking.

Deb Hall, Healdsburg, Junior High School

Healdsburg Junior High School Principal Deb Hall was our guest speaker at the November 12 meeting. Deb is a familiar face having visited with members of the student Safe School Ambassador Program. Training of the new group of students was recently completed and Deb promised to return at later date with some students to describe their experiences. The program has been very successful in reducing bullying in the school. Each school year 40 to 50 students participate in the program.



Deb discussed the changing approach to education which emphasizes and encourages critical thinking and how to get and use information.

It was noted that organizing of a Builders Club at HJH is underway with launching planned for the next school year.

Joe Norton and Lois Loofbourow - PSST!

Joe Norton and Lois Loofbourow, Board members of the Healdsburg Public School Success Team (psst!), were guest speakers at the November 19 meeting.



The mission of PSST! Is to "Leverage the knowledge, energy and philanthropy of the Healdsburg community to increase significantly the number of students graduating from the public school system." Students fail because they lack sufficient attention (contact hours) in one or more areas of their lives: classroom, after school, at home. The PSST! concept is to mobilize community resources to supplement hours of attention students receive. The goal is to introduce

every fifth grader in Healdsburg to a responsible and caring adult who is interested in their future. The volunteers tutor students who are behind in a subject and mentor students, sharing time and experience.

PSST! began working with one fifth grade class in 2009 and is continuing to work with this class as they transition from elementary school to junior high. A new fifth grade class was recently added to the program and the aim is to eventually include the entire fifth grade in PSST!

Gail Jonas, Healdsburg Neighbor Network

Gail Jonus, Guest speaker at the November 26 meeting described a new group she is organizing – the Healdsburg Neighbor Network. It is a group of Healdsburg residents who want to make sure that our neighbors have the help they need before and after medical procedures. They will offer help with chores and errands for up to one month before and one month after medical procedures. The help could include such tasks as rides to and from medical appointments, grocery and drugstore shopping, light housekeeping, laundry, basic yard care Etc. Volunteers are needed and any level of participation is welcome. People are also needed to coordinate volunteers and help with the website.

First Book Project Dictionary Distribution Completed

Photos by Dick Bugarske



Fitch Mountain Third Graders Eager to Receive Their Dictionaries



Key Club Members Distribute Dictionaries to Fitch Mountain Third Graders

The Healdsburg Kiwanis First Book Project was completed during November with the distribution of a total of 206 dictionaries to every third grader in local elementary schools including Fitch Mountain Elementary, St. Johns, Alexander Valley, West Side and the Healdsburg School. Lead by chair Denny Stead, this has been one of our most enjoyable events for 12 years for both the third graders and the distributors. Including this year's total, over 2400 dictionaries have been given out since the program's inception.

This year for the first time, a number of Key Club members volunteered to assist in the distribution. Taylor Vanvranken, Coral Godinez, Ana Seavedra, Crystal Garcia, Stephanie Hernandez, Marisa Ortiz, Diana Sanchez enthusiastically took part in the event. Many of the key club members had received dictionaries while third graders.

The cost to the project fund for dictionary purchase was \$12.99 per book for a total of about \$2660, an excellent investment in the future.



Mr. Dictionary Denny Stead with the Third Graders' Thank You Card



Mysterious Guests at the Spooktacular Dinner at the Robert Young House on October 26

Kiwanians Compete in Dancing with the Stars



Lucy Lewand and Eric Smith at the Dance Competition

Club members Lucy Lewand and Eric Smith competed in "Dancing with the Stars" a fund raiser for the Raven Performing Arts Theater, held at the Raven on November 8 and 9. The overall winners of the Grand Mirror Ball were Eric Ziedrich and his pro partner Jessica Greer. Lucy and her pro partner Zach Crawford, dancing the Rumba and Cha Cha, distinguished themselves by being the popular vote winners. Since each vote represented a donation of \$1 to the Raven, they were also top money winners. Eric Smith and his pro partner Brina Cimino, dancing the Night Club 2 Step were also enthusiastic participants.

Happy/Sad

Lucy Lewand happy to have hosted 8 fellow innkeepers who called themselves "Broads Who Cook".

Judy Everett happy to be headed to Disney Land. She later reported that it was awesome!

Chris Metrulas happy to be a grandfather for the third time.

Dick Bugarske happy his sixth grandchild is on the way.

Dr. Anderson Appeals for Tobacco Ordinance

Dr. David Anderson visited our November 26 meeting with a petition he is circulating for an ordinance to ban the sale of cigarettes to persons under 21 years of age in Healdsburg.

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November Special Birthdays



Men Of The Club Perform The Hula While Women Sing For Patti Roberts' And Dan Gianni's Special Birthdays



Jerry Strong Requested a Birthday Song from the Women of the Club While the Men Responded with Ooh-Ah as Directed by Jerry



The Ski Weekend Guys Sing Happy Birthday to Jan Gianni



Loretta Strong Requested a Birthday Song from All the Stud Muffins



All Other November Birthday People Sing to Neal Bertrand

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