

THE BUILDER

# KIWANIS CLUB

of Healdsburg



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## Calendar

Dec 4: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Pamela Swan, Healdsburg Education Foundation.

Dec. 11: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Pete Peterson, Annual Fiscal Report on Project and Administrative Funds.

Dec. 18: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Annual Christmas Celebration

Dec 20: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Conference Room at Healdsburg Fire Station.

Dec. 25: No Meeting.

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

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact Loretta Strong, President at 433-8033 or Phil Luks, Secretary at 433-8055

**Kiwanis -----Serving the Children of the world**

## Two New Members Inducted



Shown During The November 27 Induction Ceremony Are Inductee Laura Mack, Sponsor Patti Robarts, Inductee Sharon Gallagher, And President Loretta Strong

With the induction of two new members at the November 27 evening meeting, the club membership has grown to 86. In introducing the new members, Sponsor Patti Robarts said that both Sharon Gallagher; and Laura Mack have long records of public service and will be valuable additions to our membership. Both are transferring from the Cloverdale club.

## Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Christmas Tree Lot Open for Business

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Christmas Tree Lot opened for business on November 23 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 trees was received on November 21 and an additional shipment is expected in early December for a total of 1260 trees. This is the same number of trees as last year and experience has shown that this number is about what the market can bear.

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### OFFICERS 2012 – 2013

Loretta Strong, President  
Richard Burgarske, President Elect  
Phil Luks, Secretary  
Albert(Pete) Peterson, Treasurer  
Hunt Conrad, Immediate Past  
President

### Board of Directors

Dan Gianni  
Jan Gianni  
Ron Puccioni  
Susan Sheehy  
Jerry Strong  
Dee Whitehall  
Richard Yates  
Mark Zimmerman

### Memorial Scholarship Board of Directors

John (Jack) Brant  
Hunt Conrad  
Guy French  
Dan Maraviglia  
Charles Reichel  
Ken Scharer  
Dennis Stead

### The Builder

Harry Jackson, Editor  
Arnold Santucci, Sr. Advisor  
Richard Iverson, Member  
June Smith, Member

### Happy Birthday

Vern Losh: Dec. 22  
Richard Yates: Dec. 24  
Steve Jones – December 31

### Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Thomas Barron -12-1-03  
Hunt Conrad 12-4-07  
Martin Silge - 12-4-07

## The President's Message:

Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

As I write this we are well underway into our favorite and busiest time of the year! The Christmas Tree Lot is in full swing and looks especially festive due to the remarkable efforts of Jim Schmidt and his merry helper elves Harry Jackson, George Clough and Jerry Strong. The lot looks fabulous! As you know we need every able-bodied person to pitch in and several of you still have not signed up. This is a primary duty of our membership so please go down to the lot in person and sign up or call 433-5023 during sales hours and the cashier can sign up for you.

We have several important dates and events ahead of us. About 35 of us will be in Cloverdale on December 1st to partake of delicious crab and also satisfy our first inner-club. On December 15th the Presents Project needs your help at 9 am at the Boys and Girls Club to wrap presents for needy children. And December 18th is a very busy day starting with gift bag stuffing at 11 am for our local seniors at Healdsburg Senior Living, a sumptuous prime rib feast catered by Patti and Santa's Visit at our noon meeting followed by our caroling excursion at 2 pm to the Grove Street facility. So please join us where you can and plan on bringing your spouse, etc to our luncheon meeting on the 18th. Sign up sheet will be circulated starting December 4th.

I am also happy to report that we installed two more new Associate Members from Cloverdale last night which brings our club membership to 86! This is already a total of six new members for this term. So please welcome Sharon Gallagher and Laura Mack to our ranks. And special thanks to Patti Robarts for sponsoring her fifth new member this year!

One final request if you are able to do so please bring a check made out to Healdsburg Kiwanis for any amount that you can afford to be part of our "handprint" for Kiwanis Giving Day to benefit our colleagues who have been victimized by Hurricane Sandy.

Thank you so much for all you do!

President Loretta Strong

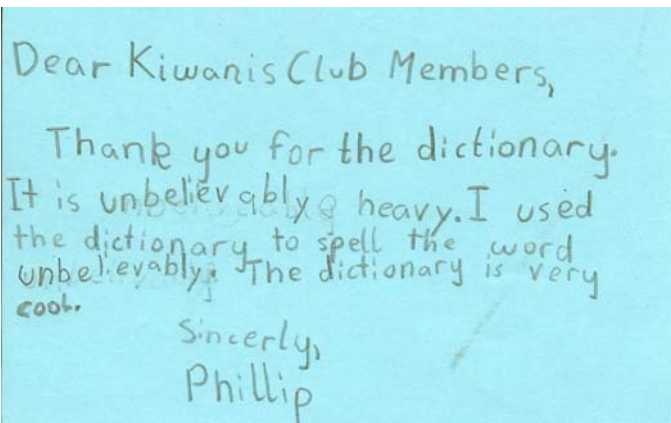


## First Book Project Dictionary Distribution Completed



**West Side School Third Graders with Their New Dictionaries. Dennis Stead, Project Chair Back Right, Cindy Brown, Back Left Photo Dick Bugarsky**

The Healdsburg Kiwanis First Book Project was completed the week before thanksgiving with the distribution of a total of 186 dictionaries to every third grader in local elementary schools including Fitch Mountain Elementary, St. Johns, Alexander Valley, West Side and the Healdsburg School. During the November 20 club meeting, Dennis Stead read several of the many thank you letters received from the children. Here is one of them:



The cost to the project fund for dictionary purchase was about \$2800 or about \$14 per book.

## November Board of Directors Actions

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Board of Directors approved dues payments considered a bid and tabled two grant requests at the November 15 meeting.

The Board approved a \$4,774 dues payment to Kiwanis International plus a \$3,080 dues payment to Cal-Nev-Ha District for a total of \$7,854. The KI payment is \$62 times 77 members and the Cal-Nev-Ha

District payment is \$40 times 77 members. The 77 member figure is Kiwanis International's data base for us as of September 30, 2012.

A bid received for furnishing 60 "Donated By" stickers for \$162.75 was discussed. The bid was accepted pending determination of the quantity of stickers required. Fifty such stickers are needed now to apply to the fifty stacking chairs the Club recently purchased for the Healdsburg Boys & Girls Club. The cost is \$2.50 per sticker plus sales tax. These stickers are "Peel Off" and contain the Kiwanis Club of Healdsburg logo plus the phrase "Donated By Healdsburg Kiwanis Club 2012". We are trying to determine whether the Laptop Computers we donated to Healdsburg High School have these stickers on top of the computers. If not, more stickers may have to be ordered. The Laptop computers that we donated to Healdsburg Junior High School do have these stickers applied on top of the computers.

An oral Grant Request from North County Realtors Association was tabled pending receipt of a written grant request specifying the grant amount and the purpose for which our grant money would be used.

A grant request from the Wheelchair Foundation was tabled pending additional information regarding ratio of Program Expenditures to Total Expenditures. We may ask the Wheelchair Foundation, located in Danville, CA, to provide a speaker re its activities.

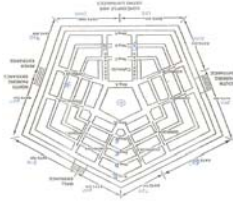


**Harry Jackson Receives "Go-Getter Award in Appreciation for Work on the Newsletter**

## November Speakers

### General Andy Gross - Pentagon

General Andy Gross was the guest speaker at the November 6 meeting. Andy spoke of his experiences working at the Pentagon and presented some interesting facts and figures about the building and what goes on inside. The Pentagon is the largest office building in the world with 3.7 million square feet of floor space and 284 restrooms for the 23,000 civilian and military staff. He also explained the very complex organization chart and how the various Departments and groups interact.



### Chris Vanden, Heuval Healdsburg High School principal



Healdsburg High School principal Chris Vanden Heuval spoke at the November 13 noon meeting. Mr. V expressed appreciation for our club's past support for the school's many needs. The District's demographics have changed significantly in recent years. The student body now stands at 660 students, down considerably from a few years ago. About 44% are disadvantaged and 52% are Latino.

He spoke of the many positive changes occurring at the school including adjusting to new technology and the challenges of how to find and use information.

The CASA program that our club has supported has been very successful. The students are now building a small house that includes all the features of a normal house, giving the students experience in plumbing and wiring as well as carpentry and other aspects of building construction.

### Ben Taylor – Santa Rosa Symphony

During the November 20 meeting Santa Rosa Kiwanian and Santa Rosa Symphony Board Member Creighton White Introduced Ben Taylor of the Santa Rosa

Symphony. Both expressed appreciation for the club's support of the symphony's youth programs. Mr. Taylor started by saying that iPhones are great except for the use of headphones which completely eliminate any interaction. The Healdsburg program "It's Elementary" takes an interactive approach in which the students get the total experience of the symphony. The program included concerts for youth, teacher workshops, listening programs, and in-school performances.

### Lorraine Plass –Veteran's Legislation



Lorraine Plass a Healdsburg resident and member of Sotoyomy Post 111 of the American Legion and Past Post Commander was our November 27 speaker. Lorraine's topic was recent legislation affecting veterans. She is a veteran's advocate and spends a large amount of time in Sacramento lobbying on behalf of veterans. This past year 131 bills affecting veterans were considered in the legislature and 78 have been signed into law by Governor Brown. The bills range from modifications to the GI bill to identifying veterans on driver's licenses.

### Christmas Tree Lot Photographs



**Jim Schmidt and Guy French Install Fence Decorations**



**Drilling a Tree Trunk for Stand**



**Randy Collins Installs Signs**



**Jerry Strong and George Diebold Fresh Cut Tree Bottom**



**Phil Luks Unloads Trees as Guy French Directs Traffic**  
Photo Bob Santucci



**Barry Loads Large Tree for Customer**

### Special Birthdays



**Jerry, Sher and Loretta Sing Happy Birthday to Dan Gianni**



**Members in Attendance Older than Neal Bertrand Sing Happy Birthday to Him**

### Happy/Sad

Hunt Conrad happy that on two of his fishing expeditions a group of Kiwanians significantly out fished a group of Rotarians.

Loretta Strong happy for Jerry's rapid recovery from surgery.

Joe Engler happy for the many hours put in by Jim Schmidt making the signs for the tree lot. Jim Schmidt happy for the many hours of help contributed by the painters.

Gary Plass happy to again serve as the executive chef for the annual senior appreciation dinner.

Bob Santucci sad that during a recent crabbing trip, fewer crabs were brought home than last year because they had learned how to measure them.

Lucy Lewand happy to have closed the Inn for a few days and is headed for Disneyland.

### Condolences

Condolences to Mario Lucchesi for the loss of his wife Caroline after 71 years of marriage.

### Lotto

The Lotto Jackpot was won at the November 20 meeting by David Scharer. David had to leave the meeting early so the lucky red checker was drawn in his behalf by his father, Ken. The total amount was \$690 which is shared 50/50 by David and the Administrative fund.

### Healdsburg Community Band

Our resident tuba player, Carl Elze announces a very busy December schedule for the Community Band. The Healdsburg concert will be on December 16 at 7:00 PM at the Community Church. The concert will include *The Christmas Song* by Mel Torme, *The Eighth Candle*, a wild Hanukah dance, *A Christmas Festival* by Leroy Anderson and several other numbers including *T'was The Night Before Christmas* set to music.

Other December concerts are at the Cloverdale Citrus fairgrounds on December 7 at 7:30 and at The Lodge at Paulin Creek in Santa Rosa on December 11 at 6:30.

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**TO:**