

THE BUILDER

KIWANIS CLUB

of Healdsburg



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Calendar

Feb. 5: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Steve Jones, a Media Career

Feb. 12: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Katie Barr, Tomorrow's Leaders Today

Feb. 19: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Salvation Army Presentation Via George Clough

Feb. 21: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Location to be determined

Feb. 26: Evening Meeting 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex. Mark Jayne, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Redwood Wine Country Region

Future Dates:

Pancake Breakfast - Mar. 24
Brant's Beach BBQ - Aug. 26

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.

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



Haggis Prepared by Patti

Club Members Enjoy Robert Burns Celebration at Evening Meeting



Judy Everett Reads a Robert Burns Poem, Lucy Lewand Translates

The highlight of the January 22 evening meeting was the celebration of the birth of Robert Burns and all things Scottish, MC'd by Lucy Lewand.

Robert Burns, born on January 25, 1759, was a Scottish poet and lyricist, widely known as the national poet of Scotland and is celebrated worldwide. He is the best known of the poets who have written in the Scots language, although much of his writing is also in English and a light Scots dialect. The poem (and song) *Auld Lang Syne* is one of his most widely recognized. Robert Burns died in 1796 at the age of 37.¹

For the occasion, Patti prepared a sample of the traditional Scottish dish, Haggis. Haggis is considered the national dish of Scotland as a result of Robert Burns' poem *Address to a Haggis* of 1787. Haggis is a mixture of sheep's pluck (heart, liver and lungs); combined with onion, oatmeal, suet, spices, and salt, and encased in the sheep's stomach.¹

Because of the unappealing nature of the dish, Patti's creation was ceremonial only. Instead she prepared another Scottish favorite, a hardy chicken and leek soup. Lucy brought a delicious Scottish trifle and shortbread, favorite Scottish desserts.

The program included the Haggis serving ceremony and Burns' poetry readings from several members, all translated into modern English by Lucy. Jerry and Loretta Strong read a hilarious interchange between the sexes concerning the meaning of words used during arguments. The evening ended with the singing of *Auld Lang Syne*.

¹ Thanks to Wikipedia

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Happy Birthday

Mario Lucchesi – Feb. 1
Charles Reichel – Feb. 7
Edgar Deas – Feb. 8
Randolph Collins – Feb. 11
George Clough – Feb. 28

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Arnold Santucci 2-21-84:
(First Inducted May 1950 and
was member to 1965)
Mario Lucchesi 2-1-00:
Ken Scharer 2-18-03
Ken Rochioli 2-28-06
Bob Santucci 2-2-10
June Maher Smith 2-2-10
Vern Losh (reinstated) 2-1-11

The President's Message:

Dear Kiwanians:

I'd like to thank Lucy Lewand and Patti Robarts for providing great atmosphere and theatrics to our last evening meeting where we celebrated "Robert Burns' Scottish Poets Night". If you have never attended an evening meeting or not attended for a while, I encourage you to make an effort to do so since the camaraderie is on a whole different level. Maybe because the bar is open??!! Whatever!

By now most of you should have your Pancake Breakfast tickets. If you do not please make an effort to get in touch with Bob Santucci so he doesn't have to mail them to you. Palm Sunday is just around the corner and if you start selling them now it will be no effort to raise the required \$70 quota. And of course, speaking of pancakes, Geyserville will be serving up their best plus sausage on Feb. 3rd for Super Bowl Sunday. We always turn out in large numbers and this counts for an inner-club.

I'd like to ask you to start thinking about your friends and neighbors who might be good candidates for our Kiwanis Club. We will soon be rolling out another Membership Campaign and will hold two open houses to that effect, both at the lunch hour and also an evening meeting. We are the mentors of our community and the role models for our youth so please don't be shy about tooting our horn! More to come.....

As always, thank you for your support, your enthusiasm and your great ideas.

Loretta Strong

Project Eliminate

With the money collected at the last meeting in January, Project Eliminate collections have surpassed the \$1200 mark or over 40% of the \$3000 goal.



**Judy Everett Receives the January Go-Getter Award
from President Loretta**

Presented in recognition of her services in
running the lotto and other good works

Two Grant Requests Approved by the Board and One Tabled

(Provided by Pete Peterson and Phil Luks)

During the January Board meeting a grant request of \$1,500 for the Fitch Mountain Day Camp was approved based on the showing that one or more matching grants totaling or approximating \$1,500 had been received. Also an \$1,800 grant was approved for the renting of three buses to transport Healdsburg High School students to a safe environment to celebrate their graduation. This is an increase from two buses in prior years because school buses now have seat belts so fewer people can be in a school bus.

A grant request of \$2500 from the Salvation Army – Lytton Springs was tabled to the February, 2013 Board meeting for more specific data regarding what is being funded.

In view of the resignation of Susan Sheehy from the Board of Directors, President. Strong nominated and the Board elected George Clough to fill the remainder of Ms. Sheehy's two year term.

In other action the Board raised the cost of meals for Seniors, Guests and Associate Members. Commencing on February 5th (or a later date if deemed necessary for adequate Member notification) the meal cost will be \$14.00. This \$.50 cost increase will bring lunch fees equal to what the Club pays the lunch caterer.

The Board approved an expenditure of \$150 for providing a plaque for our annual Distinguished Service Award.

The Board approved Jesse Whitely's request to be placed on six months Administrative Leave beginning on January 1, 2013.

The Board held a broad discussion regarding financial, management and operating practices of each of the Club's major fundraising activities - The Tree Lot, Pancake Breakfast, FFA Fair, Brandt's Beach Barbeque and Golf Tournament. The Board agreed that it would be beneficial if the committee heads and principal operating members for each of these significant activities would attend a Board meeting, on an invited basis, for a series of broad-ranging discussions of financial goals and strategies and management and operating issues devoted to each fundraising activity.

The Board adopted a policy that dues payments may only be made by check or credit card. It is poor practice to pay dues in cash and issuing receipts is not an acceptable practice. Payment in cash leads to difficult record-keeping requirements and to the potential for disputes over whether payment was made.

Recognizing the time applied to and complexity of the Administrative Fund and Project Fund Treasurer

duties, the Board approved: 1) The search for a second treasurer to operate the Administrative Fund or the Project Fund. Given that the Club has four annual fund raising activities plus the quarterly dues collections and allocations, it was recognized that Treasurer Peterson currently is over extended in his voluntary treasurer duties; and 2) All monies received from fund raising activities whether for Administrative or Project purposes will be received by, accounted for and deposited by the Club Committee responsible for any given fund raiser. The bank deposit receipt will be given to the appropriate treasurer for bookkeeping and financial report preparation.

Clarification of Club Policy Re Project Fund Use (Provided by Pete Peterson)

Many Club members have a misunderstanding regarding how Kiwanis Project Fund monies are to be spent. While our Club supports youth activities principally, we do not do so exclusively.

Kiwanis By-Laws Section XVIII - Revenue, Section 4 says (in part):

Monies received from fund raising activities in which the public participates, or members shall be used only for charitable, educational, religious or eleemosynary activities."

Fitch Mountain Day Camp Receives Grant



George Clough Presents Check to Vince Mazzoli of The Fitch Mountain Day Camp

The Board recently approved a grant of \$1500 to the Fitch Mountain Day Camp to be used for purchase of needed equipment and camperships. George Clough managed to obtain the needed equipment and furniture from the Salvation Army leaving the entire amount to be applied to camperships.

January Speakers

Suzanne Esquivel and Joann Bursick, Graduation Celebration

Our January 8 guest speakers reported on the successful 2012 graduation celebration for the Healdsburg High School graduation seniors at the Scandia Family Fun Center in Rohnert Park. Over 75 percent of the graduation class attended this fun event and had a very enjoyable safe and sane celebration. Our club provided \$1000 for the cost of the two busses to transport the celebrants to and from the park. This continues to be an event that our Club has supported for many years. The first Graduation Celebration took place in 1992 and continues with the knowledge that no Graduates have been lost since that time.



Planning is under way for this year's celebration which will be held at a new venue, "Driven Raceway" also in Rohnert Park. Three busses will be needed this year at a cost of \$1800 which the Board of Directors subsequently approved.



Suzanne Esquivel is on the left at the 2012 Graduation Celebration



Cassidy Jourdan and Kim Mckernan Enjoy The Party

Corey Beck – Coppola Winery



At our January 15 meeting, Corey Beck, General Manager and Wine Maker for Coppola Winery gave an interesting talk about the development of the winery at the former Chateau Souverain facility. The changes to the building and grounds were extensive with a number of family friendly features including a large swimming pool.

The meeting was especially enjoyable because Cory provided a sufficient quantity of Coppola wine for glasses of red and white for everyone. The red was

Director's Cut Cinema, Zin/Cab blend and the white was Director's Cut 2011 Russian River Chardonnay.



Doug Braik, Kiwanis Lt. Governor.



Lieutenant Governor Doug Braik visited the January 29 meeting and spoke about his duties and goals. To meet one of his goals, he encouraged our club to apply for "Distinguished Club". Our club already meets many of the criteria for receiving this honor. The criteria focus on the six objects of Kiwanis International and include:

- Giving Primacy to the Human and Spiritual
- Encouraging the Golden Rule in all Relationships
- Adopting Higher Social, Business, Profession Standards
- Developing by Example a More Aggressive and Serviceable Citizenship
- Forming Enduring Friendships and To Build Better Communities
- Creating Public Opinion to Support Patriotism and Goodwill

Christmas Carolers Serenade Seniors

Following the Club's December 18 Christmas celebration, Carl Elze, Jerry & Loretta Strong, Roger Dormire, Arnold Santucci, Denise Paup, and Dick Bugarske were carolers at the Healdsburg Senior Living Center. They serenaded three different groups and distributed presents to the folks staying there. It was very nice to be able to share our voices with others. A tip of the cap to Carl Elze for all his effort to make this happen.



Members Help with the Presents Project

Marty Silge, Dick Bugarske and Key Club member Lupita Lopez helped wrap presents in December for needy families in Healdsburg. Our local Boy's and Girl's Club was filled with gifts for about 50 families and traditionally our Kiwanis Club has supported this effort.



Members Visit CASA Program Tiny House

On January 30 several club members visited Healdsburg High School for a tour of the CASA (Construction and Sustainability Academy) program led by Ray Holley. The students in the advanced class were at work on the construction of a tiny house. The 89 square foot tiny house is being constructed on a flat bed trailer and contains all of the features of a real house including kitchen, bathroom and sleeping area. The students get experience in framing, roofing, plumbing, wiring and other phases of home construction.



The house will be completed in March and will be in the Future Farmer's parade and the Sonoma County Fair after which it will be sold. The sales price is expected to be about \$40,000 which will be used for the benefit of the program.

Special Birthdays



The Three Supremes (Past, Present and Future Presidents) Sing Happy Birthday to Arnold Santucci



Joe Engler, Mario Lucchesi and Lee Gunnerson sing Happy Birthday to Phil Rice

Happy/Sad

Patti Roberts Happy that her stolen car was recovered. The car along with catering supplies and equipment and catering business documents was stolen on Christmas Eve. The car was identified because Patti's "Go Getter" award certificate was on the dash board.

Ken Scharer happy to be an expectant grandfather. Sad that son Keith has withdrawn from the club. Keith has moved to Florida to pursue a career as an airline pilot.

Rick Wood happy to learn that he shares a birthday with Robert Burns, 100 years later.

Ron Doble happy that he and Debi celebrated their 20th anniversary on New Years Day.

Judy Everett happy to find her lost telephone in the refrigerator crisper bin. (The phone is green).

Community Band Concert

By Carl Elze

On Tuesday March 5th the Healdsburg Community Band will perform a concert at the Raven Theater at 7:30 PM. It is the annual Spring "Pops" concert and will include music by Gershwin, Hoagy Carmichael and other popular music composers. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be obtained from band members or at the door. The Raven Theater is now "Home" for the band. The band looks forward to presenting an enjoyable evening.

Pancake Breakfast Planning Underway

Bob Santucci, Pancake Breakfast Chair is passing out tickets for the event and he reminds the membership that every member is obligated to either sell or purchase at least 10 tickets.

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