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Robert Burns Celebration at an Enjoyable Evening Meeting



Patti Robarts Attempts to Persuade Neal Bertrand to Sample Haggis

The highlight of the January 28 evening meeting was the celebration of the birth of Robert Burns and all things Scottish. This has become an annual event, MC'd by Lucy Lewand.

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. Because of the unappealing nature of the dish, Patti's creation was rejected by most and was ceremonial only. Instead she prepared another Scottish favorite, a hardy chicken and leek soup. Shortbread and other favorite Scottish desserts were also provided.

The Scottish prayer "Selkirk Grace" was offered by Roger Dormire"

*Some hae meat and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thanked.*

The program also included the "Piping in the Haggis" procession by Patti Robarts and crew, "Address to the Haggis" by Lucy Lewand and Judy Everett, "Immortal Memory" by Dick Bugarske and "Toast to the Lassies" by Jerry Strong with "The Reply" by Loretta Strong. The evening ended with the singing of Auld Lang Syne. (Continued on page 4)

Calendar

Feb. 4: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Steve Campbell – New Ways of Thinking.

Feb. 11: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Tara Smith - Farming Real Food – What is Real Food? Key Club Bake Sale.

Feb. 18: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex Whit McLeod – Maker of Beautiful Furniture from Used Wood and Barrel Staves.

Feb. 20: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Location to be determined.

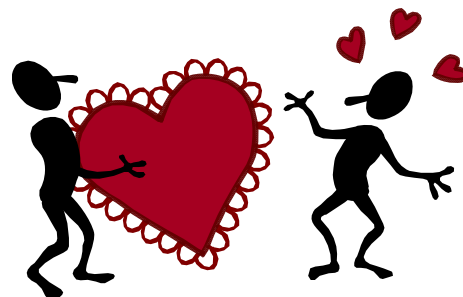
Feb. 25: Evening Meeting 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex.

Future Dates:
Pancake Breakfast – Apr. 13

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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Mario Lucchesi – Feb. 1
Charles Reichel – Feb. 7
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Randolph Collins – Feb. 11
George Clough – Feb. 26

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

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

The President's Message

Some reflections:

As our lives become busier and the years seemly pass faster, we must always look to each other to help keep our Club strong and moving forward. Our focus remains on strengthening our community and building the relationships within this extremely dynamic Healdsburg Kiwanis Club we have created. Together as a collective team we have the talents, knowledge and will power to help create a better future for this great community of which we are a part.

Our Club possesses all the qualities necessary to reach farther and deeper to reach the goals we have set for ourselves. Our members are our strength so we should continue to grow as a Club. However, we must keep the common thread of friendship, comradery, and the unpredictable humor that is the backbone of our club. Those of us who were part of our Robert Burns celebration this past Tuesday night can attest to the great humor and laughter that made for a great evening and speaks to the life force we all bring to our gatherings.

So we continue to create our own "Team Work." We are able to weave these threads to success in our endeavors such as the coming April 13th Pancake Breakfast which Jan and Dan Gianni are beginning to organize. This historic and exciting fundraiser is a testimony to the strength and resolves we possess as we once again pull together to create a unique gathering for our community.

Being a member of Healdsburg Kiwanis means getting involved. It's energizing, gratifying, uplifting, and necessary. It lets us all feel that Club heartbeat that makes us special and propels us forward. We survive and grow through our "teamwork"...and have a lot of fun doing it!

Pres. Dick B.

Twass The Month Before Christmas By: Dorothy Colloran and Rick Anixter

Twass The Month Before Christmas, The Weather Created a Slight Breeze;
The Excitement at Healdsburg Kiwanis Was All About the Trees.

Planning was Careful and Done With Much Care;
With the Committee Asking for Help and Telling Everyone "You Better Be There!"

Dorothy And Rick Signed Up and Looked Forward To Work Their Dates;
They Were Excited To Show their Newbie Support And Planned Not To Be Late.

The Trees Arrived and Were Put in Their Places;
The Healdsburg Kiwanis Showed Up to Work With All Their Happy Faces.

As The First Work Night Approached, And To Their Disgust;
Rick And Dorothy Sent An Email, Their Attendance At Another Event Was A Must.

So As The Second Night Approached, Their Excitement At Full Force;
Dorothy And Rick Bundled Up And Headed To The Trees Of Course.

As Dorothy And Rick Arrived The Night Of The 19th To Work;
They Saw The Calendar At The Site And It Said Their Day Was The 21st - They Felt Like A Jerk.

And If That Was Not Enough, Adding Salt To The Wound;
The Calendar Showed They Missed Their First Work Night on The 2nd, They Wanted to Escape
To The Womb.

With Only A Few Trees Left, Their Final Day To Work On Saturday;
Rick And Dorothy Received The Email "No More Work Will Be Needed" Sadly.

Dorothy And Rick Thought and Thought About What They Could Do For The Kiwanis Tribe;
They Figured and Hoped That Three Pies Would Provide A Good Bribe.

So With Their 2014 Calendars In Hand, And 24 Empty December Dates,
Dorothy and Rick Stand Before You Tonight - First To Sign Up And Promise Not To Be Late!

Presented at the January 28 Evening Meeting by Rick Anixter

Board of Directors January Action

The following are actions taken and items discussed during the Board meeting on Wednesday January 23, 2014:

The following grant requests were approved:

- High School Graduation Night Busses – 3@ \$400 = \$1200. Ms Suzanne Esquivel was present at the Board meeting and described the program activities, which will be entering its 22nd year. The program has moved to the Rohnert Park Driven Raceway, and has 80% graduate participation. She noted that the program has broad community support, including a \$2,500 donation from the Pomo Indians. This year only 3 busses will be necessary vs. 4 last year due to smaller a smaller class.
- Food Pantry - \$107 and Meals on Wheels - \$1,000. It was noted that in the past several years the Club has donated \$1,000 apiece the Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels.. As a result of discussions at our lunch meetings, led by Cindy Brown and Roger Dormire, Club members, had already donated \$893 to the Food Pantry. The Board decided to take those donations into account.
- Tish Velazquez' participation at the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference - . \$195. Her selection was made by the High School faculty and staff.
- Annual Junior High trip to Washington D.C. - \$3000 - two girls, at \$750 apiece,(the Bruno Rodella scholarships) and one boy at \$1500 (the Clarence Ruonavaara scholarship).
- Public Schools Success Team (PSST!) - \$2,263. The amount to cover their costs of general liability and D&O insurance premiums. It was noted that the Club's support for the PSST tutoring program had, in the past, included funding their background check costs, and that in the startup years, our support had been up to \$5,000 annually. It was also noted that several Club members participate as tutors.

The following grant requests were tabled pending further information/discussion.

- The HEF request for \$10,000 for Chromebooks and an associated charging cart for the Junior High School. Pending discussion with new director, Betty Perez to get a sense of how matching grants could work in the future.
- Boys and Girls Club for indoor folding tables for the Power Hour activities. The Board was favorable, but formal action on the grant should

come after obtaining a copy of the receipt for the purchase of those tables by the Boys and Girls Club.

In other action The Board addressed the transfer of Pete Peterson's treasurer duties and responsibilities to Brian Wells, as Administrative Treasurer and David Scharer, as Project Treasurer. Principals involved in the transfer are:

- Creating two Treasurer positions, a Project Treasurer and an Administrative Treasurer, to replace the current single Treasurer,
- Increasing the number of check-signers, to basically include Mr. Peterson, the two new Treasurers and the President and Secretary;
- Requiring two signatures on all checks; and
- Requiring all Club expenditures to be approved at monthly meetings (with specific Board-approved exceptions, such as weekly payments to our caterer).

After considerable discussion, and with thanks to Mr. Wells and Mr. Scharer for agreeing to be treasurers, and with thanks to Mr. Peterson for his huge service to the Club, the Board, approved the steps, described above, associated with the changeover.

Liz Bippart and Joe Alvarez have been added to the Club website. It was suggested that Mr. Alvarez should be added to the pancake breakfast committee to help facilitate Salvation Army help.

January Programs

January 14 - Boy Scout Troop 21 Update



**Troop 21 Scout Master with Scouts
Henry Dreiling, Connor McKay and Willum Widder**

Boy Scout Master Doug Price along with three troop 21 scouts were guests at the January 14 meeting. After a short introduction by their scout master, the scouts, Connor, Henry and Will, gave an excellent slide presentation describing their activities over the past year.

Activities focused on three areas: Adventure, Leadership, and Community.

Adventures included:

- A 50 mile hike in a wilderness area.
- Rosenberg "Chillin" Campout – Participation in orienteering, rope swing.
- Winter camp at Soda Springs – Testing survival skills.
- Rafting on the American River.
- Spelunking at California Caverns.
- Backpacking to Devil's Den.
- Summer camp at Wolfeboro, Stanislaus River.
- Mountain Biking.

Leadership Activities included:

- Camporee – Teaching Activities
- Construction of FFA Parade float
- Building nesting boxes for owls and bats - learning woodworking skills
- Troop 21 pancake breakfast
- Pioneering
- Flag ceremonies

Community Services Activities Included:

- Library book sale setup
- Fitch Mountain Foot Race water station
- Foss Creek and Russian River cleanup
- Food pantry assistance – put out flyers, pick up food
- Camp Rosenberg stewardship
- Rotary Crab Feed assistance
- Law enforcement appreciation day
- Assistance at Kiwanis Christmas tree lot.

January 21 – Connor McKay – Eagle Scout Project

Troop 21 Scout Connor McKay was again a guest at the January 21 meeting. Connor is working on his requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout. The requirements to attain the rank of Eagle Scout are quite rigorous and include:



- Be active in troop for at least 6 months after attaining the rank of Life Scout.

- Demonstrate he lives by Scouting Principals.
- Earn a total of 21 merit badges.
- While a Life Scout, serve actively in position of responsibility,
- Complete a Service Project.
- Take part in leader conference.
- Successfully complete Eagle Scout Board review.

The Eagle Scout Service project consists of "planning, developing and giving leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school or your community". Connor has identified a problem in Guatemala that his project is working to help alleviate. The people of Guatemala, especially the children are very susceptible to cataracts because of the bright sunlight and many cannot afford the protection of sunglasses. Also adults with poor eyesight cannot find work without being able to see well. Connor's goal is to collect at least 300 pair of sunglasses or reading glasses to send to the people of Guatemala, working through *Faith and Practices – a Life Changing Medical Mission*.

Connor has so far collected about 50 pairs of sunglasses through donation drives and donation boxes left in class rooms. He later provided a donation box that will be at our meetings for about a month.

At present, Connor is the only Eagle Scout candidate in Troop 21. However, the troop has an excellent record of scouts attaining the rank including 6 over the last two years.

Loretta Strong "Reflections on Growing Up In Healdsburg"

Loretta is working on writing a book that will be a collection of her reminiscences to be entitled "Memories from the Burg" which she discussed at the January 21 meeting. She recently complete a contribution to a book by Ted Calvert, "Running the Mountain – Memories from Childhood", which she read to the group.

January 28 Evening Meeting – Robert Burns Celebration (continued from Page 1)

Robert Burns was born on January 25, 1759 south of Ayr in Alloway, South Ayrshire, Scotland. He was a Scottish poet and lyricist, widely known as the national poet of Scotland and is celebrated worldwide.



Naysmith portrait of 1787 Scottish National Portrait Gallery

He is the best known of the poets who have written in the Scots language. Burns's style is marked by spontaneity, directness, and sincerity, and ranges from the tender intensity of some of his lyrics through the humor of "Tam o' Shanter" and the satire of "Holy Willie's Prayer" and "The Holy Fair". He was skilled in writing

not only in the Scots Language but also in the Scottish English dialect of the English language.

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

The Quiz

(Answers next Month)

1. In what century did Rabbe Burns live?
2. 'Wee sleekit, cowerin, timourous beastie' - to whom is this poem addressed?
3. What is a Sgian dubh?
4. "The best laid schemes of mice & men" was written by:
 - a. John Steinbeck
 - b. Robert Burns
 - c. Ernest Hemingway
 Bonus - next line?
5. Name 3 counties in Scotland
6. Where in the US is there a replica of Burns' Cottage?
7. What is a Highland fling?
8. Name the Scotsman who invented logarithms in the 1500s?
9. How did Healdsburg benefit from a Scottish philanthropist?
10. Who invented the telephone?
11. If you tossed the caber, what would be your winning position?
12. What 18c. Scotsman is the father of modern economics?
13. What would you put in your sporan?
14. Burns' birthplace - latitude nearer to Florida – Vancouver - San Francisco New York – Greenland?
15. Golden Gate Park, S.F. cable cars, Scotland - What's the connection?



Judy Reads the "Address to the Haggis"

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o the puddin'-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm:
Weel are ye worthy o' a grace
As lang's my arm.

Fair and full is your honest, jolly face,
Great chieftain of the sausage race!
Above them all you take your place,
Stomach, tripe, or intestines:
Well are you worthy of a grace
As long as my arm.



Jerry Reads "Toast to the Lassies" while Loretta Waits with "The Reply"

"Toast to the Lassies" and "The Reply" is a hilarious interchange between the sexes concerning the meaning of words used during arguments, such as five minutes, nothing! and fine!.

¹ Thanks to Wikipedia

Special January Birthdays



All the Ladies Including His Granddaughter, Zoe (Left), Sing Happy Birthday to Arnold Santucci – His 94th



Happy 34th (Again) to Rick Wood

\$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

Arnold Santucci happy to still be here at age 94 and happy the granddaughter Zoe was a guest at the meeting.

Bob Taylor happy to be a great grandfather. Happy that American Legion Crab Feed Tickets are going fast.

Lee Gunnerson sad that Jim Schmidt injured his knee while preparing the tree lot decorations for storage and is scheduled for knee replacement surgery.

Susan Sheehy happy that Lily has been successfully fitted with her prosthesis.

Hunt Conrad happy to have a new car, a Subaru Outback – trying to revive the tradition of a \$5 donation for a new car.

Jim Schmidt happy to be back with a new knee.

Jan Gianni happy for two great weeks in Hawaii.

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