

THE BUILDER

# KIWANIS CLUB

of Healdsburg



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## Members and guests enjoy a special evening bash

Our evening meeting on January 30 was held at Patti and Rick's new residence, upstairs in the historic Owl Cafe in Cloverdale. Great snacks and libations were enjoyed by about 35 members and guests.

The Owl Café has a rich history dating from 1925. The property was the site of the Sunset Motel and Ivy Café and consisted of a sandwich shop, small grocery and one gasoline pump. The property was completely remodeled in 1963 and the Owl Café in its present configuration took shape. The café, now vacant, seated 150 guests and had a large banquet room upstairs, now Patti and Rick's spacious living room.



## Calendar

### Meeting Dates:

**Feb 6:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Dick Mosher-Marine One Helicopter Pilot

**Feb 13:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Jane Shelly-Education Outreach Coordinator, Santa Rosa Symphony.

**Feb 20:** Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 p.m. Round Table Pizza.

**Feb. 20:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex

**Feb 27:** Evening Meeting at Villa Annex. 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting.

### Other February Dates

**Feb. 10:** Steelhead Festival, Lake Sonoma.

**Feb. 10:** Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference, Double Tree Inn Sacramento.

### Save the Date

**Mar. 25:** Healdsburg Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

**Apr. 21:** Governor's Visit, to be held at Robert Young Vineyards.

**May 24:** FFA Parade.

**May 24 – 26:** FFA Fair.

**Jun 10:** Fitch Mountain Foot Race

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, 7:00 PM Meeting.

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact Vern Losh, President at 540-2929 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314

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Dick Bugarske, Jan Gianni, Susan  
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### Memorial Scholarship

#### Board of Directors

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Arnold Santucci, Sr. Advisor  
Richard Iverson, Member

### Happy Birthday

Charles Reichel – Feb. 7  
Edgar Deas – Feb. 8  
Randolph Collins – Feb. 11  
Liz Bippart – Feb. 19  
George Clough – Feb. 26

### 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)  
Bob Santucci - 2-2-10  
Vern Losh - 2-1-11 (reinstated)



## The President's Message

### The Owl Café

If you didn't make the evening meeting in January you missed a real treat. Patti and Rick opened their home/apartment/restaurant/banquet room/house of..., to us for the evening. We had great fun, food, and company. Several guests also shared the evening with us, maybe new members? Most of the guests were women. Look out guys we better get busy.

Our club Board meeting provided us the opportunity to make several donations to a variety of groups. That's what we do as a club. We support our community especially the children. With the loss of the tree lot our donation amounts might not be what they have been but as a club we will work to spread what we have out for the greatest good. We made donations to the Healdsburg Jazz Festival, Santa Rosa Symphony League, and the Kiwanis House. We also discussed the donation we made last fall to the Healdsburg Science Fair.

We received a generous check for \$1,000 from a Kiwanian in Oregon to go towards fire survivors in our area. We split the money up between one of our own and a group called Family Matching.

We have several events coming up. A few of us will be attending the upcoming Kiwanis Mid-year north meeting in Sacramento, our Kiwanis Governor is coming to Healdsburg on April 21 at Robert Young Winery, Kiwanis International in Las Vegas in mid-June, and the Kiwanis district convention in Kona Hawaii in August.

Our own "Famous" Pancake Breakfast is coming up March 25<sup>th</sup>. All of you should have your tickets by now. Remember that everyone is required by our bylaws to sell their tickets. We will have sign-up sheets and other information coming up at our meetings.

Some other projects in the works are the Steelhead Festival February 10 and the FFA Fair in late May. Dick brought up the Kiwanis Club helping to host a Healdsburg High School Hall of Fame dinner in October. The Board voted to support this endeavor, which would help support our administration fund.

The Healdsburg Memorial Scholarship Fund had their meeting last week. There was further discussion on the future of that fund and how it works with the Kiwanis Club. I will report back after I review the minutes.

I look forward to seeing you soon and meeting the friends and possible new members that you bring to one of our meetings.

Vern

### A meeting none of us should miss!!!

On Feb. 6th, our speaker will be Dick Mosher, a former Marine One Helicopter Pilot. Dick was the pilot during the Johnson and Nixon years and he will provide a special look into this unique part of our history.



### Another important meeting

A vote by ballot will be held at the February 27 meeting on whether or not to restore our Christmas Tree Lot operation. The tree lot committee will have completed their investigations into the feasibility of continued tree lot operation and their findings will be available for discussion.

## Happy Birthday Arnold



### Arnold Santucci celebrates a special birthday with a \$98 check for the scholarship fund

Everyone under age 98 at the January 9 meeting sang a special happy birthday song.

## Board of Directors Meeting

*Summarized from minutes by Liz Bippart*

The following is a summary of actions taken and items discussed during the Board meeting for January 2018:

### Grants

- Santa Rosa Symphony League: \$1,000 for support of the music education programs of Santa Rosa Symphony.
- Healdsburg Jazz Festival: \$500 to support their music education programs in Healdsburg schools.
- Kiwanis Family House: \$100 to support their program that serves families dealing with a medical crisis away from home. The program serves nearly 2,000 families each year.
- Healdsburg Science Fair request was tabled since we made a \$500 contribution on September 12, 2017.

### Money Matters

- Admin Fund: over \$8,000 was recently paid to Kiwanis International for annual dues. The fund is now 'limping along' and will be above \$2,000 after the next deposit. The loss of income from the annual golf tournament and continuing lower income from Brandt's Beach are in part responsible for the fund's low balance.

The Board discussed raising the membership dues by \$5 per quarter. A report is being prepared and will be presented to the membership.

- Project Fund: current balance \$54,558; Christmas Tree Lot checking \$9,034; Money Market Fund balance \$38,407. One main recent expense was for the annual dictionary project, \$2,700.

### President's Report

- Vern proposed a joint meeting of the Scholarship Fund and the Board members to discuss the future of our organization.
- Vern, Loretta and Dick will meet to discuss how member's needs might be met and how to find new members.

### Committee Reports

- The Pancake Breakfast: Tickets will be delivered to members by the end of January. Each member is responsible for the cost of 10 tickets. Members who do not pay for their tickets will be invoiced. Tickets will again be \$10 each. Dick Bugarske is organizing the advertising.
- Fitch Mountain Footrace: Vern has paid the initial application fee to lock in the date of June 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Other Business

- Dale Candelaria's membership application was approved.
- Rick Norman has resigned because the club no longer serves his needs. The Board reluctantly approved his resignation.
- The topic of "Fire Assistance" was tabled pending determination of what help is best needed. A \$1,000 check was received from a generous donor in Oregon to assist fire victims. The Board allocated the donation: \$300 to member Kathy Burgess, who lost her home to the fire, and \$700 to Family Matching in the form of gift cards from Home Depot and Walmart.
- Hall of Fame – Dick Bugarske has proposed that we sponsor an annual Hall of Fame dinner in October to recognize former athletes from Healdsburg. The proceeds would support our Admin Fund. The Board approved this plan.
- Dick Bugarske reported that Rec Park will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> baseball season in 2020 and its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021. The park desperately needs updating. Although a specific plan has yet to be identified, the list of needs has been identified. Both the membership and board have given their unanimous support.

- Patti Robarts made several suggestions for fund raising: Raffle a playhouse constructed by craftsman, Jim Schmidt and the members; White elephants to be sold at the lunch meetings; Teddy Spaghetti dinner.

## Meeting Programs

### January 9: Don Rowberry - Evacuation Sack

Kathy Burgess' guest, Don Rowberry provided the program for the day. Motivated by living through the recent firestorms, Don has developed his "Evac Sack" to be prepared for future emergencies requiring quick evacuations. The sack contains the most essential items for dealing with the immediate evacuation challenges and important documents.

Here are the contents of Don's Evac Sack:

- Money – small bills and check blanks.
- Credit/debit card duplicates.
- Copies of ID's, passport, driver's license
- Copy of utilities bill (to verify address).
- List of important phone numbers.
- Internet access info., passwords
- Medications.
- Battery backup for cell phone.
- iPad.
- AM/FM radio.
- Personal toiletries.
- Face masks.
- Pad/pencil.
- Deck of playing cards.
- Head Lamp
- Home owner's policy, including home contents inventory.
- USB flash drive containing copies of important documents.

The sack must be kept in a safe place but convenient for grab and go. Hopefully there would be time to also grab wallet and cell phone. It was also noted that it is important to keep the gas tank at least half full for a fast get away.

### January 16: Ted Calvert-Local Author.

Local author Ted Calvert has written two books, currently in print, of local cultural and historic interest: "Legacy of Fitch Mountain – A Sense of Place" and "Healdsburg Chronicles – Where

Healdsburg has been, and where Healdsburg is today".



Ted's presentation, "Fitch Mountain Park & Open Space Preserve, Healdsburg's backyard wilderness" described the diverse fauna and flora of the mountain and the plans for development of the park.

The City of Healdsburg, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, LandPaths, the Coastal Conservancy, and the Fitch Mountain Fund have partnered to protect, restore, enhance, and steward Fitch Mountain. As partners:

- The Open Space District secured funding to purchase and protect the property.
- LandPaths is working to enhance and restore the important natural resources.
- The Coastal Conservancy committed funding toward development of the management plan.
- Fitch Mountain Fund is raising money for long-term stewardship of the property.
- The City now owns the property rights and is responsible for its long-term care.

The Sonoma County Agricultural & Open Space District and the City have set the following goals:

- Protect the mountain's diversity, soil and aquatic resources, and ecological functions
- Protect the mountain's scenic values.
- Provide public recreational and educational opportunities that are compatible with the protection of natural resources.

### Jan 23: Bill Halliday, HHS Principal.



HHS principal Bill Halliday has a varied career in teaching and school administration. In 2011 he began working in Healdsburg, serving in various capacities, most recently as Healdsburg

Junior High School principal. In his opening remarks, Mr. Halliday stated that of all the schools where he has worked claim to be supported by the community, but Healdsburg schools really mean it.

Mr. Halliday outlined the HHS objectives of Rigor – Relevance – Community.

Rigor: Pushing students to their level of academic discomfort.

Relevance: Preparing students for 21st century careers, college and career ready. Preparing students for careers that do not yet exist.

Community: HHS builds a strong community through programs that build unity amongst the student body.

The HHS Internship Program provides students the opportunity to learn about career pathways. Program preparation begins during the freshman year career and college planning seminars. In the junior year, every student is linked with one of 80 cooperating local businesses. Each student works with their workplace mentor for six days (two days a week for three weeks) on a goal-oriented project that utilizes the student's skills and interests. The program concludes in a student presentation to a panel of local business leaders, HUSD staff and career mentors.

The CASA (Construction and Sustainability) program provides hands on experience for students interested in a career track in the construction industry. Construction Technology classes teach students to safely use and maintain tools, and introduce the basics of plan reading, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting, welding and other basic skills. The companion class in Environmental Science focuses on a science-based approach to green building, teaching students about solar power, energy efficiency and the science behind environmental regulation.

## \$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

Bob Santucci: happy birthday Dad. Happy to again be running for Mr. Healdsburg.

Jerry Strong happy for the excellent Christmas caroling at Healdsburg Senior Living. Sad that Loretta thought they were going to keep him.

Randy Collins sad that he will lose his job as Neal Bertrand's cat sitter since Neal and his cat are moving to San Francisco.

## Redwood Empire Food Bank Work Day Saturday, January 27, 2018

Alex, Emma, Yasmin, Natalie, Lily,  
Lindsey, Angela, Antonio, Mr. B.



Photo by Nancy Arsenault

## Leaving my Kiwanis Pals

email from Neal Bertrand

Hi: Thanks for the, "we miss you card." A series of oral surgeries have kept me from meetings. What's the point, if I can't eat Patty's food?

But to the point, I am moving to the city. You know the deal: half the space for twice the money. So, I'm going through the agony choosing what to take and what to leave behind.

I've had a delightful 10-year stay in Healdsburg; and I'm sorry to leave. I value my friends and the spirited meetings with a great bunch of people. I'll also miss the opportunity to contribute to as worthy Community as Healdsburg. But my family is nervous about my living alone - 70 miles from family. So, it's goodbye and God bless.

Blue skies and green lights, Neal

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## MVP of the Month

November – Liz Bippart  
December – Denny Stead  
January – Harry Jackson