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Club Welcomes Third New Member



President Jan Gianni, Sponsor Patti Robarts, Darlene Prigmore, Membership Chair Loretta Strong

The club welcomed Darlene Prigmore as a new member at her induction ceremony on December 9. Darlene was sponsored by her friend, Patti Robarts. Patti says that Darlene is a great Bocce player. The two first met on the Bocce court at Brutocao winery in Hopland several years ago and have enjoyed playing together since. Darlene is a native of San Francisco and has lived in Cloverdale for the last 12 years. She is a member of the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club but has visited our club a number of times and likes the people and what she sees and hears. Since she dislikes the 7 AM Cloverdale meetings she has decided to join us, although she will also remain on the Cloverdale roster. Darlene is the caregiver for her 97 year old mother.

Another Successful Year for Christmas Tree Lot Sales

The closing of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Christmas Tree lot on December 22 marked the conclusion of another successful season for tree sales. All but about 25 trees out of the total inventory of about 1400 were sold. Gross sales for the season were approximately \$97,000 and the net proceeds, pending receipt of final invoices for expenses, are expected to be about \$40,000.

The success of the tree lot is because of the many hours of hard work by lot managers and other members of the tree lot committee led by Ken Scharer, Chair, as well as all able bodied club members who staffed the lot every day. Special thanks to members of the Cloverdale Club who staffed the lot on one of the busiest days of the season and the Salvation Army men who worked the lot every weekend. A number of Troop 21 Boy Scouts also pitched in.

Calendar

Meeting Dates:

- Jan. 6:** Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Ron Collier - Missing In America Project.
- Jan. 13:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Jaco Grobbelaar - Broad Vision Marketing.
- Jan. 20:** Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Greg Carter - Formula for New Members
- Jan 22:** Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m. Round Table Pizza. **Note date change**
- Jan 27:** Evening Meeting 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex.

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 Dan or Jan Gianni, Co-Presidents at 836-1615, or 431-1650, 536-8286 (cells) or Phil Luks, secretary at 433-8055

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Happy Birthday

Bruce Main—Jan. 1
Ronald Puccioni – Jan. 5
Rich Norgrove – Jan. 8
Dennis Gary – Jan. 9
Arnold Santucci - Jan. 12
Andrew Smith – Jan. 12
Darlene Prigmore – Jan. 28
Rick Wood, Jan. 29

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

James Silveira -1-30-68
John Bippart - 1-4-94
LeRoySteck - 1-4-00
Andrew Smith - 1-4-05

The President’s Message

By Jan Gianni

Happy New Year dear Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Members!

Phew!! We can ALL breathe a sigh of relief that another holiday season and month long Christmas Tree Sales are behind us. I have to say what a “feel good” feeling it is, as a cashier when I watch a local family hit the lot, be greeted by one of our awesome sales folks and have fun choosing their holiday tree. When they hit the trailer with the little ones eyeing the candy canes and tell me a little about how they will decorate their tree, I am reassured that this is a good thing we all do. We will ultimately be serving the community and others as well, in many different ways. Thank you to all club members who worked their shifts and especially to those committee members who put in countless hours many of us do not even realize. Hopefully everyone was able to leave the hard work behind and enjoy the rest of the holidays with friends and family!

What’s ahead for you in 2015? Dan and I plan to continue having more fun with all of you in the New Year, while working hard on all of our annual projects like the Pancake Breakfast, the Memorial Weekend festivities, the Fitch Mountain Footrace, the Brandt’s Beach BBQ and the Golf Tournament too. We are also continuing to bring in “pocket change” for the Project Eliminate Neo-Natal Tetanus program. Thank you all for this generosity!

We ask you for your assistance once again if possible, to continue helping invite guest speakers to our meetings this year. As you know, the attendance at the November evening meeting was considerably up and we hope to see this continue.

Our wishes for all of you are good health, happiness and continued service, as we work together and enjoy good times in 2015!

Jan



Before 11/26/14



After 12/23/14

Board of Directors Meeting

There was no Board of Directors meeting in December.

Meeting Programs

December 2: Margie Pettibone, Catholic Charities

Margie Pettibone, Assistant Director of Advancement of the local Catholic Charities organization presented an overview of the services Catholic Charities provides the community.



Catholic Charities is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving people of all faiths, touching the lives of over 76,000 men, women, and children from Sonoma to the Oregon border with more than 20 different programs of service. The services focus on three areas:

- **Challenging Poverty:** Tonight in our communities more than 7,000 people will be homeless and 136,000 people will go hungry. Basic needs of children and adults in crisis are met and the volunteers help create long-term solutions for stable lives. The 138-bed family support shelter in Santa Rosa provides a warm, stable home for families coming from cars, tents, and crowded motel rooms. Geared to meet the needs of every family member, with a special focus on children, services include case management, employment and housing
- **Caring for Seniors:** By providing loving support for seniors, their caregivers, and their families. Almost 200 people annually are enabled to age gracefully at home rather than in an institution.
- **Counseling Immigrants:** Almost 2,000 people per year are helped with legal resident applications, citizenship classes, and refugee services.

Thanks to www.srcharities.org for the above.

Although affiliated with the Catholic Church, the organization is independent and receives no financial support from the Church. Funding sources include federal and local grants, fee based programs, and donations from individuals and businesses.

December 9: Boy Scout Troop 21 Presentation

Two members of Boy Scout Troop 21 along with Scout Master Doug Price visited our December meeting and in a very well prepared and informative slide presentation,



described the organization and their activities during the past year.

Troop 21 is a very well run and energetic group of young men. Sponsored by Healdsburg Kiwanis, and chartered in 1930 the current membership includes 32 scouts, 6 adult leaders and 6 committee members. The Scouts accumulated a total of 560 community service hours during the past year. There are currently 3 scouts working on their Eagle Scout projects.



Troop 21 Members Henry Dreiling, Cutler Price, Scout Master Doug Price

Henry and Cutler gave us a tag team presentation describing their activities for the past year. Scouting activities focus on three areas: adventure, leadership and community service.

Adventures (partial list):

- Annual 50 miler backpack
- Urban hike in San Francisco
- Camp Rosenberg "Chillin" campout
- Winter camping at Bear Valley including skiing and winter adventures
- Indoor rock climbing
- Backpacking to Devil's Den
- American River rafting
- Summer camp at Wolfboro
- Spelunking at California Caverns
- Mountain Biking at Camp Wente

Leadership:

- Pomo District Camporee
- Design and build float for Twilight Parade – won first place in youth division.
- Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

- Flag Ceremonies
- Advancement and recognition - merit badges, court of honor
- Pioneering campout – building structures
- Eagle Scout awards – Conor McKay in 2014

Community Service:

- Manned the Fitch Mountain Foot Race water station
- Russian River Cleanup
- “Scouting for Food” - collected 900 pounds of food for the food pantry. The cub scouts collected 800 pounds.
- Volunteered at the Redwood Empire Food Bank.
- Camp Rosenberg stewardship
- Helped at the Kiwanis Christmas Tree Lot

December 16: Annual Christmas Celebration

About 84 members and guests attended our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 6. For the occasion, Patti and Friends prepared an outstanding prime rib meal with all the trimmings. The Yorkshire pudding, prepared by Judy Everett was an added touch.



The Kitchen Crew: Patti Robarts, Larry Metzger, Joselyn Hester and Rick Wood flanked by Co-presidents Dan and Jan

The entertainment for the day was provided by Santa Claus himself, aka Dennis Stead. Santa read letters from several members who claimed to have been especially good and deserving of the gifts they were requesting from Santa. Santa had a full bag and, with the assistance of his elves, distributed gifts to a number of the deserving members. The photos on the following page show some of the victims with their gifts.

Following the luncheon, Dan Mariviglia led a number of members in caroling at Healdsburg Senior Living on Grove Street.



The Carolers: Leader Dan Mariviglia, Loretta and Jerry Strong, Dorothy Colloran, Dick Bugarske and Roger Dormire

Two Interclubs Completed in December

Cloverdale: A contingent of 38 Healdsburg Kiwanians and their guests attended the annual Cloverdale Crab Feed on December 6. The event, as always was a very successful money maker for the Cloverdale club. A near sellout crowd of about 350 people attended and ticket sales, and the live and silent auctions raised about \$22,000 for the youth of the community.

San Francisco: Susan Sheehy, Dee Whitehall, Judy Everett, Denny Stead and Neal Bertrand attended the San Francisco Kiwanis club's annual Christmas luncheon held at the Fairmont Hotel on December 9. It was a festive occasion with professional entertainment and amazing raffle prizes from sailing on the bay to gift baskets of chocolates and a large assortment of wines. Susan won two bottles of Coppola wines.



Susan Sheehy, Neal Bertrand, Dee Whitehall, Judy Everett and Denny Stead at the Fairmont



Santa and one of his elves



Some of the diners awaiting lunch



**New outfits for Powerful People
Co-presidents Jan and Dan**



**A directional sign for
John Bippart's Dog**



**New wolf hat to help Dennis
Gary attract a mate**



**A new hat for No. 1 tree
Seller Linda Sharer**



**A new security system for
Arnold Santucci**



**New hair replacement for
Phil Luks to look cool**

Special Birthdays



*Erratum: Missing Photo Caption from
December Newsletter:*

**Dan Mariviglia sings a special happy birthday
to Jan Gianni in Italian**



**All members sing happy birthday to
Neal Bertrand**

\$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

George Clough happy to see Jim Silveira after the 4 months since he purchased a new Buick.

Bob Santucci happy to have helped Jim Schmidt put up the fence decorations at the tree lot and a job well done.

Roger Dormire happy for Ron Puccioni's six days as tree lot manager and LeRoy Stecks numerous shifts as cashier.

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