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Club welcomes Nancy Arsenault



Membership Chair and President for the day Loretta Strong, new member Nancy Arsenault and sponger Randy Collins

Randy Collins had no difficulty in convincing his new neighbor, Nancy Arsenault that she would make an excellent Kiwanis member. Sponsored by Randy, Nancy was inducted into Healdsburg Kiwanis at the beginning of our December 19 meeting before our annual Christmas celebration.

Nancy recently moved to Healdsburg from southern California after retiring from a 35-year teaching career. She is passionate about helping people in need, especially children. She has expressed interest in working with the Key Club.

Welcome Nancy!

Annual Christmas Celebration

About 65 members and guests attended our annual Christmas celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 19th. Patti prepared a special Christmas meal including a choice of prime rib, salmon or Portobello mushrooms plus appetizers, salad, rolls, roasted vegetables, and mashed potatoes. Judy Everett prepared Yorkshire pudding and held the keys to the oven door to prevent Rick from opening it as has happened at past events. Liz Bippart topped off the feast with some delicious eclairs.

Following the meal, Santa appeared for his annual visit. He had a bag full of gifts that he said were chosen for members "deserving to be embarrassed." Photos of the victims with their gifts are shown on pages 5 and 6.



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Calendar

Meeting Dates:

Jan.2: No meeting.

Jan 9: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. – Don Rowberry - Evacuation Sack.

Jan 16: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex – Ted Calvert-Local Author.

Jan 16: Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 p.m. Round Table Pizza.

Jan 23: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex – Bill Halliday, HHS Principal.

Jan 30: Evening Meeting hosted by Patti and Rick at their new digs above the historic Owl Café in Cloverdale, 6:30 p.m.

Other January Dates

Jan 13: DCM at Santa Rosa Salvation Army from 10 AM to noon.

Jan 17: Christmas tree lot planning and decision 2018 meeting. Denny Stead's home.

Save the Date

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

Mar. 25: Healdsburg Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

Apr. 21: Governor's Visit, tentatively planned to be held at

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.

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Happy Birthday

Richard Norgrove – Jan. 8
Arnold Santucci - Jan. 12
Andrew Smith – Jan. 12
Darlene Prigmore – Jan. 28
Rick Wood, Jan. 26

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

John Bippart - 1-4-94
LeRoy Steck - 1-4-00
Andrew Smith - 1-4-05
Terry Kemp – 1-10-17
James Silveira -1-30-68

The President's Message

Hello 2018, Good By 2017

As 2017 comes to a close I can't believe how fast it went by. Where did it go and what the heck happened to it? The old saying is the older one gets that faster the years roll by. For me that is very true. I can't believe that it's not still summer let alone the end of the year.

So many things happened in 2017 with Healdsburg Kiwanis. Randy had a strong group of Buccaneers helping him throughout the year. We started with our annual Pancake Breakfast, participated with Denny's famous corndogs and garlic fries at the FAA fair, moved on to the Footrace, then to our first kid's safety fair and the election of one of our members to Lt. Governor.

We had a significant change this last year with the loss of our Christmas tree lot. That decision was made with some significant thought and a vote of our members. The current position of our club is that we just can't staff it and manage it. Without the revenue from the lot we will need to closely watch our donations back to the community this next year. We have a committee that will be looking at a new model of the tree lot, possibly adding a partner to help manage it.

We welcomed several new members to our club, I am hopeful that we can welcome several more this year. This will take some extra work by all of us. Let's do this together. I'll continue to invite a new person each meeting or pay a \$20 fine. I hope that all of you can do the same. Let's fill the room every Tuesday.

Our next big event is our pancake breakfast. It will be held Sunday March 25th. Get your ticket sales and advertising shoes on and get ready to roll. I'm sure the work schedule will be out soon.

Our next Board meeting we will be looking at several items including the future model of our club and what events and donations that we do and can make going forward. Our next Board meeting will be January 16th, 5:30 at Round Table Pizza. All Board meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 at Round Table in the future.

My resolution for 2018 is to work for you, and with you, the membership, in increasing the visibility of our organization and doing everything possible to grow our membership.

Happy New Year!

Vern



Board of Directors Meeting

There was no Board of Directors meeting in December 2017.

Meeting Programs

December 5: Dick Bugarske - Recreation Park 2020 Vision

Dick reviewed the history of Rec. Park and presented a vision for needed renovation and upgrading at the park, including a list of needs, how to achieve those needs, and possible funding sources.

2020 will be the 100th summer of baseball at Recreation Park. Throughout its history, Rec. Park has been the focal point for local sports in Healdsburg and is considered one of the "Crown Jewels" of Healdsburg.

In the spring of 1921, over 50 volunteers carved out a field from an old quarry, created bleachers, erected a fence and thus created what would become our beloved Rec. Park. Over the years the community rallied to improve the Park; erecting the current stadium in 1923, adding dugouts and more fencing, adding lights in 1949, adding football bleachers, and a snack shack in 1986, and major renovation of the Clarence Ruonavaara Stadium and football booth.

However, once again it is time to bring our community together and extend a helping hand to our "Crown Jewel" and what better time than now so that we can celebrate Rec. Park's 100th season of sports in 2020.

What's needed: (Beginning Partial List)

- Renovation of the Football Bleachers and Concession Stand
- Updated football stadium speakers
- Raised fencing facing University Street
- New playing surface for Art McCaffrey Field
- New goal posts and updated scoreboards
- New baseball dugouts, batting cages and bull pens
- Raised netting behind home plate
- Reconfigure seating outside baseball field
- FFA Fair building upgrades
- Expand and enhance picnic areas

How to make this happen?

- Bring forward the needs to our community.
- Involve all interested groups including the City of Healdsburg, the School District, the Chamber of Commerce, community service organizations (Kiwanis), user groups, Healdsburg Museum

and the Rec. Park Stadium Committee.

- Funding sources to include City Parks Capitol Fund, Community Grant, HTID (Tourism District), service organizations and November 2018 Park Bond.

December 12: Boy Scout Troop 21 year in review

Three members of Boy Scout Troop 21 along with Scout Master Doug Price and Assistant Scout Master Martin Dreiling visited our January 17 meeting. In a very well prepared and informative PowerPoint show, Sam, Nathan and Kevin 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):

- Urban hike in San Francisco – learning to navigate the city
- Camp Rosenberg "Chillin" campout – Chilli cookoff.
- Winter camping at Bear Valley, yes, in the snow, including skiing and winter adventures.
- Rafting on the American River
- "We bike": Mountain biking at Wente.
- Summer camp – one week at Wolfboro in the Sierra.
- Mt. Tamaulipas 50 miler practice.
- Annual 50 miler (+) Kings Canyon, Mt. Elizabeth, Elevation 11375.

Leadership:

- Pomo District Camporee at Lake Sonoma.
- Best Pancake Breakfast in town
- Annual Pioneering campout

Community Service:

- Manned water stations for the Fitch Mountain Foot Race and Gut Buster.
- Russian River Cleanup.
- Volunteered at the Redwood Empire Food Bank and Healdsburg Food Pantry.
- Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Kiwanis Christmas Tree Lot.
- Rotary Crab Feed.
- Friends of the library book sale
- Made and distributed 1800 sifting boxes for fire victims.

What's Next?

- Troop 21 alumni project

- Clary Hall improvements
- More scouts in 2017
- More leadership
- More adventures

Following the scout's presentation, President Vern presented a check for \$5000, supporting Troop 21 from Fred and Evalyn Vellutini, visiting from Santa Cruz. The Vellutinis are former residents of Healdsburg and have a long family connection in the area. Evalyn's father, Al Hubbard was president of Healdsburg Kiwanis in 1950.



Sam, Nathan and Kevin accept the \$5000 check for Troop 21



Key clubbers Ethan Daniel and Liam Lopez delivering 60 gifts to The Salvation Army Angel Tree

Kitchen help recognized



Patti's helper Juanita Hernandez receives Certificate of Appreciation

Juanita has been cheerfully helping Patti in the kitchen for 12 years.

Interclubs



The Healdsburg Kiwanis group attending the annual San Francisco Kiwanis party at the Fairmont Hotel

Santa's gifts for those deserving to be embarrassed



Santa brought Patti clown pants to help her always look happy



Arnold Santicci gets a superhero outfit recognizing his 50-year newspaper career and remembering Gotham City



Brian Wells accepts the missing Rowdy Yates' classy hat with moose antlers



Santa brought Cindi Brown a costume for hosting ladies night



Dick Bugarske receives a Trump doll to help with the final thought for the day



Jan Gianni's gift is an outfit for making whoopie in the Shower



Susan Sheehy gets a pair of elf feet to keep up with her grandchildren



Terry Kemp as Lt. Governor, must deal with some turkeys. Santa brought a turkey hat to show who is boss



Roger Dorimire is outfitted to deal with tough guys



Jerry Strong gets a top hat honoring marrying a woman half his age.



Judy Everette accepts Rita's gift – a red bow for women with blond hair



Randy Collins receives a potty piano to make the best use of his time

In Memory of our missing members

We lost three valued members in 2017
May they rest in peace



Kurt Hahn

August 5, 1938 – April 7, 2017

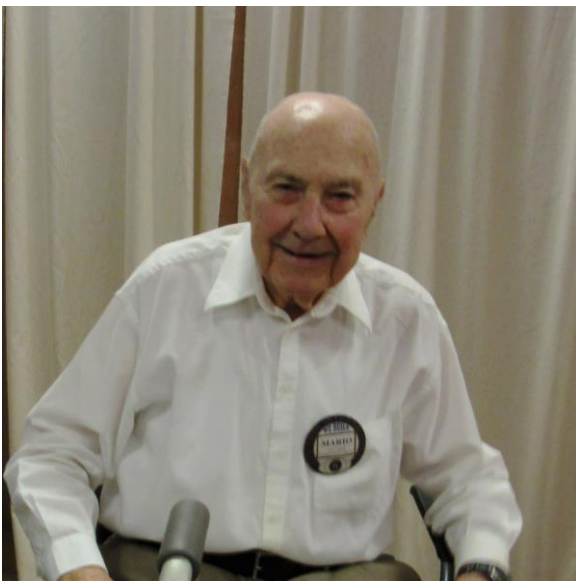
Served the community in many ways.



Dolores (Dee) Whitehall

July 21, 1934 – May 26, 2017

Proud to be the first woman member of our club.



Mario Lucchesi

February 1, 1918 – April 18, 2017

A former bootlegger. Remembered for his sharp wit and good humor.

\$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

Sadly, two of our members lost their Santa Rosa homes during the October firestorm: Kathy Burgess and Jim Silveira.

Rita Loskill and Cindy Schwartz happy to have participated in the third-grade dictionary distribution – a very rewarding experience.

Roger Dormire happy that he has never seen one of the third-grade dictionaries show up at the library used books sale.

Dick Bugarske happy that many Key Club kids still talk about receiving the dictionaries in third grade.

Kathy Burgess happy to be back and to thank everyone for their support following the loss of her home in the firestorm.

Jim Schmidt happy that his friend Dale will be joining the club.

Susan Sheehy happy for the enjoyable San Francisco interclub at the Fairmont. The group also visited the Japanese/American Military Intelligence museum after the luncheon.

Postcards

Richard Thomas – Australia

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