61th annual Healdsburg Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

The 61th annual Healdsburg Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast was held on Palm Sunday, April 9 at the Villa Chanticleer. Over 400 hungry people enjoyed all-you-can-eat pancakes with real maple syrup, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee.

This year’s event chair was vice president Vern Losh, who was assisted by his committee members and a crew of many mixers, cooks and servers working in three shifts. Also, pitching in were Key Club members and Boy Scout Troop 21. In Vern’s words: “everything went “like a well-oiled machine”.

Dick Bugarske again chaired the advertising effort assisted by a crew soliciting advertising from local businesses. In addition to ticket sales, the advertising is a major source of income. The crew sold newspaper advertisements appearing in a two-page spread in the Healdsburg Tribune to 77 local businesses and other groups or individuals. This effort alone is estimated to net over $4000.

The club very much appreciates this enthusiastic public support and members are encouraged to support these local businesses and say thank you.

The pancake breakfast is one of our major fund raisers. Total proceeds from the event are unavailable but an estimate will be available for next month’s newsletter.

This year, raffle tickets were sold at the door for a 50/50 raffle where the holder of the winning ticket would win 50% of the total jackpot with the remaining supplementing the pancake breakfast proceeds. The total jackpot was $462 and the winner generously donated her half back to the club.

More photos on page 7.

Calendar
Meeting Dates:
May 9: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Chester Santos, “The International Man of Memory”.
May 16: Evening Meeting at Villa Annex. 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting.
May 18: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Round Table Pizza.
May 30: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. -- Glen Weaver, Director - Free Bookmobile of Sonoma County.

Other May Dates
May 25: FFA Parade
May 25-27: FFA Fair
Save the Date
Jun 11: Fitch Mountain Foot Race
Aug. 26: Brandt’s Beach BBQ
The President’s Message

In the 16 years that I have been a Kiwanian, it is hard to remember a sadder month than the one we have just completed. I am of course referring to the passing of two long time members; Kurt Hahn and Mario Lucchesi. They were very unique individuals with a quality of their own and led remarkable lives while sharing a common belief; to improve the communities they lived in by serving this club. With a background as a bootlegger, a sharp wit, good humor and an ability to speak from the heart more effectively than just about anyone I have known, what was there not to like about Mario? Kurt on the other hand as a lifelong public employee truly knew the meaning of Public Service which was reflected by his close to 50 years as a Kiwanian including President of our Club.

However, there is another message that should not go unnoticed which are the changes that occur to our club with the passing of these members. In addition to losing a bit of the great and unique personalities each brought, we also lose those members who helped us with the activities we do in the community. This should serve as a clear reminder that as we think of the future of our club, it leaves us with one of three options: (1) each of us do more work to take up the slack, (2) we reduce the number of activities we conduct or (3) we recruit more members. I don’t know about the rest of you, but I certainly have enough going on in my life and am therefore not too enthusiastic about option one. In terms of reducing the activities we perform, I have heard this discussed many times before and in every case, the result was an overwhelming “no” by our membership. That leaves option 3 as the most logical. To that end, as your President I am going conclude this message and use it as a bully-pulpit to challenge each and every one of you to bring a friend, guest, acquaintance, co-worker, relative (or even a Rotarian??) to an upcoming meeting to introduce them to Kiwanis and the possibility of becoming a member. Some of you might remember that last October in my first message I referenced the ancient quote by the Greek Philosopher Heraclitus “The only constant is change itself”. Well the change has arrived and it is time to act.

Randy

The Builder

Harry Jackson, Editor
Kelly Blanchard, Facebook
Arnold Santucci, Sr. Advisor
Richard Iverson, Member

Happy Birthday

Brian Wells- May 2
Jason Boaz – May 2
Jim Silveira – May 10
Bob Santucci – May 19

Kiwanis Anniversaries
Congratualtions to the following members who joined the Kiwanis Club during the month of May
Rita Loskill: 5-3-16
Lindsay Wurlitzer: 5-15-79
George Diebold: 5-25-04
Don Marshall: 5-14-04
Richard Norman: 5-25-04
Loretta Strong: 5-16-06

Thanks to our resident craftsman Jim Schmidt, who deplored the condition of our old fine box and crafted this new one of fine quality walnut. Note the Kiwanis logo engraved in the top.

Denny Stead gets Pie’d to raise money for the Cloverdale Key Club

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Healdsburg Kiwanis losses two of its own in April

Kurt Hahn August 5, 1938 – April 7, 2017

We mourn the passing of Kurt Hahn on Saturday, April 7 in Folsom. We hold Joandell and her family in our thoughts and prayers and fondly remember Kurt, a member of our Club for 39 years, serving as president in 1993.

Rest in peace Kurt!

Kurt and his family settled in Healdsburg in 1997. His contributions to the community were many, including 22 years as head of the City’s finance director where he was instrumental in creation of the redevelopment agency. Later, he served as hospital director and financial adviser and was instrumental in keeping Healdsburg Hospital open.

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 April 2017:

Grant requests
- Boy Scout Troop 21 - $3,500.
- Graduation Celebration - $1,200 to cover transportation.
- HES Library Learning Commons - $1,000.
- PSST - $2,263.
- The Healdsburg Science Fair request was deferred.

Mario Lucchesi February 1, 1918 – April 18, 2017

Mario joined our club on his birthday, February 1, 2000 and was a regular attendee until about a year ago when the infirmities of advanced age kept him home. We will remember Mario for his sharp wit and good humor. The above photo was taken on his 97th birthday when he asked everyone over 97 to sing a special happy birthday song to him. With no one else responding, he sang by himself.

Ciao Mario!

Mario had a full, eventful life. He first visited Healdsburg as a young boy with his bootlegger uncle to pick up wine. He attended UC Berkeley and served in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps during World War II.

Money Matters
- Administrative Fund – The new option to pay dues by credit card has been well received. In addition to convenience for members, the club saves expense on envelopes and stamps.
- Project Fund – the fund balance is $52,847; the Christmas tree lot fund has a $47,435 balance.

President’s Report
- A copy of the current club by-laws with alterations by Randy was given to board members. Randy’s intention is to update and formally approve the amended by-laws.
- Kids Safety Day – The best date for this event will be September 23, 2017. The Fire Department, CHP, Save Life Sonoma, Red Cross, Healdsburg Police, and City of
Healdsburg have agreed to participate at no cost. The Bike Coalition charge is $2,600. Randy will ask them to work with us and determine what they can do with $1,800.

Other Business

- Christmas Tree Lot issues: So far there has been no response from the city regarding the conversion to a parking lot (how? when? cost?). The Board approved a set aside of $25,000 from the project fund for potential modification work cost.
- Scholarship: There are sixteen applicants this year. Four of the most outstanding students will receive $1,500 each and twelve will receive $1,000 each. The funding will be provided by $9,878 from the Scholarship Endowment and $8,122 from the Project Fund, for a total of $18,000.
- Terry Kemp will be installed as Lt. Governor on August 22nd at the evening meeting. Thirteen clubs from our division will be invited to attend and support Terry in her new effort.
- Brian Wells’ request for LOA status during an extended vacation was approved.
- Rhonda Stengl will be asked her reasons for requesting LOA status.

Meeting Programs

April 4: Greta Mesics - Library Learning Commons-HES/HCS

Greta Mesics, the Healdsburg Elementary School Librarian, spoke passionately about her job and the present-day approach to reaching kids and encouraging reading at the library. Interestingly she said that the children who visit her library are less interested in iPads than in hard paper books.

Greta introduced Curio the Owl who is wise, but cannot read. He listens attentively as the children read to him. Curio’s quiet, nonjudgmental attention helps the children gain confidence and improve their reading skills.

Who? Who? He always has a question

In appealing for our club’s support, Greta offered the following:

- What will funds be spent on? Books and/or author visits.
- How will the funding be spent? Very thoughtfully and carefully. I am not asking for a simple check for me to use, but for funding a very specific purpose: Junior Library Guild (JLG) and/or author visits.

The JLG is a book review and collection development service that helps schools and public libraries acquire the best new children’s and young adult books, saving them both time and money.

April 11: Kim Thompson – HHS Greyhound Boosters – a 42-year success story

Kim Thompson, President of the HHS Boosters described the history and mission of the HHS Boosters. Boosters was incorporated in 1975 in response to the need for funds for sports programs at Healdsburg High School due to declining property tax revenue after the passage of Proposition 13.

Unfortunately, HSUD only contributes about half of the total athletic budget. The Boosters supplement athletic programs for all 17 athletic teams, boys and girls, including the cheerleader team equally. Example: 500 student athletes compete in the 17 programs. Available funds, say $50,000, divided by 500 = $100 per athlete. If girls’ basketball has 40 players the team would receive $4,000.

Main Booster fundraisers include:

- Membership drive
- Golf tournament
- Snack shack revenue
Kim thanked our club for our $4000 donation used for purchasing a large container and shelving for storage of supplies. Since all funds raised by the Boosters must be applied directly to athletic programs, this donation fills an important need and is especially appreciated.

Kim Thompson accepts a check for $4000 from Dick Bugarske and Randy Collins

April 18: Joaquin Blanco - Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF)

Joaquin Blanco, Executive Director of HEF described the who, what and why of the foundation. HEF is the fund-raising arm of the Healdsburg Unified School District and strives to deliver an excellent 21st century education experience.

HEF serves approximately 1,680 K-12th grade Healdsburg public school students and funds programs that generate strong learning outcomes, reduce the achievement gap and increase graduation rates.

http://healdsburgeducationfoundation.com/

The funding application for the HUSD 2016-17 school year is as follows:

- Technology surge: $133,120
- College and Career Readiness: $81,000
- Accelerated English: $100,000
- Instructional Coaching: $18,700
- Total: $332,820

The HEF fund raising goals for 2016-17 are as follows:

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April 25: Evening meeting - Jeff Davidson - Walking Across Spain.

Jeff’s presentation was a very interesting description of his trek along the Camino de Santiago. The "Camino de Santiago" or "The Way of St. James" was one of the most important Christian pilgrimages during the Middle Ages, together with those to Rome and Jerusalem, and a pilgrimage route on which a plenary indulgence could be earned.

The 500-mile journey started in St. Jean, France, a community in the Pyrenees foothills, crossed the Pyrenees Mountains into Spain and continued across northern Spain to the city of Santiago de Compostela. An avid hiker, Jeff’s interests were not religious, but were focused on the historic, cultural and architectural features of the area – and the adventure.

Jeff set a goal of 20 miles per day and completed the trip in 26 totally enjoyable days.

Interclubs

Terry Kemp, Randy Collins, Liz Bippart and John Bippart at the Santa Rosa on April 7.

John Bippart, Jerry Strong and Susan Sheehy visited Oakmont on April 27.

A Work Day at the Cemetery

As part of the ongoing clean-up and restoration of the historic, non-endowed section of
Oak Mound Cemetery sponsored by the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society, our club has volunteered to take on the ongoing maintenance of an assigned portion of the historic section.

On Saturday, April 29 a hardy crew of 8 Kiwanians, acting as Museum volunteers, spent the morning grass and weed whacking, raking, and performing other necessary maintenance.

Not shown, but also working: Rita Loskill, Brian Wells and Randy Collins

Buccaneer of the Month

The Buccaneer of the Month was born 90 years ago in Long Beach and spent his early years in San Pedro, CA. His father was a car salesman and owner of a car dealership. Our Buccaneer is a graduate of UC Davis majoring in animal husbandry. He was a partner in an auto dealership and later opened a hardware store in Healdsburg. His favorite pastime is eating.

Who is he?
2017 Pancake Breakfast Photos

Rick tends the sausage

Liz, Judy & Rita flip

Ticket sellers Rich and Lockie

Hunt tends the eggs

Incoming Key Club Co-President Emma Tremont pitches in

The serving line

Mixing the batter

Susan offers orange juice

Rick shows off the product
$$ Happy/Sad $$

John Bippart very happy for the Tar Heels win.
Jim Schmidt sad for Gonzaga
Dick Bugarske happy/sad for his sons. One attended NC and the other Gonzaga.
Rich Iverson happy the days of piracy are back (after being installed as Buccaneer of the Month).
Susan Sheehy happy to be seeing clearly.
Rick Wood happy Patti is on a cruise to Mexico.
Terry Kemp happy for Darlene’s mom attending the evening meeting and for her upcoming 99th birthday.

Post Cards

Judy Everett – Dali Museum, Tampa Florida.
Cindy Schwartz – Sedona.
(No postcard, voluntarily paid $1 fine).
Neal Bertrand – Nice, France.