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## Calendar

Nov. 6: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. General Andy Gross

Nov. 13: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Chris Vanden Heuval, Principal of Healdsburg High School

Nov. 15: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. Conference Room at Healdsburg Fire Station.

Nov. 20: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Ben Taylor and Creighton White, Santa Rosa Symphony

Nov. 27: Evening Meeting 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex. Lorraine Plass – Legislative updates

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. For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact Loretta Strong, President at 433-8033 or Phil Luks, secretary at 433-8055

## Four New Members Inducted



**Top Photo:** Shown during the October 23 induction Ceremony are Membership Chair Jan Gianni, President Loretta Strong, Inductees Steve Tice, Sher Tice, and Rick Wood and Sponsor Patti Roberts  
**Bottom Photo:** At the October 30 Ceremony are Loretta Strong, Jan Gianni, Inductee Steve Jones Between His Sponsors, Bob Santucci and Randy Collins

With the induction of the four new members shown above during the October 23 and 30 induction ceremonies, President Loretta Strong's goal for increasing club membership by 15 percent is well on its way. The club now has five married couples on the roster. Steve and Sher Tice and Rick and Patti join the Strong's, the Gianni's and the Dolby's. Steve Tice was a former member of the Healdsburg club and is a former president of both the Cloverdale and Healdsburg Clubs. Sher is well known to club members being one of the "Friends" of Patti and Friends, our caterer. Steve Jones is recently retired following a 48 year career in broadcast television in a number of major cities ending in San Francisco.

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### OFFICERS 2012 – 2013

Loretta Strong, President  
Richard Burgarske, President Elect  
Phil Luks, Secretary  
Albert(Pete) Peterson, Treasurer  
Hunt Conrad, Immediate Past  
President

### Board of Directors

Dan Gianni  
Jan Gianni  
Ron Puccioni  
Susan Sheehy  
Jerry Strong  
Dee Whitehall  
Richard Yates  
Mark Zimmerman

### Memorial Scholarship Board of Directors

John (Jack) Brant  
Hunt Conrad  
Guy French  
Dan Maraviglia  
Charles Reichel  
Ken Scharer  
Dennis Stead

### The Builder

Harry Jackson, Editor  
Arnold Santucci, Sr. Advisor  
Richard Iverson, Member  
June Smith, Member

### Happy Birthday

Jack Brandt – Nov. 1  
Richard Bugarske – Nov. 2  
Richard Iverson – Nov. 2  
Jan Gianni – Nov. 7  
Joe Engler – Nov. 9  
Jerry Strong – Nov. 10  
Hunt Conrad – Nov. 14  
Loretta Strong – Nov. 22  
Neal Bertrand – Nov. 23  
Dan Maraviglia – Nov. 28  
Jim Colgan – Nov. 30

### Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

Phil Rice: 11-27-79  
Lee Gunnerson: 11-14-91  
Dennis Gary: 11-7-95  
Dan Gianni: 11-26-96  
Neal Bertrand: 11-8-07  
Ron Doble: 11-13-07  
Ron Puccioni: 11-16-10  
Jesse Whitely: 11-16-10

### The President's Message:

By Loretta Strong

Greetings to all Kiwanians!

Welcome to the first edition of the Harry Jackson Kiwanis Newsletter! We are all very grateful to Harry for accepting this challenge and to Dick Bugarske for supervising the transition. Once again, we thank and congratulate Arnold Santucci for his years of stewardship of our award-winning newsletter.

As you read this we are well on our way into fall 2012 and some of our most important activities. If you did not attend our recent meeting please go to our website where Dick has posted the sign-up roster for the Christmas Tree Lot. Per usual, we are asking that each able bodied member sign up for three (3) shifts. This activity requires a lot of man power and girl power too!! This is the perfect activity for all newer members to the Club who may not have participated before.

Speaking of new members, congratulations and welcome to Rick Wood, Steve and Sher Tice and Steve Jones! This brings our total to 84 and we are expecting to install two more in November. My goal is 12 new members but we will exceed that I believe when we do our 2nd membership drive in early 2013. We are also doing very well to collect "spare change for "Project Eliminate" which now totals over \$500. My stated goal was \$3,000 which is quickly coming into view. Thank you for your help and support with this initiative.

This Friday, November 2nd is the 3rd Grade Dictionary hand out at Fitch Mountain Elementary School. If you are available please call Denny Stead and give him a hand. Also you can help out in a big way on Nov. 17th when Ken Scharer and gang will be setting up the Christmas Tree Lot. Contact Ken for further details.

We have some great speakers lined up for November so please come to hear them all!

Thank you! Loretta

### Club Receives Community Partner of the Year Award from Salvation Army

Loretta and Jerry strong attended the recent Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center Alumni dinner at the Lytton Springs facility. Loretta accepted the ARC "Partner of the Year Award on behalf of Kiwanis and expressed sincere appreciation for the mutually beneficial relationship. The ARC men provide invaluable help with Kiwanis projects including the Christmas Tree Lot, Pancake Breakfast and the Fitch Mountain Foot Race. These projects would be very difficult to carry out without their assistance.





## Arnold Santucci Retires as Club Newsletter Editor



### Arnold Santucci Receives "Go-Getter Award from President Loretta Strong

At the October 16th meeting, Arnold Santucci was awarded the October "Go Getter" award from President Loretta Strong. Arnold is retiring from his 14 year chairmanship of editor and publisher of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Newsletter "The Builder". Harry Jackson has stepped up to take over the job and carry on the great tradition of the acclaimed Club newsletter.

In the year 2000, at the suggestion of then President John Bippart, Arnold took on the task of improving the newsletter that was then a single sheet containing little more than meeting minutes to what we see today. Shortly after Arnold took charge, the club received the National Kiwanis Best Newsletter Award.

## Three Grant Requests Approved by the Board and One Tabled

A matching \$2,500 grant was awarded by the Board of Directors to the Healdsburg High School Wrestling Program to purchase a 42' x 42' wrestling mat. The cost is about \$9,000 and the Program has earned \$4,500 through fund raising efforts.

A matching \$750 grant was awarded to the H-Town Theater for the Raven Theater rental fees.

A grant request from the Healdsburg Regional Library was tabled for the second time pending

information that our grant would be devoted exclusively to youth books and related items.

In other action the current \$28,000 Christmas Tree Lot Reserve was approved to be increased to \$30,000 as of January 2013. We spend nearly \$30,000 each year purchasing trees, wreaths, tree stands and related items before we sell a single tree. The increased reserve amount will help lessen the annual stress of the Club Treasurer and Tree Lot Committee in setting up the Tree Lot.

These Members were granted Administrative Leaves of Absence commencing on Oct.1, 2012: Jeff DeZurik - three months; Bruce Main - six months; and Chris Metrulas - six months.

Judy Everett's request was approved to change from Associate Member to Regular Member status commencing Oct.1, 2012.

The Healdsburg Girl Scout Troop 10389 will be approached to determine if our Club can provide similar program help that we provide to Healdsburg Boy Scout Troop 21.

The following were approved for membership and will be inducted into the Club as new members soon: Rick Wood, Sher Tice; Steve Tice, Steve Jones Sharon Gallagher; and Laura Mack.

## DCM Meeting

Dennis Stead attended the Kiwanis Division Council Meeting (DCM) in Lakeport on September 29, 2012 with 32 in attendance representing the various clubs in the District. Dennis reported a very interesting and informative meeting.

The Key Leader program will be held on April 26, 27, and 28, 2013. This program sponsored by Kiwanis International teaches leadership skill to high school students. The cost is \$175 per student.

The Lieutenant Governor's Budget for 2013 is \$11,078 which amounts to \$18 per club member.

The 2016 International Convention will be held in June in Vancouver BC. Club officers and members are encouraged to attend.

## John Bippart Presented Award

Dan Maraviglia presented John Bippart an award and thank you for being a member of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Scholarship Board. John served 8 years on the Board and has seen the Scholarship fund grow to over \$250,000. The fund is a primary source for scholarships to our local Healdsburg High School Seniors each May.



**John Bippart Receives Award for Scholarship Board Service from Dan Maraviglia**

President Strong added that there may be opportunities for our Club to work on local events together. Our Club is a member of the Chamber and recently had a number of Kiwanis Club members on the Chamber Board. Our own Dan Maraviglia is slated to take over as Chamber President during the next term.

### **Tree Lot Preparation Underway**

Ken Sharer, Christmas Tree Lot Chair reports that a total of 1260 Christmas trees have been ordered and the first shipment should arrive during the week before Thanksgiving. The committee decided to order the same number of trees as last year since nearly all of the trees were sold. Only about twenty small poor quality trees were left for the shredder.

Lot setup day will be Saturday November 17 with all members encouraged to help. The lot will open the day after Thanksgiving, November 23 and will be open until December 24 or until all trees are sold

New signs to identify the tree rows, tree stands and wreaths to replace the badly deteriorated old signs are being made by Jim Schmidt assisted by an able crew of painter elves.



**Carla Howell is seen with President Loretta Strong after speaking at our October 16th meeting.**

Carla is the new Interim Director of the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce. She is a long-time Healdsburg resident, former City Councilperson, former Mayor and local business owner. She spoke about past, present and future aspects of the Chamber and answered a number of questions posed by members.



**George Clough Painting the New Tree Row Identification Signs**

### **Dictionaries Arrive for First Book Project**

A total of 186 dictionaries for the first book project have been delivered and distribution to every third grader in local elementary schools will commence on November 2 starting at Fitch Mountain Elementary



School. Other schools are St. Johns, Alexander Valley, West Side and the Healdsburg School.

### **Volunteers Sought for Presents Project**

Over the past thirteen years our community has united to ensure that local families share in the joy of the holiday season. Once again Presents Project/Adopt-a-Family, under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club will bring holiday gifts to many families in need in our own backyard. The organization works with the Healdsburg School District, 4 C's Daycare, Fitch Mountain State Preschool, Alliance Medical Center and the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club to bring comfort and joy to these family's often stressful lives. The Project's aim is to make sure that families with children not only receive needed items but also gifts from a personal wish list.

Volunteers to wrap gifts will be needed on December 15 at 9:00 in the morning at the Boys and Girls Club. The coordinators thank the Kiwanis for help and support in the past, and look forward to Kiwanis participation on Presents Project Day.

Our 2012-2013 Presents Project committee includes: Richard Iverson, Chair, Arnold Santucci, Carl Elze, Dee Whitehall, Roger Dormire, Judy Everett and Jim Schmidt. Judy Douglass 431-2385 of the Adopt a Family program is coordinating the effort.

### **Fitch Mountain Day Camp Needs Equipment**

The Board of Directors recently approved a grant of \$1500 to the Fitch Mountain Day Camp to be used for purchase of a computer, camera chips playfield equipment and camperships. Donations of new or used playfield equipment are being sought to offset some of the costs which can then be applied to the camperships. Equipment needed include soccer balls, basket balls, tennis balls, footballs, and plastic play yard balls as well as furniture – child size chairs, and table games such as air hockey. George Cough is coordinating the equipment donations.

### **Happy/Sad**

Guy French happy to report a successful fishing trip with Hunt after being skunked during previous trips.

Dan Maraviglia happy for the Giants World Series victory contrasted to his memory of the year that he sold soda at Candlestick Park when the Giants lost 100 games.

Carl Elze happy to announce the birth of a new great granddaughter and a new great grand niece born a few days later.

Harry Jackson uncertain happy or sad because Arnold's work on the newsletter will be a very hard act to follow.

### **Cloverdale Kiwanis Crab Feed Rapidly Approaching**

The annual Cloverdale crab feed will be held on December 1. A large contingent of Healdsburg club members usually attend. Reservations should be made soon – contact Dennis Stead.

### **Editor's Note**

It is a great honor to follow in the footsteps of Arnold Santucci in the production of this newsletter. At the same time I feel especially challenged to live up to the standards that Arnold has established and will appreciate any help. Thanks to Arnold and Dick Bugarske for their assistance during the transition.

With this issue, members with email addresses will receive a pdf file containing the newsletter as well as a paper copy delivered the regular way by US mail. In the future members will have the option of receiving their newsletter by email only. This would result in savings in printing and mailing costs. HJ





**Good Witch Patti Prepares Snack Table for October 23 PM Meeting**



**Jerry Strong and Roger Dormire Sing a Special Happy Birthday to Dan Gianni ala Mario Lanza**

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