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Mark Klaas Talks about KLASS KIDS



Co-Presidents Dan and Jan thank Mark Klass for his visit and very informative presentation

In a very informative presentation, Mark Klaas spoke at our October 21 meeting about the many programs provided by the KLASS KIDS Foundation to support families of missing children and stop crimes against children.

“The KlaasKids Foundation was established in 1994 to give meaning to the death of my twelve-year-old daughter kidnap and murder victim Polly Hannah Klaas and to create a legacy in her name that would be protective of children for generations to come. The Foundation’s mission is to stop crimes against children.” The mission “can best be accomplished by focusing on three primary goals: increased awareness and education; collaborative partnerships; and criminal justice legislative reform.” KLASS KIDS programs are summarized below:



- The KlaasKids Website: <http://klaaskids.org> The Internet's premiere Megan's Law resource. Other resources include Amber Alert comparative analysis; missing child action plan; comprehensive child safety information; and links to other relevant child safety resources. Also a separate Spanish language website klaaskidsespanol.org.
- The Print-A-Thon: Enables the Foundation to serve and educate families and children throughout America.
- Free Take-Home Child identification Packets available through the KlaasKids Website.

Calendar

Meeting Dates:

Nov. 4: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. Tim Oxford, Santa Tim

Nov.11: Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Richard Kagel. Clean Water in Guinea-Bissau

Nov, 18: Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex. - Cherice Gilliam & John Sullivan, Project Eliminate Coordinators

Nov, 20: Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m. Round Table Pizza

Nov 25: (Evening Meeting). 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex. Gino Whitehall to discuss San Quentin

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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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

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

The President's Message

By Jan Gianni

Are we having fun yet?? As you all heard on our Installation evening, we want everyone to "Enjoy Yourselves" more than ever this year. Dan and I are feeling good and really are having fun! There are a few "**FIRSTS**" already this year....

We have enjoyed our **first** field-trip to the Salvation Army and had a delicious lunch and an incredibly inspiring testimonial from one of the residents.

Our club had the **first** visitors from other clubs at our October 21 lunch meeting. There were (9) from the Cloverdale Club and (5) from the Windsor Club) to listen to our guest speaker, Marc Klaas with the Klaas Kid's Foundation and discover how we can help this important cause.

Another **first** was the cancellation of one of our meetings! WHO KNEW back when that our San Francisco Giants would be headed into the World Series on the evening meeting date. For concern that attendance might reach an all-time low, we canceled the panel discussion scheduled for the Healdsburg City Council Candidates. As Dick Bugarske wrote in the cancellation E-blast, this was a GIANT decision! But, a wise decision. As I write this the Giants are headed into Game 6....this COULD be IT... Go Giants!!!

How about our **first** new club members in this presidential year, about to be inducted?? Hooray for the addition to our club, next week at our November 4 meeting, of Beverlee Laird and Cindy Schwartz! We welcome these great and energetic ladies.

Our **first** board meeting of the year was held on Thursday, October 16. Thanks to the newest board members (Chase Conley, Debi Doble, George Diebold, Rick Norman and Andy Smith who joined us during the Giants play-offs night for this meeting.

Let's continue to work hard and have lots of fun! Happy Halloween everyone.

Board of Directors October Summary

From minutes provided by Phil Luks

The following are actions taken and items discussed during the Board meeting on Thursday October 16, 2014:

No grant requests were approved in October.

Other expenditures:

- Labels for the third grade dictionaries - \$79

Administrative Fund Financials:

- The year-end Admin Fund totals representing the whole fiscal year were approximately \$16,000 in 2013 and \$25,000 in 2014.
- Approved Admin. Treasurer's request to pay our crime insurance premium covering potential fraud and embezzlement issues.
- The KI and District 32 yearly dues, at \$66.00 per member for are coming due shortly, and with 82 members at the year-end date, will total \$8,938.
- A "dues payment request" letter from the Kiwanis Family House was discussed. The sense of the Board was that while the Club is a firm supporter of the Family House, and has periodically made grants, the Club should not agree to pay dues, since that could have the effect of committing future Boards.
- A recent requested to contribute \$160 to help decorate the Kiwanis float at the Rose Bowl parade was rejected.

In other action:

- Approved two new members to be installed in November: Cindy Schwartz (regular) and Beverlee Laird (Associate).
- Approved Rick Anixter's request to change his membership from Associate to Regular.
- Accepted the resignation of Chris Metrulas with sadness
- Discussed the potential for the Club to organize and carry out a fall bike ride. The sense of the Board was one of caution, in light of the huge amount of effort to put on such a complicated undertaking.

Meeting Programs

September 30: Beatrice Bostick (CEO Alliance Medical Center) and Nancy Schmid (CEO Healdsburg District Hospital).

Ray Holley of Alliance Medical Center Community Relations introduced our speakers on September 30 who discussed the



future of healthcare in the north county.

Alliance Medical Center and Healdsburg District Hospital are "partners in health", aligning their missions to serve families, children and businesses.

Alliance Medical Center is the safety net for community healthcare. More than half of the patients receive government assistance with their healthcare costs. Without Alliance, the only access to healthcare for thousands of families would be the emergency room at the local hospital, a costly alternative for both the family and the community. Alliance provides primary medical and dental care within a broad array of services that help patients live healthier lives.

Alliance serves over 13,000 patients per year, 20% of whom are uninsured. The patient load has increased by about 1000 this year as a result of the Affordable Care Act. Alliance is expanding their services to meet this need, including expanded dental services, new examining rooms and an in-house pharmacy.

Healdsburg District Hospital serves as the first-line inpatient, outpatient, and emergency care facility for the 60,000 residents of Healdsburg, Windsor, Geyserville, Cloverdale and the surrounding area. As a nonprofit, district hospital, HDH's sole mission is delivering the best medical and surgical services possible to patients.

Distance and time can make a difference in emergency situations and having HDH is a valuable community asset to meet this need. HDH strives to survive in difficult economic conditions by technology improvements, improved billing efficiency and stanch community support.

October 7, Marianne McBride, President and CEO, Council on Aging

The Mission of the Council on Aging is "To enhance the quality of life for our aging community by providing services that promote well-being and maintain independence."



Marianne McBride, spoke of the functions of the COA and the many programs provided for the elderly members of the community. There are over 100,000 seniors (Over 60 years) in Sonoma County, 28% of whom are below the poverty level. For any issue involving senior needs for assistance, the COA is the first and frequently the only call to make. The Call Manager of the Day will provide information & assistance and is available to answer questions and provide referrals by telephone.

The COA programs and services include:

- Social Services - Senior Social Club, care management and coordination, peer support and the Family Justice Center.
- Financial Services - daily money management, conservatorships and trusts.
- Legal Services – consulting, estate planning and lawyer referral.
- Nutrition – Meals on Wheels, dining sites, therapeutic meals.

The COA is partially funded by the Older Americans Act but over 50% of the annual budget is funded by private donations.

October 14: Special Meeting at the Salvation Army ARC, Lytton Springs.

Our October 14 meeting was held at the Salvation Army Rehabilitation Center (ARC), Lytton Springs at the invitation of Lt. Joe Alvarez.



Club members enjoy lunch prepared in the ARC kitchen

At the ARC, up to 100 men at a time commit to the six month program and work their way through the program by a rigorous combination of work therapy – helping in the daily operations of the center and the family store recycling program – and counseling, Bible Study, anger management classes, chapel services and more. They also learn how to have fun again without resorting to alcohol or other illegal substances.

The speaker of the day was one of the success stories at ARC. Scott, in his very moving and inspirational testimony, described his journey from rock bottom to the road to recovery. Scott's first taste of alcohol was at age 4 and by age 14 he was a daily drinker. At first it was fun, but the fun soon turned to the many problems that he discussed. During his early adult life he became

progressively more depressed and he described his situation as being depressed, hopeless and completely broken.

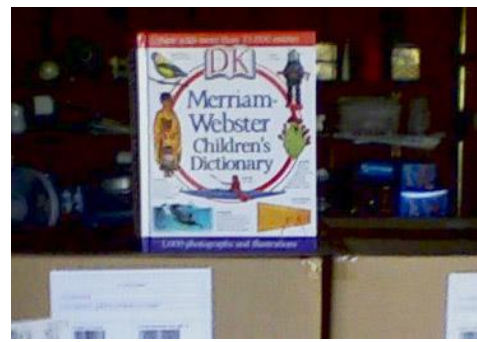
Now at age 30 he has nearly completed the ARC program and stated that his life has been saved and he has been "touched by the holy spirit."

October 21: Marc Klaas from the KlaasKids Foundation

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- KlaasKids Search Center: KlaasKids will dispatch our Search Director to provide on-site assistance in organizing a volunteer search.
- The Klaas Action Review: On-line newsletter anthology provides an overview of legislation and causes championed by KlaasKids. Features guest articles by acknowledged child safety experts.
- Public Awareness Campaign: Foundation representatives make regular media appearances.
- Legislative Efforts: The Foundation is focused on protecting today's children from the predators.
- Homeland Security: Fight Back and Neighborhood Watch workbooks features strategies that improve the quality of life.
- Missing: "What to Do if Your Child Disappears" A short video utilizing the expertise of the FBI, the California Department of Justice and many other national experts in providing the families of kidnapped children with an outline for recovery.

Third Grade Dictionaries Ready for Distribution



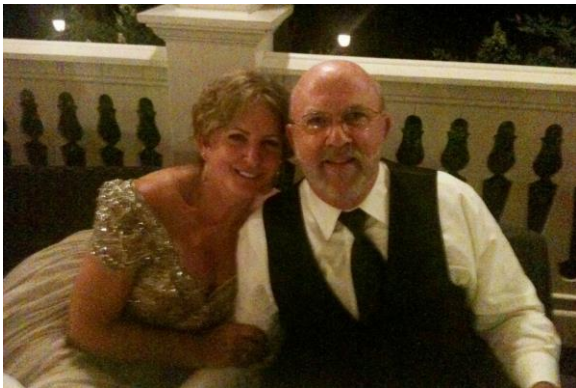
210 dictionaries have been delivered to Denny Stead's garage and will be prepared for distribution during the first week of November.



Liz Bippart wins prize for Roosevelt quiz

Liz scored the most answers (4) in the quiz to identify which Roosevelt (Theodore, Franklin or Eleanor) uttered well-known and not so well-known quotations.

Wedding Bells for Dorothy and Rick



Dorothy and Rick on their wedding day

Photo by Jerry Strong

By Loretta Strong

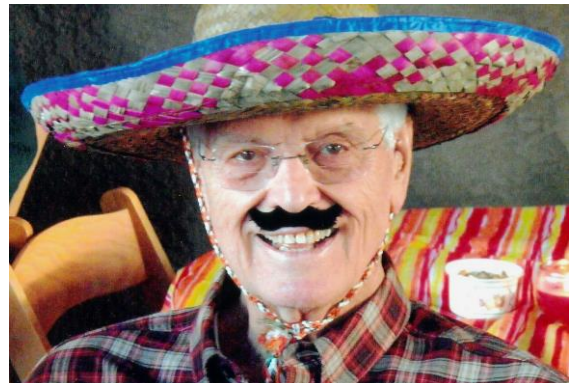
October 11, 2014. 5:30 pm. As the setting sun dipped behind the wooded hills of Westside Road, elegant guests in after five attire approached the storied Madrona Manor. Stepping onto the lushly manicured lawns they chose their seats at the garden altar where Rick Anixter awaited his bride flanked by his three grown sons. As the music commenced the processional Dorothy Colloran slowly walked the long green path to the altar preceded by her two adult daughters. Heartfelt personal vows were exchanged to much applause and laughter and tears. A celebration awaited. As

guests stood to leave their seats for the adjacent patio they were greeted by tuxedoed wait staff with large trays of shimmering champagne. More champagne with many appetizers and then dinner was served on the historic enclosed porch. Four courses were enjoyed amid many toasts and roasts. The wedding cake was cut. A perfect evening to commence a life together of happiness. Congratulations Dorothy and Rick!

Margarita Ville



John Bippart was the winning bidder at the Brandt's Beach BBQ for a MargaritaVille party held at the home of Denny Stead, hosted by Denny, Patti, and Rick, and, of course, Jimmy Buffet. John invited several members and guests to share the benefits and expenses of his purchase. The October 25 party was attended by 20 lucky people who enjoyed fun with 2 bars, music, salsa, taco bar, green chili stew, pork carnitas, steak carne asada, langostino, desserts, fruits, cerveza, tequila and much more. Men received sombreros and moustaches and ladies received sombreros and Hoochie Coochie scarves. Jimmy Buffet videos were an added attraction. The event raised \$1400 for the Admin. Fund.



Photos provided by Denny Stead

\$\$ Happy/Sad \$\$

Denny Stead happy to attend his grandson's high school graduation. He is joining the Coast Guard.

Roger Dormire happy to have attended his high school's football game played at Levi Stadium. They scored a record 68 points.

Phil Luks happy to be served by celebrity teller Cindi Brown who is retiring.

Gary Plass happy that the top of Fitch Mountain will become a public park.

Golf Tourney Update

The net proceeds from the September golf tournament were about \$2300.



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