New Club Officers Installed During Festive Evening

In a festive evening bash, officers for the new year, 2014-2015 were installed by Lt. Governor Marsha Sanchez of Santa Rosa on September 23 at the Villa Annex.

Taking over the gavel from outgoing president Richard (Dick) Bugarske were Jan and Dan Gianni who will serve as co-presidents for the year. Serving with Jan and Dan will be Susan Sheehy, vice president; Phil Luks, secretary (returning); project treasurer David Sharer; administrative treasurer Brian Wells and Dick Bugarske, immediate past president. Completing two years of service were retiring board members Dan Gianni, Jerry Strong, George Clough and Mark Zimmerman. New Board of Directors members installed for a two year term were Debi Dolby, Andy Smith, Chase Conley and George Diebold. Current members remaining on the Board for a one year term are Steve Jones, Judy Everett, Richard Norman and Loretta Strong.

Outgoing president Dick Bugarske in his final remarks shared some of what he has learned during his term: That it takes a group of very special people who commit their time and energy to make this Club one of the best there is around. That the laughter and buzz from the meeting tables reflects the vibrant and happy folks who want to come to the meetings and share a meal, some conversation and a good joke or two. That each of us can make a difference in this world and that together we touch the lives of so many in Healdsburg and beyond.

In her acceptance speech, Jan focused on “Enjoying Ourselves” while celebrating the Kiwanis 100th anniversary, continuing to support Project Eliminate, and bringing in new members. The President’s Message on page 2 contains her complete speech. Dan’s remarks were short as promised, but he noted that there had been no fines under Dick’s watch – so be prepared!
The President’s Message

By Jan Gianni

While “Enjoying Ourselves” this year, we will be CELEBRATING too! Does everyone know by now that Kiwanis International will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2015? This celebration will take place in Indianapolis next June. We too, will celebrate on a local level. We are currently exploring ideas for commemorating this amazing milestone of an international organization, in over 90 countries, more than 15,000 clubs and over 600,000 worldwide members.

As you all know, the Eliminate Project is Kiwanis International’s global campaign with UNICEF to help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the face of the Earth. The campaign will raise $110 million for the project. This campaign will conclude at the Indianapolis Convention in 2015. We are happy to tell you that we have Cherice Gilliam, the Northern California District Coordinator, who we heard speak at the San Diego District conference, as our lunch Guest Speaker here in Healdsburg in November and who will bring our club up to date as we will continue to support this campaign. It was during Loretta’s two presidencies’ that $10,000 was raised by Healdsburg member donations for this project. It truly is amazing to know that just $1.80 protects one woman and her future babies from this terrible disease.

A deep passion for Dan and me is that of the exploitation of children. With that in mind, we have invited Marc Klaas, with the Klaas Kid’s Foundation to speak to us on October 21st. We hope to find out more on how we as Kiwanians can help with this outstanding cause. We hope that all of you will be with us this very important day and we are extending an invitation to the community to attend and listen to this most important guest speaker.

Additionally, we are anticipating a re-visit from Gino Whitehall. Gino is of course our own Dee Whitehall’s son who is a guard at San Quentin. A few years ago, Gino spoke at one of our meetings and gave us a very interesting look at what a guard’s life is like and he can also update us on what is going in inside of those formidable walls.

At the San Diego District Convention which we attended in August this year, our newly installed Governor, Alan Guire told us he has a very small request of each and every club in the district and that is to bring in (2) new members this year. Our club should manage this reasonable goal and will strive to do even better, with your help and with the help of our great membership committee.

You all know that Dan and I love to have fun and we love having fun with each and every one of you in our club. One of our fondest memories of “Enjoying Ourselves” was when we took time to have fun, outside of our wonderful fundraisers, with our spouses and significant others. Who can remember those great coach bus trips we took to San Francisco, arranged by our own Dan Maraviglia, with much fellowship and camaraderie? Let’s get out again and have more fun – We look forward to sharing some plans for that with all of you soon!
Board of Directors September Summary

The following are actions taken and items discussed during the Board meeting on Thursday September 18, 2014:

The administrative and project fund financials were approved by the Board:

Administrative Fund Financials
- The final two months Villa rent have been paid to City Hall. Going forward rent will be paid to the Tayman Park Group and is likely to remain the same amount or perhaps less.
- Fund balance remains healthy.
- Currently 12 members are delinquent one quarter on their dues.
- Our current insurance coverage lapses at the end of October and effective November 1st will be provided through Kiwanis International as part of our dues payments.

Project Fund Financials
- Last month was a light transaction month.
- The intended amount of support to the Salvation Army memorial project in honor of Joe Engler was $3500 which will be debited from the Project Fund available balance for this purpose.

Administrative Report
- A great time was had by all at our recent lunchtime visit to the Bear Republic in Cloverdale.
- The recent Lt. Gov. Installation was attended by the Giannis and the Strongs.
- The Giannis both attended the new Presidents pre-meeting which was conducted by the Key Club Lt. Gov. and Advisor and focused exclusively on the role of Key Club and our responsibilities as clubs to that endeavor. Jan commented that it was made clear that more participation was expected and needed from Healdsburg according to the Key Club District Advisor. Dick Bugarske expressed that he was aware of this perception and that at the current time our HHS Key Club participates at the local level at which they feel comfortable.

Other Discussion
- Regarding the upcoming 100th Anniversary celebration of Kiwanis International in 2015: Thoughts included a possible 100th Anniversary Pancake Breakfast and that we utilize every event and media opportunity to telegraph our message of who we are and our place in history as this milestone approaches.
- Regarding the proposal by Hunt Conrad (See September 2 and 16 Meeting Programs below), to launch a bicycle tour for 2015: The big question remaining is who will do this? The manpower required and upfront seed money to execute the event are formidable. Some alternative ideas were discussed, but it was concluded that the Board would direct Hunt Conrad to further flesh out this proposal as a more cohesive package that possibly the club could execute under his leadership. The Board agreed it could not support this proposal for 2015 but might reconsider it for 2016 if provided with much greater detail and advance preparation.
- Dan Gianni requested that the club advance market the upcoming speaker program by Mark Klaas of the Polly Klaas Foundation as a potential recruitment tool for guests and potential new members.
- The written resignation of Mark Zimmerman effective 9/15 was approved.

September Programs

September 2: Hunt Conrad – Bikes, Brats & Beer
- Hunt Conrad presented his proposal to the club membership for a new fund raising project, to be scheduled for September 2015. The project is a bicycle event to be held in conjunction with the Soroptimist Beerfest, with a proposed name: Bikes - Brats & Beer. The event would be similar to the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce Harvest Century Bike Tour planned for the spring. Course lengths options would be about 30, 60 or 100 miles. The event could include up to 300 riders and proceeds could be as high as $30,000.
- The membership was generally favorable to the proposal, however, recognizing the huge commitment, a great deal of investigation and planning is needed before a go/no go decision can be made. The upfront costs would be substantial and the advanced planning and organization would be a large effort. A strong committee chair is required.

September 9: Bear Republic Brewery
- Fellow Kiwanian Richard Norgrove of Bear Republic Brewing Company invited the club to tour the brewery in Cloverdale on September 9. The Factory Five Brewery was opened in Cloverdale in 2006, the company having outgrown the original brewpub in Healdsburg.
Beer, at a glance, is very simple: Water, hops, malt, yeast. And at Bear Republic, more hops! However, the process of producing premium beer from these ingredients is far from simple as we discovered on the tour. The tour, led by Brewmaster Richard Norgrove and Roger Herpst, started at the grain delivery point where the grain is pumped into a silo for temporary storage. Several special grains are mixed to create different desired flavors and the mixture is crushed together (not ground). The mixture then goes to the mash pump where the conversion to a soluble sugar solution: Wort. The key to the process is temperature and timing. After an 18 to 21 day fermentation and further processing the product goes to the packaging section where it is bottled or put in barrels for shipment.

Bear Republic uses high quality ingredients. About 60 different malts and many different varieties of hops are purchased. Hop content is a key, about 2½ pounds per barrel is typical. The Racer 5 recipe uses 7 different varieties of hops.

Brewmaster Richard Norgrove Describes the Brewing Process

Interclub “Round Robin” Completed

The interclub “Round Robin” was completed for the 2013/14 year with a visit to the Fort Bragg club on September 16, attended by Loretta and Jerry Strong, Rick Anixter and Dorothy Colloran. Loretta noted that the Ft. Bragg club is really struggling to maintain its membership which has fallen to just eight members and that the meeting organization was noticeably different from past meetings.
Installation Photographs

Tables Set for a Festive Evening Installation

Lt. Governor Marsha Sanchez, Co-President Jan Gianni and Vice President Susan Sheehy

Past President Dick Bugarske with Retiring Board Members Jerry Strong and George Clough, Not shown, Dan Gianni & Mark Zimmerman

2014/15 Board Members Debi Dobley, Steve Jones, Loretta Strong, Chase Conley, George Diebold. Not shown, Judy Everett, Rick Norman, Andy Smith

LeRoy’s Limericks

History and electronics seem to be his stick
With great ideas he was always real quick
But now his year is past
It has really been a blast
So we say well done to past pres. Big Dick

This year our club will try something new
Instead of one president we are going to have two
We have a woman and a man
Known as Jan and Dan
History will be made before their year is through
6th Annual Golf Tourney Successful in Move to Tayman Course

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club put on their 6th Annual Service Club Golf tournament on September 17th at the challenging 9-hole Tayman Golf Course, going around twice for 18 holes. Sunshine, clear skies, and a great welcoming committee greeted the players and processing went extremely smoothly. Past Presidents Loretta Strong, Dick Bugarske, Brian Wells, Lee Gunnerson, Hunt Conrad and President, Jan Gianni all assisted with the check in. Patti Robarts, caterer extraordinaire, set up a fabulous BBQ lunch of pulled pork sandwiches as well as a great tri-tip and chicken dinner after the tournament. Patti was assisted by Rick Woods. Thanks to you both for a great job.

We had 40 players, which was prefect for the small course. All participants were drinking beer very enthusiastically. The handicapping committee of Lee Gunnerson did a masterful job of creating parity with 10 teams in the mix. For a complete surprise to all, George Diebold’s team won…….hard to believe but they may have had a ringer or two and probably did know the course better than most players. A close second place went to Vince Ciolino’s team…..surprising since they originally showed up at the wrong golf course.

Total revenue numbers are not in yet but we should net somewhere between 2 and 3 thousand dollars for the admin fund. The only logistical problem we encountered was that the tournament finished 1½ hours earlier than anticipated; forcing the teams to use the extra time to drink more wine. Loretta/Dorothy and Michael/Bruce did a great job of keeping the refreshments flowing. Roger Dormire, once again came through in the clutch with a good quantity of tee sponsors. And my sincere thanks goes out to the entire golf tournament committee as well as all the volunteers, without whom this tournament would not exist.

Thanks to all the sponsors for all of your support.

Dan Gianni

The Best Looking Golf Team  Photo by Loretta Strong

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Guy French (and others) happy for Denny Stead’s the outstanding job in leading the Brandt’s Beach BBQ effort.

Denny Stead happy for the 38 members who pitched in to make the BBQ a huge success.

Gary Plass happy for Kiwanis member participation in the 9/11 observance.

Roger Dormire happy for the great crew at the Beerfest booth.

Liz Bippart happy that her daughter was recently married in the Malabu wine country.

Hunt Conrad happy the Giants made the playoffs.