New Club Officers Installed During Festive Evening

Lt. Governor Terry Kemp administers oath to incoming Healdsburg Kiwanis Club President Vern Losh

In a festive baseball themed evening bash, club officers for the year, 2017-2018, were installed by Lt. Governor Terry Kemp on September 26 at the Villa Annex.

Taking the gavel from outgoing president Randy Collins was Vern Losh, who will serve as president for the year. Serving with Vern will be the new presidents elect: Loretta Strong, Dick Bugarske, Jan Gianni, and Susan Sheehy. Each of these members will take turns serving as president in each quarter of the 2018-2019 year. Other officers installed were Liz Bippart, secretary; project treasurer Ron Dobley; administrative treasurer, Dick Bugarske and Randy Collins, immediate past president.

New Board of Directors members installed for a two year term are Rita Loskill, Loretta Strong, Roger Dormire and Richard Yates. Current members remaining on the Board for a one-year term are Cindy Schwartz, Cindi Brown, George Clough and Patti Robarts. Completing two years of service were retiring Board members Rick Anixter, Rich Thomas, Rick Norman and LeRoy Steck.

Outgoing president Randy Collins in his final remarks, reflected on accomplishments and significant changes occurring during the past year. The foremost accomplishment was the recent very successful Safety Fair. Others included the “old timers or seldom seen members” night, and the installation of Terry Kemp as Lt. Governor. Significant changes included the death three members and the closing of the Salvation Army ARC resulting in the loss of workers for our Christmas Tree lot.

Vern Losh in his acceptance speech, talked about his goals for the coming year, foremost of which is to focus on the stability and growth of our club (see presidents message on following page).
The President’s Message

WOW!

I woke up this morning after a lengthy dream. I dreamt that I had become the new President of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club.

The first thing I would like to say is THANK YOU!

Thank you to everybody that was involved in setting up the installation dinner, everyone that was involved in cooking the meal, and everybody that attended. All of you inspire me.

As you know by now my theme was baseball. I will try and carry that theme throughout the year in a variety of ways still to be determined.

My goal for the year is Recruitment and Retention.

I want to focus on the stability and growth of our club. We need to do things to retain all of you. I commit to you that I will work with our Board at new and maybe some old ideas to keep you interested in our club and our mission of serving our youth.

I need everyone’s help with recruitment. We need to bring some new faces into this club. We have a very powerful mission that we should be very proud of and serving and helping our youth should be high on everybody’s list. This should be an easy sell to all our friends and neighbors.

As I have stated, we are not doing the tree lot this year, so we have a bunch of free time on our hands. Let’s get the guests pouring into our meeting room. Let's show them what we do and how we do it. My challenge to you is to bring a guest to every meeting in October, November, and December. My commitment to you is that I too will bring a guest to every meeting or I will donate $20 to our administrative fund. Please, get your phone out and start making calls.

Our newly elected international President, Jim Rochford had a great message in the latest edition of the Kiwanis magazine. He talked about the three kids of people in the world. They are Booers, Chewers, and Doers.

Booers, have something to say about everything, usually bad.

Chewers, sit on the fence and don’t do much about anything.

Doers, need I say more? I believe that this club and all Kiwanis members are doers.

Or to put this in baseball terms:

There are 3 types of baseball players: Those who make it happen, those who watch it happen, and those who wonder what happens. – Tommy Lasorda

Thank you, Vern
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 September 2017:

Grants

• HHS Science Fair - $500.

Money Matters

• Admin. Fund - The fund now contains approximately $15,000 following the Brandt’s Beach fundraiser. The auctions netted $10,000. Dues to Kiwanis International will be paid in November, expect to be $7-8,000.

• Project Fund – The checking account balance is $57,493. The Safety Fair has reserved funds of $7,590 for this special project.

President’s Report

• Randy advised the board to be diligent and discriminating with our financial giving in the coming year to assure longevity of funds in our uncertain future. Randy thanked all members of the board for their support during his tenure as President.

Other Business

• The possibility of changing our tax status for the Project Fund to a 501(c)3 so that contributions will be legally tax deductible was discussed. This issue was tabled to be further researched by the incoming Board under incoming president Vern Losh’s direction.

• Terry Kemp proposed her budget for the annual Lt. Governor assessment. The proposed amount of $14,200 should cover her anticipated expenses. A fee of about $24 per member should cover expenses.

• The Board passed a motion giving incoming president Vern discretion to support Terry’s budget when he attends the Division Council Meeting (DCM) on September 23rd.

• Patch Guglielmo and Pauline Rogers were approved for membership.

Meeting Programs

September 5: Committee assignments

The September 5 meeting was spent updating committee assignments for the coming year. Listed below are the Standing and Project Committees and their respective chairs or co-chairs.

Standing Committees

Student of the Month
House and Reception
Membership
Publications
Fundraising
Marketing/Promotion
Nominating
Inter-Club
Meeting Programs
Key Club
Sunshine/Bereavement
Boy Scout Troup 21
Financial Review
Scholarship Awards
Foundation Pursuit

Scholarship Board

Christmas Tree Lot

Project Committees

FFA Food Booth
Pancake Breakfast
Brandt’s BBQ
Golf Tournament
Sdk Mt. Footrace
FFA Bike Brigade
First Book Project
Caroling
Steelhead Festival
Cemetery Project

Members are urged to contact committee chairs if interested in serving on a particular committee, or to change committee assignments for a better fit for their talents.

September 12: Rhuenette L. Alums, Ph. D.

AT&T’s community programs on safety

Rhuenette Alums and Debi Barrios of AT&T presented an overview of AT&T’s safety programs and a very informative description of their campaign to curb cell phone misuse while driving.

AT&T is committed to saving lives by raising awareness and sharing a simple message:
distracted driving is never okay. Their “It Can Wait®” campaign has evolved as smartphone driving distractions have grown beyond telephone calls, to texting, social media, web surfing, selfies and video chatting. It is interesting to note that the age 60-80 demographic is a major offender.

It Can Wait® demonstrates the disastrous consequences of distracted driving by artificial intelligence using virtual reality simulation. Tom Rackerby and Liz Bippart volunteered to put on the headset and described their virtual reality experience. The simulation presents a driving experience through a small town in Texas with several distracted driving scenarios including near misses of pedestrians while texting, nearly colliding with other cars while distracted by web surfing and ending with a fatal accident, sending the driver to heaven.

Thanks to Tom and Liz for vivid descriptions of their experience

Time did not permit other volunteers, but AT&T personnel held demonstrations at the Safety Fair on September 23.

September 18:

With no scheduled speaker for the September 18 meeting, Dick Bugarske led us in a modified Bingo game in which the B I N G O numbers were replaced with our club’s community support donations of funds or services over the last five years. Prizes were a barbeque set won by Dan Gianni and a number of tee shirts.

Safety Fair

Saturday September 22 was a beautiful fall day for the very successful first annual Kiwanis Safety Fair sponsored by AT&T and PG&E. About 300 children and parents enjoyed demonstrations and learning about safety from the various participating groups.

Safety Fair Participants

- California Highway Patrol - Certified Child Car seat installations
- The Red Cross - Disaster preparedness information
- Save Lives Sonoma - “Hand's Only” CPR Training
- Healdsburg Police Department - Children's ID, Identity Theft, Shredding services
- CALFIRE - Wildfire Preparedness and Smokey Bear
- The Sonoma County Bike Coalition - Bike Workshop/Rodeo
- Spoke Folk Cyclery - Free bike repairs
- ATT — Virtual reality Distracted Drivers Program
- Healdsburg Electric Department - electrical safety demonstrations
- Bell's Ambulance — Free Blood Pressure checks
- P G & E Gas Safety
- The Free Bookmobile of Sonoma County
- El Corazon of Healdsburg — services to the community
A grant from the Kiwanis Pediatric Injury Prevention Fund of $3,000 and donations from AT&T ($4,000) and others offset the Safety Fair expenses, with no net cost to our club. The Healdsburg FD, Cal Fire, CHP, Red Cross participated at no cost. El Corazon provided outreach to the Latino community, an important part of this event.

Spoke Folk Cyclery donated a $700 gift certificate for a free raffle.

President Randy Collins’ 2016/17 Buccaneers of the Month: Rick Anixter, Liz Bippart, Cindy Schwartz, Randy, Rich Iverson, LeRoy Steck, Rita Loskill, Darlene Prigmere, Rowdy Yates

Vern’s quiz:

Here is Vern wearing the Knights baseball jersey at the installation dinner. The questions:
Who were the Knights? (A fictional team in a book and movie); what movie featured the Knights (The Natural); who starred in the movie? (Robert Redford); and what was his character’s name? (Roy Hobbs).

Happy Halloween

**Happy/Sad**

Susan Sheehy happy she and Kelly will be on the *Price is Right*. (to be aired December 28)
Jerry Strong happy to have cooled off at Fort Bragg and discovered Glass Beach.
Neal Bertrand happy that his son got married. An additional happy $$ because he likes the bride.
Patti Robarts happy to be moving to new residence upstairs in old Owl Café in Cloverdale. Planning an open house when settled.
Dick Bugarske happy to thank Tom Rackerby for holding the chain at HHS football games.

Many happy $$ for the successful Safety Fair.

**Postcards**

Jerry & Loretta Strong – Lake Tahoe
Judy Everett – Michigan
Susan Sheehy – Costa Rica
Debi Dobley – Hotel Coronado
Roger Dormire – San Diego (fined for no postcard, although Debi did send one.)
Safety Fair Photos
Vern and Terisa Celebrate

Randy receives the President’s Award plaque (on order)

Terry pins and commends Randy for a job well done

Randy receives gifts in appreciation of a great job.

Terry congratulates Vern
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