



The BUNG STARTER

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Jim Capponi Appointed President

Long-time Kiwanis supporter and club member **Jim Capponi** was appointed to serve the rest of this year's term as President of St. Helena Kiwanis. He was appointed during a special session of the club Board of Directors as a result of the shocking indictment of election chair, **Mel Varrelman**, by Global Watch International.

"It appears that the election of **Lester Hardy** did not follow the rules of niceness and fair play," according to the GWI statement filed with the St. Helena Water Board. "Several ballots were clearly tainted. Considering that we could not ascertain who cast the offending ballots, we must indict the election chair." Further investigation revealed that the ballots were tainted by coffee stains. "Had they been tainted by wine the election would have held. But the coffee stains are incontrovertible evidence that some of the voters were awake and alert. That kind of election behavior is intolerable and we must invalidate the results."

Clearly elated by the news, **Capponi** said, "I've been waiting a long time for this. I'm relieved to get this sordid episode behind us. My agenda for the rest of the year is more meetings, more dues, more service and more fun." Asked how he intends to lead, Jim said that he will put a unique stamp on meetings. "I intend to start each meeting with a joke."

12 Members Seek to Go on Bored

Led by **Buck McDonald** and **Chris Meineke**, 12 club members met last week to plan events and speakers for the next three months. "We kicked around a few ideas to add excitement and pizzaz to the club and came up with a plan," said **Buck**. "At first we wanted to switch to evening meetings at Anna's Cantina, but decided their music is too tame for our style of singing. So we decided to add interest to the breakfast meetings and invite some goochee girls. But someone wondered why we'd do that when we already have **Lowell, Don, Howard** and **Mike**."

Chris added, "Another idea was to have **George** bring his chainsaw blender to meetings and crank up some margaritas, but his blender causes global warming. We also thought about nominating **David Bowyer** for mayor.

"But in the end we finally realized that the Board of Directors has final approval for any new ideas and we could make things more interesting if we went on the Board, so we all voted to go on bored."

Dave Kerr Won't Give Up Beer

"There's no way I'm going to step down," declared **Dave Kerr**. "All those people wanting to be in charge of the beer booth just have to wait their turn. It annoys me that I have to respond to this challenge, right in the middle of tax season." Dave was responding to rumors that 42 people want to chair the beer booth next year.



Dave doing his best work.

Matt Hileman Checks Club's Vision

"This isn't clear," reported **Matt Hileman** after his annual checkup of the club's vision statement. "It needs some correction. But more importantly, we can't have these soft lenses anymore. The club is more suited to gas permeated contacts."

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“We don’t print retractions.”

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This Week at the Club The Heights... and the Depths

(March 26) Better attendance today as 16 members showed up for greetings and grub. The bell got rung. The song got sung. **Lowell** dispensed wisdom: “A recent nationwide survey reported that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than their husbands who mention it.” **Lester** got down to business. “St. Helena adopted Phase II water regulations... the Council appointed a water advisory board... mainly so they won’t have to hear complaints... the surprising part of all this is that the Council appointed **Tom Belt** and myself to the Advisory Board... I assure you that Tom and I decided, when dealing with a complaint, we’d first ask the person if he’s in a service club. If they answer R____, they’ll be denied. On a more serious note the City has a limited number of smart readers... tell how much water you’re using... I’m gonna buy one this morning.” As there were no guests, Lester asked for H or S\$\$\$. “So, is anyone Happy or Sad about Tom and me on the Board?” **Lowell** jumped up, “I have a H\$ that Tom is on the Board.” **Drew** paid a H\$. “Last week I mentioned Cal Poly... they did win a game, against Texas Southern. Then had to play Wichita State.” **Jeff** paid a H\$ “because Ruby survived her surgery... tumor the size of a grapefruit.” **BobM** paid a H\$ because “I’ll be gone a couple weeks... heading south, probably Arizona.” **George** paid a H\$ because “Elaine and I had a nice time in Las Vegas... wined and dined there. If you think restaurants in Napa Valley are expensive...” **BobB** paid a H\$ “because my daughter’s family is visiting this week.” And a S\$ “because they’ve had a rough winter in MN.” And a H\$ “because they get to come to CA.” And a S\$ “because, in a drought year, we’re having rain.” **Jay** paid a H\$ because “it’s good to be here... surgery on Monday went well.” **Lowell** paid a H\$. “I want to thank all you gentlemen for restoring the sign [interruption by group to remind Lowell about Jan and Donalee]. I should mention one of the things we did... took down one sign... devil cult... satanic group.” **Ryan** paid a S\$ for being tricked into thinking I was a good bowler. First game 179... then 48.” And a H\$ “because tomorrow is my 3rd anniversary.” **Jeff** paid a H\$ “because my grandson is visiting, with my daughter.” **TomB** paid a H\$ “My daughter took her kids to D.C.... had to wait at the airport 4 hours... lost hotel reservation... but still having fun.” **Lester** paid a H\$ “for Tom’s appointment to the water board. Mayor nominates... started off nominating some other lawyer... I had to point out that the person doesn’t live in SH.” **Jay** paid a H\$ “because I live in Angwin... unlimited water.” **Jeff** responded, “Given that Angwin has all the water and we don’t, I suggest we take a lesson from Mr. Putin.” **Lester** checked the calendar. “No birthdays. But two anniversaries... Jeff, do you know when your anniversary is?” **Jeff** said, “Yes, it’s either March 28th or 29th.” **Ryan**, as announced, also has one. And now the Good Guy. **TomB** responded. “It’s embarrassing to be sitting at this table, since **Bill, Jay,** and **Gary** didn’t shake [Gary is Fine Free]. And **Steve**.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) **Lowell** said, “Now that **Mel** has resigned, we need a person or two to get speakers... all of us should help... each get 2 per year.” **Jeff** said, “I’ll make a suggestion... could go back in the calendar 2-3 years worth of speakers... City Manager, police chief, etc.” A discussion ensued about the Water Board, City Council, annexations, etc., with some SH history thrown in.

DRAWINGS: **Jay** won the Fine Free drawing but won’t be here next week and tried to sell his ticket. **Tom “Sticky Fingers” Belt** won a shot at the marble game... and picked the clear marble!

Updates

Little League Snack Shack

BobM reports that the Little League Board has hired a couple to run the snack shack. "They will handle all of the games this season, five days a week, so there is no need for Kiwanis to help out. We had explored this idea as a fundraising opportunity, but we'll have to try something else."

New Member

Ryan Ellis is the club's newest member, sponsored by **Bill Savidge**. Bill invited Ryan to speak to the club about Pathway Home, along with his buddy, **Tim Miller**. Ryan had to return a second time to complete the presentation and continued coming to meetings and applying for membership. We look forward to his induction and participation in club events. He is already asking about the next work day.

Bocce Season

April is the month for bocce signups. No word on a Kiwanis team yet, but stay tuned.

Member Profile

by Bill Savidge

Gary Bogle



Though born in Topeka, Kansas, Gary has lived most his life in Southern California. His mother and father, an accountant, started Gary's existence in a mission-style Riverside house that's still standing. "Some think a historic building plaque is appropriate: Gary Bogle Conceived Here, 1942," he said.

Gary met his wife, Jeannie, at Loma Linda University, Redlands, California. They married in 1968 and he completed his DDS degree the following year. With the draft looming, he joined the Navy, for interest and adventure. "I volunteered to serve on any ship, on any ocean, any place in the world." But he never got aboard ship; being attached to the Marines is "sea duty," whether on ship or shore. During Vietnam, Gary's two years of active service, 1970-71, was dry, on land in Southern California, with occasional snorkeling in South Vietnam and Okinawa.

Returning to Loma Linda, Gary served a three year residency in periodontics. Over the next 45 years he taught residents in this field, operated his own dental office and performed extensive research. He published some 50-60 original articles on gum and bone disease in refereed professional journals, making a substantial contribution to current methods to grow bone around diseased teeth.

Last year, at 71, Gary retired and moved to Napa Valley to be near his children. He and Jeannie have three, a PHD psychologist daughter in Redding and two sons who live here. "Baby sitting three grandchildren, 5, 4 and 2, takes most of my time now." Gary and Jeanne also have made regular trips south to visit his 96 year old mother, now deceased, and north to see her mother, 99.

Then there's fishing. For trout, barbless hooks, catch-and-release at Gary's fly-fishing club near Shasta and elsewhere in the west. But Alaska is different. "I go to kill fish." An annual excursion to Baranoff Island fills his freezer with halibut, ling-cod and salmon.

Gary was a long-time R-club member down south, so he's an old hand at service club work. Fortunately, Jay invited him to Kiwanis before he got involved with those other guys. He believes in community service. He's been a miller at the Old Grist Mill and currently volunteers at St. Helena Hospital. He works at getting new members and inviting people to our meetings. What do we need? "Speakers and growth."

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Guinness World Record Holder

Longest continuous wine toast 10/7/2012

CLUB CALENDAR

Every Wednesday – Club Meeting at American Legion Hall, 7:30 a.m.

March 26 – Guest speaker TBA

March 26 – Membership Committee meeting, 8:30 a.m.

March 26 – Builders Club, RLS Rm C2, 12:45. Check in at the office.

April 7 – Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m.

July 17 – DCM at Crane Park, sponsored by St. Helena and Yountville

Worthy Causes

April 12 – Hazardous Waste Event, Upper Valley Recycling, Hwy 29

Special Notices

1. Membership Committee seeks names for potential club members. Contact Jeff, Jim, George, BobB or BobM.
2. Fundraising Committee seeks dollars. Contact Jay, Steve, David or TomD.
4. Publicity and Outreach Committee needs your help lining up weekly speakers. Contact Lowell, Lester, Steve or Jay.

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