



# The BUNG STARTER

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## The Club's Foundation



President **George** of the SH Kiwanis Foundation (upper left) attends a Club Board of Directors meeting where **Lowell, Mike, BobM, Jeff, and BobB** (behind camera) reviewed plans and procedures for donations.

by *George Watson*

This article comments on the way the Kiwanis Club Board functions vs. the Foundation Board. Creation of the Kiwanis Foundation of St. Helena fundamentally changed the way the St. Helena Kiwanis operates to fulfill the charitable endeavors of the Club, in that the Club Board no longer has the responsibility or the direct power to direct the specifics of charitable funding. The Foundation must meet certain requirements of the IRS and the State of California to qualify as a Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation and operate within Section 501(c)(3) of the IRC. The present Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws were modeled on those of the Rotary Club. After extensive discussion by our Club Board they were approved in November, 2002.

I was on the Club Board at that time and recall that there was a real attempt

to ensure that the Club Board maintained long term closeness to the Foundation Board. Hence the Foundation Board, under the Articles of Incorporation, is largely populated by Club Board members, with the remainder appointed by the Club Board; all serve at the pleasure of the Club Board. There are 5 Club officers and 2 Club non-officers on the Foundation Board, all with a one-year term. However, the Foundation Board was intended to function independently of the Club Board.

Specifically, the Foundation Board, as contained in Articles IV and V of the Articles of Incorporation, has sole authority to have charge of and perform disbursement of all Foundation funds. The sole restrictions on its disbursement authority of funds are those of law, Foundation bylaws, or vote by the Foundation Board. The Foundation Board is empowered to set

## Planning July DCM

By *Jeff Farmer*



I met with Yountville Kiwanis Club secretary, **Susan Heims**, to carve out the parameters of our joint DCM. Everyone loves the barbeque at Crane Park so that's a slam dunk. The date is set for Thursday, July 17th. Beyond that we are looking into entertainment, possibly from a group from the Vets Home or a children's chorus. The idea of a quick and easy service project to be performed at the DCM is also on the table. And we are looking into creative ways to do the Club reporting by a DCM newsletter. It was agreed that the two Club presidents would run the meeting and they would be given the agenda five minutes ahead of time. We'll meet again with more member participation in about a month.

up committees to advise the Board on its disbursement decisions. There is no mention of advice or consent to Foundation Board decisions by the Club Board. On the other hand, there is no prohibition against it. This is a matter of good form. In everyday practice the Foundation Board receives and generally approves recommendations of the Club Board.

With respect to any desired changes to the Kiwanis Foundation, the Board of Trustees of Kiwanis International may request and has sole authority for final consent to changes to the existing Articles of Incorporation.

*The Kiwanis Club of  
St. Helena, a chapter in good  
standing of  
Kiwanis International  
since 1950,  
is dedicated to serving the  
Community of St. Helena.*

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### The Bung Starter

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# This Week at the Club

## The Heights... and the Depths

(February 5) Amid handshakes, greetings and coffee stood Prez **Lester**, bung starter in hand, watching the clock tick to half past. (Ever wonder what goes through his mind? He probably doesn’t either.) Then... the mighty bell. Good tone. Quick, sharp stroke. Nice reverb. Smooth finish. Then singing. Strong attack. Nice intonation. Kiwanian phrasing. Who knew only 13 folks could holler so well? **Lowell** offered some words of wisdom: “Don’t mix bad words with your bad mood. You’ll have many opportunities to change a mood, but you will never get the opportunity to replace the words you spoke.” Sounds like *The Bung Starter* editorial policy: no retractions; no corrections; no proofreading; no fact checking. When everyone sat down to breakfast, including latecomers, **Lester** got down to business. “A friend of mine... crushed by a pile of books... [punch line]... Jesus Christ before girlfriend... [punch line]... emotional wedding [punch line].” Followed by, “Any guests? **Jeff**, would you do the honors?” **Jeff** introduced guest speaker **Tom Kinsok**. “Happy or sad dollars?” **BobB** paid a H\$ “because we got a new puppy.” And a S\$, “because we got a new puppy. Anybody know a good carpet cleaner?” **Lowell** jumped up with \$20 worth of happiness (and a mouth full of food so it was hard to understand him) “for a class action suit... filled out form... 1-800-contacts... I received \$2,200 last week... they did not tell you that you were being recorded.” **John** paid a S\$ “for the worst Super Bowl game.” **BobM** paid a H\$ “because the little critter who was showing his face in my backyard all winter hasn’t shown up lately.” **Lester** wondered, “Was he about so big?” **Jim** confirmed, “He showed up at my house. Also, anybody know a surefire way to get rid of a mole?” Heads spun around to see if the Fish & Game guys at Table 4 had a method. “Traps.” **Lester** paid a “very sad\$ for the Warriors last night,” and a H\$ “because Jimmy Spithill signed on for the America’s Cup race... venue not settled... who knows where it will end up?” He followed with birthday announcements (none) and an anniversary reminder for **Joe**. As for the Good Guy drama, which has had a lusterless performance lately, **Lester** could only say, “I am annoyed... he’s not here... I am not happy.” **BobB**, on the other hand, was delirious. “I have a H\$ because I don’t have to pay the Good Guy for being late.” **Bill** also decided it was a good time for a H\$ “because my wife won the pot.” Probably referring to the Super Bowl party, but pay attention to the foreshadowing here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) **Lowell** reminded everyone that his committee is “setting up the speaker network throughout the whole club. If you have an idea for a guest speaker, tell the Prez, me, **Mel**, **Steve**... we’ll contact them. It’s already working; **Donalee** had one.” 2) **Lester** said he “received a phone call... Elementary School restoration project... bring the Mission Style buildings back to glory... could Kiwanis assist them with installing new landscaping... no plan yet... I said we are willing when there is a plan.”

DRAWINGS: **Jeff** won his ticket to ride, aka Fine Free. Yee haw!!! **Bill** won a chance at the marble game. He ambled up to the podium, glibly reached in the bag and... achieved clarity! He has such a nice smile. So... the pot is now zippo and the bag is fully marblized.

## Election Candidate Addresses Club



Napa resident **Tom Kensok**, who is running for the office of Napa County DA, was our guest speaker last week.

“I’ve been with the Contra Costa Co. DA’s office for 26 years. This is also my 12<sup>th</sup> year as a Trustee for the Napa Valley Unified School District... The CCC DA’s office was my first job out of law school. We have 90 attorneys and serve 1.1 million people. I’m one of two Assistant DAs – I’m in management.”

Tom is running because “people in law enforcement are very unhappy with the DA’s office. The Police Ass’n was actively looking for someone to run, and checked me out. I now have endorsements from the Deputy Sheriffs as well as Napa, Calistoga and St. Helena police officers.”

Citing statistics about felony dispositions, Tom noted that Napa County has “the 2<sup>nd</sup> worst record in the Bay Area for felony convictions... an acquittal rate of 30%. This is unacceptable.”

“My 3 points are: 1) fix that conviction rate by filing good cases and not wasting time on bad cases; 2) be a hands-on DA by training & mentoring young attorneys and being hands-on with the police; 3) continue to be involved in the community, as I’ve been with the school board, NV Food Bank, sports and mock trials.”

Tom described his management style as “efficient” and noted his rapport with the Richmond Chief of Police as well as the Public Defenders of both Contra Costa and Solano counties.

## Member Profile

*by Bill Savidge*



### Jim Aldred

“My green ’49 Chevy coupe—I chased down two different owners who said they’d never sell. But I finally got it. Same age as me. Price new in ’49... \$1,350.”

Cars are in Jim’s genes. A grandfather had a wrecking yard. His father owned a trucking company and customized stock cars for fun. In 1965 he helped Jim buy his first car, a ’53 Chevy, for \$112.

For relaxation, Jim and Nancy, his wife, spend time in their 40-foot RV—a hotel suite on wheels. Excursions have included trips to visit his son, Brock, 43, and three grandchildren in Colorado, the warm deserts of Southern California and Arizona, as well as other western states including four national parks. Jim and Nancy also have a daughter, Molly, 28, who lives in Sunnyvale with her husband.

Roseburg, Oregon, was Jim’s birthplace and childhood home. He graduated Walla Walla University, WA, in 1972 (journalism major), followed by a Master’s Degree from the University of Oregon in 1978.

His first job was Director of Public Relations, Pacific Union College. Later, working in marketing and business development, he lived in San Diego, Kansas City, Phoenix and Oahu’s North Shore.

In 2001 Jim returned to Napa Valley. “Who says you can’t come home again? I’ve lived here half my working life.” After a regional marketing position with St. Helena Hospital, he started his own venture in 2007: Aldred Insurance Services.

About the same time, Howell Mountain Broadcasting Co., FM 89.9, lost its general manager. Jim was asked to help out, part time, a couple months. Two months turned into four years, with Jim wearing two hats, insurance and broadcasting. KNDL, a contemporary Christian music station did well. In 2010, KDFC, the Bay Area’s classical music, bought the station for \$2.8 million.

What’s important? “I want to leave things better than I find them. To improve things, find ways to give back.” In addition to Kiwanis, Jim is on the board of the St. Helena Chamber, Rianda House and the St. Helena Renaissance Foundation.

# Kiwanis Club of St. Helena

## *Guinness World Record Holder*

*Longest continuous wine toast 10/7/12*

## CLUB CALENDAR

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

**February 12** – Guest speaker TBA... or committee breakout groups

**February 14** – Valentine's Day

**March 3** – Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

**March 5** – Guest speaker: Builder's Club Presentation

**July 17** – July DCM at Crane Park

### Worthy Causes

**March 1** – Builders Club paints little league dugouts, 9 a.m.

**March 1** – Boys & Girls Club, *Ragin' Cajun*, Castello di Amorosa

## Special Notices

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

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