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2004-2005 officers were installed on October 5 at the Villa Annex. Newly installed president Dan Maraviglia, right, is congratulated by his father. (Please see page 3).

## Christmas Tree Lot Opens November 26; Members Urged To Sign Up for Work Shifts

It's going to take the efforts of every club member to "man" the club's second annual Christmas Tree Lot slated to open on Friday, November 26 at 10 a.m.

Christmas Tree Lot committee member Joe Engler said that every member needs to volunteer for at least five shifts of three hours each. The first sign up sheet has been passed among the members at the October 26 meeting and the sign up sheet will be available to the membership at each meeting until the opening date. The sheet now circulated among the members is for assignments to December 12. Another sheet will be available after that. Joe indicated that the lot will be open for 27 days.

The lot, located in the same area as last year at Matheson and Vine, will be open from Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Shifts are from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Last year 27 club members volunteered 1,250 hours helping to make the 2003 project a financial as well as a community involved success. Assisting again this year will be members of the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club, men from the Salvation Army at Lytton and members of the Boy Scout Troop 21

Ken Scharer, chairman of the Christmas Tree Lot project, advised that 1,735 Oregon trees have been ordered and that all permits are on line. The tree lot will offer for sale Douglas Firs, Fraser Firs, Noble, Grand, Nordman and Euro Noble trees plus garlands and wreaths.

Work sessions will be held during the coming weeks to prepare the lot and club members will be urged to help.

Ken said that new signs indicating the type of tree will be made and will be placed so that the type of tree can be easily identified by the sales help as well as the customer.

### Rich Norman Appointed

President Dan Maraviglia appointed Richard Norman construction crew chairman on the Animal Shelter project. The project will be completed when the doors to the pens are installed.

## Calendar

**November 11: Board of Directors Meeting, 7 p.m., at the Healdsburg Police Department.**

**November 12: Windsor Kiwanis Club's Spaghetti Feed, Windsor Grange Hall, \$10.**

**December 4: Cloverdale Kiwanis Club's Crab Feed, 6 p.m., St. Peter's Catholic Church Hall, \$35. For Information call 894-9118.**

**The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer's Annex.**

**For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club and its meetings please contact Dan Maraviglia, president at 433-3363 or Dee Whitehall, secretary at 433-4391**

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**OFFICERS 2004-2005**

Daniele (Dan) Maraviglia, President  
Neil Iversen, First V.P.  
Roger Dormire, Second V.P.  
Dee Whitehall, Secretary  
Dennis Gary, Adm. Treasurer  
Dan Gianni, Project and Membership  
Treasurer  
Jerry Strong, Past President

**Board of Directors**

Vincent Ciolino  
George Clough  
Beverly Dordahl  
Joe Engler  
Chris Metrulas  
Gary Plass  
Ken Scharer  
Dennis Stead

**Memorial Scholarship Fund**

**Board of Directors**

John Bippart  
John (Jack) Brandt  
Lee Gunnerson  
Dan Maraviglia  
Charles Reichel

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Arnold Santucci, Editor  
Richard Iverson, Member  
Vincent Ciolino, Member  
Harry Jackson, Member

**Happy Birthday:**

Nov. 1: Jack Brandt  
Nov. 1: Temple Smith  
Nov. 2: Richard Iverson  
Nov. 2: Richard Bugarske  
Nov. 9: Joseph Engler  
Nov. 10: Allen Owen  
Nov. 10: Jerry Strong  
Nov. 18: Fred Corson  
Nov. 28: Dan Maraviglia

**Kiwanis Anniversaries**

Congratulations to the following  
who joined Kiwanis during the  
month of November.

Lee Gunnerson, 11-14-91  
Dennis Gary, 11-07-95  
Dan Gianni, 11-26-96

**The President's Message:**

**Membership, Membership, Membership !**

By Dan Maraviglia

Hello, all ! Welcome to the 2004-2005 Healdsburg Kiwanis year. As I write this column, I have just finished my first regular meeting as president, and am already excited about the prospects for a fun filled and prosperous year. One of my themes for this year is MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP ! We have a great club, and we are committed to more fundraising and community service projects than perhaps at any other time in our history. We need to celebrate all of the wonderful things that we do for the community, but as a practical matter, if we are going to continue to provide these services we need new folks to make us better and stronger. What's that line from the installation manual ? ... "Kiwanis is an organization so great that we should all strive to share our K with others..." that is the challenge for the year. So, when last I checked we are at 74 members, and I'd like to see us climb to 88 this year. It's an aggressive goal, but with your help, and with the help of our first ever Guest Day (which I will be coordinating through the Membership Committee and the board of directors); I'm confident we can reach it.

With respect to all of our standing fundraisers and community service projects, I am reminded of the old adage "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." That being said, there is always room for improvement. I encourage all of you, and particularly the new members, to get actively involved in the planning of these activities. In my view, the fellowship involved in serving on a committee or organizing an activity is the single most satisfying part of being a Kiwanian. Don't miss out on the fun.

Before we get too focused on the future, I think we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Jerry Strong for his gracious leadership this past year. There wasn't a single event, board meeting, committee meeting, district meeting, or convention that Jerry did not actively participate in. His diplomacy, good heartedness, kindness and grace were always on display; and we are a better club because of him. Make sure you take the time to thank him for his efforts. (That's a hint re: fines). Now, if I could only get him to pronounce my last name correctly. (That's a second hint re: fines).

Alright, that's all for now, Let's have a great year !

**High School Key Club Is Off and Running**

Dennis Stead, chairman of the Kiwanis Key Club committee, a part of the Sponsored Youth Services, said that the "Key Club is off and running" and that there are 25 members so far.

13 of the members, he reported, went to the Key Club Fall Rally held at Marine World in Vallejo and they had a great time.

During the last week of October and the first week of November the Key Clubbers will be collecting for UNICEF, non-perishable goods for the Healdsburg Food Pantry plus working at the Healdsburg Animal Shelter.

Nicole Black recently was elected president of the Healdsburg High School Key Club.

**Student of the Month Program Starts in November**

At the first meeting in November, the members will be introduced to the first Students of the Month for the 2004-2005 Kiwanis year. The Healdsburg High School male students are picked for their academic and athletic achievements as well as their community service. Chairing this Youth Services program is Randy Collins, assisted by Vince Dougherty and George Diebold.

## Acknowledgments and Special Awards at Installation Dinner

Officers and board of directors were installed at traditional ceremonies at the annual Kiwanis Club installation dinner held October 5 at the Villa Annex. Lt. Gov. Art Weaver, Santa Rosa, officiated at the installation program duly installing the club's officers for the year 2004-2005.

New officers are Dan Maraviglia, president; Neil Iversen, first vice-president; Roger Dormire, second vice-president, Dan Gianni, membership and project treasurer; Dennis Gary, administrative treasurer; and Dolores Whitehall, secretary, and members of the board, for a two year term, Vincent Ciolino, Joe Engler, Chris Metrulas and Ken Scharer. Returning for another year are board members Dennis Stead, Bev Dordahl, Gary Plass and George Clough.

Past Lt. Governor Lee Dysart of Windsor officiated at the ceremonies retiring the 2003-2004 officers and directors.

A number of special awards and acknowledgments were presented by outgoing president Jerry Strong: to Bev Dordahl the "Beyond the Call of Duty Award" for her handling of the finances during the Christmas Trees sale and her chairing the InterClub program; to Lockie Gillies for chairing the successful Paintball Tournament which raised close to \$16,000; to Chris Metrulas for his outstanding efforts in chairing the Food Booth at the Future Farmers Country Fair; to Mary Brandt and the Brandt family for their generosity in allowing the club to use the Brandt Picnic Grounds; and to Dennis Stead, the Extraordinary Award, for his many services to the club i.e. chair of the Key Club committee, chair of the First Book Project in which dictionaries are given to each third grade student in Healdsburg, chairing the Food Booth at the Country Fair, Christmas Tree Lot program, on the board of the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club, auctioneer at the Western BBQ and the Key Club cake sale, helping to start the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club and maintaining a liaison with that club and in membership brought in four new members. Dennis also received the Division 32 Distinguished Kiwanis Award from Lt. Governor Lee Dysart.

Past president Nancy Curnow presented an Outstanding Club Leadership award to Jerry Strong and our poet and limerick laureate LeRoy Steck penned odes to Jerry and new president Dan.

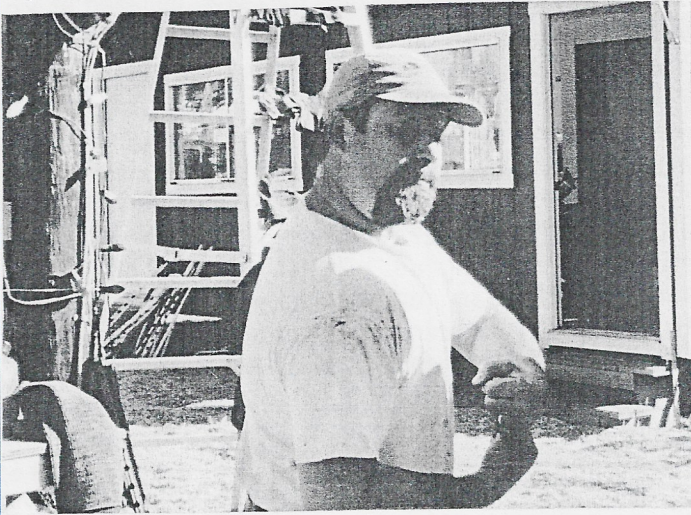
In his acceptance speech Dan Maraviglia said his goal is for the club members to have fun and fellowship during the coming year and to increase our membership by 14.



Top photo: Mary Brandt, left, accepts a plaque from Bev Dordahl, Dennis Stead and Jerry Strong thanking her and her family for their generosity in allowing the club to use the Brandt's Picnic grounds; center photo, Evelyn Iversen pins the K pin on her son Neil on being installed as first vice-president; bottom photo, outgoing president Jerry Strong, right, presents a special certificate to Lockie Gillies for his chairing the Paintball Tournament.

## Kiwanis Profile / Chris Metrulas

By Vince Ciolino



Fellow Kiwanian Steve Metrulas still remembers the day Chris was born in Alameda, CA back in 1953. He knew that Chris would grow up to be special. Chris and family moved to Sunnyvale where Chris would spend his formative years and become a graduate of Sunnyvale High School.

It was back in 1973 at Information Terminals that Chris would meet the love of his life, Maggie. Maggie and Chris met at work and are now coming up on 30 years of marriage and have two grown children—Steve and Adreanna. Steve and

Maggie moved up to Healdsburg in January 2003 and Chris soon became a Kiwanian.

Chris has been active in several fundraisers including the Future Farmers Country Fair Food Booth, the Animal Shelter and Christmas Tree Lot. His most memorable moment as a Kiwanian was when past president Jerry Strong fell into the septic tank at the Animal Shelter Cleanup Day. What most fellow Kiwanians don't know about Chris is that he loves Country and Western music.

**Dictionaries Available:** Dennis Stead, First Book Project chair, reports that he has a few of the Scholastic dictionaries which were distributed to all third grade student available for sale. The cost ? \$9 or \$10 depending on whether he has change or not !” He also said that the club has received many thank you notes from the third grade students.

**2004-2005 Budget:** President Dan Maraviglia reminded all committee chairs to submit a budget for the new year. Please have it ready for the next board of directors meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 7 p.m. at the Healdsburg Police Department.

**Results of Fundraisers:** Lockie Gillies, chair of the Paintball Tournament advised the club members that approximately \$16,000 was raised at the recent tourney in Windsor. The funds will be used to assist the athletic department at the Healdsburg High School.

He also reported that the Kiwanis Night at deVine Pizza in September brought in \$250 for the club's project fund.

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