



Christmas tree lot opened Friday morning with a full complement of volunteer workers. Shown here are Christmas Tree Sales committee members, from left, Bev Dordahl, Chris Metrulas, Ken Scharer and Glen Keith, manager of the lot.

A Special Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Project: Christmas Tree Lot Opens Friday Morning

Despite inclement weather, the club's newest fund raising project opened with a great deal of enthusiasm by the committee members and club volunteers. On Friday, the Christmas Tree lot, located at 24 Matheson Street, the site of the former Fred Young and Company mortuary, saw a steady stream of customers who purchased fresh Christmas trees and wreaths.

Offered for sale are Grand Fir, Noble Fir, Douglas Fir, Nordman and Alpine Euro Noble plus Scotch Pine and Noble Fir Mixed Green wreaths.

Trees range from 2 to 3 feet tall to 14 feet with prices from \$14 to \$305 for the largest tree. Wooden and steel stands are also for sale. And trees to be used in commercial establishments can be flame retardant.

Three committee members - Chris Metrulas, Dennis Stead and Ken Scharer - were given permits to apply flame retardant to the trees following a written test by the Fire Marshall.

Other members of the committee who worked many hours since June of this year to plan for this project are Bev Dordahl, Roger Dormire and Joe Engler. Glenn Keith, who managed the tree lot for the Boys and Girls Club in past years, is managing it for the Kiwanis Club this year.

An anonymous donor put up \$30,000 in seed money which allowed the club to proceed with the project. Ernie Frandsen, owner of the Fred Young & Company mortuary site, donated the lot for the

program. Ernie is a member of the Cloverdale club. The proceeds will help the Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts, the Scholarship program, etc.

Calendar

Dec. 2 : Rebuilding Vietnamese Homes by Fred Ptucha

Dec. 5: Cloverdale Club's Crab Feed, 7 to 9 p.m., auction, St. Peter's Church Hall, Cloverdale, \$45 per person. See Dennis Stead for tickets.

Dec. 9: Clean Money Campaign by Gail Jonas.

Dec. 11: Board meeting at the Healdsburg Police Department, 7 p.m.

Dec. 16: Club's annual Christmas party and luncheon, 12 noon at Villa Annex, spouses, family members, friends invited. Gift Exchange, men bring a gift for a man, women bring a gift for a woman. Following the party there will be caroling at rest homes, Carl Elze, in charge.

Dec. 16: Christmas Concert by Healdsburg Community Band, doors open 6:30 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m., free, at Raven Theatre, Healdsburg.

Dec. 18: Wrap gifts for Needy Families at Boys and Girls Club, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 23: No meeting.

Dec. 30: Attendance and Year Pins Issued by Neil Iversen.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Meets on Tuesdays at 12 o'clock noon at the Villa Chanticleer's Annex.

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Merry
Christmas
And
Happy
New
Year

The President's Message:

Swwiisssshhhh !!!

By Jerry Strong

Wooo, what's this I hear, the sound of people sliding down the mountain on sticks or boards strapped to their feet ? No, it's not that. There is no snow in these parts. Ahh yes, that's the sound of trees moving quickly out of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Christmas Tree Lot at 24 Matheson Street. What a sight to see and it smells like Monneeyyy. Yes, we're doing a good job out there moving trees for a wonderful cause, helping kids. Thanks Ken Scharer, Chris Metrulas, Dennis Stead, Roger Dormire, Beverly Dordahl and Joe Engler just to name a few, for your endless work in making this project a reality. Members please sign up on the Christmas Tree Lot schedule as soon as possible . We need your help in all areas of work, yes, we have something for everybody.

We have a budget ,approved by the board and we are back to work on the Animal Shelter, (thanks to Chris and Lockie). We adopted a family for Christmas and plan to wrap Christmas presents at the Boys and Girls Club December 18 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Adopt a Family program is in need of more sponsors. Can we help ? We are scheduled to partake in the "Tree Lighting in the Plaza" with VNA and Hospice November 30. Our members are invited to attend the Cloverdale Crab Feed December the 5th (See Denny Stead for tickets). The Kettle at

Safeway for the Salvation Army is optional this year due to having much work to be done at the Christmas Tree Lot. The trees are here and we are ready.

December 16 is slated for the annual Healdsburg Kiwanis Christmas party at the Villa Annex, same time as the regular meetings. Please bring a gift or another person, boys-boys and girls-girls, ten dollar limit value. Santa Baby will be there looking for good boys and girls, he's gowna have his hands full. Remember, December 23rd there will be no Kiwanis Club meeting.

By the next writing we will have had our Christmas celebration. At this time I would like very much to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Club Members Take Part In Computer Recycling Program

Five Kiwanians helped at the Computer Recycling Program Saturday, November 1, sponsored by the Healdsburg Unified School District and the Computers and Education Center of Santa Rosa. The event took place on the Healdsburg High School campus. Donated were 12,035 pounds of computers, monitors, scanners, printers and cable. Helping with this hands-on project were Lockie Gillies, who recruited the Kiwanis members, Dennis Stead, Carl Elze, George Clough and Ken Scharer

Thank You For Supporting The VNA And Hospice and Your Club Project

By Richard Iverson

For fourteen years Healdsburg Kiwanis and Soroptimist clubs have joined hands to assist in raising money for VNA (Visiting Nurses Association) and Hospice. Many local residents, regardless of ability to pay, benefit from these services.

The concept of lighting a large tree in the Plaza in connection with Healdsburg Merchants Association's annual Christmas Open House began as a cooperative effort by the local businesses, the City of Healdsburg and the two service clubs to give deeper meaning to the open house.

The idea of a special fund raising ceremony connected to lighting the Christmas Tree, called "Lights of Life", was conceived. Family and friends make a contribution to Hospice and dedicate a light on the tree in celebration of the life of a loved one. "Lights of Life" has now spread throughout Northern California.

This year the following Kiwanis volunteers formed the committee assisting in this event: Bev Dordahl, Carl Elze, Joe Engler, Vince Dougherty,, Dennis Gary, Pete Peterson, Rich Lehrmann, Jack Brandt, George Clough and Lee Gunnerson.

Thanks again for your willing and much appreciated assistance.

Lockie Gillies and Chris Metrulas Take Over Animal Shelter Project

The renovation of the dog pens at the Healdsburg Animal Shelter has been on hold for a number of months but action needs to be taken soon, President Jerry Strong announced. He said that Lockie Gillies and Chris Metrulas have agreed to take on the project.

Following a work session on November 22 further work will be postponed until after the new year. However, President Jerry stressed that the project needs to be completed soon. Chris and Lockie indicated that if they can get the help of 5 to 10 members over a period of two days, the work can be completed within that time frame.

Club Again Will Take Part in the Adopt a Family Presents Project 2003

President Jerry Strong announced that the board of directors had approved a donation of \$150 to the annual Presents Project 2003 in which needy families are presented with gifts at Christmas time through generous donations by area residents and organizations. Organized by Marcia Lavine and her co-organizer Judy Douglass Individuals or business firms or organizations can adopt a family or donate funds to

the project. The Kiwanis club opted to donate funds. Also the club agreed to place the funds being raised in a special account. Marcia Lavine asked for this help from the club so donations could be made under our tax status as a non-profit organization. Marcia and Judy and other helpers will use the money to buy gifts for each needy family member.

As in past years the Kiwanis club members and family members will gather on Thursday, December 18, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club to wrap the gifts for the needy families.

Students of The Month

Vince Dougherty, Chairman of the Student of the Month committee, presented to the Club on November 11 the first of the students to be so honored. Presented were Eric Gunnick, top left and James Rowan, bottom right.

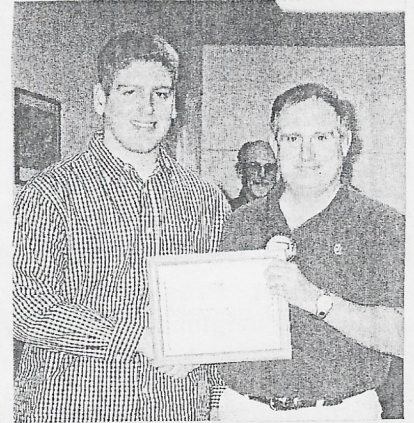
Eric, son of Judy and Frank Gunnick, is September's student and James, son of Mike and Mary Pat Rowan, is October's student. Eric has been active in football and track, president of the Junior Class and Senator of the senior class and a member of the First Baptist Church. He plans to attend UC Davis. It was noted that his father had been a member of the Key Club. James Rowan attended St. John's School all through elementary school and has been active in 4-H for nine years. He has been a class officer for all four years at Healdsburg High School and currently is student body president. He also plans to attend UC Davis.

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Inter-club Program Gets Underway

With Bev Dordahl leading the way the 2003-2004 Inter-club program started with a contingent attending the 7 a.m. meeting at the Cloverdale Club on Thursday, October 30. The next inter-club group, seven signed up, traveled to Santa Rosa on November 14 to attend a 12:15 p.m. meeting of the Santa Rosa club at the Los Robles Lodge.

And the last inter-club for this year saw a group of four visiting the Sebastopol Club's 12:30 p.m. meeting at the Sebastopol Community Center. Bev said the program will start again in January.





Allen Owen receives the Kiwanis Lifetime District Membership award from Nancy Curnow, Kiwanis past president, while his daughter Judy Deas looks on.

Allen Owen Honored With The District Lifetime Membership Award

Past President Nancy Curnow officially presented longtime member Allen Owen with the Kiwanis District Lifetime Membership Award on November 11 in honor of his many years of service to the Kiwanis Club and the community. A 24 year member of the club Allen served the club in many capacities – as a board member, as chair of numerous

committees, on the club's many fund raising projects. He served for many years as a member of the Advisory Council, Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center at Lytton. Prior to his retirement and his move to Healdsburg Allen was an executive with the Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

Christmas Party, Caroling Set for Tuesday, December 16 at Villa Annex

The annual Kiwanis Christmas Luncheon has been set for Tuesday, December 16 at noon at the usual meeting place, the Villa Annex. Spouses, family members and friends are invited but please sign up with President Jerry Strong by December 9th. There will be a gift exchange so those who attend are asked to bring a gift, value no more than \$10, a man bring a gift for a man, a woman a gift for a woman. Santa Claus will make an appearance to distribute the gifts.

Following the Christmas luncheon, members of the club, under the direction of Carl Elze, will go caroling at two rest homes.

HAPPY AND SAD: Bob Malone very happy that after Laser Surgery he doesn't have to wear glasses any more.Fire Chief Randy Collins had a happy \$10 because our club now has licensed applicators to apply flame retardant on Christmas trees

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