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Ken Scharer, chairman of the Christmas Tree Project, sells a beautiful 9 foot Noble to Michelle Weaver of Windsor.

Christmas Tree Lot Off To A Good Start

Dennis Stead, Christmas Tree Lot committee member, advised the club members at the Tuesday meeting that "it is going well." There has been good participation by the club members, he added.

On Tuesday 840 trees were unloaded with members and some day laborers completing the task. 1,735 Oregon trees were ordered in all including Douglas Fir, Noble Fir, Grand Fir, Nordman, Frazier Fir and Alpine Euro Noble. The trees range in height from 2 ft to 14 ft with prices going from \$22 to \$350.

Roger Dormire, another committee member, said that there is need for more help during the late afternoon and early evening shifts.

The lot, located on Matheson Street between Healdsburg Avenue and Vine Street, is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Ken Scharer, committee chairman, said that opening day, Friday, November 26 went very well and that over \$4,000 was taken in.

This is the second year that the club has taken on this project and this year only two workers were hired to assist - Kelly Brewer and his son Kyle - both of whom worked for the club last year.

Christmas Tree Project committee members who have worked preparing for this project for many months are Ken Scharer, chairman, Bev Dordahl, Dee Whitehall, Roger Dormire, Joe Engler, Lockie Gillies, Chris Metrulas, Jerry Strong and Dennis Stead. The Cox Fence Co. donated the use of the fence and set it up on Saturday, November 20.

Calendar

December 7: Marcia Lavine, Projects Presents Adopt A Family at Christmas Program

December 9: Board of Directors Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Healdsburg Police Department's Community Room.

December 14: Rio Lindo Academy Bell Ringers Will Perform.

December 21: Club's Christmas Party, Luncheon, 12 noon, at Villa Annex, Spouses, family members and guests are welcome. Bring a gift for the gift exchange.

December 28: No meeting on this date.

January 4: Regular meetings will resume at 12 noon at Villa Annex.

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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**112 Cases Of Wine
Donated To Club By
Geyser Peak Winery**

Through the intervention of Dee Whitehall and Dennis Stead our club is richer by 112 cases of Cabernet and Chardonnay wine from the Geyser Peak Winery. The wine is being stored at Vince Ciolino's winery.

The wine was scheduled for overseas shipment but the order was canceled.

So the winery, rather than going through a new labeling process decided to donate the wine to non-profit organizations.

The Cloverdale Kiwanis also received a similar donation from Geyser Peak.

The President's Message:

**A Change In Investment Strategy for
the Club's Memorial Scholarship Fund**

by Dan Maraviglia

"Oh the weather outside is frightful, but the TREE LOT is so delightful ..." Well, reports from the tree lot are all positive, and it looks like we are well on our way to having another wonderfully successful fund raiser. I'm not sure how to thank the Christmas Tree Lot committee for all their work, other than to say thanks to them and to all of you who have dedicated many hours to making this venture a reality. Let's keep up the good work, so that our community will be thanking us soon.

On a sad note, the Club and I were very sad to receive the news of the passing of Fred Haley. Fred was simply a joyful human being, quick with a joke, or a witty comment that would make us all laugh. His physical presence will be missed at our regular Tuesday meeting, but his spirit will be with us in all our activities. For those who would like to attend, I am informed that a Memorial Service will be held for Fred on December 11, 2004 at 11 a.m. at the Community Church.

Finally, a little business at our regular meeting on December 7. We will have a presentation by the Memorial Scholarship Fund regarding a change in the investment strategy for the Fund. There is a proposal that is being considered by the board to work with the Community Foundation of Sonoma County to maximize the rate of return for the Fund. All those who are interested in this issue should plan to attend.

Also, our December 21 meeting will be our Christmas Party. Please bring a wrapped gift, as we have in the past, to exchange with a fellow Kiwanian.

Since this is my last article before the New Year, I wish you and your families a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR. Now, stop reading and get back to work at the tree lot.

**Club's Annual Christmas Party Will Take
Place On Tuesday, December 21 at Noon**

Bring your spouse, family members, friends to the club's annual Christmas party.

This year the party will be held on Tuesday, December 21 at noon at the Villa Annex.

There will be a holiday songs and a gift exchange with Santa Claus presiding over the festivities. So sign up to attend during the next two weeks.

The Rio Lindo Academy Bell Ringers will entertain the club members on Tuesday, December 14. They could not perform at our Christmas luncheon because the Academy will not be in session at that time.

New Membership Roster in This Issue

Because of a "glitch" in the printing process the November 1 membership roster mailed in the November Kiwanis Newsletter should be destroyed. Part of the telephone numbers on page three were inadvertently omitted.

The new roster included in this issue has been updated by publications committee member Richard Iverson

Please note that committee assignments are included on the back page of the roster. So if you want to know which committee you have been assigned that is the official place to look.



\$15,000 CHECK: Lockie Gillies, left, hands a check for \$15,000 to Healdsburg High School co-principal Richard Bugarske to help fund the high school's athletic department. The money was raised by the club at the second annual Paintball Tournament chaired by Lockie Gillies. Looking on is Kiwanis president Dan Maraviglia.

Notice About Dues Payments

Several members have missed dues payments because they have not received their dues notices,

Notices are sent out on October 1st, January 1st, April 1st and July 1st. If you have not received an invoice by the 15th of the month, please notify either Dan Gianni or Dennis Gary for a copy of the invoice.

Dues are due and payable in the first month of each new quarter.

American Field Service Community Christmas Card Announcement

Neil Iversen announced on Tuesday that he will be accepting donations for the annual American Field Service's Community Christmas Card which will be published in the Tribune prior to the Christmas holiday.

Neil advised that your donation should be given to him by December 14. Or you can send your donation directly to Tina Crabtree, 730 College, Healdsburg 95448. For more information you can contact Crabtree at 433-6711.

By donating to the AFS Christmas Card you will help a local high school student spend time abroad or help a foreign student to come to Healdsburg.

For many years while he was a full time member of the club Clarence Ruonavaara handled the AFS donations. Now that Clarence has senior member status, Neil has agreed to take on this assignment.

Since the AFS' inception in the 1960s, the Kiwanis Club and its members have actively participated in the AFS Exchange Student program.

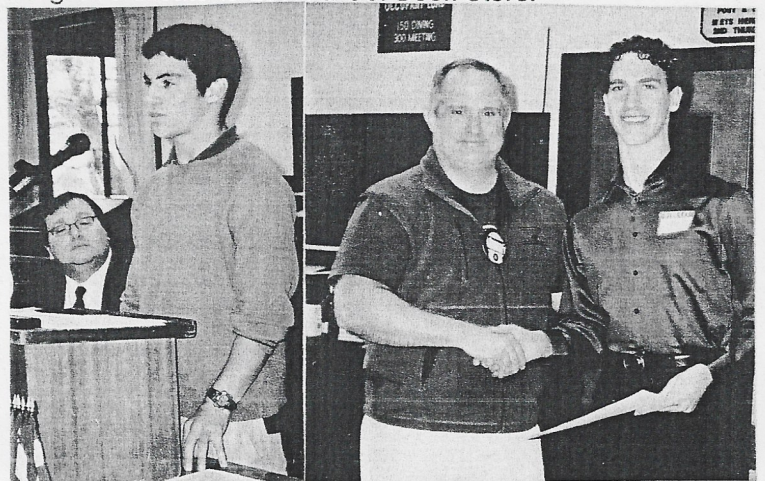
Mark Galvan and Brendan Trospen Are Students of Month

The first students of the month for the Kiwanis new year were presented to the club members at the November 22 meeting by Vince Dougherty, committee member.

The student of the month for September is Healdsburg High School senior Mark Galvan, son of Joe and Cassie Galvan. He is a member of Interact, has worked with the Key Club, attended Boys State and is presently senior class vice president. He plans to major in engineering and political science and hopes to attend either UC San Diego or UC Berkeley.

The October student of the month is Brendan Trospen who achieved an SAT over 1400. The son of Mary Sue and Robert Trospen he plans to pursue a career in ballet upon graduation.

In addition to his award each recipient received a gift certificate to Levin & Co. Book Store.



On the left, Mark Galvan, September's Student of the Month, addresses the club members. Looking on is club president Dan Maraviglia. On the right, October's student of the month, Brendan Trospen, is congratulated by Kiwanian Vince Dougherty.

Club Opts To "Adopt A Family"

With Nancy Curnow volunteering to "do the shopping" the club members enthusiastically supported the idea that "we should adopt a family" at Christmas under the auspices of Presents Project 2004 in which families in need are helped by individuals, organizations and businesses. In adopting a family, the organization purchases gifts for each member of the family based on their age and wish list. The sponsors and families are kept anonymous. Family names are provided by the Healdsburg School District, Evenstart Preschool and 4C's Day Care. The Kiwanis Club is the sponsor of the program and Marcia Lavine will speak to the club about this program on December 7.

Board Approves Budget for Year

A budget for approximately \$84,000 for the club's fiscal year, 2004-2005, was approved by the board members at its meeting on November 11.

The board approves budgets for the many committees and grants these committees the discretion, but not the obligation, to spend up to the amount of the budget during the fiscal year.

It was pointed out that a committee cannot spend more than its budgeted amount without first asking the board's approval.

In this way, the board explained, every expenditure made by the club either receives pre-approval through the budget or explicit approval as an individual act on an item on the board's agenda.

Covered in the approved budget were funds for Relay for Life Project, Key Club, Boy Scout Troop 21. Student of the month, public relations, scholarship awards, publications, house and reception, lotto, inter-club, "We Build" Construction Crew, programs, historical, Christmas Tree Project (the largest item at \$65,000), FFCF Food Booth, First Book program, Paintball fundraiser, pancake breakfast and Healdsburg Kiwanis online.

Charity Fund Goes To MS Program

At the request of past president Jerry Strong, \$1,330 of the funds collected weekly from the members

as the Charity fund will be sent to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. This was approved by the board at its November 11 meeting. Traditionally the outgoing president is allowed to designate where these funds will go.

In other business the board accepted the resignation of Will Beeth and approved a donation of \$100 to the Healdsburg's Booster Club.

Also approved was the allocation of \$10 per member for the Lt. Governor's fund. The amount approved was \$720.

Happy and Sad: Many sad dollars in memory of long time member Fred Haley who passed on Saturday, November 20 in Healdsburg. Memorial services for Fred will be held on Saturday, December 11, at 11 a.m. at Healdsburg's Community Church. ...Gary Plass, newly elected city council member, happy that the election is over and that he received the community's and the club's supportPete Peterson happy that his nephew, Kyle Deas, received the National Merit Scholarship ...Harry Jackson gave a happy \$30 in celebration of his and Mary's 29th anniversary ...Nancy Curnow happy that she and Clyde will be going on a three day cruise to EnsenadaJim Schmidt happy that he and Bonnie became grandparents...Chris Metrulas happy that the work at the Healdsburg Animal Shelter has been completed.

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