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**CHRISTMAS TREE LOT UP AND RUNNING:** Left photo, Vince Ciolino and Rick Norman dig post holes and Dennis Stead and Randy Collins check out one of the beautiful trees for sale.

### Report Good Start On Christmas Trees Sales

Ken Scharer, chairman of the fourth annual Christmas Trees Sale, told the membership on Tuesday November 28 that the project "had a decent start" and that the first four days of the sale "brought in \$9500". The sales for the opening day, Friday, November 24, reportedly came to \$4,000 and Saturday about \$3,000 Ken advised.

The club has ordered 1500 trees from Oregon, 200 less than last year, with three deliveries planned. The first shipment arrived on November 23 and the second on November 29. A third load will be brought in in another week or so to maintain a good selection of trees for our clientele.

Ken said that this year we will have a few more days to sell pointing out "we will have four weeks and a few days" because of Christmas falling on Monday.

Joe Engler, in charge of the volunteers, reminded the membership that everyone needs to put in at least three shifts. A.M. shifts run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends. P.M. shifts start at 3 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. He urged members to donate more time to this project and to drop in from time to time. There are more openings for the P. M. shift. Spouses are also asked to help especially with cashiering. Kelly Brewer again is on hand to help the club operate this project. Also helping on the weekend are men from the Salvation Army's ARC Lytton facility. Boy Scouts and Key Club members are also offering assistance.

The tree lot is located on Grove Street, just north of the Healdsburg City Hall. Kiwanians cleaned and prepared the lot on Saturday, November 18.

### Calendar

**December 2:** Cloverdale Kiwanis Club's Crab Feed, see Dennis Stead for tickets.

**December 5:** Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

**December 12:** Regular meeting, 12 noon, at Villa Annex. Guest speaker: Dave Pensky of the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

**December 14** Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m., at the Community Room, Healdsburg Police Department.

**December 19:** Christmas Party / Luncheon, 12 noon, Villa Annex. Spouses and guests welcome. Bring gifts for gift exchange..

**December 19:** Christmas Caroling at local rest homes following meeting. Carl Etze in charge

**December 26: NO MEETING.**

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 Roger Dormire, president, at 433-9095 or Dee Whitehall, secretary at 433-4391.

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### No Meeting December 26

President Roger Dormire advised the membership that there will be no meeting on Tuesday, December 26. Mark your calendar, he said. Our last meeting of the year will be the Christmas luncheon, December 19

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**Happy Birthday**

**Dec. 9 : Dana Burwell**

**Dec. 26: Rich Lehrman**

**AFS Community Christmas  
Card Program**

If you wish to participate in the annual American Field Service Exchange Student Program Community Christmas card you can give your donation to Clarence Ruonavaara within the next two weeks.

The Community Christmas Greeting Card will appear in the Tribune on December 21.

This is the AFS' major fund raiser and is a way for you to send holiday greetings to local friends without mailing Christmas cards.



**THANKSGIVING MESSAGE:** Captain Diane Jiminez, co-administrator of the Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center at Lytton, receives a gift from program chairman George Clough following Captain Jiminez' Thanksgiving message on November 21. Her thoughtful message of the meaning of Thanksgiving was very well received by the members and guests. The Captains Ralph and Diane Jiminez recently were assigned as administrators at the Lytton facility coming here from a post in Portland, Oregon.

**Board Approves Sponsorship of Fair Parade**

At its November 9 meeting the Kiwanis governing board approved an expenditure of \$5,300 to sponsor the 2007 Future Farmers Country Fair Twilight Parade which opens the 3 day annual Future Farmers Country Fair held at Recreation Park. A letter from the Fair Board to the Kiwanis Club indicated the Fair is having financial problems and is seeking help from the community. The Kiwanis board also requested that the flyers advertising the parade indicate that the parade is "sponsored by the Kiwanis Club."

In other business the board approved a donation of \$2500 to the Healdsburg High School for the purchase of new chairs.

The board also approved the hosting of the Cal-Nev-Ha governor's visit to Division 32 . The event will take place on May 3, 2007 at the Villa Chanticleer. A special committee might be formed to handle this event.

**Net Street Dance Funds Donated to Boys,Girls Club**

Dennis Stead advised the club at the November 28 meeting that the August Street Dance sponsored by the club and the Boys and Girls Club took in \$20,914. After operating expenses the net came to \$4,169. Of that \$2,000 was donated to the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club.

The Kiwanis Club took over operating the street dance from the Boys and Girls Club when the Boys and Girls Club advised that it could no longer operate the project.

Thousands of local and area residents as well as visitors attended the dance held on Healdsburg Avenue between Matheson and Plaza Streets. Many Kiwanians spent many hours working on this project.



**STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Porfirio Madrigal**, Healdsburg High School Senior and outstanding athlete in wrestling, football and cross country, received the Student of the Month award for August from Student of the Month committee chairman Dick Bertapelle at the November 21 meeting. Porfirio, with a grade point average of 4.3, is a member of MAYO (Mexican-American Youth Organization) and has interests in math and science. He plans to major in electrical engineering at a major university, the first in his family to attend a university. He has a guaranteed admission to UC Santa Barbara, UC Irvine and UC Merced. However, he has applied to other major schools including Stanford, UC Berkeley, Santa Clara, Cal Poly, Duke and Cornell.

## Annual Christmas Party, Caroling Set for Tuesday, December 19

Tuesday, December 19 will be the club's last meeting of the year and will also be our annual Christmas luncheon/party. The meeting will get underway at 12:10 p.m. followed by the luncheon and a visit from Santa Claus. Spouses and guests are invited and each person attending is asked to bring a unigift (one suitable for a man or woman) for the gift exchange.

Following the luncheon members of the club and guests will visit the two rest homes in Healdsburg, bringing gift packages to the residents and entertaining with Christmas carols.

Carl Elze, music committee chairman, said that he will need volunteers to help assemble the packages and ask that those who can to come a little earlier to the meeting to help with this project.

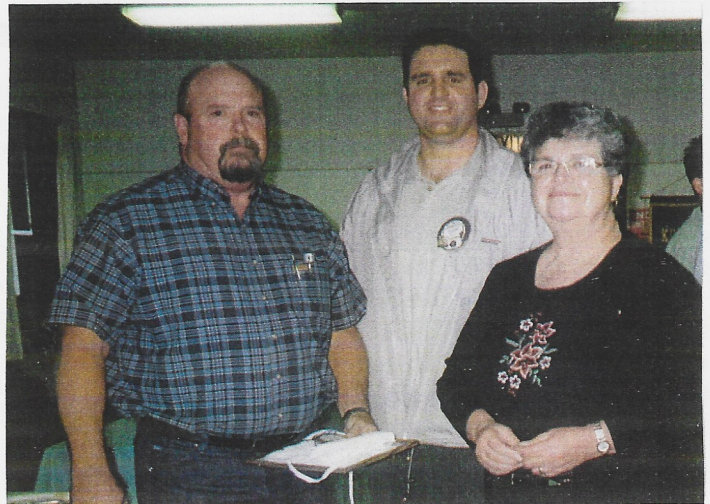
## Kiwanis Members Donated 342 Community Hours in November

Secretary Dee Whitehall reported that Healdsburg Kiwanians devoted many hours to helping other community organizations during the month of November. Tops on the list was the Christmas tree lot with 195 hours, followed by the Salvation Army with 28 hours, Cloverdale Kiwanis with 22 and Healdsburg Shared Ministries with 20 hours. Other organizations assisted were: North Coast Hospital, 2; Redwood Empire Boys Scout Council, 4; Music for Merchants, 3; Healdsburg Museum, 14-1/2; HICAP Counseling, 10; Volunteers for Seniors, 3; Healdsburg Senior Commission, 5; Healdsburg Library, 2; MOMS, 5;; Healdsburg Schools, 4; Windsor Schools, 3; Geyserville Schools, 5; Healdsburg Vol. Fire Dept., 12; Key Club, 3; Friends of Lake Sonoma, 2.

## Wrap Gifts For Project Presents

Again Kiwanians are asked to assist in another worthwhile community project- wrapping gifts for "Project Presents" The Project Present committee purchases new clothing and gifts for about 100 local families - sizes and types of gifts are predetermined- with funding coming from individuals, businesses and area organizations. Anonymity is provided by giving each family a number and the gifts are placed in large plastic bags for the recipients to pick up later that day.

Volunteers are needed at the Healdsburg Senior Center to wrap the gifts on Friday, December 15 starting at 10 a.m. The funding is funneled through the Kiwanis project fund and, as of October 31, totaled \$5,982. All materials for wrapping the gifts are provided but you are asked to bring along your own scissors.



**NEW MEMBER INDUCTED: Doug Newton**, left, sponsored by Dee Whitehall, right, was inducted into the club by Membership chairman Todd Brandt, center, on Tuesday, November 28. Doug, a retired Sonoma County Deputy Sheriff, now operates as a private investigator. Prior to that he worked for the San Mateo Sheriff's Department and Santa Rosa Police Department. He and his wife Constance recently moved to Geyserville. Doug said that he is looking forward to working on the club's many projects.



Jerry Strong, top, and Rich Lehrmann helping to unload Christmas tree stands in preparation for the fourth annual Christmas trees sale. Many Kiwanians were on hand Saturday, November 18 to prepare the lot located on Grove Street next to the City Hall.

## MOMS Needs Your Donations For Troops

MOMS (Mothers of Military Service personnel) are seeking donations for packages being sent to the troops overseas.

Recently working with Healdsburg's American Legion Post 111, Kiwanian Bob Taylor brought the project to the Kiwanis Club. A barrel has been set up in the Villa Annex for your non-perishable donations of such items as sunscreen, toothpaste (4 oz size), Cup of Noodles, AA and AAA batteries, scotch tape, hard candy, Wheat Thins and chips. Knit caps, can nuts Granola Bars, magazines and paperback books, etc. A suggested shopping list is available from MOMS.

Bob Taylor reported that the American Legion Post 111 had donated \$1,000 to the organization. Checks for postage can be mailed to American Legion Post 111, P.O. Box 809, Geyserville, CA 95441 or contact MOMS @sonic.net.

**Happy and Sad:** Bob Taylor happy that Kiwanis had donated \$460 and 50 gifts for the children of military personnel ...LeRoy Steck sad that he will be undergoing a hip replacement in January ...Carl Elze happy that the Healdsburg Community Band will be presenting two holiday concerts, one on December 5 at the Healdsburg Community Church and one at St. Peters Church in Cloverdale on December 8. Both start at 7:30 p.m. and a donation of \$5 can be made at the door....Dennis Stead happy to see Ted Etheredge back after his heart surgery ...Joe Engler happy to see Mario Lucchesi at the November 28 meeting .... George Clough happy that the board voted to give \$1000 to the Salvation Army to be used for gifts for the children of men enrolled in the Adult Rehabilitation Center program at Lytton.

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