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Mario Lucchesi, left, Joe Engler and Carl Elze getting ready to sell Christmas trees on a sunny December morning.

## Committee Reports Our Second Annual Christmas Tree Sale Project Successful

With the support and cooperation of most of the club members, the men from the Salvation Army at Lytton, high school students, members of the Cloverdale Kiwanis, other volunteers and the help of employees Kelly Brewer and his son Kyle, The Christmas Tree Lot Committee deemed this year's project a success.

Ken Scharer, chairman of the project, said that he figured the project grossed between \$105,000 to \$107,000 even though the lot did not sell all of the trees by December 24. There were 184 trees not sold according to committee member Roger Dormire. Roger said that when he closed the lot early Christmas Eve he placed 5 or 6 trees outside the fence. And they were all gone when he returned later, hopefully picked up by needy families.

Ken said that the final tally won't be available until all the bills are in and an accounting can be made.

The money raised from this project will go to help the youth of the community including the Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts, scholarships, supporting the Key Club, etc.

Many long hours were put into the project by the committee: Ken Scharer, chair, Roger Dormire, Joe Engler, Lockie Gillies, Chris Metrulas, Dennis Stead. Again this year Beverly Dordahl took over the duties of cashier assisted by Dee Whitehall and Al (Pete) Peterson.

## Calendar

January 4: Regular meeting, 12 noon. Program TBA

January 11: Regular meeting, 12 noon, Program TBA

January 13: Board of Directors Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Healdsburg Police Department's Community Room.

January 18: Regular meeting, 12 noon, Program TBA.

January 25: Regular meeting, 12 noon, Program TBA

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



Bev Dordahl handling the finances.

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**The President's Message:**

**Reflections on 2004**

By Dan Maraviglia

As I sit down to reflect on the Kiwanis Year 2004, the hustle and bustle of the holiday season surrounds me. Presents to wrap on the floor, Bing Crosby's *White Christmas* on the stereo, and a glass of wine filled to the brim (not for long). I don't think it's a stretch to say that 2004 may very well be remembered as the most successful year in our Club's history. Certainly, from a fund-raising standpoint, we've never been so flush. The Christmas Tree lot, the Paintball Tournament, the Pancake Breakfast, The Fitch Mountain Footrace, and the Future Farmers Country Fair, to name just a few, have allowed us to simultaneously provide service and raise money for our community. More importantly the energy, enthusiasm, and dare I say love, which our membership has brought to these activities has created new friendships, and has revitalized our essential place in the Healdsburg Community.

So what will 2005 bring to us ? Will we have the strength to repeat the successes of the prior year ? Will we have the courage to take on new service projects, and to make changes when needed for the betterment of the Club? Will we find a way to share our fellowship with others by expanding the club's membership ? These are our challenges, and one's, I believe, we are well equipped to handle.

A wise man once wrote, "The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it." So beginning January 2005 we are going to continue getting it done. During the month of January, you will be asked for the name of two individuals that you believe would be good additions to the club. These folks will be invited to our Guest Day, which is tentatively scheduled for March of 2005. Keep an eye out for good Kiwanians, they are out there , they just don't know it yet. So with this first task of 2005, the year will begin, let's have a great one and keep the momentum building the whole year long.

**Kiwanians Have A 'Wrapping' Good Time  
Helping with Christmas' Project Presents**

Twelve Kiwanians and family members volunteered to wrap Christmas presents for needy families at the Healdsburg Senior Center on Friday, December 17. The program, *Project Present/ Adopt a Family* , provided new gifts and clothing for 59 families, totaling 259 individuals.

Marcia Lavine who has spearheaded this project for the past four years said that approximately \$4,000 was raised in a very short time and the funds were channeled through the Kiwanis Club so that those donating could use the donation as a tax write-off. The club opted to adopt a family of six with Past President Nancy Curnow volunteering to purchase the gifts. Out of the 59 families, 46 were adopted by organizations, business firms or individuals. Volunteers wrapped the gifts for the 13 remaining families. 13 bicycles were donated for 12 youngsters and one man and were to be picked up at the Healdsburg Police station where licenses would be issued.

The families were advised to pick up their beautifully wrapped gifts all labeled carefully and placed in large plastic bags on Friday afternoon at the Senior Center. The names of the recipient families are carefully guarded and are provided by the Healdsburg School District, Evenstart Preschool and 4C's Day Care. The sponsors and families are kept anonymous.

Participating in the wrapping session were Rich and Barbara Iversen who helped coordinate the program with the Kiwanis Club, Dee Whitehall, Neil Iversen, Temple and June Smith, Jim Schmidt, Don Reukema, Bob Taylor, Harry Jacson, Vi and Arnold Santucci

**Happy Birthday:**

Jan. 8: Richard Norgrove  
Jan. 9: Dennis Gary  
Jan. 12: Arnold Santucci  
Jan. 14: Beverly Dordahl  
Jan. 20: Francis Passalacqua

**Kiwanis Anniversaries**

Congratulations to the following who joined Kiwanis during the month of January:

John Bippart, 1-4-94  
LeRoy Steck, 1-4-00  
Allen Owen, 1-16-79  
James Silveira, 1-30-68



**Top photo: "The Three Kings" Dan Maraviglia, left, Roger Dormire and Carl Elze entertain at the annual Christmas party December 21 at the Villa Annex. Bottom photo: Santa Claus, a.k.a. Dan Maraviglia gives a special gift to secretary Dee Whitehall.**

### **Santa Claus Hands Out Special Gifts at the Christmas Party**

Kiwanis club members, spouses, family members, and friends gathered for the club's annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 21 at noon at the Villa Annex.

Following a special "rendition" by the Three Kings (Dan Maraviglia, Roger Dormire and Carl Elze) Santa Claus (a.k.a. Dan Maraviglia) made his official visit and presented special gifts to a number of Kiwanians -- to Roger Dormire, a replacement for his "holy" shirt; to Bev Dordahl, Christmas socks to keep her warm; Chris Metrulas, a bottle of red wine, to help him stay warm; Joe Engler, a bottle of Clear for his foot which he accidentally hurt while on a cruise; Tom Barron, a microphone to use when he tells his interesting stories; Ken Scharer, Christmas Tree Lot chair, a major 8 ball to hide behind and to Dee Whitehall play money.

A Christmas gift exchange concluded the festivities for the day.

Following the luncheon, some members and family members visited two rest homes—Citrus Court and Healdsburg Living - where they entertained by singing familiar Christmas carols and handing out gift packages. Chairing this event was Carl Elze and accompanying the singers was Nancy Curnow.

Taking time out to participate in this program were Carl Elze, Nancy Curnow, Hugo and Barbara

Bauer, George Clough, Don Reukema, Roger Dormire, Neil Iversen, Jerry Strong and Vi and Arnold Santucci.

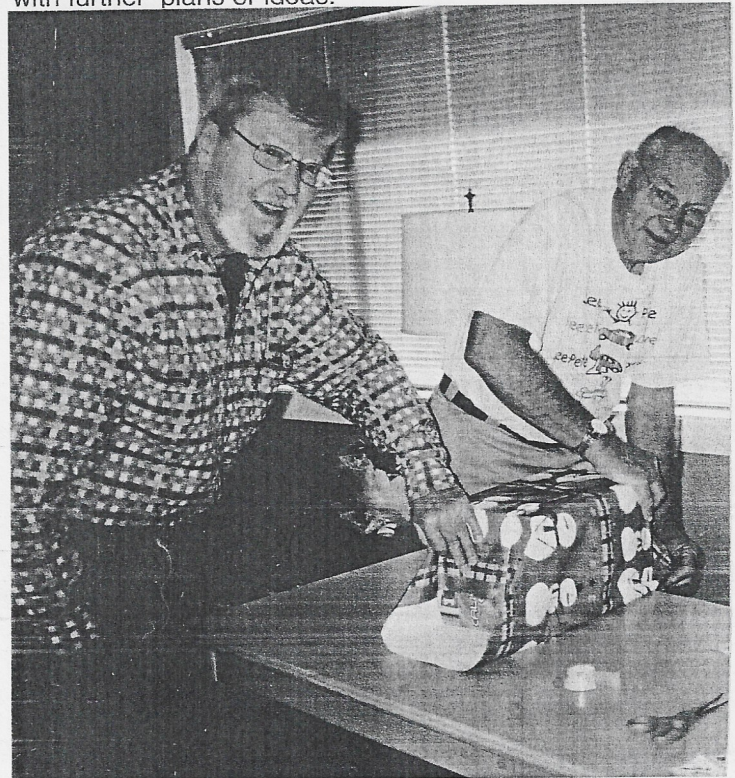
### **Committee Will Report Back On The Memorial Scholarship Fund Change**

Following a report by the Healdsburg Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Committee to the membership at large at the December 7 meeting, the consensus was to study the proposal further. It was suggested by the Scholarship Fund committee that the method of investment of the funds, approximately \$100,000, be changed. Presently the funds are invested in certificates of deposit with a low rate of interest. It was suggested that the management of the funds be turned over to Sonoma County Community Foundation so that a higher rate of return be achieved/

The committee would then be out of the management business, Chuck Reichel said.

However, Tom Rackerby, chairman of the Scholarship Awards committee, voiced opposition to the change in management pointing out that in his dealings he found the Foundation lacking.

The committee, along with Tom Rackerby, will study the proposal and report back to the membership with further plans or ideas.



**Wrapping Gifts: Richard Iversen, left, and Neil Iversen coordinate wrapping one of the many gifts for needy families at the Senior Center December 17, a part of the Project Presents/Adopt a Family Program. Please see article on opposite page.**



Getting ready to entertain the residents of the Citrus Court Rest Home on Tuesday, December 21 were, left, kneeling, Jerry Strong, Carl Elze, Barbara Bauer, Don Reukema, George Clough and Hugo Bauer. At the piano, in the back, Nancy Curnow. Also participating were Neil Iversen, Roger Dormire, Vi and Arnold Santucci.

### Funding Approved By Board

The board of directors at its December 9 meeting approved three funding requests, denied one request for funds and discussed the possibility of creating a co-op garden with

the fruit and vegetables grown donated to the Food Pantry as suggested by Chris Metrulas.

Approved was a request from the Healdsburg Pre-school Co-op with the funds going to the replacement of a furnace at the school. The club will match up to \$1,000 of any funds raised by the Co-Op itself and parental donations but exclusive of funds donated by other service clubs.

Also approved was a request by the Healdsburg Bulldogs Junior Cheerleaders for funds to go towards their placement in and a trip to the U.S.A. Junior Spirit National Competition. The club will match up to \$500 of funds raised by the Cheerleaders or their parents but not donations from other service club.

\$600 was approved to buy Christmas gifts for a needy family of 6 as a part of the Project Presents/Adopt A Family Program. Nancy Curnow was authorized to shop for the gifts.

Chris Metrulas offered to donate a newly refurbished printer to the Healdsburg Community Nursery School. So the board denied the school's request for \$400 for a new printer.

**Happy and Sad:** Hugo Bauer happy that he and Barbara recently celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. ... George Dieboldt sad that he wouldn't be here for the Christmas party but happy that he would be visiting his daughter in Spain...Dan Maraviglia was pleased with the uplifting tribute to Fred Haley at Fred's memorial services ...Gary Plass happy about how well the Senior Dinner went and that over 300 were served...Pete Peterson happy that the piano at the Annex is in tune now courtesy of the Healdsburg Garden Club.

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