

KEY CLUB OFFICERS VISITED the Kiwanis Club to bring the members up to date on its programs. Kathy Stauffer, left, and Dennis Stead, right, Kiwanis Club Key Club advisors presented the Key Clubbers, Hayley Simpson, second from left, Public Relations and Advertising chair, Mat Wright, third from left, Treasurer, and Nathan Houle, fourth from left, president. The Key Clubbers are looking forward to their annual fund raiser, the bake sale/auction at the Kiwanis Club's meeting tentatively scheduled for January 31. Come prepared to bid up for delectable "goodies" baked by the Key Club members. The funds raised will be used to send Key Clubbers to the annual convention,

Estimate That Christmas Tree Lot Raised Approximately \$30,000 for the Project Fund

The third annual month long Christmas Tree sale was pronounced another successful project despite being in a new location and some inclement weather.

Ken Scharer who served as chairman again of this program assisted by his committee said that he felt that "we lost about 10% of our customers due to the new location" next to the city hall on Grove Street. However, he added that the lot grossed about \$98,000 and netted about \$30,000. Not all figures are in and he'll be able to make a final determination to the board at its January 12 meeting.

Ken also figured that about 10% of the trees purchased were not sold by December 24. This seems to be a percentage of trees not sold as reported by many Sonoma County Christmas tree vendors.

The club purchased 1500 trees from Oregon and they were delivered in three shipments. A survey to ascertain the type of trees (please see page 5)

Calendar

January 3: No meeting scheduled.

January 10: Regular meeting, 12 noon at the Villa Annex.

January 12: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m., at the Community Room of the Police Department.

January 17: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

January 24: Regular meeting at Villa Annex, 12 noon.

January 30 : Willits Kiwanis Club Charter Night, 5:30 social hour, 6:30 dinner. The Broiler Steak House, 8400 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley, north of Ukiah, take West Road turnoff. (Call Neil Iversen for information). Tickets \$25 now, \$30 at door. (Neil has a van to take 8, need a driver). Let's make it an interclub with Willits.

January 31: Regular meeting at Villa Annex, 12 noon. Annual Key Club's fundraiser, bake/sale / auction planned for this 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 Neil Iversen, president at 433 1140 or Dee Whitehall, secretary at 433-4391

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Happy Birthday:

January 1: Bruce Main
January 8: Richard Norgrove.
January 9: Dennis Gary:
January 12: Arnold Santucci

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

John Bippart, 1-4-94

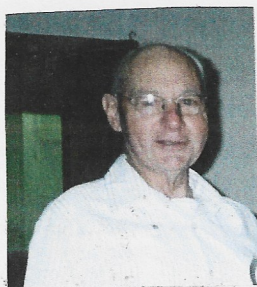
LeRoy Steck, 1-4-00

Allen Owen, 1-16-79

James Silveira, 1-30=68

**There is no meeting on January
3rd. Our regular meetings will
resume on Tuesday, January 10**

The President's Message:



**Well, It's Goodbye to 2005
and Hello to the Year of 2006**

by Neil Iversen

We had a very successful 2005 and it looks like a Great start for 2006 January Membership Drive as Don MacKay and Michael Warner have already joined to help our membership drive. Lee Gunnerson has turned in the application of Phil Rice to become a member again by reinstatement. Should you come across a friend who was a member before ask him/her about reinstating.

Again I would like to thank Ken Scharer and his committee for the outstanding job and thanks for the generous contribution of hours, labor and support of all our Healdsburg Kiwanians during this holiday season, our third year selling Christmas trees.

As most of you know our 2006 will be another busy year for our club with the scheduled annual fund raisers and community service projects. I look forward to working with all my committee chairpersons and their members to accomplish these tasks and hope your holidays and new year were prosperous and restful.

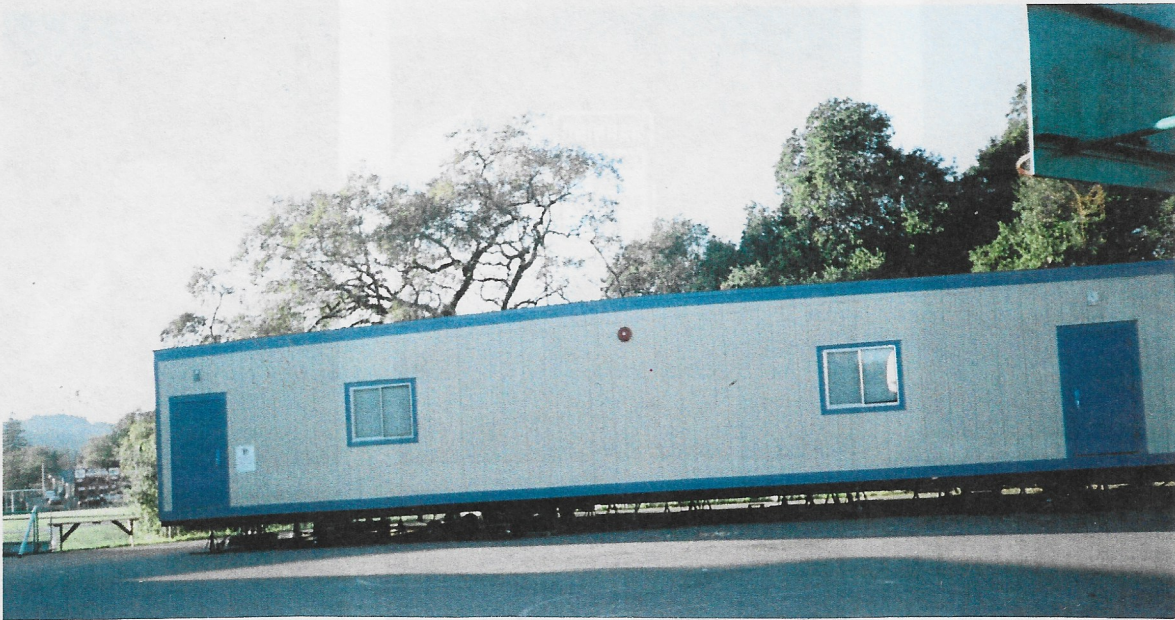
Thanks also to our club's chorus group for going around to the Fitch Street and Grove Street Convalescent hospitals and bringing them that Christmas spirit with songs and gifts of fruit and snacks.

Now that the new year is here we will look at January as our annual Membership Drive. So start bringing in your friends for a free meal in January, starting January 10 because there is no meeting on January 3.

**Kiwanians Helped To
Wrap Gifts For Families**

A number of Kiwanis Club members and spouses helped to wrap Christmas gifts for needy families at the Healdsburg Senior Center on Friday, December 16. Showing up to help Project Presents wrap gifts of clothes, toys and other miscellaneous items for 9 (46 people) of the 73 families were Richard and Barbara Iverson, Harry Jackson, Dennis Stead, Vi and Arnold Santucci. Other organizations and business firms who adopted families brought their gifts wrapped to the Center for distribution that day. Marcia Lavine, coordinator for the Project, said that 73 families and 327 people were presented with gifts through this service. 22 bicycles were also distributed. Rich Iverson served as liaison to Project Presents for the Kiwanis Club. The club also donated to the project as well as acted as the financial depository for this organization. In photo, Harry Jackson, left, and Rich Iverson.





New Teen Center At Boys and Girls Club A Community Project

As envisioned by past president Dan Maraviglia during his tenure last year, the new Teen Center facility at the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club has become a community project. When first announced it seemed that the Kiwanis Club would be the only sponsor and that most of the cost would fall on our club. However, through perseverance and the "who you know" attitude a great deal of the funding has come from other sources. However, the majority has come from the Kiwanis Club.

With the second \$5,000 recently presented by the Rotary Club and the Healdsburg Lions Club's \$500 plus the city's return of the \$5,500 permit fees in addition to a \$7500 donation from the city's development fund and a donation by the Kiwanis International Foundation of \$1500, the Kiwanis Club's share of the cost has been reduced considerably. The original cost of the modular building was \$37,000 with additional costs bringing the of the project to over \$50,000.

Both the Rotary Club and the Lions Club expressed appreciation for being able to take part in this very special community project. Steve Beem, Lions Club president, said that he hoped that the Lions will be able to donate more funds to the project in the coming year.

Rick Norman, chairman of this project, and members of the Kiwanis Club, has worked closely with any number of businesses who have donated material or labor to the cause. Rick said that the outside painting has been completed, thanks to Jerry Strong and his committee, the inside will be painted by Jerry Eddinger Construction Company, the Wine Country Computers (Lockie Gillies and Vince Dougherty) will install the



Steve Beem, president of the Lions Club, advises the Kiwanis Club membership that his club will help fund the new Teen Center at the Boys and Girls Club. To his left, President Neil Iversen.

necessary equipment for the computer room, a small office will be built and the remainder of the 24 x 60 foot modular building will be left in open space. George Diebold of Healdsburg Floor Coverings has arranged for the carpeting. The trenching work was donated by Conley Plumbing and sand and gravel was donated by Syar Industries. The decking around the building came as a part of the building and will be installed.

Rick indicated that the new Teen Center, located to the north of the Boys and Girls Building will be ready to turn over to the Boys and Girls Club this month. A Boys and Girls Club faculty member will be in charge of running the facility it was reported.



Santa Looks Over His Special List Santa Brings Many “Special Gifts” To Kiwaniis Members

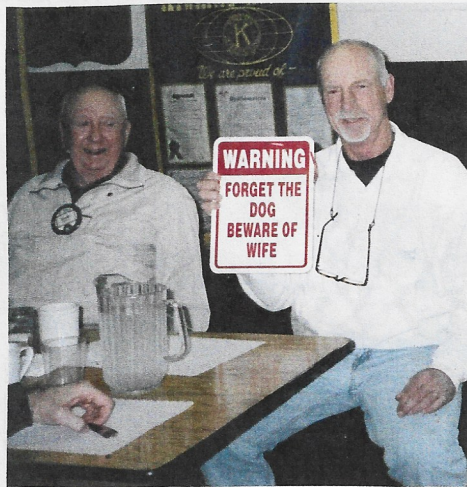
Thanks to Santa Claus a.k.a. Dennis Stead a number of Kiwanis club members' Christmas was made brighter with the presentation of some very special gifts dreamed up by Santa himself at the annual Christmas party and luncheon held December 13.

Family members and friends joined in the festivities which included a gift exchange and the singing of carols.

Prior to the luncheon a number of members and guests helped Carl Elze and his committee to pack gift bags which were distributed to guests at the two convalescent homes in Healdsburg following the luncheon. The group entertained the guests at the convalescent homes with traditional Christmas carols.

Before the gift exchange Santa, minus beard and hat, (he confessed he left them home in his hurry to get to the party!) Santa distributed special gifts to (among others) Rich Lehrmann, Joe Engler, Dan Maraviglia, Dennis Gary, LeRoy Steck, Jerry Strong, Vince Dougherty, and Chris Metrulas.

The tables were beautifully decorated in traditional style by Evelyn Iversen.



Top photo, left, Rich Lehrmann holds his special sign while Bob Malone looks on amused. Top photo right, LeRoy Steck, our Limerick Laureate, with his special cap; Middle photo, left, Chris Metrulas with his special pal, Bozo; middle photo, right, Dennis Gary and his slippers; bottom photo, left, Vince Dougherty with his new wig; and bottom photo, right, Santa holds up a special sign for attorney Dan Maraviglia.



NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH Tim Murphy, left, was introduced to the club members at the December 6 meeting by Student of the Month chair Vince Dougherty. Tim, a Healdsburg native, attended local schools and upon graduation from Healdsburg High School plans to attend a four college and major in forestry. During his high school career he was active in cross country and track.

Club Membership Donates 618 Volunteer Hours In November

Dee Whitehall, club secretary, reported that the club members, during the month of December, gave 618 volunteer hours to various community organizations.

240 hours were devoted to the club's Christmas tree lot project in preparation for the opening of the lot. 84 hours were devoted to the Healdsburg Museum and 60 hours to the Healdsburg City Council.

Other organizations and the volunteer hours were: Cloverdale Kiwanis liaison, 8; Wildlife Rescue, 8; Key Club, 8; Carson Warner Memorial Skate Park, 3; Windsor Unified Schools, 10; Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club, 25; Jack London School 40; Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, 24; HICAP, 2; Food Pantry, 2; Healdsburg Park and Recreation, 4; American Legion, 24; Friends of Lake Sonoma, 7; Boy Scouts Troop 21, 20; Iversen Community Center, 7; Healdsburg UFS, 25; Healdsburg Lions Dinner, 3; Mormon Church, 10.

During October the club members spent 381 hours as volunteers.

Recruit for New Club in Cotati/Rohnert Park

Healdsburg Kiwanians are being asked to help recruit members for a new Kiwanis club in the Cotati/Rohnert Park area. Recruiting is scheduled for January 5 through 11. If you wish to help meet with Lt. Gov. Rita Schroeder in the Safeway Parking lot in Rohnert Park in her motor home at 9 a.m.

Christmas Tree Lot (continued from page 1):

that were the best sellers (Nobles and table tops) was made by committee members and will help the 2006 committee determine how many and what kind of trees to purchase.

Many hours were devoted by Ken and his committee (Rick Norman, Roger Dormire, Joe Engler, Chris Metrulas, Dennis Stead, Andy Smith, Jerry Strong, Rob Matthews) as well as the members who were urged to donate at least fifteen hours – 3 shifts at 5 hours each. Ken gave special thanks to LeRoy Steck and Dee Whitehall for taking on the bulk of cashing.

Kelly Brewer, our only employee, was signaled out for his expertise and help and there were many in kind donations from Mike Weatherby Construction, Waterbury's, Waste Management, Dave and Matt Massoni Trenching, City of Healdsburg, FFCF Board, DeVine Pizza and Healdsburg Nursery.

Volunteers included men from the Salvation Army ARC at Lytton, high school students, Key Clubbers, Boy Scouts, among others.



CAROLING: Following the annual Kiwanis Club's Christmas party / luncheon on December 20, a number of Kiwanians and family members visited two rest homes in Healdsburg, Citrus Court and Healdsburg Senior Living Community, where they entertained the guests with traditional Christmas carols. The group, directed by Carl Elze, presented a gift bag consisting of fruit and snacks to each guest. Taking part in this annual event were, left to right, front row, Vince Dougherty, Neil Iversen, Jerry Strong, Vi Santucci and Don Reukema, Back row, left, Carl Elze, Roger Dormire and June Smith.



Carl Elze, the club's music chairman, presents a gift to one of the guests at the Citrus Court Convalescent Home following the singing of Christmas carols by Kiwanis members. An annual event for the club this year's caroling took place on Tuesday afternoon, December 13 following the traditional Christmas luncheon and party attended by Kiwanians, family members and guests.

Club Donates To "Meals on Wheels"

The board of directors, at its December 8 meeting, approved a donation of \$250 to the Sonoma County Council on Aging "Meals on Wheels" program. The motion was made by Ken Scharer and seconded by Chris Metrulas and approved by the board members.

Division Council Meet Set for January 21

Lt. Governor Rita Schroeder will hold the monthly Division Council meeting on Saturday, January 21 at the Windsor Mobile Park Clubhouse. The meeting will get underway at 9 a.m. and continue until 12 noon.

On the agenda is the planning for the training of new officers at the Cal-Nev-Ha district convention slated for February 18 in Oakland. President Neil urges all officers to attend this meeting.

Happy and Sad:

Clarence Ruonavaara pleased that the American Field Service Community Christmas Card, appearing in the *Tribune* on December 22 was dedicated to his late wife, Betty, who donated many hours over the years to this project. ... Bob Young happy to see so many spouses and family members at the Christmas party...Kurt Hahn happy to know that a number of new doctors will be associated with the Healdsburg District Hospital.

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