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Another successful year for Christmas tree lot sales



A busy Saturday at the tree lot

Christmas Tree Lot Committee and all the workers took a deep breath knowing that good work was done by all. The closing of the Healdsburg Kiwanis 2015 Christmas tree lot on December 18 marked the conclusion of another successful season for tree sales. Records were broken including record total sales, total net, the earliest sell out ever and a one day gross sales of over \$15,000. All but few small trees out of the total inventory of about 1400 were sold. Gross sales for the season totaled over \$102,000 and the net proceeds, pending receipt of final invoices for expenses, are expected to be about \$49,000. Last year's net was about \$40,400.

The success of the tree lot is because of the many hours of hard work by lot managers and other members of the tree lot committee led by Jerry Strong and Rich Thomas, who stepped forward this year to replace the retiring Ken Scharer, as well as all able bodied club members who staffed the lot every day. Special thanks to members of the Cloverdale Club who staffed the lot on one of the busiest days of the season and the Salvation Army men who worked the lot every weekend. A number of Key clubbers and Troop 21 Boy Scouts also pitched in.

President Susan honors the tree lot leaders



Jerry Strong & Rich Thomas
the managers



LeRoy Steck & Ron Puccioni
the money counters

Calendar

Meeting Dates:

- Jan 5:** Regular Meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex, Matt Jenkins - Healdsburg Police Department Lieutenant
- Jan 12:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. – Elaine Watkins - HHS McCord Scholarship Center
- Jan 19:** Regular Meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Jim Dreisback & Holly Hoods - Our Ancestors, Our Future
- Jan. 21:** Board of Directors meeting, 6 p.m. Round Table Pizza
- Jan. 26:** Evening Meeting 6:30 p.m. social time, 7 p.m. meeting at Villa Annex. - Jessica Felix - Healdsburg Jazz Festival
- Save the date:**
- Feb. 13:** Steelhead Festival at Lake Sonoma. 10AM-4PM

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer Annex except the fourth Tuesday of the month is an evening meeting, 6:30PM Social, 7:00 PM Meeting. For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Contact Susan Sheehy, President at 326-2712 or Liz Bippart, secretary at 227-4314

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Bruce Main—Jan. 1
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 Arnold Santucci - Jan. 12
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 Rick Wood, Jan. 26

Kiwanis Anniversaries

*Congratulations to the following members
 who joined the Kiwanis Club during the
 month of January*

James Silveira -1-30-68
 John Bippart - 1-4-94
 LeRoySteck - 1-4-00
 Andrew Smith - 1-4-05

The President’s Message

What a way to end the year! With everyone pulling together the Christmas Tree Lot was a huge success bringing in a gross of just over \$100,000.00 and in record time. We all own a big thanks to the Tree Lot Committee Chairs Jerry Strong and Rich Thomas and their hard working committee.

Just before our Christmas break, we enjoyed a Prime Rib Christmas Luncheon and a visit by Santa Denny. Every year Santa seems to find just the right gift for those special Kiwanians and brings a jolly Ho Ho Ho to the festivities. Following the lunch our Caroling Kiwanians made the rounds at Grove Street Senior Living and passed out gifts.

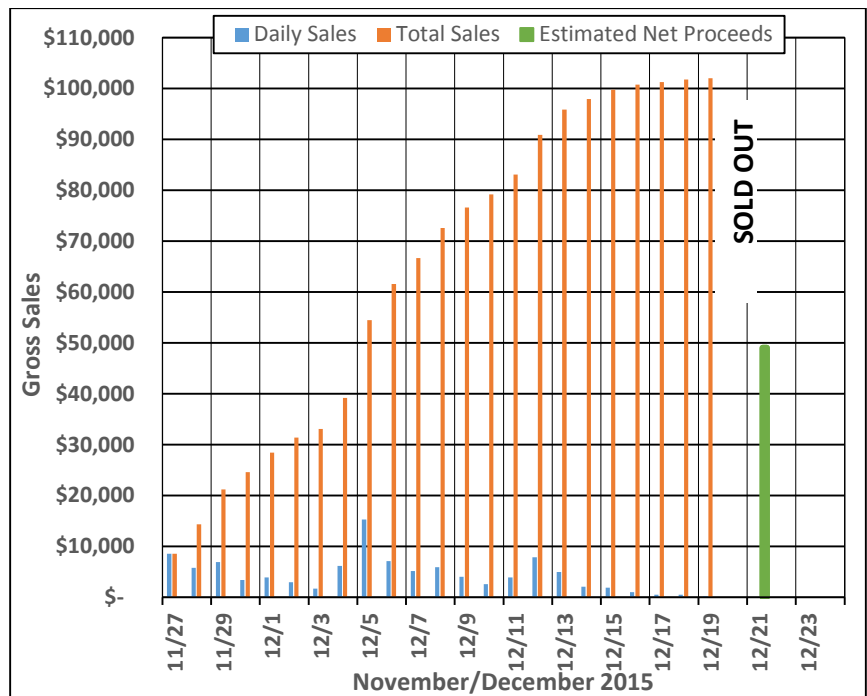
The Kiwanis Board has approved support for field trips to the Children’s Museum of Sonoma County in Santa Rosa for Healdsburg’s preschoolers. This will be a great opportunity to support the kids and meet their families. What better way to show Kiwanis serves the children one child at a time. Field trip dates are being scheduled for January and February.

With great sadness we said goodbye to our member Dennis Gary. His sudden illness and passing caught us all off guard. Dennis served as our Kiwanis President in 2003 and was a member for ten years.

Have wonderful holiday and see you in the New Year!

Susan

2015 Christmas tree lot sales





Dennis Gary

I attempt to improve on everything I do daily

Fellow Kiwanian Dennis Gary passed away on December 6. Dennis joined our club in 1995 and served as administrative treasurer for a number of years and as president in 2008/2009.

Dennis received a Bachelor's degree in Accounting, International Business, and Communication at California State University - Long Beach and also attended the UCLA College of Business Administration. He was the managing partner of Ledger Domaine, a local accounting firm and also frequently traveled to Vancouver B.C. where he served as Manager at Bayside Payroll Service.

A celebration of Dennis's life is planned on his birthday, January 9th at the Villa. Donations in Dennis's memory to the Healdsburg Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Fund are suggested.

Board of Directors Meeting

In light of busy holiday schedules, the December Board of Directors meeting was canceled.

Meeting Programs

December 1: Jon Haupt - Healdsburg Library Branch Manager

Jon Haupt, Healdsburg Library Branch Manager in his presentation at our December 1 meeting posed the question: "why do we need libraries when we have the internet". He went on to describe the many recent and continuing changes at the library to address 21st century needs.



In the "old way", libraries operated by a systems approach where books were cataloged and made available for public use. The "new way" is a user centered approach, furnishing other services related to books and learning that people need today. Services include ebooks, video, facilities for group study, activities for teens and younger children and many more. The library has been reconfigured to better accommodate the various needs and activities.

December 8:

The scheduled speaker for the December 8 meeting was forced to cancel. Instead the meeting was devoted to remembering Dennis Gary. Many spoke with heartfelt stories and moments remembering Dennis.

LeRoy's Limericks honoring Dennis's presidency:

He figures your taxes, now that's real scary
I'll try to avoid saying anything hairy.
Maybe he'll balance the budget.
Without having to fudge it.
So we welcome our new president Dennis Gary.

With Mr. Gary as Pres, let's make one thing clear.
You can't serve champagne when budgeted for beer.
So we gave up dessert.
Now that really hurt.
But give Dennis his due, we had a great year.

December 15: Christmas luncheon

About 60 members and guests attended our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 6. For the occasion, Patti and Friends prepared an outstanding prime rib meal with all the trimmings.

The entertainment for the day was provided by Santa Claus himself, aka Dennis Stead. Santa read letters from several members who claimed to have been especially good and deserving of the gifts they were requesting from Santa. Santa had a full bag and, with the assistance of his elves, distributed gifts to a number of the deserving members. The photos on page 5 show some of the victims with their gifts.



Santa instructs his elves



Rick serves a generous slice of prime rib to Lt. Gov. Paul Kelley

Following the luncheon, Dan Mariviglia led a number of members in caroling at Healdsburg Senior Living on Grove Street.



The Carolers: Dick Bugarske, Leader Dan Mariviglia, Jerry and Loretta Strong

Interclubs

Cloverdale. About 40 Healdsburg Kiwanis members, spouses and guests attended the annual Cloverdale Kiwanis crab feed on Saturday December 5. This year, because of the closed season, local Dungeness crab was not available and the crab was obtained from Alaska – 1500 pounds.

This event is the Cloverdale Club's major fundraiser and usually a near sellout of the 375 seats available – this year was no exception. The estimated net proceeds from ticket sales and the silent and live auctions was about \$23,000. In addition the Key Club servers received about \$1300 in tips.



San Francisco: Susan Sheehy, Dee Whitehall, Denny Stead, Rick Norman and his wife, Barbara and our newest member, Rhonda Stengl attended the San Francisco Kiwanis club's annual Christmas luncheon held at the Fairmont Hotel on December 8. It was a festive occasion with professional entertainment and amazing raffle prizes including a cruise on the bay. Susan won an Italian men's watch, a great gift for her son-in-law.



**Rhonda Stengl, Rick Norman, Dee Whitehall and Susan Sheehy, at the Fairmont.
Camera shy: Denny Stead, Barbara Norman**



The Fairmont lobby at Christmas time



Christmas tree and gingerbread house in the Fairmont lobby

What Santa brought



A hat with many eyes to help Pres. Susan Sheehy keep her eye on errant members



A giant stapler to help Secretary Liz Bippart organize her papers



A sweat shirt for one of our senior members, Arnold Santucci: "It took me 96 years to look this good"



A happy hat for Little Miss Happy, Patti Roberts



A new toupee for the man needing it the most – Brian Wells



Hugo Bauer "my turn" an umbrella to keep him dry



A wild hat for a wild man, Del from Windsor



A cap for Lt. Gov. Kelley in recognition of intellect required for his job



A new friend for Roger Dormire. Since retiring after 48 years he had no one to talk to



New uniforms for the tree lot managers Jerry and Rich. They complained in their letter to Santa that the workers at the lot gave them no respect and uniforms may help.

\$\$Happy/Sad\$\$

Rich Anixter happy to welcome a former Boys and Girls club member who had worked at the tree lot many years ago. He promised to return and help.

Loretta Strong happy for the new members Kelly and Kathy for pitching in at the tree lot.

Patti Robarts happy to drag her grandson to the tree lot to volunteer.

Jerry Strong and Rich Thomas happy to pay a sad dollar for Rick Norman for Notre Dame's loss.

Many sad dollars for the passing of Dennis Gary.

Roger Dormire happy for working with the best tree lot cashier, Darlene Prigmore.

Jerry Strong happy to have a job again. Santa: "A great job deserves another glass of wine".

Hugo Bauer happy that Santa answers his mail.

Denny Stead (Santa) thanks for filling the Toys for Tots box.

Fund Raising Committee Meeting

The Fund Raising Committee will meet at Denny Stead's home on January 6 at 7PM to discuss planning for the Steelhead Festival and other fund raising events. Rick Anixter will make a presentation for a proposed new fund raising project.

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More tree lot photos



Unloading the final shipment of trees in the rain

