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# KIWANIS CLUB

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Kiwanis Club members, members of their families and members of the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club helped at the club's newest project, the sale of Christmas trees. From left, Ken Scharer, chairman of the project, Linda Scharer, and Cloverdale members Gino Gianoli and Cathy De Mattei.

## Christmas Tree Lot A Very Successful Venture: Chairman Expresses His Appreciation To All Members and Community Volunteers

Ken Scharer, chairman of the club's latest fund raiser – selling Christmas trees- operated on the Matheson Street lot formerly housing the Fred Young and Company Mortuary, from November 28 through December 22, advised that the venture was an extremely successful one and well accepted by the community.

"It went extremely well," he said,. "And all but 11 of the approximately 1750 Christmas trees were sold," he added. The 11 were given to the needy and charities.

"Due to the efforts of all the Kiwanians and the volunteers, we will be able to help the kids of the community," Ken said.

The project brought in over \$105,000 and a ball park figure for the net, Ken advised, is about \$30,000. He will have a final figure for the club in a few weeks after all the bills and costs have been received.

On Saturday, January 3 the Christmas Tress Sale committee – Ken Scharer, chairman, Chris Metrulas, Dennis Stead, Roger Dormire, Joe Engler and Beverly Dordahl – held a clean up day. The equipment used for the operation of the lot is being stored on Bev Dordahl's property. The red house used as an office was loaned to the club by the Future Farmers Country Fair board and is being returned with our thanks.

## Calendar

January 6: : Award and Year Pins To Be Awarded by Neil Iversen.

January 8: Board Meeting at the Healdsburg Police Department, 7 p.m.

January 13: Program To Be Announced.

January 14: Inter-club meeting at Windsor Club at Round Table Pizza For information contact Beverly Dordahl, Inter-club chair.

January 20: Dale Iversen, Healdsburg General Hospital Administrator who will give an update on the hospital district.

January 27: Beverly Dordahl, program chair. Program to be announced.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club Meets on Tuesdays at 12 o'clock noon at the Villa Chanticleer's Annex.

For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club and its meetings please contact Jerry Strong, president at 431-8052 or Dee Whitehall, secretary at 433-4391

In addition to Kiwanis club members and committee members who logged many long hours at the lot, rain or shine, the club hired Glenn Keith and Kelly and Kyle Brewer all of whom gave invaluable help with their knowledge and previous experience operating the tree lot (Please see page 2)

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**Happy Birthday:**

January 5: Charles Greene

January 8: Rich Norgrove

January 9: Dennis Gary

January 12: Arnold Santucci

January 14: Bev Dordahl

January 20: F. Passalacqua

**Kiwanis Anniversaries**

Congratulations to the following  
who joined Kiwanis during  
January:

John Bippart: 1-4-95

LeRoy Steck: 1-4-01

Yolanda Rinaldo: 1-4-02

Allen Owen: 1-16-80

James Silveira: 1-30-69



**INTERCLUB AT SEBASTOPOL:** Beverly Dordahl, second from left, led a contingent to Sebastopol to enjoy the third inter-club of the year. From left, Mario Lucchesi, Bev Dordahl, Nancy Curnow and Arnold Santucci.

## Visit to the Kiwanis Family House As Out of District Inter-Club Planned For January 21

Beverly Dordahl, Inter-Club chairman, announced that she plans a visit to the Kiwanis Family House in Sacramento on January 21, as the one out of district inter-club for the year. In year's past the out of district visit has been to the St. Helena Club but Bev felt that the visit to the Kiwanis Family House would be an interesting and unusual one. She hopes that at least five Healdsburg members will sign up to go to Sacramento and the Cloverdale Club indicated that some of their members would be joining us. Contact Bev if you want more information and/or plan to attend.

The first inter-club of the 2004 year will be to the Windsor Club on Wednesday, January 14, 12 noon at The Round Table Pizza in the Palms Shopping Center, Old Redwood Highway, Windsor. Contact Bev if you plan to go. So far the club has made three visits to other clubs – Cloverdale, Santa Rosa Club (Los Robles) and Sebastopol.

Bev said that she plans on visiting clubs close to home during the winter months and will venture further out – Fort Bragg, Clear Lake, Ukiah – when the weather gets warmer.

### Christmas Tree Lot:

Others assisting in this venture were Kiwanis Club family members, members of the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club, men from the Salvation Army's ARC at Lytton, Boy Scouts and Key Clubbers

There were many expressions of appreciation from the community for taking on this project and giving such good service.

Proceeds from this project will go to Healdsburg area youth organizations as determined by the club's board of directors.

The club owes a huge vote of thanks to the Christmas Trees Sales Committee who spent many long hours at the lot making certain that the operation went smoothly, plus six months of planning – Ken Scharer, chairman, Bev Dordahl who took good care of the financial aspects, Chris Metrulas, Joe Engler, Roger Dormire, and Dennis Stead. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS.

## Projects Keep Kiwanians Busy During the Christmas Season

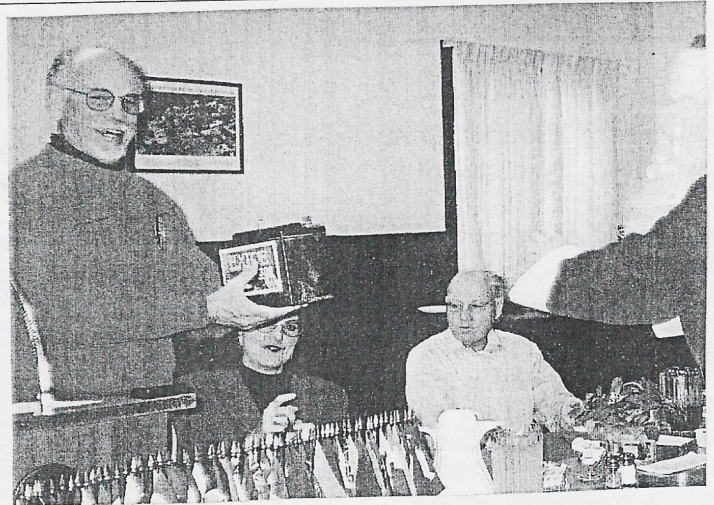
In addition to many Kiwanians being involved in the club's fundraisers – the sale of Christmas trees – ten members took time out to man booths at the *Lights of Life* program in the Plaza Square on November 30, a benefit for Hospice and the Visiting Nurses Service. This event, a joint venture of the Kiwanis Club and the Soroptimists, was chaired for the Kiwanis Club by Rich Iverson.

The successful Christmas tree lot which opened on Friday November 28 and closed on Monday, December 22 involved many volunteer hours on the part of Kiwanis Club members and others (Please see article Page One). Because of this involvement the club opted not to help the Salvation Army's "ring the bell and man the kettle". This is the first time in many years that the club did not take part in this program.

However, a very successful Christmas party was held on Tuesday, December 16 with Santa Claus (aka Dennis Stead) making a visit and handing out special gifts followed by a gift exchange. Being signaled out were President Jerry Strong (a large battery for his hearing aids), Dennis Gary (a gold hat), LeRoy Steck (coupons to help him buy fish), Rich Lehrmann (a special disguise), Ken Scharer (an umbrella for a rainy day at the tree lot). The excellent 20 member Rio Lindo Academy Touring Choral Group, brought to us by Al Miller, entertained with special Christmas music.

Following the Christmas luncheon which was attended by members, spouses, family members and guests, a group of Kiwanians headed by Carl Elze with Nancy Curnow providing the accompaniment went "caroling" at the Citrus Center Rest Home in Healdsburg and the rest home in Cloverdale. This is a holiday tradition for the club.

On Thursday, December 18 eight Kiwanians and four family members – Fred Corson, Lee Gunnerson, Carl Elze, Neil Iversen, Dee Whitehall, Jerry Strong, Rich Iverson, Arnold Santucci, Evelyn Iversen, Barbara Iverson, Mary Lou Corson, and Mary Jean Elze - helped to wrap gifts for needy families at the Boys and Girls Club facility. The Kiwanis Club "adopted a family" by donating \$150 to purchase clothes and toys for the family. Many individuals, organizations and business firms took part in *Project Presents/Adopt a Family 2003* organized by Marcia Lavine and Judith Douglass. The project was able to provide holiday gifts for 265 individuals in 60 families. Dennis Stead helped with the distribution of the gifts on Thursday afternoon.



President Jerry Strong gets a special gift from Santa Claus



An umbrella for Ken Scharer to help him ward off the rain at the Christmas tree lot. Linda Scharer, right, enjoys Santa's visit.



Dee Whitehall, seated and Evelyn Iversen helped to wrap gifts for the needy at the Boys and Girls Club facility December 18.

The President's Message:

## Well, It's Goodbye to 2003 and Hello to the Year of 2004 !!

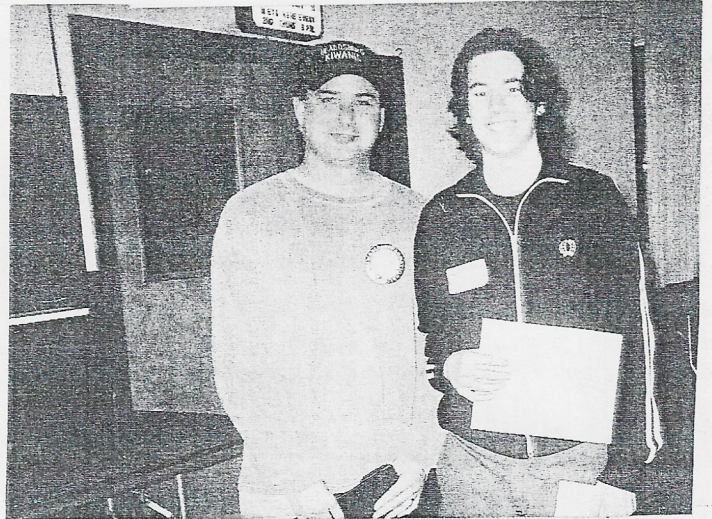
by Jerry Strong

We had a very successful 2003 and it looks like a great start to 2004 following the tremendously well received Christmas Tree Lot project which grossed over \$100,000 in sales !! The distribution of these proceeds will be the center of discussion at the next board of directors meeting on Thursday, January 8.

Again, I would very much like to thank the outstanding job of Ken Scharer and his committee, and the generous contribution of hours, labor and support of all our Healdsburg Kiwanians during the holiday season who made this first-ever project a monumental success.

As you all know, 2004 will be another busy year for our club with all the scheduled annual fundraisers and community service projects. I look forward to working with all my committee chairmen and their members to accomplish these tasks and hope your holidays and new year were prosperous and restful, Let's do it !! I'm ready !

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Barbara and Richard Iverson who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Carmel with their family. In honor of this occasion Rich donated \$50 to the Memorial Scholarship Fund ..... to the Cloverdale Club on its new newsletter, a very colorful, informative and interesting publication.



### STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Lockie Gillies, left, Youth Services Committee chair, introduced our November Student of the Month at the December 12 meeting. The November student is Soloman Endlich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Endlich. He has achieved a 4.3 GPA and has attended schools in Healdsburg throughout his academic years. He is the senior class treasurer and belongs to the Interact Club. He has been active in Cross-Country, Swimming and Wrestling. He plans to enroll at Columbia University where he will major in physics.



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