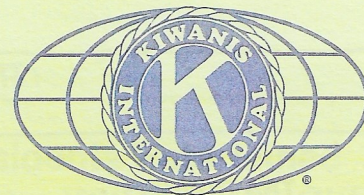


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SANTA a.k.a. President Roger Dormire pays special tribute to LeRoy Steck, left, Ken Scharer and Joe Engler at the December 19 luncheon for their outstanding work on the Christmas Trees Sale project. Ken again served as project chairman, Joe was in charge of the volunteers and LeRoy put in many hours as cashier.

Christmas Trees Sale Another Successful Club Project; net was approximately \$30,000

Over 500 hours were donated in the club's major fund raiser, the fourth annual sale of Christmas trees, by club members, family members, and volunteers from affiliated organizations. The sale concluded on December 24 with just under 100 trees left unsold said Ken Scharer, project chairman. He said that the project grossed a little over \$95,000 and that the club should net about \$30,000 after expenses. In addition to the cost of the 1500 trees, all from Oregon, costs included stands, some labor, fencing (only \$1 a foot for a cost of about \$500) wooden post at cost from Healdsburg Lumber, steel stakes and wire from Central Valley (also at cost), a porta potty.

In addition to club members helping were volunteers from the Key Club, the Cloverdale Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, men from the Salvation Army at Lytton and family members. The committee had asked for family members to help with cashiering duties and many responded including Mary Lou Clough, Beth Wilder, Melanie Taylor, Jan Gianni, Barbara Iverson, June Smith.

The unsold trees were put through a chipper and spread on the lot owned by the City of Healdsburg next to city hall on Grove Street.

Members of the Christmas Tree Sales committee who worked all year preparing for the annual event are Ken Scharer, chairman. Roger Dormire, Joe Engler, Chris Metrulas, Dennis Stead, Andy Smith, Guy French, Jerry Strong, Rob Mathews, Rick Norman, Don Marshall and Cullen Wilder.

Some of these funds will be donated to the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club as well as to other youth oriented organizations.

Calendar

January 2: No meeting.

January 9: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Guest Speaker, Maureen Butler, Canine Companions for Independence.

January 11: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m., at the Community Room, Healdsburg Police Department.

January 16: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Guest Speaker: Allen Hemphill of North Bay Rail Authority

January 23: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Guest performers - 4 members of Russian River Chamber Music will perform classical pieces.

January 30: Regular meeting at 12 noon at Villa Annex. Program will feature member profiles.

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.

**A Happy
New Year
To
Our Members and
Their Families**

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Happy Birthday

January 1: Bruce Main
January 8: Richard Norgrove
January 9: Dennis Gary
January 12: Arnold Santucci
January 12: Andrew Smith
January 20: Donald MacKay
January 24: Phil Rice

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

John Bippart, 1-4-94
LeRoy Steck, 1-4-00
James Silveira, 1-30-68

**Club Needs A Community Project for 2007;
\$6500 Donated to Local Library for Books**

We need a new community project, one that will match past projects, such as the Teen Center at the Boys and Girls Club, the renovation and clean up at the Healdsburg Animal Center, the planting of trees at the old Fitch Mountain School, the Gibbs Park project., etc

President Roger Dormire announced the need of a community project following his installation and has repeated this request over the past weeks. He asked that club members submit ideas for a project and in this vein, Pete Peterson, project and membership treasurer, advised the board at its December meeting that he had talked to the Healdsburg High School music department, the principal and tried to contact the elementary school to ascertain what their needs might be. He told the board he is waiting for their response.

In this same vein the board approved an expenditure of \$6500 for the Healdsburg Library. Board member Guy French, a retired educator, advised the board that he had checked out the Library's supply of books and found that for children it was lacking in a good supply of science and history books. He proposed that the board approve an expenditure of \$5000 specifically to purchase science and history reference books for children. He also asked that the board approve a donation of \$1500 to buy furniture to hold CDs and DVDs. The board also approved his suggestion that the books and furniture be marked to show it belongs to the Healdsburg Library only and is not to be shared. The Librarian will be invited to attend our next meeting at which time the check will be officially presented. Estrella stickers will be attached to the books indicating that the books were donated by the Kiwanis Club and a name plate will be ordered to attach to the furniture.

In other business the board approved an expenditure of \$200 for the Healdsburg High School baseball program and the renewal of the club's membership in the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce. Also the board, at the suggestion of Dennis Stead, approved sending a letter of thanks and \$200 to Jerrard de Besky to reimburse him for part of the paella dinner which was one of the many items at the club's barbecue and auction this past summer.

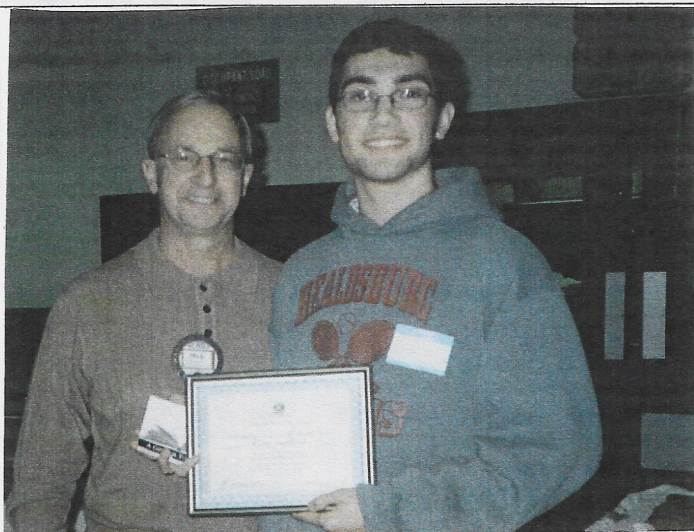
Board member Andy Smith suggested that a committee should be formed to plan fund raisers as well as club projects. President Roger indicated that he will plan a work day shortly.

Vice president Lockie Gillies told the board that the club should consider purchasing a portable kitchen trailer to replace the Future Farmers Country Fair booth which has been "dumped". There is a need for a capital expenditure to replace the booth he said.

In his presentation to the board treasurer Dennis Gary told the board that in order to maintain our non-profit tax status we have to plan on spending some of our project fund which now totals \$98,000. Part of this sum is \$50,000 carried over from 2005. To stay within the boundaries of our non-profit status, the club will need to designate the projects for this money.

A suggestion that the club contribute to the remodeling and enlarging of the Gazebo in the Plaza Square was turned down by the board because it was felt it did not fit in with our mission to help the youth of the community.

Rick Norman told the board that he felt the club was taking advantage of Gail DeWitt's generosity in allowing us to use her truck. She said that as long-as we were using the truck to "do good she is doing good". Mrs. DeWitt declined to accept a check to cover her expenses.



October's Student of the Month Evan Andra accepts his award from Dick Bertapelle, chairman of the Student of the Month Committee.

Evan Andra and Cory Sanford Are September and October Students

To bring the program up to date Student of the Month chairman Dick Bertapelle presented the students for September and October to the membership on December 5 and 19. Evan Andra, son of Lance and Julie Andra, has a grade point average of 3.95 and plans to major in Literature, creative writing and film at one of the UC campuses-San Diego, Irvine or Santa Cruz. His school activities included being a staff writer, editor and columnist for the school newspaper. His other interests include playing guitar, computers and film making.

Cory Sanford, with a grade point average of 4.5, the son of Priscilla Locke and Roland Sanford, plans to major in video game design at University of Southern California. His interests include the sports car club, moto cross, computers and video game design.

November Community Hours : 488

Club members, during November, donated a little over 488 hours in community service to 22 local organizations. 195 hours were donated to the Christmas Tree lot . However, topping the list was the 104 hours devoted to the Boy Scouts Troop 21. The Wildlife Rescue Mission had 28 hours as did the Salvation Army at Lytton. Others were: Healdsburg Shared Ministries,20; North Coast Hospital, 2; Redwood Empire Boy 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; Cloverdale Kiwanis, 22; Healdsburg Schools, 4; Windsor Schools, 3; Geyserville Schools, 5; Healdsburg Volunteer Fire Department, 12; Key Club, 3; Friends of Lake Sonoma, 2; Iversen Community Center, 14.

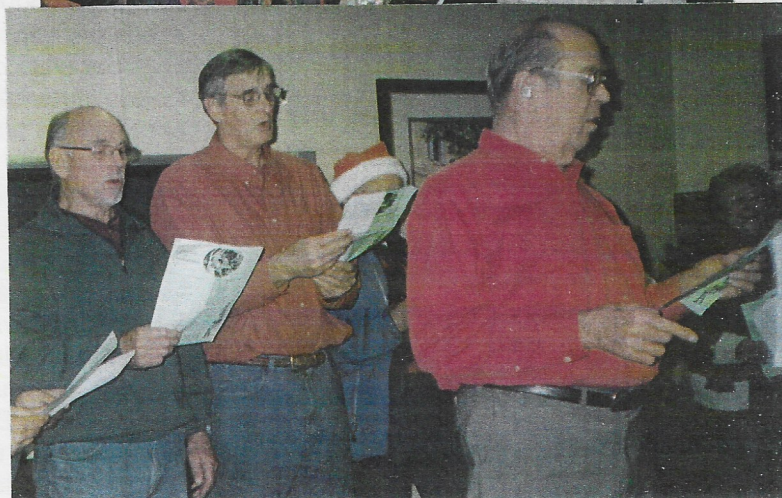
Rest Home Residents Entertained By Club Members With Carols, Gifts

Under the direction of Carl Elze, Kiwanians and family members visited the two Healdsburg area rest homes where they entertained with Christmas carols and presentation of gifts. An annual event, the group visited the Citrus Court facility on Fitch Street and the Healdsburg Living establishment on Grove Street.

Following the singing of carols gifts of candy and fruit were distributed to the residents.

Participating in this annual holiday event were Carl Elze who directed the singing, George Clough, Bruce Main, Loretta Strong, Neil Iversen, Don Reukeme, Charlene Luks, Roger Dormire, Vi Santucci, Jerry Strong, and Arnold Santucci.

Prior to the meeting club volunteers helped to assemble and decorate the gift packages.



Top photo: From left, Hugo Bauer and Clarence Ruonavaara help to decorate the gift packages for residents of the Healdsburg rest homes. Bottom photo: from left, singing Christmas Carols at the Healdsburg Living Center are Jerry Strong, Roger Dormire, Neil Iversen (in Santa hat) and front, Carl Elze.

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SPECIAL GIFTS: Santa recognized a number of Kiwanians with "special gifts" at the Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 19. He recognized Dee Whitehall, with a crown for being willing to be secretary again; Dan Maaviglia with a certificate for "billable hours"; Jerry Strong with a huge stocking. Others given special gifts were Jan Gianni, Neil Iversen, Carl Elze, Lockie Gillies and the three "kings" for their outstanding work on the Christmas tree lot, LeRoy Steck, Joe Engler and Ken Scharer. Photo above: treasurer Dennis Gary happy with the hat Santa gave him. Following the luncheon and Santa's visit there was a gift exchange.

TO THE CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

By LeRoy Steck

Christmas tree lot – what does it mean ?
A whole lot of things behind the scene,
A lot of fun, a lot of work
Most of our members who never shirk
And last but not least, a lot of green.



PROJECT PRESENTS: Jerry Strong, left, and Rich Iverson wrap gifts for the Project Presents program at the Healdsburg Senior Center on Friday, December 15. Other Kiwanians helping to wrap gifts were Lee Gunnerson, Nanci Gunnerson, Barbara Iverson and Arnold Santucci.. 75 (over 300 adults and children) needy families received gifts of new clothing, toys, bicycles and miscellaneous items .Other organizations and businesses who adopted families brought their gifts to the Center for distribution that day. Rich Iverson serves as liaison to Project Presents for the Kiwanis Club . The club also acts as the financial depository for Project Presents.

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