

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Don Reukema, a past president of the club who also served as secretary for a number of years, was presented with the Kiwanis Community Service Award at the club's December 11 meeting. Don and Betty will be leaving on January 10 to take up residence in Flagstaff, Arizona to be near their daughter. Don, a twenty year resident of Healdsburg, has donated many volunteer hours to the community. He has served on the Sonoma County Grand Jury, the Healdsburg Planning Commission, The Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society, the Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center Advisory Council at Lytton and the River View's Homeowners Association. He and Betty were honored by the Healdsburg Museum with the Langhart Award for their many volunteer hours devoted to helping the Museum. Photo right, President Gorge Diebold and left, Kerrie Diebold applaud Don for his generous donation to the community.

Christmas Tree Lot Project Deemed a Success

Ken Scharer, chairman of the Christmas Tree sales project, in reviewing the month long event, declared it a success again. Since the final figures have not yet been tabulated Ken said that he estimates that the gross amount brought in would come to about \$87,000 with a net, he guessed, of about \$25,000. The amount the project netted will be placed in the Project Fund to be used to help various youth oriented organizations and programs.

The Christmas Tree lot project is a labor intensive program and Ken said that he estimated over 1600 volunteer hours were worked by the Kiwanis members, Kiwanis spouses, Key Clubbers, Cloverdale Kiwanians, beneficiaries of the Salvation Army ARC at Lytton and others. Each Kiwanis Club member was asked to donate 15 volunteer hours and the Committee, headed by Ken, donated much more. There was a committee member in charge of each day (two shifts per day of 5 hours each) and that member spent the entire day at the lot. Many of the committee would stop in often to determine if more help was needed. Christmas Tree Lot committee members included Ken Scharer, Cullen Wilder, Joe Engler (in charge of the volunteers), Roger Dormire, Jerry Strong, Rick Norman, Guy French, Dennis Stead and Chris Metrulas.

Ken advised that 1400 trees were sold out of 1500 ordered from the grower in

Calendar

January 1: New Year's Day. No Meeting

January 8: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

January 10: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m., at the Community Room of the Healdsburg Police Department.

January 15: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

January 22: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

January 26: Division Council Meeting, 9 a.m. at 93 Stony Point Circle, Santa Rosa, hosted by Santa Rosa Kiwanis Clubs. Lunch \$10. For more information contact President George Diebold at 433-8008 or 495-5565.

January 29: Regular meeting 12 noon at Villa Annex.

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 George Diebold, president at 433-8008 or Dee Whitehall, secretary at 433-4391.

Oregon. The club received the trees in three shipments in order to supply our customers with fresh trees. On Friday the unsold trees were processed through a chipper courtesy of Timmo, owner of My Father's Touch. The chips were then spread on the lot by committee members.

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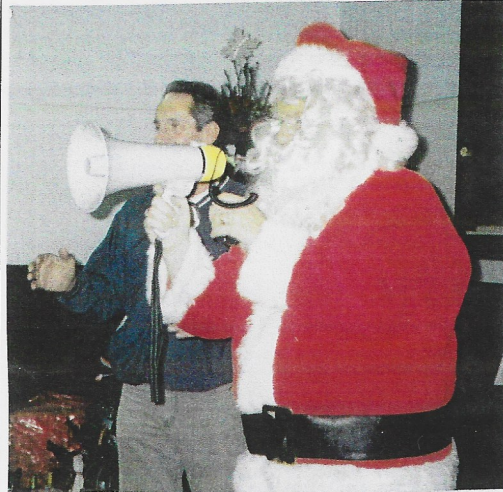
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Happy Birthday
 January 1: Bruce Main
 January 8: Rich Norgrove
 January 9: Dennis Gary
 January 12: Arnold Santucci
 January 12: Andrew Smith
 January 24: Phil Rice
 January 30: Douglas Newton

Kiwanis Anniversaries
 Congratulation to the following who
 joined Kiwanis during the month of
 January:
 1-30-68: James Silveira
 19-94: John Bippart
 1-4-00: LeRoy Steck
 1-4-06: Vernon Ingham



Santa Brings Special Gifts At Christmas

A Kiwanis Christmas party would not be complete without a visit from Santa. He did not disappoint Kiwanians and their guests when he arrived on December 11 loaded with special gifts for a number of Kiwanis members. Top photo, right, Santa arrives sporting short pants ! Top photo, left, Santa has a bullhorn for President George Diebold to help him keep order during the meetings. Second photo, top left, Santa has a special nose, goggles and mustache for Loretta Strong so she can be "one of the guys". Third photo left, Ken Scharer, Tree Lot Chairman, gets to sit on Santa 's lap when he received his special gift. Bottom photo, finally past president Roger Dormire got his past president's gift, a well used suitcase. Other special gifts went to Dennis Gary, Rich Lehrmann and Rick Norman. Santa aka Dennis Stead presided over a Gift exchange for members and guests.



Lyle Doll, left, Healdsburg High School Senior, receives his Student of the Month certificate for November from chairman Dick Bertapelle at the December 11 meeting.

Lyle Doll Is Named Student of the Month for November

Following in his older brothers footsteps, Lyle Doll, Healdsburg High School senior and a member of the Key Club, was named Student of the Month for November and received his certificate from chairman Dick Bertapelle at the club's December 11 luncheon meeting. His brothers, Evan and Joey Doll, were both Kiwanis Students of the Month.

The son of Mary Doll and Walter Doll, Lyle has a grade point average of 4.50 so far this year with a 4.231 high school career total.

He was a member of the Debate Team the two years it was active and his favorite subjects have been physics, computer science and calculus. He enjoys swimming, reading, driving and programming in his spare time. He has practiced martial arts at the American Karate Academy in Healdsburg for five years and is presently a member of the varsity swim team. He was a delegate to Boys' State 2007 along with Alex Masselink, and he enjoys participating in community projects such as the clean up of the Russian River and Foss Creek.

He plans to major in Computer Science and has applied to Cal Poly, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara and Stanford University.

Board Approves Donation To the Junior High School Library

On a motion by Guy French, as proposed by Roger Dormire, the board of directors at the December 13 meeting, approved a donation of \$1,170.68 to the Healdsburg Junior High School Library to purchase 84 new books. The proposal had been presented at the November meeting but had been tabled for further information and discussion.

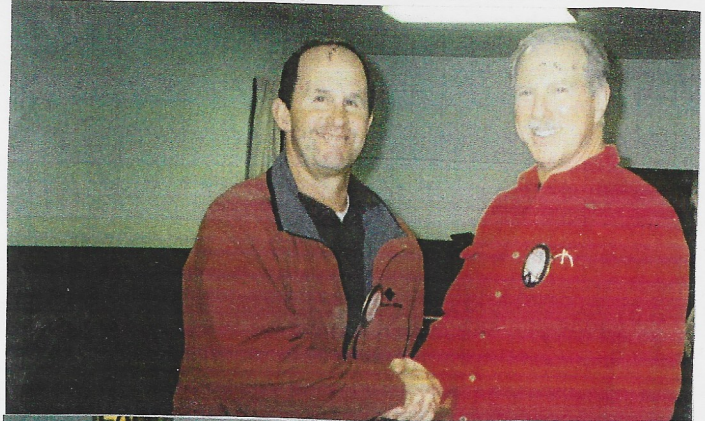
In other business, the board appointed Jim Colgan to the Accounting Process Review committee replacing John Bippart. Other members of this committee are Dan Maraviglia and Roger Dormire. Chuck Reichel will not do an audit but will give advise on procedures.

The board approved a request that Dennis Stead be reimbursed \$279.62 for seven cases of wine and \$136.41 for miscellaneous expenses for the Christmas party. Project and

membership chairman Pete Peterson, in reviewing the Scholarship Fund which is operated as a separate entity, pointed out that the club this year gave out scholarships totaling \$8,000. \$3,000 came from the Scholarship Fund and \$5,000 from the project fund. He pointed out that the fund was invested in safe and low yielding bonds. However, presently \$100,000 will yield 5% and \$28,000 is in a more aggressive fund yielding possibly 11%.

Following a discussion initiated by Rick Norman, it was suggested by President George Diebold that the board at a future meeting needs to set a budget on future spending. Organization which we support annually need to make formal presentations to the club i.e. the scout master of Troop 21 needs to make a formal presentation to the club; if we to continue to sponsor the Future Farmers Country Fair parade, the FFCF board also needs to make a presentation as does the Boys and Girls Club board so we can be acquainted with their projects and needs.

The Christmas Tree Lot Committee headed by Ken Scharer decided to have a celebration at the close of the Tree Lot, Sunday, December 23. Punch, cookies and munchies will be served but no alcohol because the club's contract with the city specifies that no alcohol can be served on those premises. Pete Peterson advised the board that the club's liability insurance excludes coverage when alcohol is served.



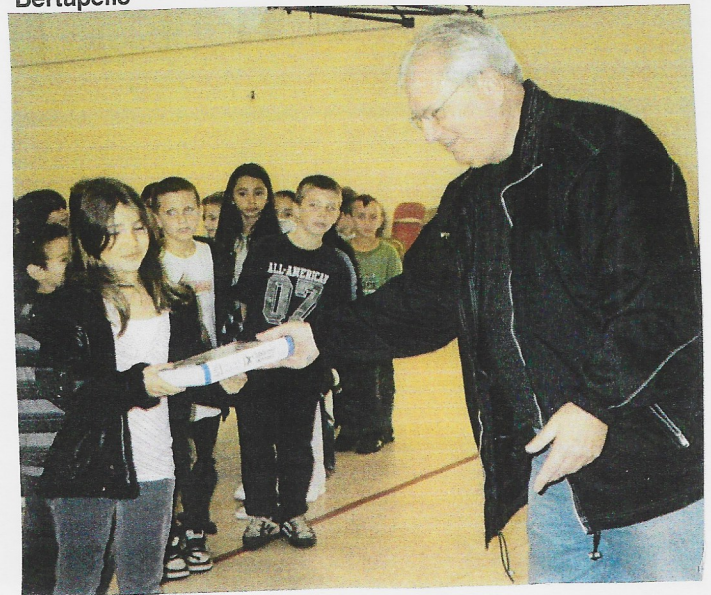
NEW MEMBERS: Top photo, sponsor Dan Gianni right, welcomes Hunt Conrad, mortgage broker and Tribune columnist back to the club after an absence of a number of years. Bottom photo, Rich Iverson, left, shares his K with newly inducted member Walter Silge, a retired fruit industry executive. The two were welcomed at the club's December 4th meeting.

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PROJECT PRESENTS: Rich and Barbara Iverson check out just one of the many bundles of gifts ready to be picked up. 76 needy families received clothing and gifts from Project Presents which uses the Kiwanis Club's non profit status to collect funds for this project. Funds are collected from organizations, business firms and individuals and Project Presents committee members take the time to shop for the clothing and gift items for each family member. The Iversons were among a number of volunteers who helped to wrap the gifts which were picked up by the families at the Boys and Girls Club on December 15

FIRST BOOKS PROJECT: Bruce Main, below, hands out dictionaries to all third grade students at the Fitch Mountain Elementary School on Friday, December 7. This was the final distribution of the dictionaries to all third graders in the Healdsburg area - Westside School, Alexander Valley School, St. John's and Fitch Mountain. 156 were given out at Fitch Mountain and a total of 250 within the district. Dennis Stead was chairman of the First Book Project and he was assisted at the Fitch Mountain school by Bruce Main, Carl Elze, Pete Peterson and Dick Bertapelle



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