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Lugging out a big one. Ken Scharer, right, Tree Lot Committee chairman and Tree Lot manager Barry Smith carry out a Christmas tree for one of our many customers..

Christmas Tree Sales Very Successful: Many Volunteer Hours, Help from Organizations

Praising the members of the Christmas Trees Committee for their many hours of work planning the annual sale and the club members and their family members who volunteered their time, committee chairman Ken Scharer said that the annual Christmas Trees Sales project was a very successful one. He added that the club could not have operated the tree lot without the assistance of the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club, the men from the Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center at Lytton who were particularly helpful over the weekends, the Healdsburg High School Key Club and a number of individuals and Kiwanis Club family members.

Albert (Pete) Peterson, the club's treasurer, told *The Builder* at press time that the tree lot project grossed \$80,556 and netted approximately \$37,355. He termed the results "a little better than last year."

Ken said that he estimated that the club members and other volunteers put in over 1,080 hours during the 30 days the lot was open. He himself worked about 200 hours over that period of time. Each club member was asked to work 3 shifts of 5 hours and many did more than that. Each of the 8 Christmas Tree Lot Committee members was assigned to be in charge of 4 days during the sales period and Joe Engler took on the task of signing up the club members for the different shift periods. Tree Lot Committee members are Ken Scharer, chairman, Roger Dormire, Dennis Stead, Rick Norman, Jerry Strong, Joe Engler, Guy French and Don Marshall. Barry Smith served as the Tree Lot manager taking over the position for the first time this year.

Calendar

January 6: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

January 13: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Guest speaker will be Dennis Stead who will give an account of his recent trip to North Korea.

January 14: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the Healdsburg High School's Wendt Library.

January 20: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Al Loebel, past president of the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society, will speak about his trip to Egypt.

January 27: 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 Dennis Gary, president at 433-2552 or Phil Luks, secretary at 433-8005.

The lot was open for 30 days closing on Monday night December 22 when only 15 trees were left out of the 1360 purchased from two distributors in Oregon. The remaining trees were placed outside the fence so local residents could be free to take one.

In addition to the trees – Noble Fir, Douglas, Grand Fir, Nordman, Silver tip and White fir which ranged in price from \$22 to \$350 – the Tree Lot sold garlands, wreaths and metal stands.

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Happy Birthday

Bruce Main, January 1
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Dennis Gary, January 9
Arnold Santucci, January 12
Andrew Smith, January 12
Doug Newton, January 30

Kiwanis Anniversaries

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

1-30-68: Jim Silveira
1-4-94: John Bippart
1-4-00: LeRoy Steck
1-4-05: Vernon Ingham
1-4-05: Andrew Smith



**Santa
Brings
Special
Gifts**

Also known as Vince Dougherty, Santa made a special visit to the annual Kiwanis Christmas Party held December 16 at the Villa. Signaled out for unusual gifts were (top photo) left, President Dennis Gary who received a fancy plummed hat; top photo, right. Dan Maraviglia was the recipient of special skates so he could get around faster. Bottom photo, secretary Phil Luks sports special glasses Santa picked out for him. Others who were presented with special gifts were Rich Thomas, Sean Thomas, Jim Silveira. Charles Reichel and Vince Dougherty. who sported an Oklahoma U hat !



Following the luncheon and program a group of Kiwanians and family members entertained the residents of the two Healdsburg rest homes with Christmas carols and presentation of gifts. Prior to the luncheon Kiwanians and family members gathered to help Carl prepare the gift bags



November Student of the Month

Alex Taylor, left, was chosen as the November student of the month and presented to the membership at the December 9th meeting by Committee chairman Vince Dougherty. Alex, the son of Bernadette and Scott Taylor, has been attending Healdsburg schools since the fifth grade and at the high school has been active in basketball and track. His future plans include attending Sonoma State where he will study chemistry.

January Board Meeting Will be Held at the High School's Wendt Library

A reminder: the January 14 meeting of the the board of directors will be held at the newly refurbished Wendt Library at the Healdsburg High School. President Dennis Gary advised that representatives of the Healdsburg Education League are scheduled to attend the meeting and it seems appropriate to hold the meeting in the library "so that the board could get a hands-on look at the way in which its \$6500 computer seed money grant resulted in a total computer fundraising effort of \$147,000 for HEF and the library."

All Kiwanis club members are welcomed to attend board meetings which start at 7 p.m.

Kiwanis Participates with Seasonal Assistance to Three Organizations

At its November meeting the board of directors approved donations of \$1401 , a part of helping local organizations during the Christmas season. At the request of board member Hunt Conrad the board approved a contribution of \$1001 to the Healdsburg Food Pantry, \$1 more than the Rotary Club !

At the suggestion of President Dennis Gary a donation of \$400 was awarded to the Healdsburg Senior Center for 20 food bags.

Again this year the Present Project program helped 78 families – 349 individuals – with new clothing

toys and gifts under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club. The Presents Project coordinators raise their funds and funnel it through the Kiwanis Club. Beth DeCoss of Project Presents said that the organization had 72 sponsors this year and greater community support. Presents Project works with the Healdsburg school district, 4-C's Day Care, Fitch Mountain Preschool and Alliance Medical Center. Its aim is to make certain that families and children not only receive needed items but also gifts from a personal wish list.

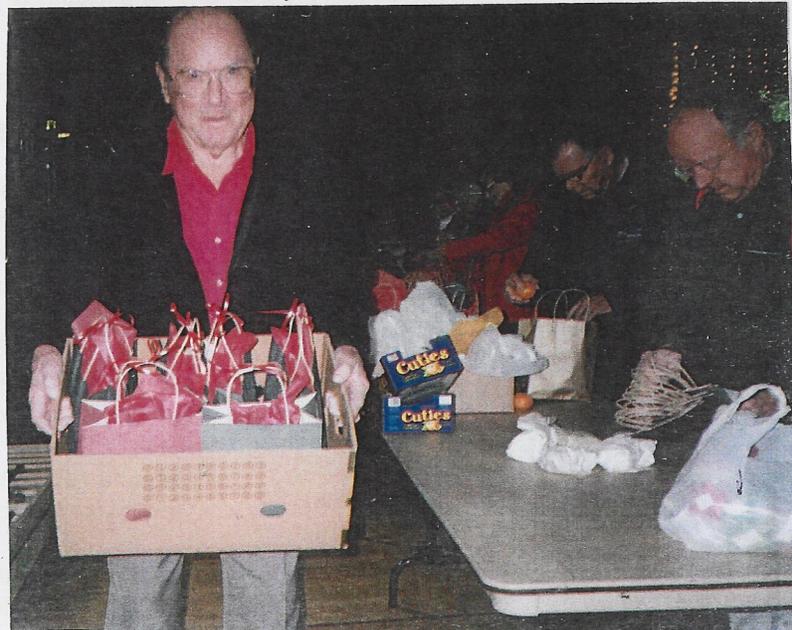
Third Graders Send Many Thanks

Dennis Stead, chairman of the club's First Book Project, the distribution of dictionaries to all third grade students in the Healdsburg school district, shared a number of thank you notes he received from the recipients of the program at the December 2 meeting/

Dennis explained that in presenting the dictionaries he tried to connect the children with the club by telling them how we raise the funds to buy the books – FFCF Food Booth, Pancake Breakfast, Christmas Tree Lot – and the response from the young audience is most gratifying.

Among the quotes – "Think you guys are very thoughtful", "Appreciate how you raise the money", "Happy I got this cool dictionary"...

The children are told that they can keep the dictionary at school or at home and often times it is the first book they have ever owned. Approximately 250 books were distributed late October and early November.



Carl Elze, chairman of the Christmas Caroling Committee, carries out one of the many boxes filled with gift bags for the residents of the two Healdsburg rest homes. After the annual Christmas party on December 16 Kiwanians and guests entertained at the rest homes with traditional Christmas songs followed by distribution of the gifts. Club members and spouses helped to fill the decorated bags with "goodies" prior to the luncheon.



Healdsburg Fire Chief Randy Collins, right, visits with former fire chief Bob Taylor at the December 9th meeting. The present fire chief gave an interesting account of the history of the Healdsburg fire department.

Trips to Korea and Egypt Will Be on the Club's Program Agenda

Bob Taylor, the club's program chairman, announced that a member of the club has agreed to

be a guest speaker during January. A past president of the Healdsburg Museum Al Loebel has also signed on to be a guest speaker.

Dennis Stead, the club's "official auctioneer" on January 13 will talk about his recent trip to Korea and on the following Tuesday, January 20 Loebel is scheduled to tell us about his visit to Egypt.

Contact Bob Taylor if you know of a program available for the near future.

New Membership Roster Enclosed

In this issue of *The Builder* you will find the latest membership roster compiled by Rich Iverson, Publications Committee member. During the past month the committee has asked the membership for changes in addresses, phone, e-mail, names, etc. and those changes have been duly noted.

In the future if you have a change in address, etc. please notify the editor of the newsletter, Arnold Santucci, and Rich Iverson, in charge of the roster, and treasurer Pete Peterson and secretary Phil Luks.

HAPPY ANDSAD: Rich Iverson gave a happy \$55 to the scholarship fund in celebration of his and Barbara's 55th wedding anniversary ... Roger Dormire a happy \$1 for the great crew at the Tree Lot ... Treasurer Pete Peterson happy that the club received \$498 from the Soroptimist Club for our participation in the annual Beer Fest ... Dick Bertapelle happy that he and Pat are welcoming their first grandchild ... Dan Maraviglia happy that his son Paolo turned one year old on December 1 ... Hugo Bauer very happy with his new hearing aids ... Neil Iversen sad that he could not take part in the Tree Lot project.

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