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Top photo: Roger Dormire, left and Joe Engler helping to clear the Christmas tree lot. Kelly Brewer, left, and Ken Scharer, right, ready to help our first customers. New sign directs buyers to the lot.

Third Annual Christmas Tree Lot Sale Gets Underway With Biggest Opening Day Yet

Any concerns that our customers would not find our Christmas Tree lot in our new location on Grove Street were dispelled following our opening day, Friday November 25. It was reported that we took in over \$2400 that first day, the most of any opening day.

Ken Scharer, chairman of the project, advised the members on Tuesday, November 29 that as of that day the lot had grossed \$10,000, a good beginning toward our goal.

Ken said that the club had ordered 1500 trees from Oregon, 150 less than last year. The first of three shipments arrived on Wednesday, November 23 with another shipment due on November 30. He said that the growers "held the price of the trees to last year's and so did we."

With the help of Mike Weatherby and his bulldozer Kiwanians spent Saturday, November 12 clearing and leveling off the lot. On November 19 the finishing touches were made in preparation for the arrival of the first shipment.

The lot is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you haven't already done so sign up for shifts to man the lot at the lot office or see Joe Engler who is in charge of the volunteers. Shifts are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Calendar

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

December 6: The Healdsburg Community Band holiday concert, 7:30 p.m. at the Healdsburg Community Church. \$5 donation to go to the school music programs. Carl Elze for tickets.

December 13: The Christmas luncheon, 12 noon at Villa Annex, guests welcome, Rio Lindo Academy will present a musical program. Each person attending should bring a unigift (\$12 or less) for gift exchange.

December 13: Members of club and guests will go caroling at rest homes following the Christmas luncheon. See Carl Elze for details.

December 15: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m., at the Community Room of the Police Department.

December 20: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

December 27: Regular meeting at Villa Annex, 12 noon..

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 Neil Iversen, president at 433-1140 or Dee Whitehall, secretary at 433-4391

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Dec. 9: Dana Burwell

Dec. 26: Rich Lehrmann

A Thank You

A thank you letter was received by the Kiwanis board from the High School Boosters in appreciation of the \$100 Hole Sponsorship for the 8th annual Boosters' fall classic golf tournament held on October 2 at the Tayman Park course. Gross income from the event totaled \$25,000 and all funds raised are utilized for the athletic programs at Healdsburg High School.

The letter was signed by John Crockenberg, the tournament chairman.

The President's Message:

Christmas Trees, Kiwanis Family House, and Annual Membership Drive "Walk of Fame"

By Neil Iversen

We are moving right along with activities as we are an active club which outsiders like to see and become interested in joining Kiwanis. Thank you for the wonderful turnout in helping at our food booth in the Plaza with the Soroptimist Club September 20th; passing out dictionaries to all third graders in all our local schools; October 22 Foss Creek clean-up and now it is time to sell Christmas trees, so sign up if you have not as "many hands make light work."

There is an Am and PM work shift that you may sign up to work at the Christmas tree lot. Weekdays the lot opens at 10 a.m. and weekends opens at 9 a.m. All close at 8 p.m. unless there are a few more customers in the lot. Call Joe Engler or stop by the lot to sign up.

Tuesday, December 23 is our annual Christmas party at the Villa Annex at noon. Bring your spouse and guests and unigifts to exchange. Limit \$12 on the gift. There will be a musical program by the Rio Lindo Academy. After the party we will go caroling.

The Kiwanis Family House is adding another wing and they broke ground in June, 2005 and hope to be done by June, 2006. Division 32 voted to support this new wing to the Family House and pledged \$25,000 for one of the guest rooms and right now our Division has raised \$23,800 so the Lt. Governor is asking all clubs to purchase a \$100 brick or send in a one month collection. Only \$1,200 to go.

In January I plan to start our annual membership drive. The Governor has come up with a new plan called "Kiwanis Walk of Fame."

1. A member must sponsor two (2) new members to be eligible.
2. Fill out the membership certification form and send it to the Kiwanis district office.
3. A star with the members name will be sent to the Lt. Governor.
4. A star will be placed on a continuous paper supplied to the Lt. Governor. This will be the Division's "Walk of Fame" to be used at DCM meetings, Governor's official visits, or any other Division functions, mid-year conference and district conventions.

Kiwanians Devote 381 Hours To Community Service

Dee Whitehall, secretary of the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club, reported that the members of the Healdsburg club spent 381 hours in community service during the month of October. 25 organizations were listed as being helped by the members.

According to her report the most hours were given to the Healdsburg Museum and Historical Society, a total of 73-1/2 hours. 35 hours were spent as members of the Healdsburg city council and 34 hours in the Foss Creek clean-up endeavor. The Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club received 41 hours, and the Northern Sonoma County District Hospital 40 hours.

Other organizations listed as being helped include The Healdsburg High School Boosters, Carson Warner Skate Park, Dictionaries for 3rd graders, Salvation Army ARC, Pop Warner Coach, Redwood Empire Council, Shared Ministries, Christmas Trees Project, Friends of Lake Sonoma, HICAP, Scout Troop 21, Iversen Center, Willits Recruiting, Geyserville Elemenatry, Kiwanis Board, Windsor USD, Piner Olivet School, Animal Shelter, SCVT, Access Healdsburg.



A GIFT TO CLUB: President Neil Iversen, accepts a gift from Phil Rice, a past president and former long time member of the club at the November 22 meeting. The gift is a beautiful gold Kiwanis belt buckle given to Phil by the late Tully Knoles, another devoted Kiwanis member. Phil felt that the buckle should be kept in the club's archives.

Annual Christmas Party Set For Tuesday, December 13 at Noon

In addition to a traditional Christmas luncheon the club's annual Christmas party, set for Tuesday, December 13 at 12 noon at the Villa Annex, will feature a visit from Santa Claus, a gift exchange and entertainment by the Rio Lindo Academy music department.

Each attendee is asked to bring a unigift i.e. one suitable for a man or woman, for the gift exchange and worth about \$12 or less. Members are urged to invite spouses, family members or friends to this annual event. You need to sign up by this coming week. Following the luncheon Kiwanians will go caroling at local rest homes.

Kiwanians Will Help To Wrap Gifts For The "Project Presents" Project

A number of Kiwanis Club members will join with other volunteers on Friday, December 16 to help wrap gifts for needy families under the auspices of Project Presents.

Richard Iverson, representing the Kiwanis Club on this project, asks that you show up at the Healdsburg Senior Center on December 16 at 9:30 a.m. to wrap the many gifts purchased from donations by individuals as well as local businesses. He suggests that you bring scissors. All other materials will be supplied. If you plan to help contact Rich Iverson at 431-8088.

Report on Status of Teen Center Project at Boys and Girls Club Site

Rick Norman, chairman of the Construction Crew Committee, reported to the membership on November 29 the status of the Teen Center project at the Boys and Girls Club.

The modular building is in place and the outside has been painted under the chairmanship of Jerry Strong with Chris Metrulas supplying the power wash.

Rick said that now that the slow season is upon us in the construction business, business firms who have volunteered to help can start on this project. Jerry Eddinger Construction has agreed to paint the inside of the building, Conley Plumbing will supply the trenching necessary and Lockie Gillies of Wine Country Computers will handle the set up for the computers and Syar Industries Inc. will donate the sand and asphalt.

Rick advised that all work should be completed by January, 2006.

At our November 8 meeting Steve Beam, Lions Club president, announced that his club will donate to the funds to help pay for the Teen Center building. The Rotary Club and the Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation have also contributed to this fund.

New Jackets For All Club Members

Second vice-president Lockie Gillies knows a bargain when he sees one.

He told club members that he came across a terrific bargain in weather proof outer jacket, purchased them, and then talked the Healdsburg Sign Company into printing the club logo on the back of the jacket at "a very good price". Then he decided to talk the board of directors in paying for the jackets and giving each club member a new jacket as a gift.

So if you have not yet obtained your new Kiwanis jacket, free of charge. see Lockie .

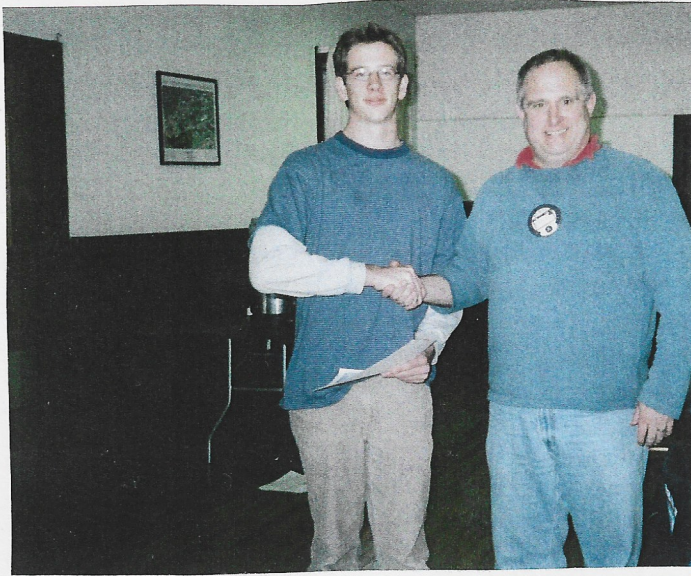
The jackets are perfect for working at the Christmas Tree lot and other outdoor projects.

Donate Lotto Winnings To Scholarship or "Refreshment" Funds

Vince Dougherty, member of the Lotto Committee, following the every other week Lotto drawing told club members that winners now have a number of choices.

You can, of course, keep the winnings, or donate the money to the Memorial Scholarship Fund to help it grow (many have already done that) or donate it to something new, the "Refreshment Fund".

One of our winners during the past month, Todd Brandt, donated his winnings to help send gift boxes to soldiers in Iraqui. Bob Young, another winner, opted to give his to the Memorial Scholarship Fund.



SEPTEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Vince Dougherty, chairman of the committee, right, introduced our first recipient for the 2005-2006 year. Ben Grose, Healdsburg High School senior, was born in Iowa and has lived in Healdsburg for the past 10 years. During his time at Healdsburg High he has been a member of the Swim Team, Debate Team and Progressive Club. He has an accumulative GPA of 4.4 and has taken classes at Santa Rosa JC. He plans to attend JC for two years and then go on to UC Berkeley where he will study Philosophy.

Michael Warner Inducted Into Club, 2nd New Member of 2005-2006 Year

In a traditional ceremony conducted by membership chairman Todd Brandt and his Committee, Michael Warner, a 3 year resident of Healdsburg, was inducted as the club's second new member of the new Kiwanis year.

Michael, a native of Washington State, lived in Santa Rosa for 20 years before moving to Healdsburg. He is in the real estate business and is associated with Sonoma Family Homes. He has adult children who are attending universities. His sponsor is Arnold Santucci.



Michael Warner, left, is welcomed into the club by Lt. Governor Rita Schroeder and membership chairman Todd Brandt.

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