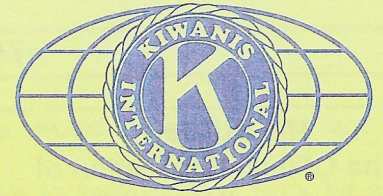


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Barry Smith, lot manager and Ken Scharer, chairman of the Kiwanis Christmas Tree Sale, check out the first shipment of trees from Oregon.

Christmas Tree Lot Chairman Says “We Are Ready”; But We Need Weekend Volunteers

Many club members showed up for the two work sessions to prepare the lot on Grove Street, next to the City Hall, for the annual Christmas Tree sale. The lot officially opened on Friday, November 28, the day after Thanksgiving. But prior to that much work had to be done to clean and prepare the lot for the month long sale. On Wednesday, November 19 eight Kiwanians showed up to help Rick Norman, in charge of the clean up crew, put in place around the lot the cyclone fence, donated by Coggins Fence and Supply of Santa Rosa. Pointing out that last year Coggins received no help to put the fence in place, Rick urged members to assist in this task of placing the 4 x 8 panels in place. He said that 8 members showed up for this task. Rick who also dug the post holes for the tree lanes, said that many members showed up on Saturday, the official work day, to rake in place the sawdust donated by Nu Forest Products. Ken Scharer, chairman of the Christmas Tree Sale, received help from a number of Kiwanians to unload the first shipment of 700 trees from Oregon on Tuesday, November 25.

A labor intensive program the Christmas Tree Sale project, now in the sixth year, requires the help of all Kiwanis Club members who are asked to volunteer for at least three shifts. Mostly needed are members who are willing to work on the weekends, Joe Engler, in charge of volunteers, stressed. He said that the club will be receiving help from the Cloverdale Kiwanis Club, Healdsburg High School Key Club members (Please see page 2)

Calendar

December 2: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Pete Peterson and Dennis Gary will give a report on the club's financial status.

December 2: Community Band annual Christmas concert at Healdsburg Community Church. 7:30 p.m. See Carl Elze for tickets.

December 6: Cloverdale Kiwanis Club's crab feed, 5:30 p.m., Citrus Fair Pavillion, \$45 per person, see Dennis Stead for tickets.

December 9: Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Healdsburg Fire Chief Randy Collins will be the guest speaker.

December 10: Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at Healdsburg Police Department's Conference Room.

December 16: Christmas Party, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Family members and friends invited. Bring gift for exchange program.

December 16: Christmas Caroling at two rest homes, 2 p.m. Carl Elze, chairman. Need help to wrap gifts for rest home patients prior to the Christmas luncheon

December 23: No meeting. Closed for the holidays.

December 30: No meeting. Closed for the holidays.

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.

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Kiwanis Anniversaries

Congratulation to the following who
joined Kiwanis during the month of
December

12-1-03: Thomas Barron

12-4-07: Hunt Conrad

12-4-07: Martin Silge

*Merry Christmas
And
a
Happy New Year*



HELP WITH THE FENCE: Showing how they helped to place the cyclone fence around the Christmas Tree Lot were left, Rick Norman, Christmas Tree Lot committee member in charge of preparing the lot, Guy French, Bob Taylor and Dennis Stead. The fence, as in the past, was donated by Coggins Fence and Supply of Santa Rosa.

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT:

Kiwanis family members and beneficiaries of the Salvation Army ARC at Lytton.

Ken Scharer said that 1400 trees have been ordered this year, 100 less than last year with 700 arriving in the first shipment. Last year the project, with the funds going to the project fund, grossed about \$87,000 and netted approximately \$25,000. This is our sixth year in sponsoring the project having taken over the fund raiser from the Healdsburg Boys and Girls Club when it was decided they did not have enough volunteers to help with the tree sales. Part of the proceeds are donated to the Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts and other Youth Organizations.

For the first two years, the sale was held on a lot on Matheson Street across from the entrance to the Hotel Healdsburg. The club then moved to its present location which is owned by the City of Healdsburg.

Barry Smith has been hired to serve as Lot Manager, replacing Kelly Brewer who served in that capacity for the past three years.



This colorful sign directs Customers to the Kiwanis Tree Lot on Grove Street Next to the City Hall, a Location made available By the City of Healdsburg.



Sandi Passalacqua, principal and founder of the new Healdsburg School, is introduced as the guest speaker at the November 11 meeting by Vincent Dougherty. She spoke of her new school (87 students enrolled in 1st to 8th grades, now in its second year) and the challenges facing education today.

Update on Club Finances, Fire Chief, Santa Claus Visit on Club Schedule

Bob Taylor, second vice president and chairman of the Program Committee, advised that programs have been set for the next three meetings.

Scheduled for Tuesday, December 2 are President Dennis Gary and Treasurer Pete Peterson who will give the club membership an update on the club finances

Fire Chief and Kiwanis Club member Randy Collins will be the guest speaker on Tuesday, December 9.

And the following Tuesday, December 16, Santa Claus is scheduled to make an appearance at the club's annual Christmas party and luncheon. Starting at 12 noon. There will be a gift exchange and each one attending is asked to bring a gift and indicating if it is for a man or woman. Spouses, family members and friends are invited to attend.

Caroling After Christmas Party A Long Time Tradition of Kiwanis Club

Carl Elze, chairman of the Kiwanis Music Committee, reminds the members that the annual singing of Christmas songs at the Convalescent Homes in Healdsburg will take place on Tuesday, December 16 following the Christmas luncheon.

Carl said he would welcome any and all participants.

You don't have to know how to sing, he said. You just need to be willing to take part in a fun and traditional program. Family members are very welcomed and encouraged to participate

Following the Christmas luncheon and Santa's visit, the group will first meet at Tony's Rest Home located on Fitch and Tucker Streets across the street from St. John's School. Then the group will proceed to the Healdsburg Senior Living complex on Grove Street.

Led by Carl Elze the group will sing familiar Christmas songs and hymns, followed by the presentation of a gift to each patient at the two homes.

Carl said that you don't have to sign up, just come along. It's a great experience.

Members Approve Dues Increase of \$30 Quarterly Retroactive to October

Approved by hand vote by more than 55 percent of the members attending a regularly scheduled meeting of the club on November 4 was a supplemental quarterly dues increase of \$30. The approval was to take affect retroactive to October 1. So those who had paid their quarterly dues of \$130 in October, were asked by Pete Peterson, treasurer of the Project and Administrative funds, to send him the additional \$30 for the quarter of October 1 to December 31.

Pete said that the \$30 supplemental dues increase will be used exclusively for the club's administrative fund.

Quarterly dues from now on will be \$160.

The increase of \$30 per quarter, it was pointed out, was needed to offset the deficit in the Administrative fund amounting to almost \$10,000 year. Helping to keep the deficit to this amount was the annual barbecue and auction held at Brandt's Beach in August.

Key Club Bake Sale Raises \$525

Chocolate cakes, chocolate chip cookies, cheese cake, brownies, Pumpkin bread, Cinnamon Buttermilk muffins, baked and presented by Healdsburg High School Key Club members, were bought at an auction conducted at the Kiwanis Club's November 11 meeting.

Under the guiding hand of auctioneer Vince Dougherty, top prices for these delectable goodies brought \$525 to the Key Club's treasury.

Four chocolate cakes decorated in a patriotic theme – Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps – were snapped up by Dennis Stead who paid \$100 for his cake with Rich Iverson, Bob Taylor and Cullen Wilder taking home the other three cakes at \$40 each.

A cheese cake went to John Bippart for \$40 and Dan Gianni bid \$20 for a pan (please see page 4)

BAKE SALE:

of Brownies. Cinnamon Buttermilk muffins went to top bidder Pete Peterson for \$50 . Two pumpkin breads went to Randy Collins for \$40 and David Jones for \$35.

Auctioneer Vince split up three dozen Chocolate chip cookies bringing the bid to \$95 - \$35 from Hunt Conrad, \$30 from Guy French and \$30 from Ken Rochioli.

Richard Bugarske Volunteers To Maintain Our Kiwanis Club's Website

Dick Bugarske, recently retired educator who has become an active member of the club again, has taken on the task of editing the club's web site. Dick had become an inactive member because of his teaching schedule and although he was absent from the weekly meetings he did take time to participate in special events. Now that he has returned his focus will be on making the web site a viable one as well as working on the club's many fund raising and outreach projects.

However, in order to create and maintain a functioning site he needs your help. He wants you to submit photos of Kiwanis programs and projects . He also plans to publish each members' photo accompanied by a short biography. And eventually, he might distribute the monthly newsletter via computer technolog. Click on [www.Healdsburg Kiwanis.org](http://www.HealdsburgKiwanis.org).

Happy and Sad: Jack Brandt a happy \$60 in celebration of his birthday ...Zinful chef Sean Thomas happy that he has taken over the kitchen and catering business at Jackie's Sports Bar ...Kurt Hahn sad that over 40,000 service people serving in Iraq could not vote in the recent election because the absentee ballots went out late ...Harry Jackson happy that he and Mary are celebrating their 33rd wedding anniversary and are expecting their first grand child.... Vince Dougherty a happy \$1 because Andy Smith is doing such a great job with the Key Club.

Urgent Need For Help At Tree Lot

The Tree Lot committee issued an urgent plea for more help at the tree lot. Particularly needed are cashiers for many shifts. It was suggested that club members ask their spouses or other family members to help by being cashiers.

The Tree Lot Committee also strongly reminded those members who have not signed up for a shift to do so at once. Every able bodied Kiwanian is asked to volunteer for at least three shifts. Contact Joe Engler at the Tree Lot or at the Tuesday meetings.

Contact Jim Schmidt If You Wish To Change The Wording On Your Badge

If you have changed your business classification and wish to change the designation on your badge, Jim Schmidt is the one to contact.

Jim, the past couple of weeks, has been passing around a sheet asking you to write down any changes you wish to make on your badge which you are urged to wear at every meeting.

Jim advised that if you don't have any changes you can keep the badge you now use. He also said that Kiwanis International can not supply the round badges that we use now. However, he has made arrangements to recreate the present badges with the help of artist Anne MacKenzie. So we can keep our present look.

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