

# The Hilltop Scoop

## Hilltop Y's Men's Club

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Before I forget it . . . . What was it that I was going to remember? Oh, yes, BELATED GREAT HOLIDAY and HAPPY NEW YEAR. May this year bring prosperity and health to you and your families. It has been a good year, and we hope the New Year will bring forth more good fortune.

**Tree Lot.** President **Joe Martin** wishes to say “thanks” to all the good staff we had manning the tree lot this year. It was a very good year. Everyone showed up on time, the “Indian Guides” all showed up or sent a substitute so that we were never left in a lurch without sufficient personnel to run the lot smoothly, and the filling of the schedule by **Dick Houk** went as smoothly as possible. Several members were asked to do extra duty, and they came out to the lot and helped without hesitation.

Special commendations to **John Scott**, who, as usual, led the way to a successful year. He says that he has some new inventions for next year’s lot. What will he think of next? He claims that someday we will have it all in place. We are a work in progress.

Thanks to **Dan Scott** for the brochures and advertising that we had. Thirteen coupons were returned from the brochures, which indicated that the brochures were being read.

Thanks also to the **Y Staff** who supported us with coffee, goodies, and moral support. **Jill Puttoff** did the special handouts for us to inform people of our mission.

I know I am missing somebody, so thanks to all who had a hand in making this a successful year.

The trees came in FRESH (and HEAVY!) and were some of the best we have had for years. The trees were not too heavy for **Jim Sullivan**, who claims that he put one of the 10 footers on his shoulders and walked home with it. The Fraser Firs did very well, as we sold all 50 of them. And those who bought them said that they were nicely shaped and held their needles. The Douglas Firs did well, but the Scotch Pine left a lot to be desired. We bought the trees from the Pine Barn out of Wooster, Ohio, which helped us to save on freight.

We had 16 trees left on the lot on Friday after **Scottie** and **Yocom** closed the lot and sold some trees.

**Nielsen donation.** It should be noted here that **Cheryl Nielsen** made a generous donation to the Tree Lot Program. Thanks, **Cheryl!**

### **Questions ?????**

Who was it that showed up at noon for his 2 pm shift?  
Who sold two trees for \$.25?  
Who was it that could not see the “Fraser Fir” on the tally sheet?  
Who can’t count money and said the shift had \$300 more than they sold?  
Who left his gloves at home during some 18 degree weather?  
Who was it that lost his knife?

Me, oh my, I think you know who you are. But we came out all right anyway, didn’t we??

**Clean up Day.** On December 26th, seven hardy souls showed up to clean the lot. **Joe Martin** brought his van and trailer and it was a big help in getting all of our equipment to the garage. We finished in 2 ½ hours. Who was it timed it just right to show up as we were pulling out of the lot to go to George's for a Coney? We did not move the Cathouse because of the slick conditions. That's a job for later.

**Upcoming Dates.**

January 2	Monday	First Dinner Meeting, Panera Bread, Mill Run, 6 pm
January 16	Monday	Work Night, place TBA
February 6	Monday	Dinner Meeting, TBA, 6 pm. (Scottie is working on a program)
February 20	Monday	Work Night

**Birthdays**

<b>Frank Cross</b>	January 28
<b>Joe Martin</b>	January 28

**Poet's Corner**

I owe too much money to judge it.  
My income is fixed; I can't fudge it.  
As much as I fret,  
I am stuck with my debt  
I really don't know how to budge it.

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*And then there was some other stuff, according to Harry.*



**Bill and Frank, super salesmen.**



**Clean up crew, December 26**  
Martin, Cross, Yocom, Link, Levering  
Not shown: Dan and John Scott