

# Treebate Skit – Learn about CNO Christmas Tree Lot

## Actor Names Key

- Bob, Bob Burkman
- Karl, Karl Frydryk
- Beth, Beth Duncan
- LE, Larry England
- LL, Larry Lynde

Performed 11/16/2023 at 12:30 PM at Yankee Trace

Bob Good afternoon (SLIDE)

I welcome you to the 2023 WCNO TREEbates (SLIDE)

I am Wolf Donner N Blitzener from WCNO-TV and I will be your host.

Today we have 3 candidates vying for the prestigious title of “Shining Star of the 2023 Tree Lot”

At the end of the Treebates, you, our audience, will choose the Shining Star

So let’s welcome our candidates

Our first candidate is the Current Governor of Florida and lifetime season pass holder to Disney World - Ron TreeSantis (SLIDE)

Our next candidate is the Former Governor of South Carolina and current Ambassador to the North Pole - St. Nik E. Holly (SLIDE)

Our final candidate is the Former Governor of New Jersey and recent runner up in the Fourth of July Nathan's Hot Dog Eating contest - Chris Christmastrie (SLIDE)

Finally please welcome our moderator for this year’s Tree Bate – from WAKY-TV - Britt HumAdore (SLIDE)

Karl Make some opening comments, will ask questions of candidates

All candidates agreed to be respectful of each other with derogatory remarks

So let’s begin the Treebate

Q - Governor Holly, where would be your choice for the best location for this year’s tree lot

Beth 6611 Catkin Ct. in Waynesville of course (SLIDE)

In the front yard of the White House, where our current President lives

LE Now that's one of the dumbest things I've ever heard, to have the Centerville tree lot in Waynesville

Beth Never Mind (ala Rosana Rosanadana)

Karl Q - And your choice Governor Christmastrie

LL I would choose someplace closer to a restaurant, like the parking lot behind the Centerville License Bureau (SLIDE)

Karl Comment on location – parking

Q - Governor Christmastrie, last year you organized a pre lot opening community gathering on Thanksgiving Day to promote the tree lot, which turned out to be a fiasco. Could you explain what you were thinking?

LL As God as my witness, I thought turkeys could fly (SLIDE)

Karl Q - Governor TreeSantis, on what day would you propose opening the tree lot?

LE No earlier than December 1

Beth You are wrong, it should be December 15, so the trees are fresher

LL Come on now, you all know that the community eagerly awaits our tree lot opening on the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 24 (SLIDE)

Karl make comment about opening day set-up

Q - Governor Holly, if we are opening the lot on the day after Thanksgiving, on what day would you recommend that the trees be delivered?

Beth Why, Thanksgiving Day so that the trees will be fresh. As you can tell, I'm into being fresh

LL In the IMMORAL words of Dan Akroyd on Saturday Night Live, "Nick E, you ignorant ..."

Karl will pound gavel and say – Candidates, you all agreed to be civil during this Treebate

LL I'm sorry, Thanksgiving Day is meant to be spent eating, drinking and watching football games

LE We should have the trees delivered on Saturday, November 18, to give all CNO members a chance to help unload the trees (SLIDE)

Karl comment on delivery day, time, assignments, food etc.

Q - Governor Holly, how many trees should be stock for sale this year

Beth 20,000 so there is a chicken in every pot and a tree in every house in our community

All argue for a little

Karl Please keep your composure

Q - Governor Treesantis, what would you propose

LE no more than 100 trees so we can sell out in an hour and I can go to Disney World

LL That's really selfish Ron, I think around 900 trees would be ideal (SLIDE)

Karl Thank you for that breath of sanity - comment

Q - Governor Holly, what type of trees would you order?

Beth Douglas firs of course, as I'm very fond of firs

Karl Q - and what about you governor Treesantis

LE I love a good scotch, so it would have to be scotch pines

Karl Q - and you governor Christmastrie

LL Balsam firs

Beth I want to change my mind, it would be Fraser Firs

LE Typical woman, always changing her mind

Karl (SLIDE – a sexist would say)

comment on trees we will be getting – Fraser, Balsam, Douglas, Scotch, no white

Q - Governor TreeSantis, from where would you order the trees

LE of course from Michigan, so we can support Ohio's neighbors

Beth I don't give a damn about the whole state of Michigan, we should order them from North Carolina

Karl Comment we will be getting trees from both NC and Michigan

Cline Church our NC supplier will be providing the Green Christmas tree for the Blue Room in the White House

(SLIDE on Cline Church)

Q - Governor Holly, how tall should the trees be that we are ordering?

Beth No taller than 5 feet so I can put the star on the top when I am elected the "Shining Star for 2023"

LL I don't care about height, I want the trees to be very plump and round

Karl have trees from 3' scotch pines to 9-10' FF

Q - Governor Treesantis, given the fiscal situation this year, what would you propose for tree pricing?

LE We should roll back the prices to 2001 so we can sell out quickly because I love Disney World

Beth That's nuts, no wonder your state is in such a mess. I think we should charge the same prices we charged last year. Read my lips, No New Prices.

Karl Q - What about you Governor Christmastrie

LL As you can see, I'm all about inflation, so we should increase our tree prices to cover the inflationary cost of our products

Karl comment on pricing changes and cost increases - prices from 29 for scotch to 255 for big frasers

Q – Governor Holly, what other items would you propose selling at the tree lot?

Beth Why Holly of course, as everybody LOVES Holly

LE (Larry, you can sing the below in quotes if you want)

Nikki, "You're so Vain, You Probably think this Lot is about You"

LL I'd sell ice cream and cotton candy and crackerjacks

Beth Chris, it's obvious your focus is only in front of you. Prolong is my favorite.

Karl we also sell wreaths, roping, door sprays, tree stands, Prolong and boughs

Q – Governor Christmastrie – one of the key cabinet position you would fill is the Secretary of Transportation. If you are elected who would you propose to fill this position

LL She did such a good job as the former Secretary of Education, I would propose Bet C. D. Voss (SLIDE)

Beth Oh my god Chris, she's a habitual gambler and a loser

Karl Comment on Voss supplying delivery truck

Q – Governor TreeSantis, who would you propose as Transportation Secretary

LE Minnie Driver (SLIDE)

Beth What does Jim Mogan have to do with this? (SLIDE)

Karl Talk about drivers signing in, having insurance and copying license

Q – Governor Holly, what fee would you propose we charge customers for delivery

Beth I love giving things away, I'd charge no fee

LE That figures, no wonder your state was almost bankrupt when you were governor

LL I think \$20 is a reasonable delivery fee to keep our budget in balance (SLIDE)

Karl comment on fee and 7 miles radius

Q – Governor Christmastrie, another key cabinet position is Treasury Secretary, who takes care of the money at the tree lot. Who would you appoint?

LL The accounting firm of Lyon, Cheatum & Steele (SLIDE)

Beth Glory be Chris, they are under investigation for fraud by the FBI, CIA, DOJ, Interpol, SCPA and The Clinton Foundation

Karl What about you Governor TreeSantis?

LE I would select one or two people on each Tree Team shift to be the shift cashier

Karl Comment on cashier importance – cash register retired

Q – speaking of teams, Governor Holly, who would you name to be the commander of the tree lot teams

Beth There's no question, it should be General Mills

LE Nikki, he's just a corny flake

LL A better choice would be Captain Contact (SLIDE)

Karl talk about captains contacting all team members

Q – Governor Christmastrie, would you consider a pay increase for the tree lot workers

LL That is out of the question, as we have more pressing financial needs to serve children and childrens' programs

LE Chris, I'd call you a tight rump, but you obviously carry a lot behind you. You are ignoring the fact that our workers are the backbone of the success of the tree lot. We need to continue with our worker discount program

Karl Discuss 50% off up to \$75 on one item if work 3 shifts

Q – Candidates you each now have 5 seconds to make any final comments

Q - Governor Holly

Beth I am excited that the funds we raise will enable me to redecorate the Shining Star's house

Karl Q - Governor Christmastrie

LL I look forward to bellying up to the many constituents that stop at the lot to buy a tree

Karl Q -Governor Treesantis

LE I enjoy working at the lot, as it enables our team to go drinking after our shift

Karl Comment that each of you are correct

Gov Holly - Tree sales is a major fundraiser

Gov Christmastrie - It enables us to have a lot of visibility in the community

Gov Treesantis - We get to spend time with our fellow club members

With that, I will turn the program over to Wolf who will poll our audience to determine the winner of the debate to determine the "Shining Star of the 2023 Tree Lot" (SLIDE)

Bob I will ask for your applause or hooting as I name each candidate. After the vote Britt will determine the winner

(Bob stand next to each candidate and ask for applause – you do not have to follow order below, it's just to remind you of their names)

Governor TreeSantis – Larry E

Governor Holly - Beth

Governor Christmastrie – Larry L

Karl (I will choose the person who got the least applause as "2023 CNO Shining Tree Star")

ALL Start arguing, claiming such as (use your imagination to argue)

Voter Fraud

Rotary Interference

Ballot box stuffing

Illegal procedure

Voting machine irregularities

Martian Landing

Bob Order Order - Seems as though we have some objections to address

We will have to go to the Supreme Court for this

Where is Mike Yoder

Mike to comment, then state

After further review

The ruling on the field stands

Karl will affix medal on 2023 winner

Give thanks to participants and closing remarks