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Ramblings

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Presidents Corner

I cannot help but think that this year has been a more tumultuous year than most, but then as president, maybe it is just that I have more to do than I have in previous years. And to be honest, I have not been a member long enough to know what really exciting years are like.

The prospect of a substantial sum of money coming from BP Arco could have the effect of drastically altering the functions of the club. We could devote much of our fundraising dollars to the endowment fund and establish a goal of adding to it every year. Also, we are communicating our plans for the park with an outside organization. I would not go so far as to say that we will be answerable to them, but we are used to hashing things out among ourselves on Saturdays, not asking others for help.

At the same time we have the potential for this wondrous windfall, we get word from the EPA that we could be held liable for some dumping in Monterey Park back in the 70's. Peter Carter has the situation well in hand, but I find it ironic that while on the verge of the biggest fundraising triumph in the club's history, we are also perched on the precipice of lump-sum liability.

Also, we have had several beloved members make unofficial departures. Big Al Lastuck moved out to Palm Springs. Jack swears he is having a great time. Gerry Andreoff has moved out to Chino to be nearer his hangar. These two men, along with Ed Hodges and Ray Beaudoin, were instrumental in getting me to join the club. Al was always ready with a smile, a handshake, a drink and a willingness to do whatever work he could to help out. Gerry exudes a confidence unlike any man I have known. Nothing is too difficult for him to figure out and he knows it. I suppose it's his aura of moral authority, like one feels before a judge in a court of law. It me feel that I would not screw up too badly if I follow his advice. Which brings me to my point. In order to honor the legacy of these men, we should all redouble our efforts to strengthen the club in terms of finances and membership. I know I will.

Jon Leeb

No truth to rumor EPA director wouldn't meet Peter at the landfill because it was dirty.

EPA might get rid of our "liability at dump."

Guests: Dr. Alexandria Coronado and Linda Patterson.

DCM Meeting is Monday and **John Leeb, Peter Carter, Gary Sunda and Jerry Margolin** have volunteered to attend.

EPA Dump Problem: Peter Carter reported that thanks to our efforts along with the efforts of **Congresswoman Sanchez's office**, the local EPA Administrator will be sending a report about the contaminant waste that was purportedly dumped at our lot in 1977. Peter thinks that we can win this case because the EPA cannot produce the evidence that any waste was ever dumped at our location and trucked to the Super Fund Dump Site in Orange County.

Golf Tournament: Ed Hodges reported that the tournament would be July 26th at Willowick Golf Course. He stated that they need prizes and players. So all of you Kiwanians get busy and round up these prizes and players.

Boy Scouts: Jon Elliott reported that the Boy Scouts used the Kiwanisland facilities for a "Court of Honor" program and contributed \$100 to the park.

HAPPY & SAD DOLLARS: Prez Leeb collected big bucks from the following members: Nielsen-happy that he has a summer job! ; R.C.-happy for his birthday and Jack Wallin's son recovering from a very serious operation.

Carter-happy for Jack's son; Sunda-happy for R.C. and Tom Elliott's birthday and Jack's son recovery.

Malm-happy for Jack's son; Main-just plain happy for everything; Petrosine-happy for R. C. ; Jay-Walter Neil from BP/Arco talked with him and assured him that Kiwanisland will receive a grant from the company; Schlensker-happy for R.C. & Jack ; Swanstrom - also happy for Jack ; McIlvain-just happy on general principles ; Shelly-very happy ; J. Elliott-happy that his company received a very lucrative contract ; T. Elliott-happy for 70th birthday, R.C.'s b-day and Jack's son recovery.

50/50 Drawing: Shelly Singer won \$12.00 and Jay won the 7 of spades which paid a handsome \$7.00. Congratulations to you both.

Meeting Speakers: Shelly Singer stated that he had speakers booked through July. He said that he is retiring from this activity in August. He also stated that he has been very disappointed in the turn-out for recent speakers, particularly the chairman of the board of supervisors. I think that Shelly should get our Kudos for his excellent recruitment of speakers. Thanks so much Shelly we all are very grateful for your assistant in this very important activity.

Dr. Coronado speaks on Congressional Race

Speaker: Dr. Coronado has been a music teacher in Anaheim area, teaching voice and piano. She is a member of the Orange County Board of Education and a former member of the Anaheim Union School District.

She is running for Congress opposing Loretta Sanchez. She told us that the economy is expanding very fast now and that consumer spending is up despite the war worries. She said that she is worried about the oil prices since it is starting to put a damper on the economy. She advocates more exploration and drilling for oil in the U.S. and stop relying on the Gulf Coast imports.

Ms. Coronado also advised us that she strongly supports our troops and she would try to get greater resources for the military. She also feels that the inheritance and marriage penalty taxes are wrong. She advocates lowering or doing away with them.

Also, Ms. Coronado states that the administration efforts on terrorism has produced 27 failed attempts by the terrorists since the 9/11 incident.

She is a supporter of English only spoken in our public schools and an end to the bi-lingual programs

Thank you Tom and Gerry

Over the last six or seven weeks I have missed more meetings than I have the rest of the year combined. I have been unable to fulfill my commitment as Bulletin Editor. Gerry Newkirk and Tom Elliott stepped in and did such a good job I'm considering stepping down for the good of the order. Thanks to both of them for their efforts. Once more for their help (July 8) then I will try to be good to both of them.

Coming Soon

June 24 Vicki Wilson CEO's Office (Infrastructure)

Thought for the week

Is there another word for Thesaurus?



This is what people who dump toxic waste into a sewer end up looking like.