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Who said the meetings were dull?

Fireworks At Tonight's Meeting!

Things were looking very festive as members arrived for tonight's meeting. **Jack W.** had the Clubhouse decorated for the Holidays, including the Christmas Tree. The meeting started off with our normal pledge, song and invocation. **President Newkirk** introduced our guests who were at the evening's meeting, **Michael Ferlaino** (grandson of **Jan and Gerry Andreoff**) and **Alex** (last name unknown) from the Fountain Valley Club who was here for an Interclub (but none of his fellow members showed up). Dinner was served and then the meeting started. **Shelly S.** presented a check for \$300 that **Tenent**, the company that owns the **Garden Grove Hospital**, donated to **KiwanisLand** for an event that they held at the Park. The meeting was progressing smoothly when all of a sudden we somehow started discussing items that were considered **KiwanisLand** business. The discussion started to get heated, as some members felt that this was not the forum for discussing this. Comments were made (as they always are) and tempers flared. **President Newkirk** then re-took control of the meeting and declared that a **KiwanisLand Board** meeting could be called to discuss the issues after the regular Kiwanis Club meeting was adjourned. The regular meeting then continued and everyone cooled off. Peace and harmony returned to the Club.



Tempers flared but in the end, everyone parted as friends!

A reminder for this time of year

In lieu of addressing all of those Christmas cards to your **Garden Grove Kiwanis** friends and having to lick all of those stamps, how about making a donation to the **KiwanisLand Endowment Fund**? This is a tradition that was started by **Shelly S.** a few years back. Many club members do this and it is even tax deductible.

Christmas Angels and Canned Food Drive

There are still a few of the **Salvation Army Christmas Angel** gift cards available, so anyone who has not gotten one can contact Marge or Jack Wallin. These cards represent a child that will probably receive no other items for Christmas, other than those provided by their **Christmas Angel** provider. The gifts need to be sturdily wrapped and the bottom portion of the **Christmas Angel card** tab needs to be securely attached to the package(s). The gifts must be brought to the Clubhouse by December 15th, as they will be delivered to the **Salvation Army** for distribution on December 17th. Also, our annual **Canned Food Drive** for the **Salvation Army** is underway. Members are asked to bring in at least six items of canned foods or dry goods to help support those in need during this Holiday season. The items collected must also be brought to the Clubhouse by December 15th, as they will be delivered to the **Salvation Army** on December 17th. The **Soroptomists** are joining us in our Canned Food Drive efforts this year.

KiwanisLand Turkey Shoot 2005

The **KiwanisLand Turkey Shoot** is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 22nd. **Bob Main** asks that Club members bring in a cooked turkey (of at least 18 lbs) to the Clubhouse on that evening. The cooked turkeys should be in a disposable pan, with no stuffing or giblets inside of the bird. The turkeys will be delivered the next day. They will be served as **Christmas Eve** dinner by the **Garden Grove Methodist Church** to those who would otherwise not have one. Remember that friends and families are also invited to participate in this event, as the more turkeys we can collect, the better. The morning **Kiwanis Club** also participates in this event and our goal is to collect 40 cooked turkeys.

Happy/Sad

- Bob M.** - Happy \$ to see **Jay M.** at the meeting tonight.
- Gerry A.** - Happy \$ to be here and see so many happy people.
- Gary S.** - Happy \$ that he quit and he still is not smoking..
- R.C.** - Happy \$ to be here and for no particular reason.
- Ed H.** - Happy \$ because **Jack** was P.O.'d and he wasn't the cause of it.
- Jay M.** - Sad \$ for times that he has had to miss the meetings.
- Bruce B.** - Sad \$ because he thought that the only times there was this much bickering was at **City Council** meetings.
- Rick G.** - Sad \$ to report that **Don. S.** has pneumonia. Another Sad \$ for people who are discourteous enough to carry on side conversations while the **President** is trying to run the meeting.
- Jack W.** - Happy \$ to see **Tom P.** out of the hospital. Understands that he is all done.
- Tony L.** - Sad \$ that a good family friend was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Shelly S.** - Happy \$ that he conducted his last **Grand Jury Association** meeting and the job is now **Peter C.**'s.
- Don N.** - Sad \$100 donation to the **KiwanisLand Fund** in memory of **Dorothy Nielsen** (his mother), who passed away on Thanksgiving day.
- Peter C.** - Happy \$ for such a tranquil meeting.
- Jerry K.** - Happy \$ to be here tonight.
- Gerry N.** - Happy \$ to promote Club harmony.
- Tom P.** - Happy \$ that **Bob M.** is so diplomatic.

Coming Soon

- December 15 **Angel Tree Gifts and Canned Food Drive Items Due**
- December 22 **Cooked Turkey Turn-in Night**

Thought For The Week

"For every minute you remain angry, you give up sixty seconds of peace of mind." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Gerry Newkirk - Guest Editor -