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34 was the count as the last of the group were counted and bagged.

Another Year, another bunch of Turkeys

While 40 was hoped, for **Bob Main** was happy to settle for 34 Turkeys, and since some were mammoth, he figures that we got our commitment anyway. **Kiwanis Breakfast Club** held their own We did a lot of good for the needy this year. The can drive was successful, the Angel Tree was a fairly big success too, although not as successful as past years I think. **Jack and Marge** however appreciate our efforts as always. **President Newkirk** takes his job seriously, as he once again stepped up to the bar, and was our bartender while **Jack and Marge** trekked up to **North Carolina** to spend **Christmas** with Son **Steve** and his family. I didn't show up until after 6:00 PM, but some of those I saw show up and some who might have shown up to drop a couple of birds off for the celebration, and were recognizable, or I imagined were, but who knows for sure, were Main of course, no party without him, **Bruce "the hat" Broadwater, Schlensker, R.C, Carter, Swanstrom, R.C., Lombardi, Howard, Malm, Leeb, Glasby, McIlvain, Petrosine, Singer, Don Nielsen, Sunda,** and good old dependable me. Of course there were many others before I got there, but nobody kept score, so I have no idea who, but I will say thank you to both clubs that took part, and I know **Saimie Wright** was there from morning Kiwanis, with 2-4 Turkeys, and all and all a good day for the hungry, and a bad day for the Turkeys.



December has been a busy month for all of us. Take

Ben Jensen Passes

Ben Jensen of the **N. Santa Ana Club** passed away last week. **Ben** was the Editor of the DCM Bulletin and also the Editor for many years the for their own Club newsletter. A few years ago I chided Ben in our bulletin because he and a few of their members joined us at one of our ladies nights without letting anyone know. Rather than run out of food for everyone we ran **Ben** and the others out for not calling. **Ben** ran a rather angry letter in the DCM, complaining how we sent the poor four home without food and explained the difficulties of preparing and eating his own home cooked food. I responded with an article about the horrors of eating your own food without notifying your refrigerator, so in his later years he was not particularly a fan of our **Kiwanis Club** or me. But I must tell you that **Ben**, who was I believe, 90 when he died, was an excellent and dedicated Kiwanian and did wonderful things for the kids out there. He hadn't missed a meeting in almost fifty years, and I hope he got that 50 that was so important to him, because he loved **Kiwanis** so much. **God Bless Ben**, sleep well, you certainly deserve it. Filling space in a Newsletter or whatever you want to call it, when there are no guests, no happy/dollars, no announcements, and no fines are not easy. So I will fill up some space by wishing all of you a happy, healthy, and Merry New Year. To those I know fairly well, and well, suggestions for a gift for 2006, that might bring them happiness:

Andreoff, a permanent Drivers License and an accident free year, **Beaudin**, a new girl fri -- oh pardon me, the vacancies are filled and there is a waiting list. Broadwater, a 100 % accurate Voters Registration List. **Peter Carter**, his health, **Tom Elliott**, love and compassion for those underlings in his care at the Strawberry Festival. R.C. Gall, 20 years of accident free life, **Glasby** a Motorcycle that is so Aerodynamic it is impossible to turn-over. **Howard** may he learn, before his term begins, the difference between funny jokes, and riddles, **Hodges**, may each of his jokes be funny, **Kelly** and **Lobin**, a booming housing market, bigger than the last one, **Charles Kim**, a discovery of new sewer material under The Galleria, **Leeb**, Students anxious to learn, what he has to teach, **Lombardi**, all the damaged cars he needs to fix, but no customer injuries, **Main**, the sponsor of our first female member, **Malm**, another year of patience while he responds to more of my stupid computer questions, **McGowan**, the energy to drive to more meetings, **Newkirk**, the strength to survive 1.5 years as President of this band wild people without losing your mind, **Mastroianni**, Health! Health! Health! **Petrosine**, employment as a tour guide in Italy for 6 months for 50 female college students spending their last summer in Italy, **Schlensker**, a free air shuttle pass to San Francisco for a year to see his daughter whenever he wants to. **Swanstrom**, a voice approaching his regular voice without going into therapy every quarter. **Singer** a year free of Diabetes activity, **Sunda**, a new Corvette every year and a hit album, and for **Jack and Marge** and all of the rest of us, a year of good health, good jobs, if you're working, pleasant retirement if you aren't, not only for yourselves, but those around you. I think all of us on this roster could use the break.

Thought For The Week

I always wanted to be somebody, but I should have been more specific.

Jerry Margolin - Editor -