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Things to talk about on a quiet night.

Announcements are the meeting

Gary Sunda stood in for the "late Don Nielsen" for openers. Gerry N. planned to do that, but Gary takes his position as substitute President seriously. There wasn't much going on after a Holiday off., but there was a lot of talk about things coming up before the end of the year. The "Turkey Shoot" is almost here, and so is the recipe to make **Chairman Bob Main** happy, and when **Bob** is happy we are all happy. Bob is hoping to fill the Kiwanisland refrigerator with enough Turkey to satisfy the approximately 400 poor folks who will flock to our Church of choice and have Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. This is their highlight for the Christmas season. So here are the rules. Our meeting on December 21, is designated "Deliver Turkeys to Kiwanisland Night." Please remove the stuffing after cooking, and the giblets. (Does anyone really know what a giblet is, or care, for that matter?) Bring an eighteen lb Turkey at least, no feathers, **Jack** will keep them cold and in good condition, (unless you are the Turkey,) and will deliver them Monday morning to the church for preparation. Speaking of Christmas, in lieu of Christmas Cards this year, you can save yourself a lot of time and nuisance, by donating to **Kiwanisland** instead. We will list your name in the newsletter, and you won't have to lick those foul tasting germ filled envelopes, that you usually send the cards in, to people who have so many of them that they forget who they are from, or run out right away to buy you one, because you weren't on their list. They will actually appreciate the favor. The first donation has already arrived, from the heart of **Shelly Singer**. Not to be outdone, **Tom Elliott** has started his canned foods drive for this year, **Tom** wants to exceed his numbers for last year and has asked everyone to bring at least six (6) cans per person to place under the tree, packaged food is also acceptable. The final date for delivery is December 14th, and Tom will see that they are placed where the need is. **Jack** has reported that the **Salvation Army** has had trouble delivering the **Angel Trees** and he and Marge are concerned that they will not arrive in time this year. He has asked that those who normally respond and even those who haven't in the past, purchase a gift for 15-20 dollars, for a boy or girl from baby to teenager, identify the gender and age on the outside of the gift, and if the trees are bare, they will find a needy place for them. Deadline is December 14, also. **Lupe** delivered the Popcorn, and I'm embarrassed to say, that other than that Lupe delivered popcorn, I have no idea why that's newsworthy.



Christmas may be four weeks away, but plans are busily going on to make it a very special day for lots of poor families.

Bob Main Represents Kiwanis and Bob Main At 22 Freeway Opening Ceremony!

My gut feeling is I'm going to mess this up, but since **Bob** is such a mild mannered easy going guy, I'm sure he will understand if I do. He was invited to the party for the Grand Opening of the 22 Freeway. All the big shots were there, including Bob, who was integral to the original opening of the 22. There were reports that he was placed on the bridge by a crane that **Jay** arranged for his comfort. Whether that is urban legend or not, I have no idea, but he was up there. I'm sure Governor **Arnold** has a much better idea on how to run California now. The party was a success, we were represented, (at least with a Kiwanis Badge I hope,) and the only thing that kept it from being a spectacular event is that the new portion of the freeway, is still not open.

Donations Received For Kiwanisland

Jack reports that we received two donations for use of the park last month. One from Girl Scout Troop 680, and another from Foster Care Parents of Orange County, for use of the park. We thank you both.

Two special happenings this Thursday.

Sometimes we have no speakers and no special happenings. This December 7 meeting we have one each. One is our speaker from **Golden West College**. He teaches a two year course on what applicants must do to qualify for the police department, which promises to be very interesting. Because **Jay's Catering** is currently as busy as it ever has been during the holidays, producing historical numbers of food trays, and working 24-7, **Jay** has invited us all to visit his kitchen immediately after the meeting, and see the operation in action. Who knows, you might even manage to confiscate an extra cookie or two, and learn what really goes on at one of the busiest caterers in the country. **President Nielsen** promises to try and accelerate our meeting to allow our speaker his time, and get to **Jays** a little head of schedule.

Debbe Magnussen Guest Speaker At Annual Christmas Party December 14.

We have a special guest at Christmas this year. **Debbe** has dedicated her life to what she loves most; Children! Her experiences in finding more than 550 unwanted children and placing them with adoptive parents, is one of the more amazing stories I have heard. She has appeared on Oprah Winfrey, Ellen DeGeneres, NBC Magazine, and on October 11th was featured in a Time Magazine article talking about that subject. I think you will find that during the Holiday Season, her program will be both topical and heartwarming.

Swanstrom Leads Happy/Sads

Will Swanstrom started the evening by picking up our pre meeting bar bill, and while that may not go to our club discretionary fund, it does affect our own personal discretionary fund, so thank you **Will**, it certainly made us happy. He also backed that with a happy hundred dollars for his recent **Vegas** trip. It must have been some trip! **R.C.** had a hundred for his new car, while still complaining about living on a fixed income. Detectives are still unable to discover how "fixed" that income is. **Peter** had \$2.00 just happy, **Newkirk**, \$5.00 sitting next to **R.C.** **Main** \$1.00 for **R.C.'s** contribution, **Sunda** \$5.00 missed meeting, and hopes **R.C.** makes more income, **Walt** unhappy **Oregon U.** missed major Bowl bid. **Petrosine** happy for **R.C.** and sad missing next week. **Bruce** happy 22 is open (almost) and looking at **Bob**, **Brent** happy for **Bob** and **R.C.** **Wallin** happy for **Will** buying the bar, and son **Mike** an unexpected quick visit between planes, **Tony** \$5.00 for **R.C.** and **Main**, **Shelly** \$2.00, I wish I had written down why, Jerry M. (AKA me) sad for my ex wife's sudden passing, and our two children hurting. **Rick G.** sad for me, and \$100.00 for using park. (Boy I hope I got that right!) **Tom E.** \$5.00 for missing last three weeks. **Schlensker** \$5.00 three for **Bob's** picture, sad two for **R.C.** having to give up three days pay to buy a new car. Nielsen \$5.00 for his tour of the Getty Villa, and that **Bob** made it off the Crane.

Thought for the week

Save a little money each month and at the end of the year you'll be surprised at how little you have.