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Ramblings

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All available city fire prevention resources respond to recent Santa Ana wind driven multi county fires

GG Fire Department there when needed.

A fairly good size group was on hand for a very interesting presentation from the Garden Grove Fire Department, thanks to the effort of Councilman Bruce Broadwater. Our Fire Department managed to assist all the others who rushed to the aid of the stricken areas of Los Angeles and Orange County last week. Since we don't have brush fires here, they were sent to do what they do best, protect homes in the burn areas, and protect they did. **Tony Knecht** (relation to **Wayne? Wayne** didn't know.) handled most of the presentation, and talked about the prevention measures that were taken to save homes, the water drops, and also showed fascinating, but frightening slides of the fire itself. In addition Captains Green and Gonzalez were also with us, and another firefighter named **John**, who also did some of the presentation. **Bob Main** said that it was the best presentation he'd ever seen at **Kiwanis** and while he's said that before, it's something you can say over and over, and be right all the time, It was a great program and we want to thank **Bruce** for getting it, and the firefighters for doing it.



Christmas Cards are nice, but Bob M. Shelly, and Jim Hansen have been making donations to Kiwanis in lieu of sending cards for years. Think about it.

Christmas Bags passed out to help abused families,

A few weeks ago we all agreed at a meeting, that we would support the Abused Families Foundation, by donating Christmas gifts to families. (similar to the "Angel Tree" program in the past.) Last year the Salvation Army did not get us the names of the families to donate to, and many went without, which is really sad. So we chose this group, and they were with us at the meeting with names of 34 families who really qualify. Since they come from abusive homes, most of the spouses flee with only the clothes on their back, and can use any help they can get. Almost all of the 34 names were taken, and we have been asked to bring the gifts to Kiwanis at the meeting December 13th. What bothers me is that I know that people like **Jack Wallin**, (who started this program, **Gerry Newkirk** and others who were absent this week, would most likely want to participate in this too, but I don't think we were told how to get more names. They did tell one or two of us who asked if they could donate a gift certificate to **Target** or some other place, that it would be acceptable. Jay. in his usual giving manner offered \$100.00 if someone could remove the burden of shopping he would face, and while they cannot accept cash as representatives of the agency, they would be more than willing to pick up the certificates at the Park or anywhere else they could get it. Nobody is under pressure to help these families, sometimes it's not feasible, but certainly, anyone who wants to, should be able to find a way. Maybe we can find a way to do that next meeting. Don't forget also, that our world traveling "Can Drive" **Chair, Tom Elliott**, is hoping that we can donate six (6) cans or jars of food, or anything else helpful to poor families, at the **December 13th** meeting also. This is the time of year that we can share a little of what we have, with people who have virtually nothing, and put a smile on their faces even if it's only for a day. Some of the stories tear your heart out.

Turkey Shoot Turkeys due December 23!

OK, nobody's perfect and I prove it every day. **Turkeys must be delivered to the Park from 4-6 PM, Sunday the 23rd.** Not the 22nd as previously reported by you know who, (me) **Bob Main** will be present to accept all of them, and provide various beverages for your enjoyment. Turkeys must be at least 18 lbs. cooked, not frozen, giblets removed from you know where, in a never to be seen again, disposable pan. **Kiwanis** along with **Morning Kiwanis** has committed to forty birds to present to the **Methodist Church** for their annual **Christmas Dinner**. One of the few good meals many of these people receive during the year. **Bob** has vowed he will continue doing this until at least someone at the Church says thank you. Based on past history this program should remain in perpetuity.

Edison Shows Empathy

Gary Sunda the dedicated hard working President of **Kiwanisland** said, that recently the park was hit by a power surge that wiped out many lights in the park, the cable, and smoked the TV. The Edison Company has promised to repair or replace, all the damaged items. **Gary** recently was at a Casino night, ((I think it was), and won the top prize, a 27 inch Sylvania (Do they still make Sylvania?) TV, and has generously donated it to replace our fallen TV. Typical of our membership, upon hearing of his noble deed, almost to a member, the members screamed "**YOU COULDN'T WIN A 60 INCH?**"

Happy/Sad Dollars

Just when you thought I forgot; here are the latest contributors.

R.C. happy to see the crowd.

Efrain happy, brought potential member Jaime Duemas

Walt Still suffering from Oregon U. losses

Don N happy

Will happy Good trip to Big Bear (is there a casino in Big Bear?)

Bob happy for best program ever!

Shelly happy

President Craig Happy Thanksgiving

Bruce happy flew in Biplane, Fire guys here , Sad; apologized to me and Gary for causing mental distress. No big deal, I'm used to it, and Gary didn't realize you did it. (We love you Bruce, of course your being married to Peggy makes it easier.)

Wayne K. Happy

Jaime Dumas owner of Rogers Grading; happy being here.

Josh 5 happy

Ed H. happy 44th Wedding Anny. No word from Shirley.

Tom P happy Bruce's term down to three years.

Gary happy

Brent happy

Don S. Jay, and Tony, happy sharing table with friends.

It was good to see Peter Cho and Peter Carter here. Unfortunately I don't remember whether I forgot to acknowledge, or they left early, so please forgive me for my weekly lapse into space.

Coming Soon

Programs seem to just pop up, like the great one we had this week. So since you never know for sure, it's always good to protect yourself and not miss anything. Remember, if you don't show up, you could be the program!

Thought For The Week

Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?