



Ramblings

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Lots of Toys for Girls and Boys!

Santa's Helpers Show Up at Club Tonight!

There was an abundance of gifts in the **Clubhouse** tonight as members brought in their items that had pledged to needy families and children through our **Club's** partnership with the **O.C. Social Services Agency** this year. We connected with this group through working with the **Community Action Partnership of Orange County** earlier this year and after our previous year's working with the **Salvation Army's Christmas Angel's** program hit a snag last year. There were lots of toys, bicycles and wrapped gifts that overflowed the area around our **Clubhouse** tree and spilled out onto the nearby tables. **Sally Monsoor** and **Pam** from the **Children's and Family Services Division** were on hand tonight to accept the gifts and to tell us how they would be distributed to the 26 sponsored families by the individual social workers between now and Christmas. They thanked the **Club** for their wonderful generosity and reminded us that often these were the only gifts that the children would be receiving. They also took the items that our **Club** collected from our **Canned Food Drive**. The sacks and boxes of canned and dry goods and staples that **Club** members have been bringing in have been bulging out from under the tables at the back of the **Clubhouse** for the last several weeks. These items will be given to the **Orange County Food Bank** that is run by the **Community Action Partnership of Orange County**.



There will be gifts under the tree for needy kids...

Club is Dark on Dec. 20th (No Ladies Night Event!)

At Dec. 6th's meeting and in the accompanying newsletter, there was talk of a **Ladies Night Christmas Party** event to be held on Dec. 20th. However, at tonight's meeting when the event was again discussed, it was realized that no one had checked with **Jay's Catering** to verify that they could handle this event. Member **Jay M.** (who is rumored to have some sort of psychic knowledge about events like these) said that **Jay's Catering** was booked solid with Holiday parties and not taking any additional orders. So the **Club** powers that be discussed whether to try and arrange for other types of food or whether to cancel the event. It was finally decided and voted by the **Club** to go dark that evening (talk about a 180 degree swing!) and let everyone prepare for the holiday's on their own. The next **Club** meeting will be on Dec. 27th.

Defrost Those Turkeys

The **Club's "Turkey Trot"** event is on Sunday, Dec. 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. at **KiwanisLand**. **Chairman Main** reminds everyone that we have promised 30 cooked turkeys to the **G.G. Methodist Church** for their **Christmas Day Turkey Dinner** for the needy. Bring your cooked, unstuffed turkey in a disposable roasting pan to the **Clubhouse** and enjoy a holiday cocktail with your **Kiwanian** friends. If you feel like bringing a snack of some sort for people to munch on, then it won't be turned down, but only a cooked turkey is required for admittance. The morning **Kiwanis Club** is also supplying turkeys with our **Club** for this event. See you there!

Additional Happenings

- **Jerry Kelly** announced that he had rented the recently refurbished **KiwanisLand** trailer. He had been running ads in the local papers and found two college students who passed all of the requirements and background checks. They will be attending a local school for at least the next 3 years and understand all the unique things about living in the trailer.
- **Club Treasure Tom Elliott** presented a \$5000 donation to **KiwanisLand** from the **Club**. He said he couldn't think of a more worthy and deserving organization and thanked them for all of the good work that they do.
- **Robin Marcario** became an official member of the **Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove** by obtaining all of the signatures on here apron and naming the majority of the **Club** members in attendance tonight. She was pinned by **President Craig** and gave a short talk about herself and how she looked forward to being a longtime **Club** member.

Happy/Sad

- Don N.** - Happy \$ for **Robin M.** officially joining the **Club**.
Gary S. - Happy \$ for **Craig H.** doing a good job at **Club President**.
R. C. - Happy \$ for **Tom E.** going around the world this year and for **Tom** saying he will go somewhere else next year.
Tony L. - Happy \$ that his mother is doing better (she was in the hospital with pneumonia).
Jerry M. - Happy \$ that **Ed H.** found him a parking spot this evening so he could stay for the meeting.
Ed H. - Happy \$ that **Jerry M.** said his name without an explicative in front of it. Sad \$ for no ladies night next week.
Bob M. - Happy \$ for all of the turkeys that we will get turned in next week.
Bruce B. - Happy \$ for the recent City's Tree Lighting ceremony and that **Brent H.** did a great job of being Santa.
Tom P. - Happy to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.
Jerry K. - Happy \$ for **Craig H.** Mom's house is closing Escrow on Monday.
Brent H. - Happy \$ for everyone making him laugh tonight.
Will S. - Happy \$ for **Cypress HS** beating **Pacifica HS** in the football playoffs.
Robin M. - Happy \$ to become official and for everyone to have happy and healthy holidays.
Josh L. - Happy \$ for all of the presents donated tonight and for **Robin M.**
Craig H. - Happy \$ for **Jerry K.** selling his Mom's house. Sad \$ because lots of memories of growing up in that house.
Gerry N. - Sad \$ for missing last two meetings. Happy \$ because his back is feeling better.
- Tom E.** - Happy \$ for all the happy people in the world.
Walt D. - Happy \$ to be here tonight and for **Robin M.**
Shelly S. - Happy \$ for **Robin M.** joining.
Jay M. - Happy for **Robin M.** joining the **GG Kiwanis Club**.
Rick G. - Happy \$ to see everyone here tonight.
Don S. - Happy \$ for **Robin M.** officially joining.

Thought For The Week

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement for it.