



Ramblings

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A fun filled meeting.....

Important Announcements !!!

A Bird House built by **Bob Main** was auctioned off and **Don Schlensker** had the high bid of about \$60.00. Thanks to Bob and to all you pirates for making a lot of fun about a bird house.

KiwanisLand Work Party - These members did an outstanding job sprucing up the park: **Nielsen, Gall, Schlensker, Glasby, Newkirk, Howard, Carter, Leeb, McIlvain and Carter**. Also, it is noted that Peter Carter had a pool party! **Ganahl Lumber** donated the lumber to repair the "Jungle Jim" Bridge.

Coast Guard Trip a Big Success - Photos are posted at the **KiwanisLand** website: www.kiwanisland.com

Mothers Day Dinner (a ladies night) is set for May 12th. Sign up sheets are available now.

Donate Life Month - **Don Malm** spoke on the importance of making your designation known before it is too late. Visit this website: www.donatelifecalifornia.org for more info.

Division 4 Golf Tournament is April 19th. See **Newkirk** for more info.

Happy/Sad Dollars

Nielsen - Happy we have a new source of income!

Gall - already has a B---house!

Carter - Will put on a swimming exhibition!

Sunda - Happy with the good turnout for the work party.

Nielsen - Happy for **Peter's** knees.

Kelly - Enjoyed the good dinner tonight.

Main - Nice to be here.

Malm - Happy to talk about Donate a Life.

Howard - Happy daughter was in American Idol & good dinner!!

Lombardi - \$20 bucks for not being here for a long time.

Schlensker - Sad that **KiwanisLand** is giving **Peter Carter** a bath!

Wallin - A lot accomplished at the work party and thanks to all who helped.

Glasby - Happy for work party and the club

Singer - Spent golden hours with **Bob "Stumpy" Watkins**

McIlvain - Happy work party was a great success and the billing is in the mail.

Leeb - Happy with school duties.

Newkirk - Fun bunch of guys and daughter went to Hollywood!

Elliott - Great to be back with the club and sad that big tree in back yard blew over causing a lot of damage to neighbors' fences.

Speaker: Howard Erman, Certified Financial Planner.

23 years experience in retirement planning services.

Howard had an interesting power point presentation regarding planning for retirement.

His main emphasis was Social Security's Value to Retired Workers.

There is a large influx of the baby boomer which is beginning to put pressure on the funding.

Social Security payments began in 1940 and is a great program for moderate incomes.

At current rate of input and withdrawals the service will run dry by 2017.

Currently the program is running \$150 billion in annual surpluses.

Howard offered 3 ways to fix the problem:

- 1.) Raise taxes,
- 2.) Cut benefits,
- 3.) Private investments.



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