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Larry didn't even know he was Irish!

An "Irish" Friend Comes to Visit

Attendees at tonight's meeting were treated to many fine things tonight. In addition to the beautiful **Park** and the warm and plentiful camaraderie and delicious **Jay's Catering** meal that we get each week, there was mounds of delicious home made guacamole that was provided by **Dr. Bill** and **Ginny Grant** and delivered by **Bob Main**. Then there was the company of **Larry Shaffer**, who joined our **Club** in 1959, served a couple of terms as **Club President** and is also a past **Div. 4 Lt. Governor**. **Larry** is no longer an active member since he is living in Arizona now, but comes by several times a year to visit, swap stories and attend a meeting when in town. We were also honored to have **Don Schlensker** bring his daughter **Alicia** tonight to visit and talk to our Club. We also got to see **Jay Mastroianni** all dressed up in a sharp looking suit and looking very dapper and "Czar like". **Jay** had just stopped by to visit as he was on his way to an event in **Carson**.



Tonight's meeting had plenty of treats...

Announcements

- Our distinguished **Club President** reminded us that our **Club's Thanksgiving Dinner** event will be held next week and that it is a "guest" night, so bring your spouse, loved one, special guest or whatever you call them. If you did not get your name on the sign-up sheet, you need to let **Craig** know right away, in order to get an accurate head count.
- **Canned Food Drive Chairman Tom Elliott** gave us a pep talk on the **Club's** canned food drive event that will be kicking off in December. You can raid your pantry or stop by a store, but each member is asked to bring in at least six items of canned food, dry foods, diapers, etc. that we will collect and deliver to a local food bank before Christmas.
- The **Club's "Turkey Trot"** event will be coming up around that time also, so start keeping your eyes out for good deals on frozen turkeys. **Chairman's Main** and **Petrosine** say that this year's turn-in day will probably be on Dec. 22 or 23. They still need to verify this with the Church and will let us know when the date has been finalized.
- Our **Club's Toy Drive** event will be coordinated with the **O.C. Community Action Partnership's "Christmas Cheer"** program this year and we will be getting more information and details soon.

Happy/Sad

Peter C. - Happy \$ to see **Larry Shaffer** and **Alicia Schlensker** here this evening.

Jay M. - Happy \$50 for having his picture and article about his book on the front page of the **O.C. Register**. Sad \$ for not mentioning **Kiwanis Club** or **KiwanisLand** in the article.

Don N. - Happy \$ for being here and being able to see **Larry Shaffer** and **Alicia Schlensker**.

Tom E. - Happy \$ for **Larry Shaffer** being here tonight and getting to visit.

R. C. - Happy \$ for "**Ole' Larry**" being at the **Kiwanis** meeting this evening.

Gary S. - Happy \$ for his three year anniversary of quitting smoking and to see **Larry Shaffer** and **Alicia Schlensker**.

Walt D. - Happy \$ to be here tonight.

Larry S. - Happy \$ for helping the **Club** raise money by his being here this evening and getting to visit with everyone.

Bob M. - Happy \$ that he brought his Irish friend "**Ole' Larry**" here tonight.

Bruce B. - Happy \$ to see **Larry S.** and **Alicia S.** here and for 35 years since he quit smoking.

Tom P. - Happy \$40 for his new car (**BMW 328i** convertible) that he enjoys driving to **Valencia** each week.

Don S. - Happy \$ that he brought his daughter **Alicia** tonight to come talk to the **Club**.

Jack W. - Happy \$ to see "**Ole Grouch Shaffer**" here and for his Granddaughter's wedding at **KiwanisLand** last Sunday.

Brent H. - Happy \$ to be here at the meeting tonight.

Will S. - Happy \$ for **Larry S.** and **Alicia** here tonight. Happy \$ for **Jay M.**'s article in the paper.

Josh L. - Happy \$ for **Larry S.** and **Alicia** here tonight and for the upcoming trip to **Catalina Island**.

Craig H. - Sad \$ for his expensive car repair bill and for no **Ed H.** at meeting. Happy \$ for **Larry S.** and **Alicia** here.

Gerry N. - Sad \$ for **Ed H.** not being at he meeting. Happy \$ for **Larry S.** and **Alicia** visiting us tonight.

Program

Our program this evening was **Alicia Schlensker**, daughter of **Don** and **Terri**, who works for **Washington Mutual Bank** in their recruiting department. **Alicia** told us about the upcoming **Walk Now for Autism** that will be held on Nov. 17 at **Camp James at Hidden Valley** (which is run by **Gary James**) in **Irvine** (near the **Spectrum** and **Wild Rivers**). Autism affects one in every 150 children born today and this 5K walk will raise funds to support research to find the causes, effective treatments and a cure for autism. **Alicia** will be participating in the walk and her company will match whatever funds that she collects. **Don S.** stated that he would personally match what ever our **Club** members donated. Upon hearing this, our **Club** members dug into their pockets and came up with a combined \$250. **Don S.** then matched this with a \$300 donation. So with the matching **Washington Mutual** donation, that is \$1100 towards fighting Autism.

Coming Soon

Nov. 15 Thanksgiving Party Ladies Night (Club dark on Thanksgiving Holiday -Nov. 22)

Thought For The Week

While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about.