



Ramblings

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We had turkey dinner and all the fixing's and even a few turkeys in the crowd tonight...

Turkey Dinner Warm-up Meeting!

In order to get into the right frame of mind for next week's Thanksgiving holiday, at tonight's **Kiwanis Club** meeting we had a traditional Thanksgiving meal. It was complete with sliced turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce. We even had a pumpkin torte-like delicacy for desert. After the fine meal was consumed, we continued the Thanksgiving warm-up and sat around and fought just like we were all in-laws! (No not really.) We had our fearless **Vice-President Will Swanstrom** in charge tonight and he ran the meeting with his iron fist and would put up with no such shenanigans. We also had two special guests with us tonight, **Sally Monsoor** and **Pam Pantiru**, social workers with the **Orange County's Domestic Abuse Services Unit, Division 4 Lt. Governor Jim Laub** was scheduled to be with us tonight also, but he was a no-show. Maybe he and our **President Brent Hayes** were off having their own private meeting, as **Brent** was also MIA tonight.



Jay's Catering provided a delicious pre-Thanksgiving dinner to whet our appetites for next week.

Announcements

- Dec. 10th, is still scheduled as our **Kiwanis Club Holiday Party** extravaganza. This will be a "bring your favorite guest (a.k.a. Ladies Night)" event. The final **Canned Food Drive** turn in date is also on this night and **Club** members are asked to bring in at least 6 items of canned food or dry goods donations that will be donated to the **OC Food Bank**. **VP Will** showed us the large box of canned food that he was able to pick up and bring in. Place your donated items under the tables in the back of the **Clubhouse**.
- Our **Turkey Shoot** event is Dec. 22 at **KiwanisLand**. It will start at 5:30 pm and **Club** members and anyone else who wishes to participate will bring in their cooked turkey and partake of a little bit of holiday spirits (served up by Santa's stand-in elf, one **Jack Wallin**). They cooked birds will be delivered to the **Methodist Church** on the 23rd and will go towards providing a hot Christmas dinner for the members of the community who are in need. This will also be our **Club** meeting for the week.
- **Jack W.** reported that the **Park** is still being used heavily, even this late in the year. The **Indian Princesses** were holding their father-daughter campout this weekend and the **Alano Motorcycle Club** would be holding their Poker Run and Toy Drive event in the **Park** next weekend. The **Boy Scouts** had previously been in over a couple different weekends for campouts and the **City of Garden Grove's Parks & Recreation Department** had just recently held an event.

Program

Sally Monsoor and **Pam Pantiru**, the **Orange County** social workers whom we have worked with the last few years, were here tonight to thank our **Club** for our past holiday support and also for our backpacks and school supplies donations. They say that are getting 75-100 new domestic violence referrals a month and it is difficult to keep up with all of the requested support. Especially during the holiday season when the children are already upset about the disruption to their family life and then often the families don't have the resources to provide much of a Christmas for the kids. They had approx. two dozen children's wish lists from some of the families that they support for our **Club** members and again thanked us for any support that we could provide to these kids to make their holidays a little bit brighter. They also read some of the letters of thanks that they had received from the children of the families that our **Club** had helped previously. The items on the wish lists can be purchased or a gift card will also work as that allows the parent to select the correct size and/or colors for the kids. **Club** members should have the items wrapped and turned in at the Dec. 10th meeting.

Happy/Sad

- Gary S.** - Happy \$ for **Tom E.**'s efforts on the Thanksgiving food bags. Happy \$ for **Sally Monsoor** and **Pam Pantiru**.
Tom E. - Happy \$ to be here tonight. Happy \$ going to **Minnesota** for Thanksgiving with his son and their family.
RC - Happy \$ to be generous and because he is going to win the drawing tonight.
Walt D. - Happy \$ that **Stanford** to beat **USC** last weekend. Happy \$ for **Oregon Ducks** to win this week.
Ed H. - Happy \$ because he doesn't care about **Oregon Ducks**. **Bob M.** - Happy \$ to be here tonight.
Jerry K. - Happy \$ that **Don N.** is sitting at his table tonight. **Don N.** - Happy \$ to be here and make **Jerry K.** happy.
Jack W. - Happy \$ to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. **Will S.** - Happy \$ cause he will win the drawing tonight.
Don S. - Happy \$ cause he is sitting at the winning table. **Tom P.** - Happy \$ because **RC** won't win tonight.
Charles K. - Happy \$ for the excellent dinner we had tonight. Happy \$ to see that **Will S.** is running the meeting tonight.
Gerry N. - Happy \$ for seeing everyone here tonight. Sad \$ will miss the next meeting while he is in **Jacksonville, FL**.

Upcoming Events

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| Nov. 26 | Club will be dark for Thanksgiving |
| Dec. 10 | Club Holiday Party - this will be a "bring your special guest event (aka Ladies Night)" |
| Dec. 22 | Turkey Shoot - Turn in your cooked bird at KiwanisLand |
| Dec. 24 & 31 | Club will be dark |

Thought For The Week

"The thing most people are thankful for on Thanksgiving day is elastic waistbands."